October, 2010

Dear Chamber Members:

Since its initial meeting on March 14, 2007, the Young Professionals Network Division of the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce (YPN) has provided numerous social and networking opportunities for individuals in their 20's and 30's.

YPN has worked with several established organizations to provide its members with opportunities for community service, including: Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Illinois, the Salvation Army, Second Closet, Barton W. Stone Home, and the City of Jacksonville's Parks and Lakes Department. YPN has also enjoyed support from numerous Chamber members in hosting social events and factory tours, including: The Three Legged Dog, Nestlè USA, AGI, Pactiv, Illinois College, and MacMurray College.

Through these events, YPN has formed a solid network of young, community-minded professionals in the greater Jacksonville area. However, this network is constantly looking to expand to include fresh faces and ideas. To accomplish this goal, YPN is asking for the help of all Chamber members.

On the reverse side of this letter, you will find a YPN Member Referral Form. If you work with a young professional in his or her 20's or 30's (or are one yourself) and feel that person would be interested in joining YPN, please complete the form and return it to the Chamber office. A current YPN member will then follow up with the individual referred to the organization in order to provide information about coming events and meetings.

In addition to completing the Referral Form, potential members should be sure to remember that YPN Division meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 5:15 PM in the Chamber meeting room. Detailed information regarding YPN is online at http://www.jacksonvilleareachamber.org, and YPN can be followed on Twitter at http://www.twitter.com/ypnjaxil.

YPN would like to thank all of the businesses and organizations in Jacksonville and the surrounding area who have made our first two years a success, and, with your continued support, we look forward to being a part of the community for more many more years to come.

Sincerely,

Alban Haxhinasto
YPN Division Vice-Chair

Ryan Byers
Membership & Community Services Chair

YPN MEMBER INFORMATION FORM

(If you are completing this form as a Word document - the cells below will expand as you type into them.)

Basics

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Nickname _____ Maiden _____

Email _____ Phone # _____

(Email addresses, phone numbers and maiden names will not be published on the Chamber's website.)

Employment

Employer _____

Job Title _____

Prior Jobs/Employers _____

Education

College Attended _____

College Degree _____ Major _____

Grad School Attended _____

Graduate Degree _____ Area _____

Personal

Community Involvement (organizations/groups you are a member of)

Have you earned any awards or distinctions you wish to list?

What are your interests and hobbies?

Do you wish to have this information published in the YPN section of the Chamber's website?

Yes _____ No _____ (Email, phone numbers, and maiden names will not be published on the website.)

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