

Perth and District Chamber of Commerce

April 2010 Newsletter

The Chamber's Biggest Event Of The Year Is Just Around The Corner

The 34th Anniversary of the Perth Festival of the Maples is only weeks away, bringing with it the promise of spring. Mr. Vic Lemieux, the founder of the Festival would be thrilled to know that his dream has continued over the past 34 years. The Chamber helps keep Mr. Lemieux's dream alive, organizing the Festival year after year, inviting visitors from near and far to visit Perth and celebrate the arrival of spring and the flow of maple syrup. Please contact the Chamber for further information at (613) 267-3200 or via email at welcome@perthchamber.com

**This festival would not exist without the contributions from our local businesses.
Thank you to those who have already sponsored this year's event!!**

Many thanks to our Corporate Sponsors!

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Here's An Event For Children Of All Ages As Well As For You!!

The Chamber's Bike Rodeo on May 16, 2010 including Olympian Triathlete As Our Guest Speaker!

The Chamber's Cycling Committee has been working diligently for the past 4 months, to bring a Bike Rodeo to the community.

The event will take place at Conlon Farm on May 16th between 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This **FREE** event will include:

- Bike Skills Course
- Treasure Hunt by bike
- Bike Raffle
- Door Prizes
- BBQ
- Healthy Living Displays

AND at 2:00 p.m., 2000 Olympian Triathlete Sharon Donnelly Will Be Speaking.

Clean Air Champion, Sharon Donnelly represented Canada in over 45 World Cups, travelling around the globe during her 9 years on the National Triathlon Team. Canadian Champion 3 times over, she won Gold at the 1999 Pan Am Games and competed in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. Sharon uses her experiences to motivate others to never give up and love sport for what it is, because winning is rare, but the experiences of striving last a lifetime!

Sharon is now a mother, triathlon coach and a motivational speaker.

Hope to see you there!!!!

We would like to thank our partners; Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit, Perth Police, Perth Fire Department, Town of Perth, Road Safety Challenge/Ministry of Transportation, SportX and Tay Valley Township.

Volunteers For Bike Rodeo – May 16th

Like any event, we need volunteers to help make the rodeo a success. If you would like to give a couple of hours of your time to help on the day of the event, please give Madeline a call at the Chamber office. 613 267-3200.

THANK YOU!

Join Us For Our April “Members Mixer”

The Membership Committee is once again hosting an afternoon coffee. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other Chamber members in a relaxed setting. Any member of the Perth and District Chamber is welcome to attend this Mixer with special invitation being sent to our newcomers. The afternoon Mixers are held at the Factory Grind, which is located at the Old Perth Shoe Factory on Sherbrooke Street. If you are interested in attending this event, please advise the Chamber office. We hope to see plenty of new as well as existing members attend.

April Member Mixer

When: April 22, 2010
Where: The Factory Grind
Time: 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Cost: **FREE!**

The Coffee Is On Darlene Maclachlan, Yoga & Wellness For Life

The Membership Committee would like to provide our members with the opportunity to sponsor the Members Mixer. This simply means you pick up the tab for the beverages purchased. In turn, you will have the opportunity to speak about your business for 5 minutes during the Mixer. **Yoga & Wellness For Life, Darlene Maclachlan** is this month’s sponsor. So come meet other members and enjoy a coffee on Darlene.

Ottawa National Women’s Show – April 30th to May 2nd

The Chamber is partnering with Lanark County Tourism Association (LCTA), through a contribution towards booth space at the Ottawa National Women’s Show. LCTA will be promoting Perth & District by displaying our visitor guides prominently at their booth. This can be a great opportunity for our members, who could give some time, to help at the booth. If you are interested in helping to promote Perth & District and can give a few hours at this terrific show, please contact the Chamber office. 613 267-3200.

THE BOOK OF SPELLS: A Love Story In Which Life And Literature Collude And Collide - April 30, 8PM Studio Theatre (written and submitted by Two Women Productions)

This is the inaugural production of Two Women Productions, (2WP) a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing fine adult storytelling to this community and others in Eastern Ontario. For more information, go to www.2wp.ca.

Free Tickets: There are two free tickets to the show, available to the first person who contacts the Chamber of Commerce office.

Foodsmiths Will Appear On A-Channel

On Wednesday, April 14th at 9:15 a.m and 9:50 a.m., Foodsmiths Deli Manager, Marilyn MacPherson will cook up the delicious Caribbean Stew which will be served at the upcoming Foodsmiths Empty Bowls Fundraiser, Saturday, April 17th from 11 a.m. - 2p.m. Marilyn will also prepare a delicious and nutritious mixed vegetable salad from local hothouse produce which is now available at Foodsmiths.

The Best Dance Ever (written and submitted by The Canadian Federation of University Women)

On Saturday April 17, 8 pm at Farrell Hall, The Canadian Federation of University Women Perth & District will be partnering with The Stewart Park Festival to present The Best Dance Ever (and Best Auction Ever).

The Perth community and beyond is invited to dance and celebrate with friends and family to the superb 60's and 70's Rhythm & Blues band, The Priorities. And the Auction promises many exciting surprises you won't want to do without.

