The Clayton Chamber of Commerce is proud to honor the following businesses and individuals for their outstanding achievements, contributions and commitment to Clayton. We are extremely proud of their accomplishments! The success of these businesses and individuals contribute to the success and quality of life for all of us.

**Business Person of the Year:** **MARK J. SCHNUCK**

Mark J. Schnuck is president and chief executive officer of The DESCO Group, the largest retail property management firm in the St. Louis region. DESCO oversees a portfolio of retail, office and industrial properties exceeding 12 million square feet populated by more than 500 tenant companies in nine states.

The DESCO Group has forged a national footprint since its founding in St. Louis as an independent company in 1993. It previously functioned as the real estate development enterprise for Schnuck Markets, Inc., one of the largest independent supermarket chains in the Midwest. DESCO's 85-member staff includes development, construction management and brokerage asset management specialists.

Schnuck also leads two DESCO subsidiaries that he founded: NAI DESCO, LLC (2000) the St. Louis regional partner at NAI Global, the largest commercial real estate organization in the world; and DESCO Southwest (2001), a developer with interests in new business parks and historic redevelopment in the Tucson and Phoenix markets.

DESCO currently is advancing projects in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Arizona. Recent launches in his home state include the transformative redevelopment of the 66,000 square-foot Colonial Marketplace mixed-use property on Maryland Avenue in Clayton and Ladue plus a pair of retail centers – 71,000 square-foot Schnucks Lindenwood in St. Charles and 77,000 square-foot Schnucks Farmington in Farmington.

**Excellence in Retail/Service:** **Wolken family Dentistry**

From humble beginnings in a one-room log cabin, Concordia Seminary has come a long way! When founded in 1839 by German immigrants south of St. Louis, the school educated both children and adults. Today, the world-class institution offers graduate-level and professional training programs in the name of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Graduates number more than 12,000 pastors, missionaries, deaconesses, scholars and other church leaders.

In the early 1920s, Seminary leaders purchased 72 acres in the southeast corner of Clayton from the DeMun family to move the school to the city. Its 1924 groundbreaking was the first time the land had been turned since the King of Spain deeded the plot to the family in pre-colonial times.

Over the decades, Concordia Seminary has grown its degree offerings to appeal to a changing world. In addition to its traditional residential learning program, the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology, Center for Hispanic Studies, and Specific Ministry Pastor program feature distance learning and culturally relevant curriculums. Additionally, the Seminary and Saint Louis University offer a dual Master of Social Work/Master in Deaconess Studies and an interdenominational History of Exegesis concentration is available to Ph.D. students.
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New Board Members

The Clayton Chamber of Commerce welcomes to the 2015 Board of Directors Lisa Prinster, NAI Desco; Sophy Raza, Danna McKitrick, P.C.; Brennen Soval, Husch Blackwell, LLP and Ken Rosenbaum, Buckingham.

Retiring Board Members

2014 brought Board terms to an end for three very dedicated Board members. We thank them for their invaluable contributions and dedication to the Clayton business community. Past Presidents Michael Schoedel, Apex Oil Company, and Jeff Schmitt, Danna McKitrick, P.C. and Stacy Wipfier, Husch Blackwell, LLP.

Changing of the Guard

Chamber Executive Director Ellen Gale and 2014 Chamber President Rebecca Boyer, Kelly Mitchell Group crown 2015 Chamber President Kate Becker, SSM St. Mary’s Health Center.

Congratulations on receiving the Excellence in Retail/Service Award!

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Past President’s Letter

Happy New Year! I hope your year is off to a great start. I have truly enjoyed the past year serving as your President and engaging with so many of you. The Chamber’s great staff combined with the leadership of our board made the past year a wonderful experience.

2014 was an exceptional year for the Clayton Chamber. We presented more than 45 events throughout the year providing a variety of opportunities for Chamber members to engage with each other and continue to build their business. The Chamber continues to be committed to providing relevant and innovative programs for our members. We encourage you to share new ideas you might have with us as well.

If you have not participated with the Chamber as much as you hoped in 2014, make this year the year to get involved and be a part of this outstanding organization. You will be glad you did. I am certain there is an event or program that will benefit you.

