



**MIRAGE
NOT WHAT IT APPEARS
TO BE....
JUST LIKE YOU!**

The Coolest Little Hot Spot In Town!

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As we worked non stop throughout the summer months in preparation of the transformation, folks stopped in often to see if we were open yet. They have stopped in looking for a job as a bartender. They have even stopped in for a bourbon and coke. But now a days, they won't find anything liquor related here at the old Mickey's Bar in Wellington. As a matter of fact, now a days no one over 20 is allowed through the door of the newly opened establishment because just like it's name-sake, the building and those who walk through it, are not what they appear to be.

On Saturday October 21,

2006 **MIRAGE** opened it's doors to the public. The grand opening provided one of the few times that adults would be allowed in the doors as what was once a farming implement distributing company, a bar, and a restaurant has most recently been transformed into an edgy Christian based creative arts and entertainment facility for those ages 13 thru 20.

Our local **Pizza Hut** was gracious enough to help us feed the bands that night.. Entertainers included acoustic performer **Ali Harter** from Oklahoma City, alternative rock band **Planning Ahead** out of Winfield, rock bands **The**



Our future home, pre-Mirage days.

Ember Light and **Pilot for Kite** from Michigan and the hip hop group **Fresh Digress** out of Maryland. Despite the bitter and nasty weather that rolled in that day, we still had a favorable turn out for the grand opening. The music was incredible and the unique stylings of our performers has helped set the stage for that which is yet to come at **Mirage!**

Closed On

- * November 23rd
- * December 24
- * December 25
- * January 1

What Is Mirage?

From the outside, **MIRAGE** looks no different than the buildings that surround it. On the inside, it resembles the bar that it use to be. But for those who have come to stay a while, they have discovered that **MIRAGE** is not what it appears to be...just like the kids who walk through our door. Advertised as a crea-

tive arts and entertainment facility for those 13 through 20, **MIRAGE** is a place to hang where those it was created for can just be themselves. We offer a beverage bar, a live performance venue, used books and music, a jam room, a variety of games and an art studio. Future additions hope to include a

skateboarding zone, outdoor pavilion, computer department, recording studio, and possibly a radio station. We are non-denominationally, Christian based and non-profit in nature, therefore any money that comes in is rolled right back into keeping the facility open and running for those who matter most, our youth.

Who Are We?

“We” are a small but dedicated rag tag group of die hards who love Jesus with all of our hearts and believe in the untapped potential of the individual heart and the human spirit. We are people who have been involved with the punk scene, the goth scene, the biker scene, the world of the exotic dancer, and those in our nation’s prisons.



Bottom: Jeanne, Zoe & Lizzie
Top: Jahnee, Lisanne, Tony,
Jaime & Jeremiah

We have dealt with abortion, occultism, satanism, broken marriages, and the damage of faulty church systems. We have come from great distances to see **Mirage** come into existence,; Jeanne from Arizona, Tony from Wisconsin, Lisanne from Arizona via Anthony, Jaime & Jeremiah from Anthony, Traci our only Wellington gal and Tammy, still residing in Florida...for the moment. We have each made our fair share of mis-

takes, had more than enough heart-break and loss in our lives and overcome insurmountable odds. None of us are perfect. We are all simply just a work in progress willing to allow God to do whatever it takes to mold us into what He has intended for our lives. Our desire is to be here for the youth of our area and encourage them in such a way that they will begin to see and value the treasure that God has created within them. If it will reach another heart, if it will touch another life, then we are willing to go the distance. Just ask Tony to see “the picture” next time your in, and you’ll understand exactly what I mean!

Name The Nuesletter!

Ok, so you may have noticed by now that our nuesletter (yes, I spelled it that way on purpose! You have to be original!) has no name! The bottom line is that we need your input!

We’re asking each one of you to submit your ideas for a name to us here at **MIRAGE**. Just jot down your suggestion on a postcard with an explanation of why you have chosen it. Be

original, be creative and tie it into the **MIRAGE** concept - the idea being that just as a mirage is not what it appears to be when you first gaze upon it, so it is with the teenagers who walk through our door. Despite what one might assume they are seeing based on their outward appearance, these unique individuals are not what they initially appear to be, as there is far more going on inside these young

adults than what meets the eye.

So, send your submissions to us at Mirage P.O. Box 253 Wellington, KS 67152 by March 1, 2006 and the winner will be declared when you see a name in place of the ??? on an upcoming edition of ‘The Nuesletter.’ Good luck to you one and all!

Hot Topic

On Tuesday night November 7 at 7pm, Tony launched our first **Hot Topic Discussion Group** for which he was joined by a comfortable group of 6 or 7 of our regulars. (Yes, we have “regulars” already! And a fine bunch they are!) It was kind of an introduction night as he explained what **Hot Topic** is (a laid back, Biblically based discussion group covering topics that are relative, but perhaps not often

discussed by church or school leaders). He also explained that we are here for

Hot Topic Discussion Group
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
7pm
in The Sound Garden at Mirage

each one of them on whatever level they may need and that our efforts

here are not run as the conventional business but is actually non-profit in nature. The kids led the discussion at one point making the final decision to have our next **Hot Topic** be on the subject of depression. So, if it sounds like something you’d like to hear more on, please come on down **Tuesday November 21 at 7pm** and join us for our next **Hot Topic**.

