



# Community Leadership Involvement Mean a Better Community

Johnson County CLIMB Newsletter

June 2005

## CLIMB Polos For Sale

Have yours in time for the Kick-off Banquet.

### For Sale

Tan Outerbanks Polo Shirts with the CLIMB logo embroidered on the chest

To order, please fill out the enclosed yellow sheet and mail it along with your payment of \$25.00 per shirt to

CLIMB  
P.O. Box 1170  
Warrensburg, MO 64093

All checks should be made payable to CLIMB.

**Shirts will not be ordered until payment is received.**

**Orders are due August 1, 2005. Any orders received after this date will not be filled until a later date.**

### Donations Needed

We need decorations for the banquet which represent the many places CLIMB members visit - such as a miniature B-2. At the end of the Banquet, we will be raffling these items off to help raise funds for CLIMB.

If you are interested in contributing, please contact Stormy Taylor, 660-429-1991.

## CLIMB Kick-off Banquet Celebrating 20 Years of CLIMB

Tuesday, August 30, 2005

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Player's Restaurant  
Warrensburg, Missouri

Let's take a walk down memory lane as we recapture some of those "unforgettable" moments in CLIMB history.

Don't miss this one; it's sure to be a great time!

Invitations will be mailed out later this summer.

Let's make it a year to remember!

## 2005 Class Schedule

Kick-off Banquet .....	Aug. 30
Retreat.....	Aug. 31 – Sept. 1
Local Government Day.....	Sept. 8
State Government Day.....	Sept. 15 – 16
Community Resource Day .....	Sept. 22
Criminal Justice & Emergency Services.....	Sept. 29
CMSU.....	Oct. 6
Local Economy/AG Day .....	Oct. 13
Health & Education.....	Oct. 20
Whiteman AFB .....	Oct. 27
Graduation.....	Nov. 3

A copy of the 2005 CLIMB Application is enclosed. Feel free to make copies, or request additional copies from Ruth Ann Key, 660-441-0612. All applications must be turned in by August 1, 2005.



*A Note from Dorothy McGrath,  
Alumni 2003*

Having been diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer almost a year ago, and informed by doctors that I could die at any moment, I knew that I needed to find another doctor/hospital to ensure that I received the best medical care possible. I quickly became an informed consumer of my medical health and would like to share that information with you. When you are diagnosed with a catastrophic illness, you can find information on the internet, but it can be a maze trying to find out what sites are the most useful. I can be of help in wading through the web sites to help you pinpoint and find the information that you need. I can also advise you on what cancer books were the most beneficial to me and why. I have web sites for the best hospitals for different illnesses, web sites to check to see if your doctor is board certified, or if your doctor has lost any malpractice suits. These sites include which radiologist services have been sited by the FDA as being inefficient. I can inform you on the importance of choosing a cancer center affiliated with the NCI.

As the Manager of Television and Community Programs at KMOS-TV, I have always wanted to put together a monthly call-in program regarding different health issues. I am more motivated than ever to do that now. So I am also asking for your advice, and your stories, so that I can share that with others. I am putting together a list of books and web sites about different diseases that would be helpful for those newly diagnosed. This list will include a brief description of what you can find on that web site or book and why it is helpful. Therefore, I would really appreciate any input from you.

Please don't hesitate to call Dorothy McGrath at 660-747-2308 or e-mail me at [dmcgrath@kmos.org](mailto:dmcgrath@kmos.org). I have unlimited long distance and am more than willing to return anyone's phone call.

**Congratulations to  
Becky Haase for being  
named the 2004 CLIMB  
Alumni of the Year at  
the annual meeting.  
Thank you Becky for  
your dedication and  
support as a CLIMB  
Alumni.**

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## **Website News**

Alumni are added to the CLIMB Website. If you wish to have your name taken off the site, please contact Stormy Taylor, at 660-429-1991 or by e-mail at [bbbsjc@iland.net](mailto:bbbsjc@iland.net).

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