Congratulations to our 2014 Honorees! Mark Schnuck, Wolken Family Dentistry and Concordia Seminary. We are so pleased to recognize your great achievements and accomplishments.

Thank you to Ellen, Mary-Ellen, Trish and Mary for your dedication and enthusiasm for the Chamber. We truly appreciate all you do to make the Clayton Chamber one of the strongest Chambers in our Region.

Rebecca Boyer
President, 2014

President’s Letter

Happy New Year! I’m excited to start 2015 as the new President of the Chamber. Our outgoing President, Rebecca Boyer of KellyMitchell, set a great example to follow. Rebecca together with the exceptional staff at the Chamber worked diligently to make sure everything ran seamlessly all year long, from our Power Hour Luncheons, to our most successful yet Parties in the Park and on through the rest of the year. I am honored to be a part of this great organization.

I'm looking forward to what 2015 has in store for our thriving business community here in Clayton! The Chamber has over 40 events planned for the upcoming year.

Our goal in the Chamber is to continue to make an impact in our business community with educational programs and networking events that bring our business community together. We're very proud of events like our Leadership Clayton program, which helps to develop the next leaders in our community. In addition, the Chamber offers numerous opportunities to market your company, various team building activities for your colleagues and occasions to learn more about our region.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, I want to thank you for your commitment to our strong business community and encourage you to get involved in all of the opportunities offered this year through the Chamber. Let’s bring our leaders together and make it a great 2015!

Kate Becker
President, 2015

Business Person of the Year: MARK J. SCHNUCK

DESCO also has partnered in the creation of multiple landmark developments over the years. Among them are the $47 million restoration of the historic Old Post Office in downtown St. Louis – a project that sparked the revitalization of the entire Old Post Office district; the $90 million Belleville Crossing retail/commercial development in Belleville Illinois; and 135-acre Kirkwood Commons mixed-use master development which blended 522,000 square feet of retail space on 55 acres with 80 acres redevelopment for residential use.

Schnuck has logged a long and distinguished record of community service. He is past chairman of the St. Louis Zoo Commission, the St. Louis Zoo Foundation, the Salvation Army Advisory Board and the Fair St. Louis Foundation. He remains a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the St. Louis Zoo Commission, Community School Board of Trustees and John Burroughs School Board of Trustees.

In 2007, Schnuck received the John H. Poelker Levee Stone Award from The Partnership for Downtown St. Louis. With his brothers and sister, he received the Right Arm of St. Louis Award from the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association and the Citizen of the Year Award from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

He is also active in the Urban Land Institute and the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Schnuck earned a bachelor’s degree in management from Maryville University.

Excellence in Retail/Service: WOLKEN FamilyDENTISTRY

In 2003 the practice grew to include a son, Dr. Chris Wolken as the first member of the third generation. In 2007 a new state-of-the-art dental treatment facility was built at 8888 Ladue Road featuring approximately 5,000 sq. ft., of space with the most advanced dental technology available. In 2008 Dr. Andy Wolken, the second member of the third generation joined his father and brother in the family dental practice continuing to deliver quality dental care to the community.

In 2014 the Wolken dental practice celebrated 75 years of service. Wolken family Dentistry … A Tradition of Providing Family and Cosmetic Dentistry since 1939.

Cornerstone Award: CONCORDIA SEMINARY

The Seminary also offers diverse continuing education programs for church leaders, scholars, and laypeople.

The institution has worked to minimize its ecological footprint. Buildings feature eco-friendly upgrades, every tree that falls is replaced with at least three more and composting is widely practiced. Vegetables and herbs planted on the grounds supplement the campus food service and also are available to Clayton neighbors.

Seminary President Dale A. Meyer is the 10th man to lead the institution since its founding. Officially called to the position in 2005, Meyer is a renowned and beloved leader.

Learn more about Concordia Seminary at www.csl.edu.
Leadership Clayton is designed to educate and develop effective community leaders. The program provides an opportunity to learn about the Clayton community and focuses on significant issues facing our area today. Participants interact with key leaders in Clayton and St. Louis County government, business and other civic organizations. They also develop and implement a project to benefit the community. We invite you to meet the Class of 2015.

