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Connections

ST. JOSEPH
Chamber of Commerce

The President's Perspective

This year I was at a training and missed one of my favorite St Joseph events, Women of Excellence. This event has been hosted for 21 years by the YWCA of St Joseph and I've been fortunate enough to attend 18. As a past board member of the YWCA, I understand the importance of the work they do to support women in our community.

This event got me reflecting on the women who have inspired me over my life and career. My mother was my first role model, she is a hard-working woman who taught me the importance of a good work ethic and balance. Of course, family, friends, teachers and coaches are role models who had an impact while I was growing up. But I have been blessed as an adult to continue to have amazing role models, mentors, friends and co-workers to help me learn life's hard lessons and laugh along the way.

In my first big girl job my boss was Sarah Woody-Bibens and she was a great role model for me. She is who taught me about event planning, even though she was a forestry major in college and owned a Christmas tree farm. She had figured out how to get into the association business, while running a tree farm, raising two daughters and supporting her husband's family business. She taught me no matter where you start, if you can learn it, you can do it. She always put her family and her love for travel first, but still got her job done well.

While working for Sarah, her friend Renee Potts got me into the Junior League, which was a good fit as a young woman in St. Joseph with a love for community. That was the jumping off point for my community involvement that led to Leadership St. Joseph and many volunteer boards and hours to follow. I met some of my very best friends and mentors in the League.

This article would be 20 pages long if I listed all the women and men who have made an impact on my life. The purpose of this was to encourage you to take some time to reflect on those people who helped shape who you are or who you are growing into. Thank you to all the wonderful people in my life past and present. Please pay it forward and be a mentor to someone who needs it.

Cheers to strong women: may we know them. May we be them. May we raise them.



Natalie Redmond
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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Food For Kids

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Charitable Organizations

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Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices

Stein & Summers Real Estate
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Real Estate (Associate)

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Metal Fabricators

Freudenthal Center for Parkinson's Disease

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Charitable Organizations

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Accounting Services

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Entertainment

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Hotels/Motels

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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. See COVID-19 event guidelines at saintjoseph.com

6, 20, 14, 28 *Circle of Influence*

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/speciality 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. (Holidays affect this schedule.) Contact Tony Luke for more information, luke@saintjoseph.com or (816) 364-4101. Meetings held at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 1201 Woodbine.

July 6 & 20 and July 14 & 28
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., **Guests Free**

12 *Lunch & Learn Seminar*

Lunch by McAlister's Deli

Presented by Butchart Flowers Inc. & Greenhouse
"Workplace Culture: How to Create a Thriving Work Environment in 5 Simple Steps"

Are you tired, anxious and stressed? Do you dread going to work each day? Do you want to get more done in less time? Then this lunch and learn is for you! Take a moment to eat some good food and learn how to increase your productivity and decrease stress for long-term success. This session will be presented by Michelle Harris, of J&M Business Services LLC, who has spent more than 15 years helping executives and entrepreneurs accelerate growth through sales, marketing and business development.

Tuesday, July 12
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., **\$10**
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce
3003 Frederick Ave.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461
or www.saintjoseph.com

12 *Primetime New Member Showcase*

Presented by MWSU Foundation
Meet new Chamber members, see displays of products and services and enjoy food and drinks by caterers in this Chamber Tastes event. We're rolling out the red carpet for our new members. Join the fun!

Tuesday, July 12
5 to 7 p.m., **Free**
Castle Bridge Event Center
8403 U.S. Highway 59

14 *DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast*

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., John Joe Insurance & On the Top Search

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!

Thursday, July 14
7:15 to 8:30 a.m., **\$7**

Breakfast provided
The Metropolitan
107 S. Sixth St.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

14 *Parties on the Parkway*

Presented by Nodaway Valley Bank

It's Parties on the Parkway time! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and spread out along the Parkway while listening to some great local music. The Whiskey Mash Band will perform bluegrass music. Food and drink vendors available, no coolers allowed. Bring friends, family and pets and enjoy the beautiful parkway. Rain date June 21 if necessary.

Thursday, July 14
5 to 8 p.m., **Free**
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28 *BUSINESS after HOURS*

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Bring your business cards and come meet your next potential client at this event. It's free and you can bring a guest. Don't miss this opportunity.

Thursday, July 28
5 to 7 p.m., **Free**

Tech Team
212 N. Seventh St.

Need help recruiting or retaining talent?



Uncommon Life is here to make recruiting employees to work and live in St. Joseph easier. The St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce has incorporated the Made with Uncommon Character brand to highlight why St. Joseph is a unique place...and why your recruits should call it home.

This includes tools for you as a recruiter or human resources specialist to use when hiring and getting new hires acclimated to the community.

Tours -- Gift Baskets -- Welcomes -- Website

**On the web: uncommonlife.info
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Know a business that should be a Chamber member?

Ask them to join today!

Send them to our website:

saintjoseph.com/join