

Legacy Brick For Jim DiCiaula

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At the 2020 Charlemagne last February we shared great optimism for the new year. And then a global pandemic struck. COVID-19 forced change at a level and scale unlike anything our community has ever seen before.

The first few months of “shelter in place” were a whirlwind. Businesses large and small tried to navigate leading remote teams. They had to reimagine how to service clients from a distance, and how to forecast the economic impact on their business. The stress levels in the business community were palpable.

From the onset of the pandemic, I followed the actions taken proactively by the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce. I watched our President, Jim DiCiaula format a vision and work tirelessly to identify the needs of his member. He generated creative ideas and turned them into actionable outcomes. Jim formed committees with the expertise to identify resources, consult with agencies, seek solutions and get answers. He provided members with the information and direction to make appropriate decisions for their businesses.

I am incredibly proud of the way our Chamber stepped up to support the business community during this time of uncertainty, and continues to lead through ongoing change today. To personally recognize Jim DiCiaula for his leadership and commitment, a brick has been placed in the Bob Leonard Riverwalk in Jim’s honor.