LUCAS AMODIO
Lucas Amodio, an attorney at Armstrong Teasdale LLP, is a member of the Intellectual Property practice group. The majority of his practice focuses on high technology and computer-related matters involving patent law. As a former software engineer and certified ethical hacker, Lucas guides in-house counsel, inventors, and patent examiners apply for and protect U.S. and foreign patent applications. Lucas helps advise entrepreneurs by using his own experiences from his startup company, Dragonfire Laser Crafts, LLC.

KRISTIN BETTORF
Kristin Bettorf is a Partner in the Tax Services Group at RubinBrown LLP. She has more than twelve years of tax experience with an emphasis on tax planning and consulting services. She specializes in corporate tax and provides services to clients in a variety of industry groups including manufacturing and distribution, healthcare and law firms. Kristin received a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in 2002 and a Master of Accountancy in Taxation from University of South Carolina in 2003. She currently serves as Treasurer of 3 Little Birds 4 Life and is a former board member of the March of Dimes. Kristin is a proud mother of three children.

LIZ BLANKINSHIP
Liz Blankinship is an Account Executive with Charter Business, the Commercial entity of Charter Communications. Liz has been at Charter since April 2011 and has received the Top Performer Award in 2013 & 2014. She has over 15 years of sales and account management experience, working previously selling and implementing technology for the Department of Corrections and hundreds of County Jails. Liz has volunteered her time for organizations that support those affected by cancer, including Friends of Kids with Cancer.

GINA CHISHOLM
Gina Chisholm graduated from St. Louis University in 2008 with a degree in International Business. She joined KellyMitchell in 2009, and works in operations as the Vendor Manager. KellyMitchell is a premier technology consulting company dedicated to matching the most qualified IT professionals with top organizations nation-wide. Gina is an active member of the community, volunteering with Haven of Grace and is the co-chair of KellyMitchell’s United Way campaign. She enjoys spending her free time travelling with her husband and daughter.

ELISE VOGES DEGROOT
Elise Voges DeGroot is an associate at the law firm Husch Blackwell LLP. As a member of the Real Estate, Development & Construction industry team, Elise represents landlords and tenants in connection with office, warehouse and telecommunication leases. She also counsels major corporations in the purchase and sale of national real estate assets. Additionally, Elise represents two St. Louis area municipalities and advises them in planning and zoning and other areas of municipal law.

MATT FULMER
Matt Fulmer has been a pastor at The Gathering United Methodist Church since 2011. The Gathering is a multi-site church with 4 locations across the St. Louis region. Matt is responsible for leading, visioning and supporting The Gathering’s Clayton location. Matt works to develop partnerships between the church and the Clayton community, creating a Christian community that is compelling for new generations. He graduated from Baylor University in 2008 and moved to St Louis to work in Washington University’s Residential Life Department.

ANGELA GABEL
Angela Gabel is an Attorney with Crotzer & Ormsby, LLC in Clayton. Her practice focuses on education, governmental and election law. She previously served as Staff Attorney for the St. Louis County Circuit Court where she focused on complex civil litigation. She is a member of the Missouri School Boards Association and the Missouri Council of School Attorneys. Ms. Gabel earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law and is licensed in Missouri and Kentucky. Ms. Gabel is serving her second term on the Board of Directors for the Women Lawyers’ Association of Greater St. Louis. She is a former board member for Almost Home, a non-profit serving homeless teen mothers and their children.

PHIL GRAHAM
Phil Graham brings more than 20 years of legal experience to the Business Litigation and Products Liability Practice Groups at Sandberg Phoenix. Phil’s diverse and complex litigation practice includes matters such as enforcement and defense of contract rights, business torts including fraud, negligent misrepresentation, tortious interference with business relations, trade secrets and other intellectual property. He is also an experienced employment litigation lawyer. Phil recently completed his first full marathon, after having completed several half marathons. He is a member of the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, the Missouri Bar Association and the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers. Phil is married and has two children.
Leadership Clayton Class of 2015

Edward “Ted” Green
Edward “Ted” Green joined CBRE in 2003 and has over 10 years of commercial real estate experience. Mr. Green specializes in tenant representation services involving structuring and negotiating commercial leases and developing comprehensive and strategic solutions with the goal of reducing overall occupancy costs and enhancing the structure of clients’ leases. Ted has a BS from the University of Missouri – Columbia and a Masters in Business Administration from Washington University in St. Louis, Olin School of Business.

