



Perth & District Chamber of Commerce “Bridges” May 2013 Newsletter

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“Building Bridges in Business”



The Chamber would like to thank all of the generous sponsors, volunteers, the Festival of the Maples Committee, visitors and residents for their support. You all helped to make the Festival a success!

Thank you to our Festival of the Maples Sponsors!

To our corporate sponsors – this wonderful event could not happen without your generous support!

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“The Children 's Palace” – Barnabe's Your Independent Grocer, Dominion Lending Centres, Dorothy Linden

Thank you to Ryan Communications, Tim Horton's and Van Horne Manor

Thank you to the continued and tireless efforts of the volunteers on the Festival of the Maples Committee, our Sponsors, volunteers and donators. The Festival would like to recognize the Lanark Leeds Home Builders Association (LLHBA) for the work they do before everyone arrives, and after the crowds have gone home. The LLHBA group arrive ready to go at 05:30 to set up the stage and hook up the electrical, hang the signs, and move the bleachers into place. Then they come back and take it all down at the end of the day! Thanks again to Darwin Code for taking the lead on this and making everything come together. The Festival of the Maples thanks you and your team.

Dorothy Linden, Festival of the Maples Committee

Nominations Are Needed For the 2013 Perth Medal

Do you know someone who is always helping others, gives many hours of volunteer time and consistently works for the good of the community? If you do, then why not nominate him/her for the **2013 Perth Medal**?

The **Perth Medal** is awarded annually by the Town of Perth to a person who has shown the greatest distinction in a number of endeavors to benefit the Perth community as a whole, with no monetary gain to themselves. This may be in the fields of community work, fundraising, voluntary work, etc.

Nominees must be residents of Perth or the surrounding townships. The activity being recognized must be totally and singularly related to achievements within the town of Perth. No person elected to public office may be nominated, nor may the award be presented posthumously.

Submissions required in writing by **noon
Tuesday May 28th, 2013.**

Submissions will not be considered after this date.

Please send or deliver nominations to:
Pauline Fitchett, Manager
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Perth, ON K7H 1T2
613-267-3200 Fax: 613.267.6797
email to: welcome@perthchamber.com

The Dorothy Griffith Memorial Golf Tournament

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

Perth Golf Course

The Chamber golf tournament is right around the corner and we have begun planning for the event. Mark your calendars for August 14th! Registration and sponsorship information will follow in the next couple of weeks.



Member Profile of the Month – Mal's Camping



Mal's Camping is a quiet, family campground located on the Mississippi River just outside of the village of Lanark, Ontario.

We are conveniently situated 45 minutes from Ottawa, our Nation's Capital, 75 minutes from Kingston, and 15 minutes from beautiful, heritage Perth.

With activities for every member of the family, Mal's Camping offers an events schedule, a large sandy beach, horseshoes, boat rentals, nature trails, and much more (see our campground map). The Mississippi River offers excellent fishing, boating, and canoeing for the water enthusiast.

We have large, treed, grassy lots for trailers or tents. We offer seasonal, weekly and daily rates. Our 2013 camping season runs from May 10th to September 30th.

We Welcome Our Newest Members

Around the Corner

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Located downtown in one of Perth's heritage buildings, "Around The Corner's" musical theme provides the perfect stylish, and warm inviting atmosphere to enjoy good food, good friends, good music. Our Wood Fired Oven truly sets us apart from other restaurants, our menu offers a wide variety and unique selection of mouthwatering dishes, popular imported wines, and draught beer. In the summer, our private patio is the perfect place to relax and enjoy our free wireless internet access while enjoying a refreshing beverage. Whether its our good food, good service or weekly entertainment, we'll always make sure you have a night you won't soon forget!

