



Connections

ST. JOSEPH
Chamber of Commerce

The President's Perspective

Brewing Ideas

I always enjoy sharing St. Joseph's history. While we often point to our extraordinary historical architecture or our role in the Western expansion of the United States, it is worth noting that the community has a rich entrepreneurial history. Consider the Pony Express, Aunt Jemima pancakes, the saltine cracker and the cure for hog cholera. These innovations or inventions happened right here in St. Joseph and this entrepreneurial spirit continues today.

Over the last several years, the Chamber along with other community partners have pursued engaging and supporting local entrepreneurs to help brew innovative ideas and businesses. Of course, we have the Innovation Stockyard at the Kit Bond Incubator located at Missouri Western State University.

But we have also created the St. Joseph Angel Capital Group, a local group of investors that invest in early stage companies and of course, Cup of Joe, patterned after One Million Cups, that brings local entrepreneurs together to learn from each other and create synergy around new business ideas.

We are now ready for the next step in building the entrepreneurial culture in St. Joseph, co-working space. This type of space

provides flexible office space for entrepreneurs and start-up businesses. This can be month-to-month rental of a small office, shared office space with a desk and chair and lap top hook-up or the use of a conference room on an hour-to-hour basis. It also includes programing to assist entrepreneurs, sharing of services and mentoring. Co-working space has become popular around the country and has become a key strategy in attracting and growing entrepreneurs in communities leading to new businesses and job growth.

With our history and focus on innovation, we believe the co-working space is a terrific way to brew innovative ideas with our local entrepreneurs. Be looking for more information on the opening of this exciting new space in Downtown St. Joseph soon.



R. Patt Lilly
President & CEO



Members Network at Business After Hours

The Chamber provides opportunities to meet new clients, form business relationships and make new friends at all of its events, but business mixers are focused solely on that purpose. Mixers are hosted by the Chamber's Diplomats Club and times can vary. August's was held at Ame'liore' Medispa and Laser. Check out the calendar on the back for your next opportunity for these free events.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Sandy Investment Properties LLC
David Sandy
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www.joetownrentals.com
Hotels/Motels

Wiry Orphan Apparel
Jeff Gates
3831 Frederick Ave.,
P.O. Box 104 (06)
(816) 617-5128
jeff.gates@vernoncompany.com
Retail

We Care Family Care, LLC
Alicia Smith, WHNP-BC
1335 Village Drive (06)
(816) 233-7258
alicia.smith@wecarefamilycare.com
www.wecarefamilycare.com
Health Services

Frog Hop
Mohammad Siqib
2001 Messanie (07)
(832) 563-7290
sid832@outlook.com
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Galvin's Dinnerhouse
Bill Grace
3619 Beck Road (06)
(816) 396-9125
galvinschicken@hotmail.com
Restaurant

Fez Foods LLC
Bill Calderwood
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(816) 232-5129
bill@moilafezfoods.com
Restaurant

Timber Ridge Event Center
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Amazonia, MO 64421
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Event Centers/Special Events

Pacific Quick Stop
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Convenience Stores

Jake's LLC
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Restaurant

Farm Bureau Insurance
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Insurance

End Game
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September Calendar

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

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LEAD

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Leverage your knowledge and passion to build your career, expand your professional development, and make St. Joseph a better, stronger community with like-minded peers in LEAD, a group for those under 40. This month learn about "Tips, Tools and Insights to Create Your Own Personal Path to Success" from Kathleen and Jack Randall. For more information, e-mail redmond@saintjoseph.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 6
8 to 9:30 a.m., FREE

Corby Place, 14th Floor Lookout
422 Felix St.

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

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DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast

Presented by Mosaic Life Care

The Diplomats Club is a fun group that provides opportunities to promote your business and serve as a link between the Chamber and the community. Join them for their monthly meeting! This month the group will attend the United Way Campaign Kickoff Breakfast.

Thursday, Sept. 7
7:15 a.m., \$12

Breakfast provided
St. Joseph Country Club
50 Ridgeland Road

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/364-2381 or kylee.strough@stjosephunitedway.org

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MEMBER EVENT

For three days the Chamber of Commerce Boardroom will be abuzz with volunteers working in a high-spirit, fast-pace team environment trying to recruit new members to the Chamber. Know someone who might want to join or volunteer? Email redmond@saintjoseph.com

Sept. 12, 13 and 14

St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
3003 Frederick Ave.

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Lunch & Learn Seminar

*Lunch by Whiskey Creek
Woodfire Grill*

Presented by CliftonLarsonAllen

"Hire, Engage & Retain"

Hiring the right person is about finding the right combination of skills, attitude and fit for your organization's culture. Learn the right ROI formula for hiring employees, how to develop a workable hiring strategy, how to decide which candidates to interview, which questions to use and more.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

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

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816/232-4461 or
www.saintjoseph.com

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BUSINESS after HOURS

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Need to broaden your portfolio of potential clients and customers? Make some new real life connections at this networking event.

Tuesday, Sept. 19
5 to 7 p.m., Free

Stroud and Associates Keller Williams St. Joseph
16968 Bristol Ridge Drive,
Cul-de-sac of Bristol Ridge estates off of
71 Highway and County Road 363

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Women's Leadership Group

Presented by Sam's Club

Co-sponsored with Northwest Missouri State University's Small Business and Technology Development Center, each month has a different featured topic for women business owners, managers and employees. This month learn from Gail Hermesch who will discuss making a positive impact by modeling the behavior you want to see.

Monday, Sept. 25
12 to 1 p.m., FREE

St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
3003 Frederick Ave.
Bring your own lunch

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS COFFEE

Presented by Cochran, Head Vick & Co., P.C.

Want to know the latest on developments at Kansas City International Airport? Tim Cowden, Kansas City Area Development Council President and CEO, will give an airport update to Chamber members.

Thursday, Sept. 28
7:30 a.m., \$15

Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center,
1201 N. Woodbine Road

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

Mark your calendars now, and confirm your reservation one week prior to the event. Reservations must be cancelled 24 hours in advance to avoid charges. For more information, call 816/232-4461. CREDIT CARD RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE, www.saintjoseph.com

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for our Saturday
Social!

\$10 for new clients \$5 for current clients

*One doggie per person. All dogs welcome, no experience needed!

Great way for
doggie & human
to work on
behavioral skills