

# 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.

**PRESENTED BY:**  
**ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC.**  
**NODAWAY VALLEY BANK**  
**ROGERS PHARMACY**

**GOLD SPONSORS:**  
Belt Entertainment  
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**ST. JOSEPH**  
Chamber of Commerce

***Diplomats***  
***club***

**2025**  
**APPLICATION**

# 2025 Diplomats Club Officers

## CHAIR

Lori Wilson, Ellison-Auxier Architects, Inc.

## VICE-CHAIR

Debbie Mahoney, Fairway Independent Mortgage Company

## IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR

Brett Steiner, Nodaway Valley Bank

## CHAMBER STAFF LIAISONS

Natalie Hawn, President & CEO, 816/364-4107 or hawn@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.

# 2025 Diplomats Club Committees & Chairs

## ANNUAL BANQUET COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Katie Joe, John Joe Insurance

VICE-CHAIR: Paul Stickler, Civic Member

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: Michelle Blakely, Midwest Mobile Radio Service, Inc.

VICE-CHAIR: Rick Gehring, Preferred Pest Control, LLC

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: Tammy O'Meara Chambers, Top Property Realty LLC

VICE-CHAIR: Mercedes Schott, Top Property Realty LLC

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: Kylee Strough, United Way of Greater St., Joseph

VICE-CHAIR: Emily Punzo, Greub, Hulet & Schwichtenberg, PC

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: Jenni Jimenez, John Joe Insurance

VICE-CHAIR: Vicki Rosmolen, B.J.'s Auto Collision & Restoration, Inc.

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

## NEW MEMBER CONTACT COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Janessa Shewmaker, Tolly & Associates

VICE-CHAIR: Brett Esely, St. Joseph Sports Commission

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: Angela Fenwick, Mosaic Life Care Foundation

VICE-CHAIR: Holland Smith, Performance Plus Rehabilitation Center

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.

# 2025 DIPLOMATS CLUB APPLICATION

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):

- |  |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Banquet  | <input type="checkbox"/> Member Retention   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Mixers | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member Contact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Events          | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality     |   |

## Enclosed is payment for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Dues \$20 (required) | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepaid Breakfasts \$100 (optional) |
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## Name badge \$20 (Required for new members)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> with company name | <input type="checkbox"/> without company name |
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## Logo Gold Shirt \$30 (optional)

- Yes \_\_\_S \_\_\_M \_\_\_L \_\_\_XL \_\_\_XXL

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

## Payment

- Check (payable to St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce)  
 Please invoice  
 Civic Membership (Diplomats Club included in membership)  
 Visa  Mastercard  Discover  American Express

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address (if different than above) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Return application and payment to: St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce 3003 Frederick Avenue St. Joseph, MO 64506-5104 Fax: 816/364-4873 Email: howe@saintjoseph.com**