



Perth and District Chamber Of Commerce December 2011 Newsletter

Your Chamber in the Community

The Perth & District Chamber of Commerce is appreciative of being recognized by the **Welcome Wagon** for our 20 Years of Sponsorship in the community.



Welcome Wagon Representative: Beverly Hayman , Chamber President Jack McTavish, Chamber Manager Pauline Fitchett and Chamber Volunteer Kirsten Coughler.

Chamber President, Directors and Staff were happy to volunteer at the Perth Santa Claus Parade!



Pauline Fitchett, Manager Perth & District Chamber of Commerce,
Helping by serving hot chocolate to all of the parade volunteers

Membership Profile of the Month

Nedco

(Written and submitted by Jim Town)



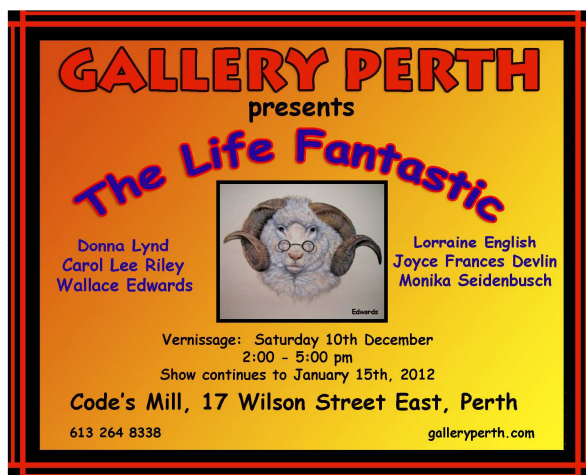
Nedco's legacy started in 1911 as the Northern Electric Company distribution division. We successfully expanded to encompass all provinces in Canada handling products of Northern Electric and other manufacturers. In the early 70's the distribution division was named Northern Electric Distribution Company and later renamed "Nedco". Nedco is now one of the most comprehensive electrical and telecommunication distributors in Canada.

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The local market is serviced by the Perth Branch at 130 Collings Street, Perth and can be reached at 613-267-3560. Our website is www.nedco.ca. You can also reach the Branch Manager, Jim Town, by email at jim.town@nedco.ca

Members' Corner (1)

(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)



Gallery Perth Presents

Gallery Perth at Code's Mill, Presents, "The Life Fantastic" Art show starring: Watercolour artist Wallace Edwards, whose "Alphabeasts" won the Governor General's Award for illustration of children's books.

Also featured in our magical carnival-like show are fantastical and whimsical artists - Monica Sidenbusch, Donna Lynd, Lorraine English, Joyce Frances Devlin and Carol Lee Riley. Meet the artists at the Vernissage, Saturday, December 10th 2pm to 5pm. Wallace Edwards will sign his books **at noon at Ground Waves** and create live sketch demonstrations for children **in the**

Atrium at Codes Mill from 12:30 to 1:30pm. The **Life Fantastic** continues to Sunday, January 15th

Gallery Perth, Code's Mill, 17 Wilson Street East, Perth, 613-264-8338 www.galleryperth.com

Members' Corner (2)



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News



Members please beware of potential counterfeit bills in circulation.

Thank you to Judy at Cobra Pools for letting us know of the \$5.00 counterfeit bill that her staff received. At this time of year it is easy to not pay close attention to the money you are receiving so be sure to keep an eye out for it.

Thanks Judy.

A big thanks goes out to the Perth Police Service and Clair Beaumont of the Bank of Canada for the presentation on Crime Prevention on December 6, 2011. Everyone who attended walked away a little wiser. The Breakfast Seminar was presented in partnership with the Perth Police Service, the BIA and the Chamber.



Also be aware that the new **Accessibility Standard for Customer Service** comes into effect on January 1, 2012. The Perth & District Chamber of Commerce held an Accessibility Seminar last spring to outline the changes that employers and organizations need to be aware of. Please note that the new accessibility standards are not specifically dealing with physical restrictions at your business – they are focused on the customer service end and having a plan in place to accommodate customers and clients that may need special assistance. It is about developing policies on how to adhere to the new accessibility standard.