Lauren Kurtzeborn
Lauren Kurtzeborn graduated from Southeast Missouri State University with a major in Marketing and a BA Dance. She joined Enterprise in May 2007 as an intern. Her career progressed from Management Trainee to Branch Manager before being promoted to the Fleet Management division as an Account Executive in January 2012. Lauren was recently promoted to Account Manager and is now responsible for building relationships with her clients who operate a fleet of vehicles. She enjoys being active in organizations such as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Ronald McDonald House.

Mindy Lewis
Mindy Lewis, an MBA graduate of Webster University, is the Manager of Corporate Partnerships at Webster University. Mindy engages corporate partners with Webster’s faculty and programs, encourages collaboration that results in the development and delivery of programs for corporate partners and facilitates engagement of corporate partners to enhance Webster’s capacity as a leader and resource for the community. A native of St. Louis, Mindy previously worked 15 years in government affairs working with state/federal legislative and regulatory policy. Mindy enjoys travel, outdoor activities and spending time with family and friends.

Brad McLaury
Brad McLaury is an Assistant Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer with Midwest Regional Bank. He began his banking career as a credit analyst after completing his undergrad at the University of Northern Iowa. Brad is actively involved in several community driven groups including: Clayton Chamber of Commerce, Board member of Lafayette Square Restaurant Association, and Public Relations Chair for the Lafayette Square Parlor Tours. He is also the bank representative, for Silver Sponsorship, of the CCIM St. Louis Chapter. Brad, his wife Kate, and their dog Zoey, currently reside in Lafayette Square; where they enjoy the many running trails, restaurants and entertainment venues that St. Louis has to offer.

Alex Noel
Alex Noel is Team Leader of Outpatient Behavioral Health Services at SSM St. Mary’s Health Center. He has more than 10 years of experience in the fields of clinical and administrative mental health care. Alex champions the St. Mary's LiveWell Employee Wellness Program and has been named to the Mission Steering Committee. Previously Alex led the Behavioral Health Services at the St. Louis City Justice Center Maximum Security Jail. Alex serves on the Board of Directors of CHADS Coalition. He holds a Master’s Degree from the Washington University Brown School of Social Work and is licensed as a Clinical Social Worker. He is currently pursuing an MBA at Webster University.

Elizabeth Powers
Elizabeth Powers graduated Cum Laude from Northern Arizona University with a double major in Anthropology and Spanish. She founded Hip Handbags LLC, a fair trade accessory wholesale company. She went on to work in Marketing and Sales for Aspen Daily News and Aspen Sojourn Magazine. While in Colorado, as a co-owner, she opened Parallel 15 Coffee and Tea, Inc. Elizabeth moved back to St. Louis three years ago to work in the family business, Powers Insurance and Benefits. She currently manages the company relationships, marketing and business development for Powers.

Liz Swyers
Liz Swyers is the Director of Sales for Kaldi’s Coffee Roasting Co. Her main role and focus is to analyze the company’s wholesale business while creating lasting partnerships with customers. She is currently working on the company’s wholesale expansion plan as Kaldi’s grows into new markets. Liz graduated from Central Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Administration. Previously, she worked in leadership positions with both the Marriott and Target Corporations. Liz is married with two children, Henry and Emma.
Callie Tucker
Callie Tucker is an associate at Capes, Sokol, Goodman & Sarachan, P.C. in the Business & Finance and Real Estate practice groups. She assists clients with a wide range of issues, including real estate and stock sales and acquisitions, landlord-tenant controversies, complex shareholder disputes and other general business and commercial real estate matters. Callie is a graduate of Washington University School of Law, where she served on the executive board of the Washington University Law Review as an Executive Editor. Callie is admitted to practice law in Missouri and Illinois and is a member of the Missouri Bar and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis.

