

Perth and District Chamber of Commerce

November 2010 Newsletter

2010 Annual Dinner and Business Achievement Awards

This year's Annual Dinner was once again a huge success! **Mr. Hans Moor** provided guests with an informative and entertaining presentation. The "party crackers" and all the wonderful prizes added to the festivities and the award celebrations added a flavour of excitement as always.

The Chamber would like to congratulate **Mr. Brian Perkin and Mr. Norm Wright** and the staff of **Lake 88.1** for winning the 2010 Business Achievement Award. Thank you to **Cross Street & Company Professional Corporation, Chartered Accountants** for sponsoring this prestigious award, and once again to Steve Cross for his presentation.

Congratulations to **Darwin Code, Code Construction Inc., his staff and family** for winning the 2010 Lanark-Leeds Home Builders Association Member Builder Business Achievement Award. Thank you to **Enbridge Gas Distribution** for sponsoring this award to recognize business excellence in our community.

We would also like to congratulate **Mr. Frank Roy** who is the deserving recipient of the 2010 Perth Medal.

Many thanks to all of our Sponsors for making our Annual Dinner such a success

Cross Street & Company Professional Corporation Chartered Accountants
Sponsor of the Business Achievement Award

Enbridge Gas Distribution
Sponsor of the Lanark Leeds Home Builders Association Award

Corporate Sponsors

- Linden Financial Planning
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- Perth Courier
- Crain & Schooley Insurance Brokers Ltd. & Financial Corporation
- RBC Dominion Securities
- Town and Country Chrysler
- Barnabe's Your Independent Grocer
- Blair and Son Inc

We would like to thank those businesses and individuals who donated prizes for the Raffle!

Wills Transfer Ltd., Classic Theatre Festival, The Book Nook, Rogers House B&B, The Myriad Centre for the Arts, Cogeco Cable, Ground Waves, Perth Physiotherapy, Perth Golf Course, Perth Picture Framing and Gallery Perth, Preston Rosedale Farms, Perth Courier, Tunnock Consulting, Mexicali Rosa's, Stone Cellar Restaurant, Rideau Pipe & Drilling Supplies Ltd., The Beauty Mark, Cobra Pools & Spas, Town & Country Chrysler, Art & Class, Royal Lepage Pauline Auger Realty, Elite Engraving

We would like to thank all who contributed to the evening

Jack McTavish, Wayne Cavanagh, Brian Perkin, Marsha Rivington, Kirsten Coughler, Kirk Lidbetter, Joan Adam, Scott Blair, Cathie McCabe, Sheri Linseman, Joel Leblanc, Abbey Ramsey, Shelley Montreuil, Glenn Tunnock, Paul Martin, John Fuoco, Jim Town, Don Loken

What Seminars Would You Like The Chamber To Feature?

The Chamber's Membership Committee is presently organizing the seminar line up for 2011. The committee sees the importance of membership input and would therefore like to hear from you. What topic would you like featured?

If you have any ideas, please send Madeline a quick email or give her a call.

welcome@perthchamber.com or 267-3200.

Advertising in the 2011 Visitor Guide

If you are interested in having your business featured in the 2011 Visitor Guide, you must move on this now. The Perth Courier is now reserving advertisement spots for the Guide. Please remember that as a member of the Perth and District Chamber of Commerce, you receive a 5% discount on advertising in the Guide. Please contact the Perth Courier at 613 267-1100 and ask to speak to an advertising representative.

It's Worth It to Be a Member

The Perth and District Chamber of Commerce is giving its **restaurant** members yet another incentive to be a member.

Exclusive to members only the Chamber is developing a "menu binder". One menu binder will be located at each of the local accommodations, providing visitors the opportunity to view the various restaurants' menus. The Chamber will maintain the binders throughout the year, changing up menus if necessary, every spring and fall.

The Display at Barnabe's Your Independent Grocer Is Changing

For many years, the Chamber has had the opportunity to display its members' rack cards in the entrance of the Independent Grocer on Highway 7. This display is not only beneficial to those inquiring about local services and interests it is also an added benefit of being a member of our Chamber as it is exclusive to members only.

The Chamber is very aware and understands that the front entrance to the store must accommodate the shopping carts as well as many other items. The Chamber also understands that there is no other option than to have these carts in front of the Chamber of Commerce display.

This unavoidable situation does pose a problem for the Chamber as the rack cards are being obscured by the carts. As well, the carts make it very difficult for customers to easily retrieve the pamphlets.

The Chamber has always promoted the display at the Independent Grocer as an added advantage of being a member of the Chamber. However, in its present state, we no longer feel it is an added benefit.

The Chamber has discussed this unavoidable situation with Matthew Barnabe and we are looking at a solution that we hope to have in place by spring 2011. In the near future, the Chamber will be removing all rack cards from the present display as they are not being displayed appropriately.

The Chamber is eager to continue this partnership, providing its members with an added benefit as well as providing our visitors and residents with valuable information.

We will keep you posted!!

CYCLING!!!!

