

# 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 !

Well, here we are it feels like fall already. Where did the summer go? Or as most are saying this year, what summer?

With this newsletter I would like to welcome two new businesses/owners to the Chamber. Our new business this month is Puppy Cuts, owned and operated by Lisa, and our new owner is Karen who has purchased our favourite coffee shop, Mugs. Please drop in to these businesses and welcome them to the Didsbury business community. We hope to see them at the September 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

The Chamber has been very busy this past month with the Merchant Pancake Breakfast, which was a huge success, thank you to Greg Poirier and Mike Crampton for organizing this and to our sponsors and volunteers. Without these people this function would not be possible. (See special thank-you in this newsletter).

Also this month, and for the first time, was our Chamber Rodeo Days Jamboree, produced especially for the kids on Friday, following the pancake breakfast. This was something new for the Chamber, developed by our Retail Initiatives Committee. Thank you to Diana Steer, Dionne Blatz, and Deana Campbell for heading up this initiative and to our sponsors who made the day possible. (See special thank-you in this newsletter). We hope to build this project even bigger in the future.

The next few months are the busiest for the Chamber and with the upcoming elections we are even busier.

Our first General Meeting of the fall will be on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Elks Lounge (upstairs in the Elks building on main street). The Elks will be serving a steak dinner (\$15.00 per person), followed by our meeting and then our guest speaker. The evening gets underway at 6pm with cocktails. Our meeting will include a full forum and discussion period regarding the proposed Off-Site Levy Bylaw by the Town of Didsbury. Darren Reedy (Manager of Corporate Resources) will be there to present the Town's point of view and answer questions. Since this proposed bylaw will not only have an impact on Town development, but also an impact on us as residents and business owners, it is very important for you to attend this meeting. The Town will be giving the proposal first reading at their Council meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>, so the information will be up to the minute. This is your opportunity to get the full details. What is this, why is it so large, why does it need to be done now, etc? Please come out and voice your opinion!

Our business meeting will be followed with the very entertaining and informative presentation about growing your business through referrals, facilitated by Carol Rosdobutko, Sandler Training Calgary's dynamic President. This will

be an interactive presentation and is meant for all types of businesses. Plan to attend this first meeting of the year, it is always a great opportunity to do some networking as well.

Registration of candidates for the upcoming election closes on September 20<sup>th</sup> and the Chamber will be hosting an Election Forum on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Memorial Complex. Thank you to the Town for supplying us with the venue for this event. Candidates will have the opportunity to present their platform and those presentations will be followed with a question and answer period. Please mark this date on your calendar! Be well informed when you go to the polls.

Nominations for the Small Business of the Year, New Business of the Year, and the Not-for-Profit Organization of the year are now open! The nomination forms and rules are available on our web site. Nominations must be in by October 1<sup>st</sup> to give our judges time to review the nominations and declare winners by October 15<sup>th</sup>. The announcement of the winners will take place at the Annual Small Business Week Gala taking place on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the multipurpose room. Be sure to get your tickets early for this event by contacting Deana at the Chamber office.

## Merchant Pancake Breakfast

### Thanks to all the volunteers and businesses that helped

AG Foods - Greg Poirier	CKLJ 96.5 - Christina Levesque
ATB Financial - Martina Halwass	Custom Touch Homes - Ron Boyko
- Sue Millar	Didsbury Pharmasave - Claude Baril
- Mat Millar	Mountain View Coffee News - Mike Crampton
CIR Realty - Kim Swanson	RBC - Jacqueline McCooth
- Marilyn Moncur	- Joanne Gardner
- James Carpenter	- Jason Nevins

**Special thanks to our Sponsors: CIR Realty, Didsbury AG Foods, Didsbury Pharmasave, Didsbury Value Drug Mart, Custom Touch Homes**



## Chamber Rodeo Days Jamboree

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ATB Financial - Sue Millar	Front Porch Realty - Rod Neufeld
- Mat Millar	Mountain View Coffee News - Mike Crampton
Didsbury Pharmasave - Claude Baril	Shorthorn Art Studio - Diana Steer
Didsbury Value Drug Mart - Brad Blatz	Ulla-La Boutique - Ursula Krebs
- Dionne Blatz	- Linda Regner
- Kristine Engel	- Bob Regner
- Shawna Parker	Town of Didsbury - Marilyn Laurin
Dreamwood Homes - Ron Poffenroth	Everyone who helped make this event a success