Bret Walsh
Bret is currently a Battalion Chief with the City of Clayton Fire Department. He was hired in 1993 and preceded through the ranks of Private and Captain prior to becoming Battalion Chief in 2011. He is a 2014 graduate of Siena Heights University with Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Fire and Paramedic Technology and a minor in Management.

Andy Williams
Andy Williams joined Carmody MacDonald as an associate in 2013 and focuses his practice in the areas of banking law, real estate, business law and estate planning. Previously, Andy worked for the Conservation Law Center in Bloomington, Indiana, where he provided legal services to conservation and environmental organizations. Andy has also had experience drafting and advocating for state-level legislative initiatives. He is a 2011 graduate of Indiana University Maurer School of Law, where he served on the editorial staff of the Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies and was a member of the Environmental Law Society.

David Zobel
David Zobel is an attorney at Danna McKitrick, P.C. He represents businesses and individuals in commercial banking and real estate matters. David earned his law degree from St. Louis University and his undergraduate degree in political science with a minor in leadership and public service from the University of Missouri – Columbia. In addition to volunteering for the Clayton Chamber of Commerce and its Parties in the Park events, David serves as a board member of the St. Louis Tiger Club, a non-profit organization supporting the University of Missouri.

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The 2014 Best of Clayton presented by Centene Corporation brought more than 900 Chamber members and area residents together to learn about the unique and special businesses that comprise the Clayton Chamber of Commerce. More than 40 exhibitors discussed their products and services with attending business professionals. Attendees had the opportunity to meet one on one with business owners and network with a wide variety of people. As a bonus – the event featured incredible door prizes.

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Armstrong Teasdale LLP
Armstrong Teasdale announced the addition of Zachary J. Block, Fayez Butt, Clifton Martin, Carolyn Theis and Ronnie White. Lucas Amadio has become a Certified Ethical Hacker through the International Council of E-Commerce Consultants (EC Council). Timothy J. Gearin was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Daniel Sakaguchi has been appointed to a two-year term as an At-Large Member of the Board of Governors of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Jonathan Shulan has been named to a three-year term on the Missouri Chamber Music Festival Board of Directors. Armstrong Teasdale expands to Colorado with an office in Denver.

The Business Bank of St. Louis
The Business Bank of St. Louis recently raised $11,300 for Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Eastern Missouri at its annual "Bowl for Kids' Sake" event. This is the third year that the bank, which has contributed a total of more than $30,000 to the agency, has been a corporate sponsor.

Cantina Laredo
Cantina Laredo, known for its modern spin on traditional Mexican fare, officially opened its doors in Centene Plaza.

Capes, Sokol, Goodman & Sarachan, P.C
Capes, Sokol, Goodman & Sarachan, P.C announced Drey A. Cooley has been elected to the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Health Equipment Lending Program.

CBRE
CBRE announced Rick Messey, a four-time St. Louis Business Journal Heavy Hitter, joined the CBRE St. Louis office as a Senior Vice President specializing in office properties.

Concordia Seminary
Concordia Seminary celebrated its 175th anniversary October 10th with a full-day event opening with a celebratory chapel service, followed by a library art exhibit and rare book display, a free book fair, opportunities to hear from select faculty members and family-friendly activities that lasted into the evening. Concordia Seminary announced the reaffirmation of its accreditations—with no notations—through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

Danna McKitrick P.C
Danna McKitrick, P.C. announced Christopher K. Gaffney joined the firm as an Associate.

Fontbonne University
Fontbonne University inaugurated J. Michael Pressimone as the school’s 14th president this past November. Previously the vice president for advancement at Alvernia University in Reading, Pa., Pressimone began his tenure at Fontbonne in July of 2014.

Fontbonne University presented its annual Founders Awards to Sister Mary Charity Dalton, CSJ, a former teacher and administrator, and Bonnie Eckelkamp, a long-time volunteer and supporter of education.

October was Cyber Security Month and Fontbonne University celebrated with two events - "Cyber Security for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs” and “Cybercrime and Law Enforcement.”

Gladys Manion
Gladys Manion welcomes Grace Butler, Blair Dobson, Elizabeth Aston and Linda Robben.