The partnering of two of Perth's most vibrant, hard working, fun loving organizations is a phenomenon that reflects the sharing of good will in this community. Both groups are celebrating anniversaries, CFUW's 40th and SPF's 20th, many years of camaraderie, hard work and dedication that has made this corner of the world such a wonderful place.

Proceeds will go to The Sahabhagita Project, helping women in Nepal, and The Stewart Park Festival, helping provide a continuing free music festival, one of Perth's landmark events. Tickets will be available Mar 10th at Oxford Linens 7 Gore St and Home Furniture 18 Gore St Perth. Tables of eight can be reserved.

Come with your family and friends and enjoy the music and the excitement. When The Priorities are cookin' they really heat things up!!

Girls' Getaway Weekend Postponed

The Organizing Committee has been working hard to make this weekend a success for the Town of Perth and its' businesses. In order to ensure success for all, we have decided to change the weekend from October 2010 to May of 2011. This change will give us the additional time needed to work closely and effectively with our business partners.

We are so grateful for the support we have received from our local business community to this point and feel that with our extra time, we will be able to bring everyone on board and properly showcase our wonderful town to all those participating in the Getaway weekend.

We will continue to keep you informed as to our progress. Thank you for your support in this new and exciting endeavor.

Next Ladies' Night at the Holtz Spa - Monday, April 26

The guest host will be Buffy from **Curves** with the admission being a donation to the food bank.

For complete details please contact Christy Cochrane, Inn Manager, Code's Mill Inn & Spa, (613) 326-0082 or christy@codesmillinn.com

Volunteers Needed for the Kilt Run On Saturday June 26 (written and submitted by Kilt Run organizer)

On June 26th at 6:00 p.m., Perth will host an unforgettable event; **the Perth World Record Kilt Run**. With over 1000 people registered, coming from as far away as Pennsylvania and Newfoundland, this event represents a wonderful opportunity for Perth businesses. The event was conceived by The Running Goat's owners Mary and Terry Stewart as a way to celebrate the 800th anniversary of Perth, Scotland, which occurs this year. The popularity of the event has been overwhelming; it sold out in only 6 weeks! Now the committee is focused on producing a first class event that will showcase the beauty and hospitality of Perth. Volunteers are needed in the weeks leading up to the event and on race day, so if you would like to join in the fun please contact Mary Stewart at therunninggoat@cogeco.net or Shannon Baillon at sbaillon@nortel.com.

Elysium and the IRISH-SCOT-TISH-SHOP Find New Homes

When a business moves from one location to another, there seems to be a domino effect in town. Elysium has moved to Foster Street and the IRISH-SCOT-TISH SHOP has moved into Elysium's previous location. Elysium is preparing for the upcoming summer months by creating a sitting area outside the back of the store for husbands waiting for their wives. Good thinking Darlene! Enjoy your new locations!

Business Of The Month

Mortgage Agent, Dominion Lending Centres Professional Financial Solutions

Profiled this month is Carolyn Wood, Business Financing Specialist with Dominion Lending Centres, Professional Financial Solutions. Based in North Elmsley, Carolyn specializes to serve you on all residential and commercial mortgage solutions, business leasing and lines of credit, financial planning and business succession planning. Income verification not required. Why jump through hoops when you can be focusing on growing your business? Email Carolyn today to receive your free special report: "15 Mistakes that Kill Business Success". No obligation consultation available on your schedule at your office! carolynw@dominionlending.ca Phone: 613-483-7001

We Welcome Our Newest Members

Sagebrush Communications Inc.

100 George Street,
Lanark, Ontario
Contact: Bill King
613 222-2454

Government and business Relations

Solrcan Green Energy

5 Larose Street
Almonte, Ontario
Contact: Mike Hogan
K0A 1A0

Dealer for solar PV Energy Solutions for residence, agricultural, commercial or industrial installations

Corporation of the Township of Lanark Highlands

75 George Street
Lanark, Ontario
Contact: Margot Hallam
613 259-2398

Municipal Government

Wendy (Sigurd) Drew

Drummond Concession 1
Perth, Ontario
Contact: Wendy Drew or Steve Strome
613 264-0318

Original art and oil paintings for sale online.
Private viewing

Passport Mentoring Program/Community Living Ontario

Lombary, Ontario
Contact: Barbara Woods
613 217-0376

Interest exploration for students 14-21 who have an intellectual disability

Dixon Automotive Group

16695 Highway 7
Perth, Ontario
Contact: Adam Dixon
613 267-1111

Collision repair. Car and truck rentals, used cars and truck sales

Blue Heron Golf Club Limited

3417 McDonald's Corners Road
Lanark, Ontario
Contact: Joan Sobil
613 264-1062

Nine hole public golf course

Country Style Bistro Deli

4 Gore Street
Perth, Ontario
Contact: Frank Rafeiro
613 267-7498

Coffee, café, Bistro, Sandwiches, Breakfast in downtown Perth.

Madeline and Gramma Carol