**Special thanks to Our Sponsors - ATB Financial, Didsbury Dollar Store & More, Didsbury Fountain Tire, Corner Store Beauty Shoppe, Gilded Gallery, Green Bamboo, Didsbury Value Drug Mart, Re/Max ACA Realty, Didsbury Home Hardware, Longhorn Painting Ltd, Front Porch Realty, Mountain View Coffee News, Revibe Vibration Health & Fitness, Shorthorn Art Studio, Town of Didsbury, Tanas Concrete, Silverfern Medical Clinic, Unique Stained Glass, Ulla-La Boutique**

## Noteworthy Dates:

<b>Chamber of Commerce General Meeting</b>	<b>September 8th</b>
<b>Chamber of Commerce Council Meeting</b>	<b>September 28th</b>
<b>Political Forum</b>	<b>September 29th</b>
<b>Chamber of Commerce Small Business Week Gala</b>	<b>October 16th</b>
<b>Country Christmas</b>	<b>December 3rd</b>

### **Small Business Week Nominations**

**If you are interested in nominating a business for business of the year or new business of the year or you would like to be involved in the people's choice award see the SBW Criteria Form on the back page or contact the chamber office at**

**403-335-3265 or  
info@didsburychamber.ca**



### ***Thinking of Running for Town of Didsbury Council?***

October 18, 2010 is the Town of Didsbury Municipal Election

Nomination Day is September 20, 2010

If you are interested or would like more information  
stop by the Town Office and pick up a package on:

**ELECTION 2010 INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL CANDIDATES**

Or check out the Town of Didsbury website at [www.didsbury.ca](http://www.didsbury.ca)

For more information call Luana Smith at 335-3391.

## Upcoming Events

### Chamber of Commerce General Meeting

Wednesday, September 8th

Elks Hall

Cocktails 5:00 & Supper 6:30

Meeting & Speaker 7:00

Discussion about the Off-Site Town Levy  
By-Law with a Town Representative &  
Guest Speaker Carol Rosdobutko

\$ 15.00/ person

Please RSVP to the office at 403-335-3265  
or [info@didsburychamber.ca](mailto:info@didsburychamber.ca)

A Gallery of Floors is hosting their  
6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

For Didsbury Out of School Care

Association (DOSCA)

September 11th

Didsbury Golf Club

4 Person Best Ball, Sign up as a team  
or as a single

\$ 80.00/person which includes golf,  
meal & everyone gets a prize

For more information call Shaun @  
403-335-3188

Fall Fair & Chili Cook Off

September 11, 2010

Didsbury Exhibition Grounds

You need a team of 3 or 4 and a great chili recipe  
& \$ 30 entry fee

Why don't you challenge other businesses to see  
who has the best recipe.

Contact the Didsbury AG Society for more details

Small Business Week Gala

Saturday, October 16th

Didsbury Memorial Complex

Great Entertainment,

Wonderful Supper, Silent

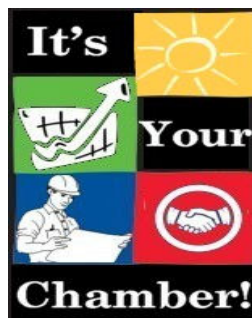
Auction & Awards

Book your tickets now at the  
Chamber of Commerce

Office at 403-335-3265

#### ACC Group Insurance

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce members are eligible to enroll in the Alberta Chambers Group Insurance Program. The program itself is far to extensive to cover in a small medium like TGIT, however, if you are interested in obtaining more information about the ACC Group Insurance Program, please contact the Chamber office at 335.3265 OR call ACC directly at 1-800-984-2658



#### **Mission Statement**

*The Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce is a community-based volunteer business organization, whose purpose is to support, promote, nurture, and educate for the improvement of our business community*



# Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce

## Small Business Gala Awards Nomination Criteria

**Business of the Year    New Business of the Year    People's Choice**

1. Currently own or operate a Licensed Business;
2. Demonstrate Community involvement;
3. Member in good standing of the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce
4. Shall not have received the award within the last 5 years;
5. Should be in business at least 5 years;
6. *New Business Category* - In business for no less than 18 months and under 5 yrs.
7. *People's Choice Competition* – Any Business may participate. Business with the most ballots wins. Ballot Boxes at Participating Business. *Please solicit ballots safely...*
8. *In the event of a tie, the preference would be given to a Chamber Member over a non Chamber member.*

### Category (Circle One): Business of the Year - New Business

Business Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe why you are nominating this business (attach Separately if necessary):

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Person or Business Nominating:  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your nomination.

We appreciate you supporting our Local Business Community.