

# UPDATE

February 14, 2025



Citizens of the Years - Tom and Marilyn Dobski



Annual Meeting 2025



ATHENA Award Winner - Karen Pendleton

## 2025 CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Annual Meeting one of the best EVER! [View and purchase pictures here!](#)

**RUBIES & ROSÉ**  
MARCH 7  
6:00 - 9:00 PM  
ABE & JAKES LANDING  
\$75 PER PERSON

Support future scholarships and have a chance to win a major gift card to a Lawrence business!

PRESENTED BY: TRUITY CREDIT UNION

Leadership Lawrence | The Chamber LAWRENCE • KANSAS



## Sector Meetings: New Chamber Initiative



**Grab your tickets today to the 2025 Rubies and Rosé Leadership Lawrence Fundraiser!** Catch up with former classmates and network with other attendees, savor delicious food and beverages, and much more! Two \$500 GC's to Phoenix Gallery will be given away! Friday, March 7, 6-9pm at Abe & Jake's Landing!



The Chamber has started a new initiative, aimed at connecting like-minded businesses with each other to explore challenges, trends, and even more important..... solutions! Every Chamber member has been assigned to a sector, with 2 scheduled meetings per year. For questions or RSVP info, please connect with [Tiffany Hall](#).

**Upcoming Sector Meetings:**  
Govt / Workforce / Educ: Feb. 28  
Hospitality / Retail: March 3



## Leadership Luncheon: State of the City Deadline is Friday: Register here.

Leadership Lawrence  
A PROGRAM OF THE CHAMBER

**LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON:  
STATE OF THE CITY**  
*presented in partnership with GCA*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH | 11:30 A.M.**  
Abe & Jake's Landing  
Keynote by Mayor Mike Dever

Thank you to our sponsors!

Douglas County Community Foundation  
CEK INSURANCE  
23 BREWERY  
KU Innovation Park  
ABE & JAKE'S LANDING

# UPDATE

February 14, 2025



Leadership Lawrence



Uplift Coffee 5th Birthday Celebration



Leadership Lawrence



**STEVE KELLY, VICE PRESIDENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPEAKS WITH THE LAWRENCE TIMES ABOUT PREPARATIONS FOR WORLD CUP 2026. [Read here!](#)**

## Cruel, Vulgar Comments Letter to the Editor submitted by Bonnie Lowe

Earlier this week, the Lawrence Journal World published a Letter to the Editor, submitted by Bonnie Lowe, Chamber President & CEO. [Click here to read.](#)



## Nominate a business today for the 12th Annual Foundation Awards!



### City of Lawrence Balancing Act

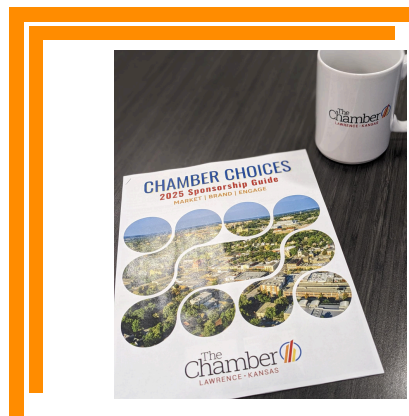
The City of Lawrence Community Engagement Opportunities for 2025 Budget are now available! Utilize the budget tool, and take part in one of the in-person budget sessions. [Find out more here!](#)



Lawrence Board of REALTORS Releases Home Sales Figures for December 2024. View this and other Market Forecast information here.

### FREE ACT TEST

Sylvan Learning Center and the Lawrence Public Library have partnered to offer a FREE ACT diagnostic test on March 1. [Click here to sign up!](#)



## 2025 Sponsorships Are Still Available!

- Empowerment Expo -
- Taste of Lawrence -
- Sandtrap Classic -

[Email Jared Martin today!](#)