It Is Evident That Cycling Routes Are In Demand

The Chamber's Cycling Committee has been busy over the summer months producing cycling routes and maps for those interested in exploring our countryside by bike. The Chamber office has witnessed a couple hundred people either inquiring about or downloading the cycling maps from the Chamber office since their inception over the summer. The response has been unbelievable!!!

'Twas the month before Christmas

You are invited to kick off the holiday season and beat the Christmas rush at the **Perth and District Chamber of Commerce Christmas Social**

Thursday, November 25th, 2010

Guests are invited to drop in between **5:00 pm and 9:00pm**

To join us for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the beautiful
Clyde Hall Bed and Breakfast

131 Mill Street, Lanark

Cost : \$30 per person (incl. HST)

Payment can be made to the Chamber of Commerce by cheque, cash or visa

RSVP by November 18th to

Jordan at (613) 267-3200 or welcome@perthchamber.com

Poinsettia Fundraiser Perth Children's House Montessori School

(Written and submitted by the Perth Children's House Montessori School)

Christmas is fast approaching and **Perth Children's House Montessori School** is happy to announce that we will once again be selling stunning Poinsettias!

Decorate your **home, office or place of business** with beautiful, pesticide free Poinsettias. These poinsettias come in a variety of colours ranging from the traditional red to pink, variegated green and a mix. We will try our best to accommodate colour requests. These are gorgeous, high quality plants and according to the nursery "are the way a poinsettia should be ... **sturdy, full, lots of colour and long lasting.**"

Prices are:

4" pot is \$7.50

6" pot is \$14.00

8" pot is \$30.00 (2 plants/pot)

10" pot is \$50.00 (3 plants/pot)

If you are interested in placing an order, please contact Jordan Kennie at kennie@ripnet.com before **Friday, November 26th**. **Pick up or delivery** will be on **Wednesday, December 1st**.

Thank You So Much For Your Support!

Members' Corner

(Please note: This is a paid advertisement. This space is available to any member wishing to place an advertisement. Please contact Chamber office for details)

Song Bird In Its Gardens

November 14th

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy sipping a warm beverage while indulging a divine dessert. Allow yourself to be serenaded by the angelic voice of opera singer Colleen Kendall. Come celebrate the Grand Opening of the **Nomads Rest B&B**. Nov. 14 from 11am to 1pm at 28078 Hwy 7
For complete details visit www.nomadsrestcottage.com

Perth Golf Club's Christmas Dinner Events for 2010

Saturday, December 4th

Dinner With Music featuring a 3-course menu of turkey, beef or salmon. Make reservations for your family, friends or just yourself and someone special. Great views of the course and Christmas Cheer available. Reservations from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

\$20.95 - \$22.95 pp

Taxes and gratuities extra

Saturday, December 18th

Dinner With a DJ featuring a full Christmas Buffet of salads, turkey, ham, stuffing, roasted root vegetables, mashed potatoes and festive desserts. Serving starts at 6:00 p.m. followed by a DJ (9:00 p.m. – midnight.) Great views of the course and Christmas Cheer available.

\$22.95 pp

(taxes and gratuities extra)

For further information and to make reservations, contact the golf course at 267-4504

Business of the Month

Balderson Fine Foods

With Christmas approaching, you have a list a mile long for gifts and food for entertaining. Want a store where you can do it all? Balderson Fine Foods is that. A friendly staff is on hand to provide ideas, from sampling local products to tasting mouth watering homemade ice cream. Imagine tasting the flavours Brandy with Pear, Cranberry with Grand Marnier Eggnog with Rum Raisins or Highland Honey with Peanut Butter. Walk in with an idea and watch the staff work their magic and create a gift basket that wows any shopper or choose one of our creative prestigious baskets already made up. If a basket isn't what you're looking for, look for a different, unique gift, whether it's giftware, gourmet food, Lampe Berger or all natural skin care products; all at a great price. As one of our regular customers, Marie Shaw states that "Norma and her staff go that extra mile to offer amazing customer service! Whether it's the smile & chat over the unique flavoured ice cream cone (tasting samples available), the hunt for that perfect local artisan gift, or the search for that special taste of Ontario, they can help. Special requests custom made baskets are made with passion & attention. A great shopping experience! There is something for everyone. At Balderson Fine Foods the goal is to provide a shopping experience that tempts the taste buds and makes the customers want to come back again and again. So come in, see and taste for yourself!

We Welcome Our Newest Members

Yoga Connection

32 North Street

Perth, Ontario

Contact: Karen Smereka

613 812-3463

Yoga classes, meditation, specialty classes

Chaplain Ted Cheek

18 Cockburn Street

Perth, Ontario

Contact: Ted Cheek

613 267-0225

Stress and anger management consultant, individual, couples, Corporate

Perth Children's House Montessori School

36 Foster Street

Perth, Ontario

Contact: Jane Griffith

613 267-5199

Not For Profit private children's daycare/school for ages 2 ½ to 6

Perth Business Referral Network

30 North Street

Perth, Ontario

Contact: Lynn Dowdall

613 267-1119

Perth businesses helping Perth businesses