

January 2021

Connecting the Chamber with members in a monthly news source.



Connections

ST. JOSEPH Chamber of Commerce

The President's Perspective

Hope

As we begin the new year, we should take the opportunity to embrace hope. The past year has been difficult for all of us and certainly more difficult for some than others. At times the challenges have spawned a sense of hopelessness in many of us, me included. As I write this column in mid-December, we are beginning to see the roll out of a vaccine and the beginning of inoculations against the virus, something that should offer us all a sense of hope.

There were many times this past year that offering hope to our members drove most of our work. In the early months, communicating the rapidly changing conditions gave our local businesses a chance to react and innovate but also offered hope they could find a way to survive. Our online programming offered a way to continue connecting with you, but it also gave us hope that we would be able to serve and support our members and add value. The Champions of Commerce buy local campaign offered the hope of attracting customers and sales to those businesses most in need.

There is little doubt that hope, the belief in things getting better, pulled us through many difficult days as individuals and as businesses

but truthfully, there were days when hope was a distant thought and despair seemed easier to embrace.

So, as we begin 2021, sounds good does it not, I say let's make this the year of hope. I believe that despite everything that has occurred and will likely occur in the months ahead, there is still much we can be hopeful about in our future. That may still be hard to say today, but I believe it to be true. It is still vitally important that as individuals and as a community we embrace hope, knowing that we will get through this and while things will likely be different, we will have the opportunity to experience much of what we enjoyed before 2020.

From all of us at the Chamber, here's hoping you have a great 2021!



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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Health Services

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Winery

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Attorneys

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Restaurants

Hayes Mechanical

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www.hayesmechanical.com

Mechanical Contractors

Cherry Storage

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Storage

Lite It Up LLC

Frank Hurt
421 Kemper St. (01)
(913) 213-3383
liteitupkcmo@gmail.com
www.trimlight.com

Decorators

Starke and Sons Auto Repair

Wes and Danna Starke
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(816) 232-1767
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www.starkeandsonsaautorepair.com

Automotive Repair

Central Christian Church

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Churches

Safety First Transportation and Logistics LLC

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Transportation

McAlister's Deli

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Restaurants

Tommy's Express Car Wash

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102 N. Belt Highway (06)
(816) 646-2230
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tommys-express.com

Car Wash

LeaderOne Financial Corporation

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Mortgage Companies

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Restaurants

Bolin Hydraulic Inc

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Industrial Equipment & Supplies

Lewis Backhoe & Excavating Inc.

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Underground Utility Contractor

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Education

January 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. Contact Natalie Redmond for more information, redmond@saintjoseph.com or (816) 364-4107. Meetings held at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 1201 Woodbine.

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

12 Lunch & Learn Seminar

Presented by Butchart Flowers Inc. & Greenhouse

“Using Design Thinking for Innovative Strategies in 2021”

This one-hour, interactive virtual business retreat will demonstrate different exercises from the proven Design Thinking methodology to help your organization pivot, innovate and prepare for 2021.

Guaranteed to get you thinking outside the box. The session will be presented by Rebecca Lobina, Small Business Development Center director, Northwest Missouri State University.

Tuesday, Jan. 12, Free
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Virtual

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
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or www.saintjoseph.com

14 DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast

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!

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

Breakfast provided
East Hills Shopping Center
Belt and Frederick

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21 BUSINESS after HOURS

Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.

Celebrate the beginning of a new year. Bring your business cards and meet your next client or contact.

Thursday, Jan. 21
5 to 7 p.m., Free

The Missourian
3701 King Hill Ave.

25 Virtual Women's Leadership Group

Presented by Human Resource Management Association of Northwest Missouri

Co-sponsored with Northwest Missouri State University's Small Business Development Center, each month has a different featured topic for women business owners, managers and employees. This month's topic is “Reframing Personal and Professional Success During COVID-19.”

Monday, Jan. 25
Noon to 1 p.m., Free

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Text Chamber to 474747

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CHAMPIONS of commerce championsofcommerce.com

ANNUAL BANQUET

It's strange to have a January newsletter without the Annual Banquet being in it! Never fear, the Chamber will have the event, but in the spring. More information to come.

The banquet does serve as the Chamber's annual meeting. Since we can't have the event, please look for your Annual Report in the mail and videos to be sent later this month.



SHOP ST. JOSEPH

Congrats to the \$10,000 winner Melissa Shope! Thanks to all who participated in Shop St. Joseph as a vendor or consumer. Thanks for shopping local!