



TGIT Newsletter

Your source for to up-to-date information about your Chamber, Chamber members and the activities the Chamber undertakes on your behalf.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK !

With this newsletter I would like to welcome three new businesses to the Chamber. Our new businesses this month are Imagine It In Writing, owned by Laura Crowe, who we had the pleasure of meeting at our September General Meeting, welcome again Laura! Movie Experts, owned by Riyaz and Nazira Hirji, they are located in the Movie Gallery spot. And last but not least, Snappy's Sign & Graphics Emporium, owned by Bruce Weese, this business is not new to town but is a new member of the chamber and we are thrilled to have his vibrant business join us. I encourage all of our members to get out and meet these new members and make them feel welcome. We all remember how it feels to be the new kid on the block. There are so many changes happening in our business community this year, it has been very difficult to keep up, so if you are aware of any changes that we may have missed, please contact me at meward25@telus.net.

An error in last months article, I apologize to Judy, the new owner of Mugs, I had referred to her as Karen in my article, sorry Judy!!

I hope to see all of the new members at the Gala as well as our next General Meeting which will be on November 10th at 7pm.

The Chamber has been very busy this past month, as we always are in the fall. We held an All Candidates Electoral Forum on September 29th with

19 candidates present from the Town, County, and Catholic School board to present their ideas and platforms to a full house of county and town residence. It was a very successful evening and we thank all of the candidates for attending and remind everyone to vote on October 18th. Thank you to my council members for all their help and to Barry Valteau for agreeing, once again, to act as moderator.

As we were preparing for the forum we have also been in full swing getting ready for our Annual Small Business Week Gala. We now have all of the nominations in for the Small Business Week Awards, (listed separately in this newsletter), and I would personally like to congratulate all of those nominated and wish you good luck. The nominations have been forwarded to our panel of judges and the announcement of the winner will be made at the Gala.

Tickets for the Small Business Week Gala are on sale through the Chamber office. This is a great opportunity to take your staff out to dinner, as a thank you for their hard work throughout the year, or as an early Christmas party before we get into the mad rush. You will enjoy a fabulous dinner, be there for the announcement of the Small Business of the Year, be entertained by Sheldon Casavant, a comedic magician, and lend your support to Peer Support Services for Abused Women through our silent auction. Don't miss out,

book your tickets today! Phone 403-335-3265, Deana is there to help.

This year we are managing our silent auction on our own and are looking to the community for donations, large or small, for the auction table or for door prizes. Dionne Blatz and Shelley Fakir will be visiting the businesses with a request for donations; we encourage you to give generously in support of a great cause.

As we speed through the fall, boy I don't know where the time goes, we are also looking toward Country Christmas, and the decorating of downtown. We have more new garland and lights to prepare for hanging, and as soon as we are ready and we think we have a good weekend for weather we will be contacting everyone for an afternoon of light stringing. If we have a great work crew like we did last fall we can have everything done in about 4 hours and be ready for the 1st of November to get the lights up. We thank you in advance for your help. By getting this done ahead of time it makes the actual day of decorating go more smoothly. This is a great time for our new members to come out as well and get to know people in a casual atmosphere.

Well that's it for this month. Next month, more new businesses, a windup of the Gala and on to Country Christmas, December 3rd, 2010.

**Congratulations to the Nominees for the
Small Business Week Awards**

Business of the Year - Didsbury Value Drug Mart

Gil's Truck & Auto

Green Bamboo Restaurant

House of Hair

Victoria's Flowers & Gifts

New Business/New Owner - A Ray of Insight

Not For Profit Registered Society - Didsbury & District Historical Society

- Didsbury Elks #514



Gala Tickets Now Available!

The Didsbury Chamber of Commerce Small Business Week Gala is on Saturday, October 16th at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

This year's wonderful entertainer is Sheldon Casavant who is a comedic magician. His high energy interactive magic show will keep everyone in the audience amazed.

The 2010 Small Business of the Year Award will be presented along with the winners of the New Business/Owner of the Year, and Not For Profit Registered Society of the Year.

We will once again have a silent auction and a portion of the proceeds of this auction will be going to the Peer Support Services for Abused Women.

The Didsbury Chamber Gala is a MUST attend event for Didsbury entrepreneurs, service organizations and those in the community who just want to say "thank you" to our local businesses. It is also a great opportunity to take your staff out for an affordable evening of fun and socializing. Or use this year's Small Business Gala as an opportunity for customer appreciation.

Bring your friends and family! We also encourage your customers to attend as well.

2010 tickets are now available from the Chamber Office. To arrange for YOUR tickets call Deana Campbell at 403-335-3265 or e-mail the office at info@didsburychamber.ca.

We will print up invoices when you order your tickets, and a receipt and your tickets will be delivered to you when we have received payment.

No tickets will be considered SOLD until payment has been received. If you have any questions about the Gala, contact committee chair Diana Steer at 403-586-0162 or visit the web-site at www.didsburychamber.ca.

Ticket Prices:

Members: \$50.00 per person (plus GST)

Non-Members: \$55.00 per person (plus GST)

Group discounts available for any purchases of 6 or more tickets.



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Noteworthy Dates:

Chamber of Commerce Small Business Week Gala	October 16th
Chamber of Commerce Council Meeting	October 26th
Chamber of Commerce General Meeting	November 10th
Country Christmas	December 3rd
Art, Travel & Trade Expo	April 9th & 10th, 2011

Upcoming Events

Town of Didsbury Municipal Election 2010 **Monday, October 18th, 2010 Didsbury Complex**

Electoral Candidates

Mayor	Town of Didsbury Council	Catholic School Board Trustee
Rick Lavigne	Donald Lavar Adams	Diane MacKay
Brian Wittal (incumbent)	Ken Anderson	Tanya Schaber
	Ray Anderson	
	Robert (Bob) Davidson (incumbent)	
	Richard (Rick) Mousseau (incumbent)	
	Gail Nowlan (incumbent)	
	Ernie Ryckman (incumbent)	
	Peter Versluys	
	Gayle Venno (incumbent)	

Community Economic Development **Training Programs** **Business and Investment Attraction**

Date: October 19th, 2010

Time: 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Location: Didsbury Train Station

Cost: \$20.00

For More Info:

<http://www.centralalberta.ab.ca/index.cfm?event=110>

Carstairs Community Resource Centre

Cyber Safe Program A Girl's Way

For Ages 8 to 11

For Ages 12 to 13

Cost \$ 25

Cost \$ 32

October 16th

October 23rd

Carstairs Library

Town Office

10:00—12:00

1:00—4:00

Contact 403-337-2633 or fcss@carstairs.ca

to register your child today!

*Didsbury & District
Chamber of Commerce
Invites You To Our
7th Annual Small Business Week Gala*

*PLEASE JOIN US
for an
Elegant Dinner
Awards & Silent Auction
A Magical Evening with
Sheldon Casavant*

*Saturday, October 16th
Cocktails 5:30
Dinner 6:30
Didsbury Memorial Complex
1702—21st Ave*

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