

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN THE CHAMBER'S TEAM OF ALL-STARS!

The mission of the Diplomats Club is to promote general membership services and to enhance goodwill for the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce in the community.

Members of the Diplomats Club serve as the Chamber's public relations team and are very active and visible within the Chamber and the business community.

With monthly breakfast meetings and seven subcommittees, membership in the Diplomats Club provides you with a number of opportunities to promote your business and serve as a vital link between the Chamber and the St. Joseph community.

Membership in the Diplomats Club is open to all Chamber members and is included in the Civic Membership category.



ST. JOSEPH
Chamber of Commerce

Diplomats
club

2024 Application

presented by:
Altec Industries, Inc.
John Joe Insurance
Rogers Pharmacy

2024 Diplomats Club Officers

CHAIR

Brett Steiner, Nodaway Valley Bank

VICE-CHAIR

Lori Wilson, Ellison-Auxier Architects, Inc.

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR

Brian Shewell, Pizza Ranch

CHAMBER STAFF LIAISONS

Natalie Hawn, President & CEO, 816/364-4107 or redmond@saintjoseph.com

Missy Howe, Programs Assistant, 816/364-4102 or howe@saintjoseph.com

Details

DUES

Annual dues are \$20.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

A breakfast meeting is typically held the second Thursday of each month (February-December) at 7:15 a.m. Locations vary.

The cost for the monthly meeting is \$10, with or without breakfast. Members can prepay for all breakfasts in advance (\$100) or pay at each meeting. Diplomats are encouraged to bring a guest and/or a potential member to monthly meetings. Guests of Diplomats attend for free.

REQUIREMENTS

All Diplomats Club members should plan to do the following things:

- Attend ribbon cuttings/award ceremonies
- Attend monthly Diplomats Club meetings
- Serve on one Diplomats committee
- Help decorate for the Annual Banquet
- Attend Chamber membership events
- Assist with Diplomats community relations
- Share the Chamber stories and events on social media

UPDATES

Diplomats will receive e-mailed updates, meeting notices and reminders on a regular basis. Updated information is also available on the Diplomats Club section of the Chamber's website, www.saintjoseph.com

NAME BADGES

Each member is required to purchase a Diplomats name badge for \$20. The badge is to be worn when hosting, greeting or attending a ribbon cutting ceremony and other Chamber events.

DIPLOMAT OF THE YEAR

At the November Diplomats meeting any Diplomat will have the opportunity to nominate another Diplomat to be considered for Diplomat of the Year. From the list of nominees Diplomats will be given a ballot at the December meeting to vote on the Diplomat of the Year. Those nominated will be considered Chamber Stars. The Diplomat of the Year award will be presented at the Annual Banquet.

2024 Diplomats Club Committees & Chairs

ANNUAL BANQUET COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Joella Schultz, Plexus Worldwide

VICE-CHAIR: Katie Joe, John Joe Insurance

This committee will plan the Chamber's Annual Banquet. Participation involves a number of meetings. There are several sub-committees to serve on: Dinner, Decorating, Entertainment and Coat Check.

BUSINESS MIXERS COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Stacy Kerns, Sisters of Solace

VICE-CHAIR: Rayna Vogan, Castle Bridge Event Center

This committee is responsible for coordinating networking events for the Chamber, assisting with set-up, registration and check-in at each event. Also, members make sure attendees are welcomed and introduced to others.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Bobbie Bell, Peregrine Corporation

VICE-CHAIR: Joe Hegeman, United Fiber

This committee is responsible for coordinating the New Executives Welcome, Parties on the Parkway, Chamber Classic, along with other special events as assigned.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Annette Weeks, Aspire Business Consulting

VICE-CHAIR: Tiffany Smith, US Bank

Committee members serve as greeters for the following Chamber events: Diplomats Club meetings, Chairman's Breakfast, Public Affairs Coffee, Business Mixers and other events throughout the year.

MEMBER RETENTION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Barb Burns, Civic Member

VICE-CHAIR: Jenni Jimenez, John Joe Insurance

This committee provides outreach to members to assist with retention efforts and stay in touch with how member businesses are doing.

NEW MEMBER CONTACT COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Tonya McCrea, East Hills Cleaners

VICE-CHAIR: Don Tolly, Tolly & Associates

Committee members serve as "partners" to new Chamber members in order to get them acquainted with events and current members. As members join the Chamber they are assigned to a committee member who keeps in contact with them, inviting them to attend events and introduce them to others. Committee members also deliver New Member Welcome Mugs and Welcome Packets.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

CHAIR: Kelsey Sollars, LifeLine Foods, LLC

VICE-CHAIR: Kimberly Ferrell, Southern Bank

This committee will be responsible for assisting with ribbon cuttings, coordinating community relations activities, recruiting new Diplomats and spreading Chamber news.

**First time Diplomats are assigned to this committee their first year.

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Gold Sponsors: Belt Entertainment, Jake's, Pizza Ranch, Rib Crib, St. Jo Frontier Casino,

Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, Triumph Foods, LLC, Yellow Frog Graphics

Name _____ Date _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Cell I agree to receive text messages

E-mail _____

Birthday (Month & Day only): _____

Please add me to the following committee(s):

- ANNUAL BANQUET
- BUSINESS MIXERS MEMBER RETENTION
- EVENTS NEW MEMBER CONTACT
- HOSPITALITY PUBLIC RELATIONS

Enclosed is payment for:

Annual Dues \$20 (Required) Prepaid breakfasts \$100 (optional)

Name badge \$20 (Required for new members)

With company name Without company name

Logo Golf Shirt (\$30) ___S ___M ___L ___XL ___XXL (optional)

\$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Payment:

Check (payable to St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce) Please Invoice

Civic Membership (Diplomats Club dues included with membership)

VISA Mastercard Discover American Express

Card # _____ Exp. _____ Security Code _____

Card Billing Address _____ (if different than above)

Signature _____

Return application and payment to:
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St. Joseph, MO 64506-5104 Fax: 816/364-4873
Email: howe@saintjoseph.com