

Welcome to the NAPW's St. Louis Local Chapter! As President of the St. Louis Area Local Chapter, I'd like to welcome you to the group and to invite you to join women in the area at our monthly meetings. We are a very simple, informal group that will meet monthly for a couple hours to network and support one another. There is no cost for this event unless it is a lunch or dinner meeting where you will just need to pay for the food you eat, and there are no obligations or requirements.

You will have the opportunity to meet and network with a great bunch of women locally, as well as the opportunity to introduce yourself and talk about whatever is important to you (your business, hobbies, passions, etc.).

Since we are just establishing the St. Louis Chapter, before we set up our first meeting I'd like to get your feedback on the best days, times and locations for you to be able to attend. Simply reply to this email with the following information:

Days in order of your preference: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday,

Times in order of your preference: Morning, Noon, Afternoon, Evening (specific times will be even more helpful)

Location in order of your preference: Downtown, Central, South City, North County, West County, East of St. Louis, Chesterfield, etc (or include the townships you work or live near)

I will do my best to coordinate a day, time and location that best suits the majority.

Also, if you have or know of a good meeting place for approximately 50 people (possibly more), please forward on that information to me as well so I can create a list of future meeting venue options.

For our meetings, I would like to have guest speakers; suggestions are welcomed and please let me know if you are interested in speaking yourself. The format of the event will be casual and flexible with approximately:

- (1) 30 min of networking during registration,
- (2) 30-45 min individual introductions of those in attendance,
- (3) 15 to 30 min for guest speaker, and
- (4) 30 min brainstorming of the format and objective of our chapter.

Once we get our monthly meetings set up, all I ask is that you RSVP for each one, to let me know who will be attending. And to be sure to bring enough business cards, brochures, etc. that you'd like to share for handouts if you are attending. You are always welcome to bring a guest with you, whether or not they are members of the NAPW.

News about the Chapter's upcoming events will be posted on the Local Chapter website at <http://www.napw.com/localchapter/chapter.cfm?chapterid=59> or go to <http://www.napw.com/localchapter/> and choose St. Louis. NAPW will soon be adding functionality to our Local Chapter page where we can have discussions, post comments, and interact. Once they have that set up, I will let everyone know.

I am looking forward to hearing back from you and meeting you very soon!

Sincerely,

Angie Norris
President
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