

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

It is with great pleasure that I take the opportunity to serve as President of the Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce for 2008-2009. I have been involved with the chamber since my husband Bill and I built our store (Value Drug Mart) here in 1978. We have always been heavily involved in the community, and although we sold the business in 2006 to Brad and Dionne Blatz we will remain involved. Without having an active business to take care of I felt it was the perfect timing to devote extra time to one of the most important business organizations in our town, the Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce. I look forward to working with our great new Council filled with both experienced and new members, and a very busy year as president.

Council 2008—2009

Vice President:
Greg Poirier— Greg has been a member of the chamber of commerce for 15 years and has sat on council for 10 years. He

works on various committees: Tradeshow ,Pancake Breakfast, Summer Barbeque lends a hand when called on by other committees. He is the store Manger of A.G. Foods. He enjoys his time on council and continues to give support when ever needed.

Treasurer:
Bob Longeway—is a Financial planner with Freedom 55 Financial. He grew up in Crossfield on the family farm which he returned to after completing a diploma at olds College. After moving the farm to Osler Saskatchewan for four years. He returned to school to get a diploma in Financial services and began his career as a financial planner. He currently lives in his wife's home town of Didsbury because "It is a great place for our children to grow up".

Secretary:
Bill Anthony-Bill is the owner and artist behind Unique Stained Glass Works.

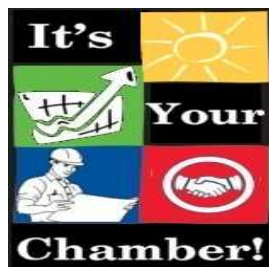
Directors at Large:
Dionne Blatz—Dionne and her husband Brad

have owned Didsbury Value Drug Mart since December 2006. In addition to her role with the Chamber and operating the store, Dionne is also a full-time mom to their 6-month old son, Kaleb."

Ian Kennedy-is the owner of Kennjak Photography Studio. Kennjak is a long standing local business specializing in sport, grad, family and event photos and portraits.

Ursula Krebs-is the owner of Ulla-La Boutique, specializing in fine ladies accessories and jewelry. Celebrating their 1st successful year in business over this past weekend!

Deb Pelletier-



Get involved Volunteer Today!

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

Small Business of the Year Nominations

Check NEXT TGIT for details!

The Chamber is looking for nominations for the 2008 Small Business of the Year Award. The award is designed to recognize Didsbury and district businesses that provide top quality customer service and community support. It showcases the entrepreneurial spirit found in our business community.

The Chamber wants to acknowledge these businesses who go above and beyond to serve our needs, and encourage everyone, business or individual, to nominate the business they think most deserving of the Chamber's Small Business of the Year Award.

Start thinking about your favourite business. Tell your friends to put their thinking caps on too. Watch for our call for nominations in the next TGIT, and in the meantime, say hi and thanks to your favourite Didsbury business.

Small Business of the Year Award Recipients

2004

Didsbury AG Foods

2005

For Trees Company

2006

Didsbury

**Review/Contemporary
Graphics**

2007

Didsbury Pharmasave

2008

Who will it be this year??

Mark Your Calendars!

2008

***Small Business of the
Year Gala***

Saturday, October 18th

Who's Who & Who's New.

**Didsbury Dry Cleaners
Congratulations to the Sandy
McDougall, new owner!**



It's a Walkabout!

Now this is going to be fun! Everyone is invited to join the trustees and staff of the Didsbury Municipal Library Board in a walking tour of the historical buildings which have housed our library at various times over the last 100 years. It will take place on June 7, 2008.

Meet at the old school which is now the Didsbury and District Museum, 2120 – 21 Avenue at 11 o'clock. From there we will proceed to the Westerdale Building, 2009 -20 Avenue, currently home to Front Porch Realty and from

there, to the former Royal Bank building which is now the Green Bamboo restaurant. The tour will conclude in the present library facility at 2033 - 19 Avenue with a luncheon tea.

June is also the 100th anniversary of the first edition of Anne of Green Gables, so we will be celebrating this icon of Canadian literature as we sip our tea and cordial! What a great way to celebrate the Didsbury Library's 100th birthday!! Please contact Inez at 335-3142 for additional information.

Noteworthy Dates:

Library Walking Tour (Call Inez for details)

June 7th

Chamber Spring BBQ (Wednesday evening)

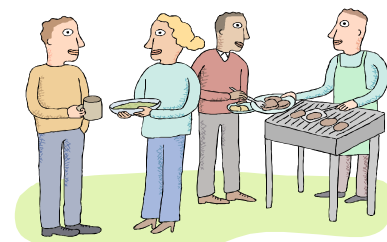
June 11th

Museum Pie Social (1–4:30 pm) Call Frankie for details 335-9295

June 21st

Chamber Council Meeting

June 24th



Global Partners—Local Hospitality

Global Partners Institute is a non-profit Canadian organization that brings international high school students to our community. GPI is in need of host families willing to open their hearts and homes to a cultural experience. A monthly honorarium is paid to offset your costs and a local program coordinator is available for advice and assistance. Families can

host the student for the full ten months of the program or for just a portion. Students arrive at the end of August and will be here until July of 2009. They attend school locally, make friends, share experiences and take home an experience that will last a lifetime! If your family is able to host a student please call Gail Nowlan at 335-3863 for full details.

ACC Group Insurance

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce members are eligible to enroll in the Alberta Chambers Group Insurance Program. The program itself is far too 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

It's TEE Time!!

Accredited Supports to the Community (ASC) is pleased to announce their 12th Annual Golf Tournament. The tourney will take place on Saturday, June 21st at the Didsbury Golf Club.

ASC provides programs and supports that impact the lives of many in south central Alberta. They've been doing it for 34 years!

ASC is currently expanding their services for children and families with special needs to the Drumheller / Hanna region and are opening an office in Strathmore to better serve the 50 families ASC helps in that area.

Proceeds of this year's Golf Tourna-

ment will be applied to much needed renovations to their primary facility in Olds. Included are a wheelchair lift, automatic opening doors and accessible washrooms to name just a few

This all having been said—now is the call to clubs! ASC is on the hunt for sponsors and golf teams to participate in this year's event. Can't have a tournament without golfers. Please consider sending a team of employees for a day on the course, or sign up to be an event sponsor.

Full details and information about these opportunities are available directly from Leita Blasetti at 556-4110.

Wine Glass Rentals

The Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce has 300 wine glasses available for rent. If you are hosting an event and need wine glasses, contact the Chamber Office at 335-3265 for rental details. Rental rates are very reasonable and it's a lot better than having to drive to the city.