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# Connections

**ST. JOSEPH**  
Chamber of Commerce

## The President's Perspective

*The World As We Knew It*

This indeed has been a challenging time for all. It does not matter who you are, your status in life or where you come from, all of us are dealing with the consequences of the coronavirus. When you get to be at a certain point in your life you take some comfort that you have seen or dealt with most things. Not that life itself is boring, but you feel secure in facing the challenges that come before you. Until now.

As I write this article on the 18th of March (I offer this because by the time you read this, we are likely to be at a different place in terms of the virus), I can honestly say I am unsure where we will end up. Let's admit it, not knowing the future is scary, even for an old man. Fortunately, like most of you, I picked up some values from the world I used to know; pull up your bootstraps and move forward, look out for each other, take responsibility and use your common sense. Perhaps old fashioned, but as I lead the Chamber through this crisis and offer my assistance to the community, I find myself falling back on the values I hold from the world I once knew.

The global pandemic created by the coronavirus will change the world as we know it and what we are experiencing today is just the beginning. It is unnerving and as I noted earlier, scary. But let's understand that in spite of what we are dealing with today or might have to deal with in the future, the world that we knew has provided us the values and experiences to successfully navigate this new world and continue to achieve great things.

If my mother were alive today she would say, "Patt, pull up your bootstraps and get going, you and the Chamber have work to do,

it's your responsibility, help each other and all those who need assistance and use your common sense when decisions have to be made." So that is exactly what we are doing at the Chamber as we face this challenge that will lead us to a new world.

We are here working every day to support you and the community in this crisis. We want to make sure you have access to information and resources to get you through this stressful period. We take our responsibility seriously in representing and advocating for our businesses and when it comes to making decisions in a crisis environment, we are going to use our common sense to best support our members and our community.

I miss much of the world I once knew but as all of us in business know, we must adapt to survive. In spite of the challenges, we will survive, and I predict thrive in this new world as a community, as businesses and as the Chamber. Of this I am certain!

Did I mention my mother was an eternal optimist?

Stay well. The Chamber staff is here when you need us, working for you and our community!



R. Patt Lilly  
President & CEO

## NEW MEMBERS

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

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# COVID-19

## Need to Know



### BUSINESS Resources



### HEALTH & Safety



### COUCH & Click

The Chamber has launched a new page of its website dedicated to helping businesses of all sizes during the COVID-19 crisis.

[saintjoseph.com/covid-19](https://saintjoseph.com/covid-19)

The Chamber has launched a new page of its website dedicated to helping businesses of all sizes during the COVID-19 crisis. Visit it to keep up to date on the latest news about health and safety, government regulations, financial and legal advice and more.

Also, see all the small businesses you can support on our Couch & Click page. See businesses that are offering delivery, curbside pickup, shipping and online resources.

## SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES

## WEBINARS & VIRTUAL NETWORKING

Just because we can't gather together in person doesn't mean educational and networking opportunities stop with the Chamber. Watch our **Facebook** page and website for webinars on topics important to small business, those working from home, leadership through change and much more.



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