

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 Metro Chamber 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.

2011 DIPLOMATS CLUB SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January

13 Diplomats Club
15 Annual Banquet
18 Business Mixer

February

10 Diplomats Club
15 Business Mixer

March

10 Diplomats Club
15 Business Mixer
TBD Chairman's Breakfast

April

13 New Member Luncheon
14 Diplomats Club
19 Business Mixer

May

7 Apple Blossom Parade
12 Diplomats Club
12 Parties on the Parkway
17 Business Mixer

June

9 Diplomats Club
9 Parties on the Parkway
15 The Chamber Classic
21 Business Mixer

July

14 Diplomats Club
14 Parties on the Parkway
19 Business Mixer

August

11 Diplomats Club
11 Parties on the Parkway
16 Business Mixer
25 New Member Luncheon

September

8 Diplomats Club
8 Parties on the Parkway
20 Business Mixer
27 New Executives Luncheon

October

1 Rockin' on the River
13 Diplomats Club
TBD Chairman's Breakfast
18 Business Mixer

November

10 Diplomats Club
15 Business Mixer
TBD Business Summit

December

1 New Member Luncheon
8 Holiday Party
8 Diplomats Club



DIPLOMATS Club

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2011

APPLICATION

2011 Diplomats Club Officers

CHAIR

Judy Hausman, Taylor, Thompson and Hausman, LLC

VICE-CHAIR

Pat Brown, Ag Processing, Inc.

CHAMBER STAFF LIAISONS

Natalie Redmond, Vice President, Member Relations
816/364-4107 or redmond@saintjoseph.com

Keisha Parrish, Administrative Assistant, Membership

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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.

2011 Diplomats Club Committees & Chairs

ANNUAL BANQUET COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Janice Keith, *Holiday Inn*

VICE-CHAIR: Anna Goolsby, *Northwest Health Services, Inc.*

This committee will plan the Chamber's 92nd 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: Jerry VanVickle, *St. Joseph Host Lions Club*

VICE-CHAIR: Dan Posch, *Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center*

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: Tony Wood, *Penn Street Signs*

VICE-CHAIR: Jeff Gray, *Al J. Mueller Construction Co.*

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Steve Creal, *Custom Truck & Equipment LLC*

VICE-CHAIR: Kari Harper, *Serenity Salon & Spa*

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

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Lee Robertson, *Smooth Endings*

VICE-CHAIR: Joe Vigliaturo, *St. Joseph Cablevision*

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

NEW EXECUTIVES LUNCHEON COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Linda McNeiley, *News-Press & Gazette Co.*

VICE-CHAIR: Mike Decker, *Apple Market*

The New Executives Luncheon serves as a special welcome and introduction of new management persons to the business community. The 2011 event will mark the 39th 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: Nancy Lee-McQuillan, *NLEE Management and Consulting, LLC*

VICE-CHAIR: Dana Plowman, *News-Press & Gazette Co.*

This group invites new Chamber members to attend a Dips breakfast compliments of the Club and welcomes them to New Member Luncheons/Breakfasts. They also deliver New Member Mugs and plan the annual new member table top trade show, an after hours event, -- Primetime!

DIPLOMATS CLUB

2011 **Member** Application

Gold Sponsor: Missouri Western State University Foundation

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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) (optional) | ___S___M___L___XL___XXL |

\$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Payment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Check (payable to St. Joseph Metro Chamber) | <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. _____ Security Code _____

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(if different than above)

Signature _____

Return application and payment to:

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St. Joseph, MO 64506-5104 Fax: 816/364-4873