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INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT

The 13th annual Washington D.C. Fly-In is this month. What's the purpose of this trip?

"Our Annual Fly-In is a long-standing tradition that provides an opportunity for community leaders to visit with our federal congressional delegation and staff members to establish and maintain close communications on our community's needs and challenges. In the months ahead of the trip, which is on April 5 and 6 this year, we work through a collaborative process with the partners of the Community Alliance of Saint Joseph to identify and prioritize those needs."

What's different this year?

"This year, Congress has adopted a moratorium on earmarks. We support this policy provided it is a legitimate effort to substantially reduce federal spending. However, if federal spending is going to continue through government agencies at the same pace, it's important our community receives its proportionate share so its needs may be addressed. Former Senator Kit Bond, newly-elected Senator Roy Blunt, and Congressman Sam Graves all agree that ear-

marks are a better way of guiding federal funding to partner with local funds for large projects. Otherwise, funding decisions are totally at the discretion of agency heads who may or may not know anything about St. Joseph. This is why we'll also try to meet with some agency staff members on the trip this year."

What is the schedule like for the Fly-In?

"This is designed as a one-night trip to minimize the cost. The actual time in Washington, D.C. is very limited with every minute scheduled to be productive, but it has proven to be time well spent for our community leaders. Since 2003, when the Fly-In program began utilizing a national lobbying group, St. Joseph has received nearly \$30 million in federal funds to assist primarily in areas of economic development, public safety, transportation, and education."



Ted Allison, CECD
President & CEO

NEW MEMBERS

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

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Business After Hours Goes Green for St. Patrick's Day

Business After Hours took on a green, St. Patrick's Day theme at Double E Images, 212 N. Seventh St., in March. More than 70 people attended and met with new and familiar faces at the monthly networking event. Check out the back to see where this month's business mixer will be located. Pictured to the left are Jeff Gray, Tracy Canchola and Jerry Carter.

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April Calendar

All members, employees and guests are invited to attend events.

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Washington, D.C. Fly-In

Presented by Herzog Contracting Corp.

A delegation of local business and community leaders annually visit the nation's capitol as part of the Chamber's Washington, D.C. Fly-In. While in D.C., the delegation meets with U.S. Senators and House Representatives and legislative staff members.

April 5 and 6

Washington, D.C.

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YEN Meeting

Presented by Altec

The Young Executives Network is a group of young professionals representing the future of St. Joseph. YEN's mission is to provide professional and leadership development opportunities through social and educational programs. Interested in joining? Call 364-4107 or e-mail redmond@saintjoseph.com.

Tuesday, April 12

7:30 to 9 a.m.

Free, breakfast included

St. Joseph Metro Chamber
3003 Frederick Ave.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:

816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

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Lunch & Learn Box Lunch Seminar

Presented by Missouri Western State University

Investor Education and Protection

Mike English, President & CEO, Missouri Council on Economic Education, in partnership with Jodi Bloemker, Director of Community Investment, United Way of Greater St. Joseph, will present examples from the recent economic crisis to explain the following topics: how to identify risk; the importance of due diligence; diversification; regulation of the investment industry; and tips for avoiding investment fraud. Attendees will benefit from an unbiased investing "refresher course."

*Lunch by
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Tuesday, April 12

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., \$10

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New Member Luncheon

Presented by Luna's Fine Dining

Join other new members, Chamber staff and Board members for introductions and an orientation to the Chamber's programs and services.

Wednesday, April 13

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Free

Chamber of Commerce
3003 Frederick Ave.

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DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast

Presented by Heartland Health

The Diplomats Club provides opportunities to promote your business and serve as a link between the Chamber and the community. Join them for their monthly meeting!

Thursday, April 14

7:15 to 8:30 a.m.

\$5, breakfast included

Corby Place Senior Living
422 Felix St.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:

816/232-4461 or www.saintjoseph.com

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Career Fair

This is the largest annual career fair in Northwest Missouri. Held each spring at the Civic Arena; more than 1,250 job seekers attended last year. The St. Joseph Employment Coalition assists in the organization and planning for this event. For more information call (816) 390-8369 or e-mail Jennifer Whitson at jennifer.whitson@rehabkc.org.

Tuesday, April 19

2 to 5 p.m., Free

Civic Arena
100 N. Fourth St.

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BUSINESS after HOURS

Presented by Altec

This networking event is hosted by the Diplomats Club Business Mixers Committee. Business Mixers take place the third Tuesday of every month at different Chamber member businesses. Come and meet some new people!

Tuesday, April 19

5 to 7 p.m.

Free

Hi-Ho Bar & Grill
1817 Frederick Ave..

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ST. JOE RISING

Presented by Heartland Health

Join other Chamber members at our quarterly St. Joe Rising for a program called "Aging Boomers and Your Bottom Line." This session will cover the aging workforce, business innovations for aging and intergenerational relationships.

Friday, April 29

7 to 9 a.m., \$10, breakfast included

Missouri Western State University
Fulkerson Center, 4525 Downs Drive

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CHAMBER NIGHT AT THE BULLRIDES/PRE-RIDE PARTY

Join us for the National Federation of Professional Bullriders 2011 National Finals networking event, which includes complimentary hors d'ouerves and a cash bar. Contact the Chamber to purchase tickets and receive \$3 off seating. Nightly performance begins at 7 p.m. at the Civic Arena. For more information about the bullriding event go to www.nfpbullriders.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

Friday, April 29

4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Free

Boudreaux's Louisiana Seafood & Steaks
Mardi Gras Room -- 224 N. Fourth St.