Mirage Masquerade

Halloween can be a challenging holiday when you are a Christian. On one hand, you don't want to encourage the celebration of a holiday that is contrary to your beliefs. On the other hand, when else do you have the ability to impact the zillion kids that come to your door? So, this year we decided to make it a fun time for the kids and a learning opportunity for us. We set out some candy bowls, hung a few spider webs (complete with spiders of course!) and invited those who would come to join us for a costumed listening party. And while only a few came dressed to impress, (the best costume

prize went to Jordan for her awesome 50's bobby socker attire!) everyone got to listen to a wide variety of music from a long list of bands that we are contemplating bringing to **MIRAGE**. It gave the youth the opportunity to vote and give us their input on what they like and what they don't, and us the chance to learn a little bit more about what makes our young



friends tick. Unfortunately, we only got half way through the list by night's end (it was really long!) Ultimately, what we discovered in the end was that it really doesn't matter who we bring in. Our patrons are just happy to have a place where they can gather and be themselves. And that knowledge alone is worth its weight in gold!

\$1 Campaign

Ah, the power of one! It is said that one person can change the world. And it is that kind of thinking that motivated Tony to entertain the concept behind our \$1 campaign.

Despite our non-profit status, **MIRAGE** still takes money to run. We have rent to pay, heating, lighting, insurance and phone bills to cover and entertainment to bring in. And despite our ability to offer those who donate a tax receipt for their contributions, our

contributors are minimal....very minimal and the business basics are not covered by such incentives.

So the thought is this, if every person who reads this was to donate \$1 a month to our efforts, we would easily have the funds needed to keep **MIRAGE** afloat, our doors open, and programs continually implemented and maintained so that our youth have a place to go other than the

streets of Wellington.

The kids need it and we are meeting that need 6 days a week. We invite you to support this endeavor and make a difference for the next generation.

You can mail your donation to:
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 P.O. Box 253
 Wellington, KS
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Traci's Treasures & Mirage

Traci Reuter has been a valued addition to **MIRAGE**. She has also recently opened her very own store, **Traci's Treasures**, an Ebay store in downtown Wellington. Now, Traci is stepping up to the plate and putting her money where her mouth is.

Recently Traci offered to make her services available to us in an conventionally unconventional



You'd be amazed what people will buy!

way by donating 100% of the proceeds of those items sold that you designate for **MIRAGE**.

What that translates into is this: you have an item laying around that you

don't want, just bring it into Traci. Tell her that you want the proceeds to go to **MIRAGE** and she will post it online for the Ebay auction. When it sells, the proceeds will then go towards us here at **MIRAGE** to keep things happening. So, take that item that is sitting around the house driving you nuts, go visit Traci and tell her it's for **MIRAGE**! It's a win win situation for all of us!

Hours of Operation

Mon-Thur 4:00pm-10:30pm

Fri 4:00pm-11:30pm

Sat 12:00pm-11:30pm

Closed Sunday

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MIRAGE is a creative arts and entertainment facility for those 13 through 20 years old.

MIRAGE is the physical outpouring of **LIGHTDANCERS**, a non-denominational, Christian, non-profit outreach ministry of spiritual encouragement.

Our purpose is to bridge the gap for the next generation by providing them with a means of spiritual, artistic, intellectual, and social expression.

To do this, we have created an environment that will allow the next generation to tap into, develop and nurture their God given talents and through this first hand experience, allow them to discover who they are in Jesus Christ

Calender

2006/2007 Upcoming Schedule

- Dec 16 - Concert with Harvell, Portico 7 & Stars Go Cold 7pm \$6
- Dec 19- Hot Topic Discussion Group 7pm
- Dec 23- Celebrate Christmas Party 7pm (food served, bring inexpensive gift for gift exchange)
- Dec 31- Last Years Eve Party & Concert with Planning Ahead & Briefly Stated 9pm \$6
- Jan 2 - Hot Topic Discussion Group 7pm
- Jan 6 - Fundraiser Yard Sale at Mirage
- Jan 13- DJ Night 7pm \$3
- Jan 16 - Tentative Concert 7pm \$6
- Jan 20 - Concert 7pm \$6
- Jan 30- Hot Topic Discussion Group 7pm

We are here for you 6 days a week so come out and visit and support our events! Remember, Mirage was created for YOU. It can only grow and flourish with your regular and consistent support. So.... tell a friend and bring a friend! We'll see you there!

Call in advance 620-399-8105 to confirm upcoming events, dates and times as we will be adding to our calendar regularly.