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Connections

ST. JOSEPH Chamber of Commerce

The President's Perspective

What's in a name?

Yes it is true; the Chamber has once again changed its name. We began as the Board of Trade, then became the St. Joseph Commerce Club, next the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, then the St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce and most recently, the St. Joseph Metro Chamber.

So why have we changed our name, actually returning to a name from our past? As we went through our strategic planning process last year, and in talking to local businesses and civic leaders, it became clear that we needed to sharpen our focus as an organization. We represent business in St. Joseph and work to improve the prosperity of St. Joseph and the immediate area. It seemed that using the name St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce was both descriptive of our work and clarified our focus on St. Joseph.

This is not to say that we do not welcome business members from outside of St. Joseph who wish to join, because they benefit from participating in our programs, being part of the local business com-

munity or support the community where perhaps most of their employees live or where they do business.

Our focus on St. Joseph also does not mean that we don't focus on regional issues and partnerships. We understand that as the region grows and prospers so does St. Joseph. So we will continue to be engaged in regional partnerships and issues just as we have been. Again, though, our focus is St. Joseph business, community and the people who live here.

Our new name, we believe, says a lot about our organization and what we do and what we are. We are proud to be the Chamber of Commerce, pursuing a mission of creating an environment that allows business to succeed and the community to prosper. What's in a name? A lot when you are the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce.



R. Patt Lilly
President & CEO



Annual Banquet Was A Roaring Good Time

About 850 members of the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce attended the 94th Annual Banquet on Jan. 11. The theme was "The 1920s -- A Roaring Good Time." The event lived up to its name, with many attendees dressed in 1920s attire. Survey results revealed many people thought it was the best banquet yet! Entertainment was provided by Robidoux Resident Theatre. Pictured to the left, 2014 Chairman of the Board Dr. Mark Laney and 2013 Chairman Vern Middleton. Below, left to right, Paul and Chris Stickler, Shannen White and Serena Euler ("cigarette girls"), and Annual Banquet Chairman Jeremy Eaton performing "Mr. Celophane."



NEW MEMBERS

The following businesses and individuals have been approved for membership in the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce:

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February Calendar

All members, employees and guests are invited to attend events. Call the Chamber for any dietary needs.

4-5 Great Northwest Day at the Capitol

The Chamber partners with other Northwest Missouri communities to sponsor a trip to the State Capitol to meet and talk with our state legislators. The two-day trip includes a luncheon with regional legislators, a tour of the Capitol, viewing of the Legislature in action, and a reception for all members of the General Assembly.

**Tuesday & Wednesday,
Feb. 4 & 5**
Jefferson City, MO
\$75 -- To register:
www.greatnorthwestday.com

11 Lunch & Learn Seminar

Presented by SBG Midwest
What You Don't Know CAN Hurt You

Department of Labor I-9 audits are increasing by 40 percent from 2013. SBG Midwest will explain the benefits of doing an in-house HR audit and provide attendees with a takeaway checklist to ensure companies don't have any glaring red flags that could result in fines and penalties. Two attendees will win a free HR audit.

Lunch by McAlister's Deli

Tuesday, Feb. 11
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., \$10
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
3003 Frederick Ave.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461 or
www.saintjoseph.com

13 DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast

Presented by Heartland Health

The Diplomats Club provides opportunities to promote your business and serve as a link between the Chamber and the community. Join them for their monthly meeting!

Thursday, Feb. 13
7:15 to 8:30 a.m., \$5
Breakfast provided

Chic-fil-A
5303 N. Belt Highway
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

14 ST. JOE RISING

Presented by Cochran Head Vick & Co.

Mayor Bill Falkner will give his annual "State of the City" address at this quarter's St. Joe Rising. This event features issues, questions and responses involving social, economic, legislative, governmental and corporate activities.

Friday, Feb. 14
7:30 to 8:30 a.m., \$15

Holiday Inn Conference Center
102 S. Third St.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

18 BUSINESS after HOURS

Presented by Altec

Make some new business connections at this networking event. Bring your business cards to exchange with other Chamber members!

Tuesday, Feb. 18
5 to 7 p.m., Free

36th Street Food & Drinks
102 S. Third St.

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Presented by Altec

Join LEAD (Leaders Engaging And Developing) for its monthly meeting. This group of young leaders in the business community meet monthly for professional development purposes.

Thursday, Feb. 20
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$10
Lunch provided

Rolling Hills Library Annex
1904 N. Belt Highway

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The following businesses and individuals have been approved for membership in the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce:

Smallcakes

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