



ST. JOSEPH
Chamber of Commerce

Connections

The President’s Perspective

The time is upon us again – election season. The April 4 ballot will ask you multiple questions in Buchanan County, one is which two people to elect to the St. Joseph School District Board of Education. There are nine candidates vying for the positions.

The Chamber is a firm believer in the importance education has on businesses and the community overall, so when you choose who to vote for, we encourage you to be informed. We are hosting a Public Affairs Coffee on Wednesday, March 29, as a forum for School Board candidates. Come get to know them better. (More information on the event is on the back.)

The Chamber believes in the Vision Forward program, which the district has adopted. Its priorities include improving district culture, retaining a high quality staff, improving student performance and well-being and developing a comprehensive plan for facilities. Keep these priorities in mind and come with questions for the candidates to the forum.

While we look to the future with Vision Forward, this month we also take time to celebrate a recent accomplishment – the groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion of Hillyard Technical Center. The business community is excited for this expansion and the addition of skilled training opportunities this will bring to the community.

We’re making gains in education in St. Joseph. This will continue to happen the more the business community is informed and involved. I hope to see you at the Public Affairs Coffee. If you can’t attend, it will be broadcast live on KFEQ-AM.



Natalie Redmond
President & CEO

NEW MEMBERS

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

Sista’s Home Cookin’
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Restaurants

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Consulting

Cherry Construction & Remodeling LLC
Jessica Mann
2400 Frederick Ave., Ste. 503 (06)
(816) 659-6550
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Home Improvements

Know a business that should be a
Chamber member?

Ask them to join today!
Send them to our website:
saintjoseph.com/join

Or have them contact
Tony Luke
Director of Development
(816) 364-4101
luke@saintjoseph.com



Get to Work!

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Looking for a job?
See our jobs board.

Want to make a job
posting on this site?

Go to
choosesaintjoseph.com/job-post-form
(Small employer listings appear under
the Chamber icon.)

POT OF GOLD DRAWINGS!

EVERY SUNDAY IN MARCH • 2PM-6PM

Drawings every 15 minutes from 2pm until 6pm.
Swipe at the kiosk each Sunday to receive 1 Free Entry.

WIN YOUR SHARE OF
\$2,500 IN FREE SLOT PLAY EACH WEEK!

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ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI

816-279-5514

Must be 21.
Gambling Problem? Call 1-888-Betsoff.

March 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.

1, 15, 9, 23	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.	March 1 & 15 and March 9 & 23 11:30 a.m. to 1p.m., Guests Free
1	SPECIAL BUSINESS after HOURS Presented by Altec Industries, Inc. Say "Aloha" at this month's special business mixer. It's a luau and will be held poolside at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center Stoney Creek! Food and drinks will be provided. Business After Hours is your monthly chance to make some new connections! Bring your business cards.	Wednesday, March 1 5 to 7 p.m., Free Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center 1201 N. Woodbine Road
7-9	Washington, D.C. Fly-In Presented by Altec Industries, Inc. A delegation of local business and community leaders annually visit the nation's capitol as part of the Chamber's Fly-In. While in D.C., the delegation meets with members of Congress, U.S. Senators, legislative staff and U.S. Chamber officials. Contact Tama Wagner for more information at (816) 364-4109.	Tuesday - Thursday March 7-9 Washington, D.C.
9	DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., John Joe Insurance & Rogers Pharmacy 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, March 9 7:15 a.m., \$10 Breakfast provided Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center 1201 N. Woodbine Road RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com
14	Lunch & Learn Seminar Presented by Jeremy Eaton Yoga "Yoga at Work" Ever wonder how easy it is to transform your entire day leading to more production and less stress? Join international yoga instructor, Jeremy Eaton, in a yoga session designed just for you. Learn how to use a chair and your desk to aid you in movement, enjoy the presence of your breath and connect with your senses all in this session. Participants will be provided a handout including the poses from the session to bring the same sense of peace right into your home or office. No need to bring a mat or a change of clothes. This session will show you how you can fit this into your regular work day.	<i>Lunch by Pronto Cafe</i> Tuesday, March 14 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce 3003 Frederick Ave. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com
17	FARM CITY BREAKFAST Presented by LifeLine Foods This popular event recognizes the farmer/producer and the importance of agribusiness to the area economy. Proceeds benefit Agriculture Future of America (AFA) scholarships.	Friday, March 17 7 to 9 a.m., \$12 Word of Life Church 3902 N. Riverside Road Tickets available at the Chamber or online
23	BUSINESS after HOURS Presented by Altec Industries, Inc. Business After Hours is your monthly chance to make some new connections! Free refreshments. Bring your business cards.	Thursday, March 23 5 to 7 p.m., Free Buffalo Wild Wings 5403 N. Belt Highway
27	Women's Leadership Group Presented by Human Resource Management Association of Northwest Missouri Come learn from Dr. Julie Gaddie of the Mosaic Life Care Foundation at this session. She'll discuss leading high impact teams and how to drive your employees to achieve goals. Women's Leadership Group is co-hosted by the Chamber and the Missouri Small Business Development Center.	Monday, March 27 Noon to 1 p.m., Free Bring your own lunch RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com
29	Public Affairs Coffee Presented by Farmers State Bank The Public Affairs Coffee series features issues involving social, economic, governmental, legislative and corporate activities that are of concern to Chamber members and the business community. Before the April 4 election, the candidates for the St. Joseph School District Board of Education will meet in a forum. Full breakfast served. There is a \$15 charge to attend in person, but there are ways to listen on the radio KFEQ 680.	Wednesday, March 29 7:30 to 9 a.m., \$15 Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center 1201 N. Woodbine Road RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com