

June 2018

Connecting the Chamber with members in a monthly news source.



Connections

ST. JOSEPH
Chamber of Commerce

The President's Perspective

All Politics Is Local

We have all heard at one time or another, the term "all politics is local." While there are many situations where this term has been used, it generally means that constituents/voters are concerned mostly about issues that affect their personal lives and their communities. I believe that is true.

As we come to an end of the Missouri legislative session and begin to hear more from candidates running for various elected positions, I think about the issues that are important to St. Joseph. We know that improvement to the state's transportation system has waned over the years because of the lack of funding. This is an issue the state Legislature has kicked down the road (pun intended) for several years with still no solution. This is an issue that impacts us directly.

Other issues include appropriate state funding for Missouri Western State University, funding for public schools, economic development incentives designed to stimulate growth and redevelopment, support for the local Air National Guard unit, and support for our local governments. All these community-related issues impact us every day in St. Joseph.

This year we have the unique opportunity, because of the term limits, to elect three new state representatives and a new state

senator. Those elected will represent our interest in Jefferson City beginning the first of next year. One thing I have noted is that so much of the political debate these days has turned to ideology, pushed by both major political parties. Frankly, this rarely has anything to do with local issues or concerns.

With that said, as you have an opportunity to meet and talk to political candidates, ask them what their plans are to address the issues important to you and your community. What is their position on additional transportation funding and funding for higher education? Are they aware of and support the 139th Airlift Wing?

There will be many statewide important issues impacting our newly elected state representatives and state senator, but they should always know, and as necessary be reminded, that "all politics is local." It is certainly something we should always expect and not forget even after the election.



R. Patt Lilly
President & CEO



Don't Miss

Parties on the Parkway

Thursday, June 14

5 to 8 p.m.

S.W. Parkway & 28th St.

Tequila Mockingbird | Rock

Live Music.

Food. Drinks.

26 Miles of Gorgeous Parkway.

Presented by NODAWAY VALLEY BANK

COJOE

Website: cojoe.saintjoseph.com

E-mail: cojoe@saintjoseph.com

518 Felix St.

816-364-4115

Trying to get work done at coffee shops can be a hassle.

If you are a small business owner, freelancer or other entrepreneur who is looking for modern, clean office space available for rent by the day or more long term, check out CoJoe, an innovative coworking space located in historic Downtown St. Joseph.

CoJoe provides an alternative to both the distractions of working at home or a public space, as well as the logistics of maintaining a private office.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Hampton Mediation

Wade Hampton
518 Felix St. (01)
(816) 261-2399
drwade@drwade.org
www.hamptonmediation.net
Legal Services

East Hills Cleaners

Tonya McCrea
3603 Faraon St. (06)
(816) 364-6141
tonyamccrea@gmail.com
www.easthillscleaners.com
Dry Cleaners

Fresh Market

Mohammed Khan
2403 Olive St. (07)
(816) 259-5353
freshmarketolive@gmail.com
Grocers

Marty Novak

2717 Duncan St. (07)
(816) 261-0010
martynovak@yahoo.com
Civic Member

Barbara Burns

11 S.E. Hilltop Terrace (07)
(816) 261-5264
bjburns52@gmail.com
Civic Member

ASH Chiropractic

Andrew Haeker
3120 Karnes Road (06)
(816) 273-5104
contactus@ashchirostjoe.com
www.ashchirostjoe.com
Chiropractors

Missouri Department of Conservation

T.J. Peacher
701 McCarthy Drive (07)
(816) 271-3100
thomas.peacher@mdc.mo.gov
Government

www.saintjoseph.com
(816) 232-4461
chamber@saintjoseph.com



June Calendar

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

Public Affairs Coffee

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

8

This Public Affairs Coffee will a wrap-up of the recently concluded legislative session in Jefferson City. Come talk to our legislators about wins and losses and the special session. Public Affairs Coffee events feature issues involving social, economic, governmental, legislative and corporate activities that are of concern to Chamber members and the business community.

Friday, June 8

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

Coffee and Conversations

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

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:

816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

6 & 20
14 &
28

Circle of Influence

Circle of Influence is a leads group composed of small business professionals who are looking to increase their revenue by forming relationships with other Chamber members for the purpose of exchanging 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. There is a \$100 joining fee. There are two groups, one that meets the first and third Wednesdays at Stoney Creek Hotel and another that meets the second and fourth Thursdays at Commerce Bank at Ashland and Karnes roads. Contact Natalie Redmond for more information, redmond@saintjoseph.com or (816) 364-4107.

June 6 & 20 -- June 14 & 28

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Guests Free

Lunch & Learn Seminar

Presented by CliftonLarsonAllen

12

Lunch by Longboards Wraps & Bowls

Tuesday, June 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

Erica Brune, Lever1 President and Owner, will present, "Common HR Mistakes that Lead to Costly Lawsuits." There are 10 common mistakes in human resources that can put you and your business at risk. Whether you're a team leader or C-suite executive, it is critical to understand how to reduce your exposure for lawsuits. This session explores workable strategies to help you manage HR at your business with a step-by-step guide. Learn how to navigate the challenges ranging from discrimination and wrongful termination to harassment and employee paperwork.

13

THE CHAMBER CLASSIC

Presented by Al J. Mueller Construction Co. and Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation

Join us for the annual Chamber Classic Golf Tournament. The \$90 per person cost includes green fees, cart, lunch, refreshments, team photo, goodie bag, prizes and more! The format is a four-player scramble. Contact Natalie Redmond to register at redmond@saintjoseph.com or (816) 364-4107.

Wednesday, June 13

8 a.m. shotgun start

\$90 per player

St. Joseph Country Club

50 Ridgeland Road

14

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!

Thursday, June 14

7:15 a.m., \$7

Breakfast provided

Timber Ridge Event Center,

14618 State Hwy K, Amazonia (near Hunts Orchard)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:

816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

14

Parties on the Parkway

Presented by Nodaway Valley Bank

Join us for Parties on the Parkway! These events are open to the public and allow those who attend to enjoy food, drinks, live music and St. Joseph's incredible Parkway system. Food and beverages are available for purchase. No alcoholic beverages may be brought into the event. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Park. The band will be *Tequila Mockingbird*.

Thursday, June 14

5 to 8 p.m., Free

S.W. Parkway and 28th Street

(Rain date: June 21)

25

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. No RSVP necessary. Dr. Elyssa Ford, Assistant Professor of History at Northwest Missouri State University, will present "Women's Issues Around the Globe: How the U.S. Compares."

Monday, June 25

12 to 1 p.m., FREE

CoJoe

518 Felix St.

Bring your own lunch

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**

Need help recruiting or retaining talent?



The Made With Uncommon Character campaign can help your business recruit top talent and keep your best employees. St. Joseph has a lot to offer and has tremendous character in our people, architecture and amenities.

Visit the website below and follow Made With Uncommon Character on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for interesting stories, a community calendar and resources you can give to potential employees -- like housing, school, healthcare options and more.

Need a brochure or goodie bag to give recruits? We have them! E-mail bailey@saintjoseph.com.

uncommoncharacter.com