Welcome Newest Members – Continued	
<p>Lines & Designs Ross Higginson 1944 Drummond Conc. 4C Perth, ON K7H 3C8 613-264-1113 linesanddesigns@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Lines & Designs, established in 1961 serving clients from Montreal to Ottawa has now relocated to the beautiful town of Perth! Current owners Ross Higginson & Nancy Wiseman will be broadening their clientele in the town of Perth and surrounding areas. Lines & Designs will repaint your existing parking lots, design newly paved lots, maintain industrial safety markings and will bid on town & county tenders. We are committed to giving quality service, in a timely manner, with reasonable rates. We are happy to be here in Perth and look forward to enjoying life in our new community. Join us in keeping our community beautiful!</p>
<p>Perth Cemetery Company Wayne Harris 14 Treelawn Blvd. Perth, ON K7H 3L9 613-267-7450 Elmswood.cemetary.perth@gmail.com</p>	<p>The Perth Cemetery Company, incorporated in 1872, is a non-profit public company, with charitable status, serving the community. Elmwood Cemetery, the only operating cemetery in the Town of Perth, provides an atmosphere of a naturalistic setting to attract and comfort the living while providing a secure, historical and respectful place for the dead.</p>
<p>Lavender & Lace Dawn Mayhew 42 Gore Street, E Perth, ON K7H 1H5 613-264-1221 Lavenderandlace@storm.ca</p>	<p>“Lavender & Lace is a full service lingerie store specializing in expert bra fitting. We offer a huge variety of styles including some sports, nursing and mastectomy bras. We also carry a full selection of fine sleepwear and shape wear. Brides should also visit our store for their bustiers and trousseau items, as well as garters and jewellery items. Dawn and Kristen look forward to greeting you at Lavender & Lace!”</p>
<p>Homer Realty Corp. Tom Vandusen 96 Gore Str. E Perth, ON K7H 1J2 613-267-8279 Tvandusen0@sympatico.ca www.callhomer.com</p>	<p>HOMER REALTY CORP. (Brokerage)</p> <p>A full service Real Estate Brokerage with maximum service and minimum commissions, www.callhomer.com</p>
<p>Party On Events Shannon Smith 54 South Street Perth, ON K7H 2G7 613-264-2590 partyoneeventplanner@bell.net www.partyoneeventplanner.com</p>	<p>Be a guest at your own event! We can assist you with all your party needs. Services include planning, bartending, catering, hostessing and table service.</p> <p>We look forward to helping you party on without the headaches.</p>

Welcome Newest Members - Continued	
<p>Transure Insurance Therese Balfour R.I.B.O., C.S.I.P. 269 Rathwell Rd. Perth, ON K7H 3C7 613-267-9784 thereseb@transure.ca www.insuranceeasternontario.ca</p>	<p>Transure insurance Inc. Creating insurance that solutions that work for you. I would like to introduce myself and Transure Insurance. I am a registered Insurance broker for personal, business and trucking. I have been a member of this community for over 40 years living in Perth. Your insurance needs are unique and it is important to have a trusted insurance adviser working on your behalf. Please check out my website and feel free to call for a quote or just advice. Looking forward to hearing from you.</p>
<p>D.A.M. HE'S HANDY RENOVATIONS Dave Murphy 117 Sherwood St. RR 5 Perth ON K7H 3C7 613-267-4077 hault@cogeco.ca</p>	<p>D.A.M. He's Handy provides a complete renovations service to homeowners. Whether remodeling your kitchen, installing custom trim or flooring, building your deck or creating a flagstone pathway to your door, I guarantee quality workmanship. I will work with your schedule and treat your home and property with care and respect. References available. Discount offered for those 65+.</p>
<p>Cruise Holiday / At Your Service Gia Ly 358 Danforth Ave. 2B 1-888-399-2782 Toronto, ON M4K 1N8 gly@cruiseholidays.com atyourservice.cruiseholidays.com</p>	<p>We love to travel, see new places and meet interesting people. Having travelled to all parts of the world, we understand the stress and demand associated with planning your perfect vacation. For this reason, we are At Your Service when customizing your perfect getaway.</p>

Upcoming Events

“After 5” Networking Mixer

When: Thursday, May 23, 2013

Where: Hosted by Chamber Member, Perth BIA at the Perth Restaurant & Tavern, 23 Gore Street, Perth

Time: 5pm – 7:30 pm / **No Cost**

Business at Breakfast

“Rural Broadband – From Novelty to Necessity”

When: May 30, 2013

Where: Baker's Bean Village Café, 1 Sherbrooke St. E., Perth

Time: 7:30am – 9am

Presenter: Chris Reinkeleurs, Director of Operations, Lanark at Storm Internet Services

Cost: \$7.00 – Breakfast of Muffins and Coffee included

Please call the Chamber Office to Register

Come learn about the expansion of the Internet into the rural areas of our region and the importance of high speed broadband access to you or your business.

