

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:
Jake's LLC
Pizza Ranch
St. Jo Frontier Casino
Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center



ST. JOSEPH
Chamber of Commerce
Diplomats
club

**2026
APPLICATION**

2026 Diplomats Club Officers

CHAIR

Debbie Mahoney, Fairway Independent Mortgage Company

VICE-CHAIR

Angela Fenwick, Mosaic Life Care Foundation

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR

Lori Wilson, Ellison-Auxier Architects, Inc.

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 \$25.

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 \$12, with or without breakfast. Members can prepay for all breakfasts in advance (\$120) 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.

2026 Diplomats Club Committees & Chairs

ANNUAL BANQUET COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Paul Stickler, Civic Member

VICE-CHAIR: Makenzie Mattson, Central Commodities/Core 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: Rick Gehring, Preferred Pest Control

VICE-CHAIR: Olivia Stewart, Niche of Time Jewelry

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: Katie Joe, John Joe Insurance

VICE-CHAIR: Caleb Wells, HLC Insurance

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

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

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

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

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.

NEW MEMBER CONTACT COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Brett Esely, St. Joseph Sports Commission

VICE-CHAIR: Joella Schultz, Top Property Realty LLC

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: Holland Smith, Performance Plus Rehabilitation Center

VICE-CHAIR: Danielle Brown, YWCA of St. Joseph

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.

2026 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):

☐ Annual Banquet

☐ Hospitality

☐ Business Mixers

☐ New Member Contact

☐ Events

☐ Public Relations

Enclosed is payment for:

☐ Annual Dues \$25
(required)

☐ Prepaid Breakfasts \$120
(optional)

Name badge \$20 (Required for new members)

☐ with company
name

☐ without company
name

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 or
Email: howe@saintjoseph.com**