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The President's Perspective

It's Time

Well as you have probably heard, I have decided to retire from my position at the end of the year. I know most of you have not faced this decision at this point in your life, but for me it was a difficult one. There was nothing compelling me to retire, I enjoy my job, like my co-workers and very much enjoy the satisfaction that comes with working on behalf of the community. It was really a matter of answering the question of, how long do I need to work?

Like many people I know, my career began at an early age. My first job was a newspaper carrier at the age of 12. It was a great learning experience, had to be on time, had to provide quality service, there were customer relations issues to deal with, and you had to earn enough money to pay your expenses before you earned a profit. I have been fortunate to be able to learn and grow in all of my jobs including my current role. I assume that will be the case in my new job, retirement, which I admit I have a lot to learn.

I will be 67 years old in October of this year, so after 55 years of working I concluded I had worked long enough, and it was time to retire. It was a decision I wrestled with for a couple of years, but when I answered the question, I knew it was time.

As I said earlier, I will continue in my position until the end of the year. The Board of Directors has retained an executive search firm and will work to hire a new President and CEO to serve the Chamber and the community. I look forward to welcoming my replacement and doing what I can to ensure their future success.

Yes, it's time to move on and enjoy life as a retiree, something that I am grateful to be able to have the opportunity to experience. But, while I will move on from my career, I will be staying in St. Joseph. This is home, and Sherri and I look forward to continuing to be part of a community we have grown to love and enjoy.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President/CEO of the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce. It has been a great last chapter in my work career!



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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July Calendar

For more information, call 816/232-4461. **CREDIT CARD RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE**, www.saintjoseph.com

All members, employees and guests are invited to attend events. Call the Chamber for any dietary needs. Reservations must be cancelled 24 hours in advance to avoid charges.

7, 8, 21, 22 **Circle of Influence** **July 7 & 21 and July 8 & 22**
11:30 a.m. to 1p.m., Guests Free

Circle of Influence is a leads group composed of small business professionals looking to exchange direct client referrals and leads. The group also provides a forum for the discussion of issues which businesses commonly encounter. Only one member per profession/specialty in each group is allowed. Cost is \$100 to join. There are two groups, one that meets the first and third Wednesdays and another that meets the second and fourth Thursdays. Contact Natalie Redmond for more information, redmond@saintjoseph.com or (816) 364-4107. Meetings held at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 1201 Woodbine.

8 **DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast** **Thursday, July 8**
7:15 a.m., \$7

Presented by CLA

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!

Breakfast provided
Castle Bridge Event Center
8403 Hwy 59
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816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

8 **Parties on the Parkway** **Thursday, July 8**
5 to 8 p.m., Free

Presented by Nodaway Valley Bank

It's Parties on the Parkway time! Bring your lawn chairs and spread out along the Parkway while listening to some great local music. The band Oxymoron will perform multiple kinds of music. The duo is always fun to watch!

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Rain Date July 15

13 **Lunch & Learn Seminar** **Tuesday, July 13**
\$10, lunch included
11:30 a.m. to 1p.m.
In person or virtual

Presented by Butchart Flowers Inc. & Greenhouse

Lunch by Pronto Cafe

"Company Culture"

If you're a leader you're creating culture. The question is - do you actually like the culture you're creating? Whether you lead a business, a sports team or a family you can shape how your organization operates as a team. In this session by Sisters of Solace you'll assess your current culture, discuss the role of language in creating culture and talk about systems for supporting your culture moving forward.

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15 **BUSINESS after HOURS** **Thursday, July 15**
Free

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Bring your business cards & meet your next client at this monthly event. Food and drinks provided.

The Angry Swede Brewing Co.
513 Francis St.

22 **PRIMETIME - NEW MEMBER WELCOME** **Thursday, July 22**
5 to 7 p.m., FREE

Presented by Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation

Help the Chamber roll out the red carpet for new members at Primetime! This event allows existing members to meet the Chamber's newest members, who showcase their goods and services in a tradeshow-like format. Enjoy food and beverages by Chamber Tastes caterers. New members from 2019 and 2020 are invited to have a booth. Contact redmond@saintjoseph.com for more information.

Castle Bridge Event Center
8403 B U.S. Highway 59 South

26 **Women's Leadership Group** **Monday, July 26**
4 to 5 p.m. FREE

Presented by Human Resource Management Association of Northwest Missouri

Co-sponsored with Northwest Missouri State University's Small Business Development Center, this month is a summer social at a woman-owned business.

Max's Daiquiri Lounge
2013 S. Belt Hwy, Ste. 100

27 **Virtual Speed Networking** **Tuesday, July 27**
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
FREE

Presented by Tolly & Associates, Inc.

Need to network, but don't like to approach strangers in a mixer-like environment? Virtual Speed Networking is for you. Make many meaningful business connections in a very short amount of time from the comfort of your laptop.

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