Husch Blackwell LLP
Husch Blackwell welcomes Meghan A. Kloth and Daniel Lawder.

Janet McAfee
Marc Sinclair joined Janet McAfee Real Estate as a Sales Associate.

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JurisTemps is pleased to announce that Elizabeth May recently joined the recruiting team as a Legal Recruiter.
News From Our Members

**Moneta Group Investment Advisors, LLC**
Moneta Group announced the addition of Ranie Atwood as the new Professional Consultant to Principals, Tim Halls, Tony Dorn and Zac Wagganer.

**The Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis**
The Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis unveiled a re-mastered hotel Ballroom, showing off a floor-to-ceiling makeover. The venue’s crisp, fresh new look is inspired by the city’s beloved rhythm and blues heritage and is highlighted by contemporary hues of blue, ivory and cream.

**RubinBrown LLP**
Brandon Loeschner, CPA, partner in RubinBrown’s Business Advisory Services Group, was awarded with the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants’ 2014 Outstanding Public Service Award. Richard Wile joined RubinBrown as Partner and Richard Pickett as Manager.

RubinBrown announced it was selected by the Heartland Civic Collaborative (HCC), in collaboration with BioKansas, Bio Nebraska, BioSTL, IowaBio, Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute, Inc. and MOBIO, to perform a census of life science assets in the four state region comprised of Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska.

**Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis & Giljum, LLP**
Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis & Giljum, LLP welcomes Erin M. Leach.

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**CHAMBER CALENDAR**

**February**
12 Annual Awards Dinner
19 State of the City

**March**
11 Bowling Bash  Presented By:
24 Power Hour Networking Luncheon  Presented By:

**April**
16 After Hours St. Louis Art Museum
22 Digital Footprint Educational Series

**May**
13 Parties in the Park
19 Power Hour Networking Luncheon  Presented By:

**June**
10 Parties in the Park

**July**
8 Parties in the Park
28 Power Hour Networking Luncheon  Presented By:

**August**
12 Parties in the Park

**September**
9 Parties in the Park
22 Power Hour Networking Luncheon  Presented By:
26 Corporate Challenge  Presented By:

**October**
14 Culinary Creations

**November**
2 Best of Clayton  Presented By:
17 Power Hour Networking Luncheon  Presented By:
The 2014 Corporate Challenge competitors and their supporters came out in force the morning of October 11th. The Corporate Challenge presented by SSM St. Mary’s Health Center was once again a tremendous success and great fun!

The Corporate Challenge Committee is extremely grateful to the volunteers who give their time to ensure the success of the Challenge!

This event would not be possible without the outstanding Corporate Challenge Planning Committee.

The Corporate Challenge Committee is extremely grateful to the volunteers who give their time to ensure the success of the Challenge!

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2nd Fifth Third Bank           Brown Shoe Athfeets
3rd City of Clayton            RubinBrown LLP

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Despite the unusual circumstances, eight new restaurants, seven new retailers, and a new hotel opened in 2014, confirming that Clayton is THE place to do business in the St. Louis region. Several of our restaurants have attained national recognition, drawing people from far beyond our normal market area.

It looks like 2015 is going to be another very active year in Clayton.

Two restaurants, 801 Fish and Vincent Van Doughnut, are planning to open in 2015. Wilson Lighting Co. will also be opening soon at 909 S. Brentwood.

Development is reaching a fever pitch in anticipation of several new projects. The Crossing (name to be changed) at the southeast corner of Bonhomme and Meramec will be a 250-unit apartment complex with ground floor retail. The Clayton Vanguard, a five-story, 229-unit apartment/mixed use project, is planned for the southwest corner of Gay and Maryland Avenues. With 319 apartments and ground floor retail, the Montgomery Tower is slated to be built at the southeast corner of Central and Forsyth. And, Opus Development plans to construct a six-story, 120-unit apartment building with ground floor retail at the southwest corner of Central and Maryland Avenues. All of these projects comply with recommendations in the Downtown Clayton Master Plan and will help to enhance Clayton’s vibrant downtown experience.

Our best wishes to all the members of the Clayton Chamber of Commerce for a happy, healthy, peaceful and prosperous 2015.

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