Small Business Advisory Centre Workshops Understanding Business Cash Flows

Where: Small Business Advisory Centre, 91 Cornelia Street, West, Smiths Falls

When: May 7, 2013

Time: 9:30 am – 12:30pm

Cost: \$10.00

Please contact the Small Business Advisory Centre for more information to register
smallbusiness@smallbizcentre.ca or 613-283-7002, ext. 109 or 108.

Customer Service Excellence Workshop

Date: Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Where: Community Employment Services, Algonquin College, 40 Sunset Blvd.
Room 115, Perth

Cost: \$128 (includes \$50 workbook)

Instructor: Bobbi Truelove

Contact Bobbi for more information and to register at:
613-267-1381 or truelob@algonquincollege.com

Want to learn how to 'wow' your customers when they come into your business? With the busy tourist season quickly approaching, now is the time to get you and your staff in tip-top customer-oriented shape. Not only can providing superior customer service improve customer loyalty, it can increase profit. Set yourself apart by training your team in the Ontario Tourism Education Training's (OTEC) customer service workshop Service Excellence. It provides front-line employees with the skills and practical techniques that will generate lasting impressions and build customer loyalty

Bike to Work Week June 2 -8th Leeds Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit

The sun is shining and the bicycles are being dusted off and tuned up for spring. We are well aware of the benefits of physical activity for our mental and emotional health. Being outside in nature has also been found to help to reduce stress, anxiety and depression. Having staff ride their bikes to and from work could help them be more productive, healthy and happy. A good way to have more people biking to work would be to "try it out". Bike to work week is the perfect opportunity to test drive this idea. For tips and ideas on Biking to work check out our facebook page and click on the bike to work week event <https://www.facebook.com/LGLHealthUnit>

If workplaces wish to participate in this challenge we would be happy to include them in our Media release. You can just email me at the address below.

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FREE WORKSHOP

The Town of Perth and Algonquin College are teaming up to offer property owners a unique opportunity to explore the benefits of repairing wooden windows instead of re-placing them!

Date: May 25, 2013

Location: Algonquin College

Time: 10:00 am

Registration is a must.

If you have any questions or to register please contact Karen Rennie at 613-267-1947 or by email at krennie@perth.ca

Business Info



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NETWORK NEWS

Please find below a link to participate in the Ontario Chamber of Commerce Spring Survey. As a Perth & District Chamber of Commerce Member you are also an Ontario Chamber of Commerce Member and they would like your input!

Take the *2013 OCC Spring Survey* at the following link:

https://legerweb.com/OCC_Members_Survey_Spring_2013

WHY IS THIS SURVEY IMPORTANT FOR YOU?

- There is strength in numbers! We need a high response rate to support the Chamber Network's advocacy at Queen's Park and beyond. Our last two surveys generated over 2,000 responses each--with your help, we can surpass that number.

Responses are due by 5pm on May 17th, 2013.

Questions or comments? Contact Liam McGuinty, OCC Senior Policy Analyst, at liammcguinty@occ.on.ca.

I have completed the survey and it only takes a couple of minutes. Pauline

At The Chamber

The Chamber participated at the 2nd Perth & District Volunteer Fair at the Civitan Club Hall on April 23rd. Kirsten, Jo and I enjoyed meeting other groups and organizations that make Perth & District a great place to live and work. A big thank you to all of the volunteers that support all of the activities taking place in our area. A special thank you to the Chamber volunteers for the time and energy they give to the Chamber.



Kirsten Coughler
Chamber Volunteer



Julia Dashkevich & Jim Kerruish

The Chamber was excited to have a booth at the Festival of the Maples this year. We enjoyed telling everyone about Perth & District, our role in the community, upcoming events and about all of our businesses!! Thanks to the Chamber Tourism Committee and Board of Directors for their help that day.

I hope you consider attending either the After 5 Mixer on May 23rd or our Business at Breakfast seminar on May 30th. The Chamber has had a number of new members join in the last few months and by coming to our events we are all able to connect and learn about our member's businesses and organizations. Hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful month.

Pauline

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