

THE CLUB THAT SHINES!

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 Area 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.

2010 DIPLOMATS CLUB SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January

- 7 Diplomats Club
- 9 Annual Banquet
- 19 Business Mixer

February

- 11 Diplomats Club
- 16 Business Mixer

March

- 11 Diplomats Club
- 16 Business Mixer
- TBD Chairman's Breakfast

April

- 8 Diplomats Club
- 14 New Member Luncheon
- 20 Business Mixer

May

- 1 Apple Blossom Parade
- 13 Diplomats Club
- 13 Parties on the Parkway
- 18 Business Mixer

June

- 10 Diplomats Club
- 10 Parties on the Parkway
- 15 Business Mixer
- 16 The Chamber Classic

July

- 8 Diplomats Club
- 8 Parties on the Parkway
- 20 Business Mixer

August

- 12 Diplomats Club
- 12 Parties on the Parkway
- 17 Business Mixer
- 26 New Member Luncheon

September

- 9 Diplomats Club
- 9 Parties on the Parkway
- 21 Business Mixer
- 28 New Executives Luncheon

October

- 2 Rockin' on the River
- 14 Diplomats Club
- TBD Chairman's Breakfast
- 19 Business Mixer

November

- 11 Diplomats Club
- 16 Business Mixer
- TBD Business Summit

December

- 1 New Member Luncheon
- 9 Holiday Party
- 9 Diplomats Club

St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce DIPLOMATS Club

2010 APPLICATION

presented by Heartland Health

2010 Diplomats Club Officers

CHAIR

Jason Douglas, MS Society

VICE-CHAIR

Judy Hausman, Hausman, Akers & Associates, P.C.

CHAMBER STAFF LIAISONS

Natalie Leonard-Redmond, VP, Member Relations

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Details

DUES

Annual dues are \$15.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

A breakfast meeting is held the second Thursday of each month (February-December) at 7:15 a.m. Locations vary. The January meeting is held the Thursday prior to the Annual Banquet at the St. Joseph Civic Arena.

The cost for breakfast is \$5. Members can prepay for all breakfasts in advance (\$50) or pay at each meeting. Diplomats are encouraged to bring a guest and/or potential member to monthly meetings.

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

UPDATES

Diplomats will receive E-mailed updates, meeting notices and reminders on a regular basis.

Updated information and events are 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. The badge is to be worn when hosting, greeting or attending a ribbon cutting ceremony. Name badges are an additional \$15.

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 in January.

2010 Diplomats Club Committees & Chairs

ANNUAL BANQUET COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Jenny Cathcart, M&I Bank

VICE-CHAIR: Janice Keith, Holiday Inn

This committee will plan the Chamber's 91th Annual Banquet. Participation involves a number of meetings beginning in April and continuing until the January event. This is the Chamber's social event of the year when retiring officers are honored and new leaders introduced. It's a fun committee which offers contact with more than 850 guests.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Paul Stickler, McTel Co., Inc.

VICE-CHAIR: Jerry VanVickle, St. Joseph Host Lions Club

This action group is responsible for presenting awards to businesses at ground breakings, grand openings and ribbon cuttings throughout the year. Participation offers excellent opportunities to meet new business owners and to be a part of grand opening celebrations. They also plan the member anniversary program.

BUSINESS MIXERS COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Vicki Rowland, Dillon Company

VICE-CHAIR: Tony Wood, Penn Street Signs

This committee is responsible for coordinating and hosting Member Receptions and Business Mixers.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Joseph Vigliaturo, News-Press & Gazette Company

VICE-CHAIR: Tim Shuster, IMKO Staffing

Committee members actively participate in community projects and events to promote and increase the visibility of the Chamber.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Steve Sewell

VICE-CHAIR: Lee Robertson

This committee greets everyone with a smile! Committee members personally welcome everyone who attends a Chamber event.

NEW EXECUTIVES LUNCHEON COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Pat Brown, Ag Processing Inc.

VICE-CHAIR: Shawn Kobjez, UMB Bank

The New Executives Luncheon serves as a special welcome and introduction of new management persons to the business community. The 2010 event will mark the 38th year of this highly praised Chamber event. The luncheon is the fourth Tuesday in September and entails meetings and assignments prior to the date.

NEW MEMBER CONTACT COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Linda McNeiley, News-Press & Gazette Company

VICE-CHAIR: Nancy Lee, Bionic Real Estate Services

This group invites new Chamber members to attend a Diplomats breakfast compliments of the Club! The committee also welcomes new members to New Member Luncheons/Breakfast and delivers New Member Mugs.

St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce

DIPLOMATS CLUB

2010 Member Application

Gold Sponsor: Missouri Western State University Foundation

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Telephone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

Please add me to the following committee(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ANNUAL BANQUET | <input type="checkbox"/> HOSPITALITY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AWARDS | <input type="checkbox"/> NEW EXECUTIVES LUNCHEON |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS MIXERS | <input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBER CONTACT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY RELATIONS | |

Enclosed is payment for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Dues (\$15) (required) | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepaid breakfasts (\$50) (optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Name badge (\$15) (required) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Logo Golf Shirt (\$25) ___S___M___L___XL___XXL (optional) | |

\$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Payment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Check (payable to St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce) | <input type="checkbox"/> Please Invoice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Membership (Diplomats Club dues included with membership) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VISA | <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discover | <input type="checkbox"/> American Express |

Card # _____ Exp. _____

Signature _____

Return application and payment to:

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