The Chamber will be holding another Accessibility Seminar in the next couple of months to assist you with the new changes. Information can be found on the Ontario Chamber of Commerce website at www.accessibilityworks.ca or call me at the Chamber office and I can give you more specific information.



The Perth and District Chamber of Commerce, in an effort to better serve our member businesses and organizations will be enhancing our website to provide a significant value for our membership and, by extension, our site visitors. A feature we have built into our design is the capacity for each Chamber member to have a customizable member profile. Developing this feature will allow us to extend many services and benefits to our members. We are really excited about the opportunity to promote our members in a whole different way! Stay tuned for more information on this exciting initiative in the next few weeks.



**Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Lanark County**

Start Something!

You could be the start of something big!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lanark County is a volunteer based non-profit agency that has been in the county since 1973. Best known for our Traditional and In School Mentoring Programs, we also offer a variety of group based programming including Clowning, Music Mentoring, Sports Mentorship, Go Girls! and *Game On!* Mentorship Programs.

Mentoring is about **prevention**, and steering children away from behaviours and situations that ultimately affect their academic, social and economic well-being. Mentoring is also about **building resilience**, and giving them the strength to overcome the obstacles that so often steer them in the wrong direction.

You could make that difference! There is a growing need for mentors in Lanark County. If you have ever thought about it, why not be the difference now. What are

you waiting for? Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lanark County have a variety of mentoring programs that are flexible and could easily suit your lifestyle.

For more information on becoming a mentor please contact us at 613-283-0570 or visit our website at www.bigbrothersbigsisterslanark.ca

We Welcome Our Newest Members

Canadian Automobile Association (CAA)

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CAA traces its roots back to 1903, when 27 motorists formed a club to help owners of a new invention known as a "horseless carriage". Today, CAA is a federation of 9 automotive clubs serving over 5 million Canadian Members and over 50 million Triple A Members across the U.S.

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The Write Stuff is directed by Peter Dixon, a communications consultant and educator with over 20 years experience, and provides innovative communications solutions for the general public, students, and businesses in the areas of:

- writing, editing and proofreading;
- training in academic and professional writing;

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Upcoming Seminars

Keep an eye on our 2012 Newsletters for all of the latest upcoming seminars. The Chamber will focus on delivering a number of different seminars in the coming months as well as informing you of seminars that are taking place in the area.

If you are a business or organization that would be interested in sponsoring a seminar or hosting one of Perth & District's "After 5 Mixers" please contact the office. We would love to work with you to promote your business!

AT THE CHAMBER

It was great to see everyone at the Annual Chamber Christmas Social. A special thank you goes out to "Tell Mama" who supplied us with a great evening of entertainment. Band members included our very own Chamber Member Shelley Montreuil, Frank Vancort and Cam Gray. As well thank you to Linda and Gordon Craig of the Perth Manor for their hosting of the social. Members not only got treated to some great music in a beautiful surrounding but they were given the opportunity to win a free advertisement in the Chamber newsletter and also were given a special Member 2 Member Benefit envelope. Thank you to all of the participants in the Member 2 Member Envelope: Balderson Fine Foods, Canadian Automobile Association – Bill Bousada, Chiropractic Care and Longevity Centre, Classic Theatre, Code's Inn Mill & Spa, Foodsmiths, Ground Waves, Jewel's, Lidbetter Solutions, Reiki Associates, Studio Perth, Tomahawk Technologies and The Beach House. Congratulations to The Beach House for winning the free advertisement in the draw at the Social.

As we look forward to 2012, the Perth & District Chamber of Commerce is excited to provide enhanced services and expanded resources for our 350 members. As mentioned we are embarking on a new website initiative that will allow the Chamber to extend many services and benefits to our members. Please keep your eyes open for updates that will be coming your way shortly.

As well, as we enter the Christmas season I extend the invitation to all of our members to support fellow members during this time. If you are thinking of purchasing that special gift or service please consider all your fellow Chamber Members. Members supporting Members is a

good thing. We are better together! I have already started my Christmas shopping and Perth & District is the place to go!

May everyone have a safe and very happy Christmas Season and a Prosperous 2012!!

All the Best,

Pauline

Visit the Perth & District Chamber Website: www.perthchamber.com for links to Canadian Chamber Member Benefits.