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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

June 3, 2009 was our last GM before the summer break and this year it was also our AGM. Everyone who attended had a great time and the steaks were delicious, thanks to Greg's skills at the grill! Although we did have to hold our annual meeting at the same time things went very smoothly and we still had lots of time for mingling and networking. I am very pleased to announce the results of our elections. President-Margo Ward; Vice-President-Greg Poirier; Secretary-Ian Kennedy; Treasurer-Lou Meiklejohn; Directors-Diana Steer, Shelley Fakir, and Jean Reichenbach. We still have one position available so if anyone is interested please contact me at 403-556-5201. We

have a phenomenal new council and I look forward to working with them all. Everyone brings their own unique skills to the board and I thank them dearly for volunteering. Our next General Meeting will be on September 9, 2009 and our meeting committee is in the process of planning the supper and our speaker. Please mark the date on your calendar.

Our annual Merchants Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Friday August 14th; contact Greg Poirier (403-335-9595) if you would like to volunteer for this event. It's a great chance to meet a lot of people from Didsbury and area. This breakfast marks the beginning of Rodeo Weekend and we encourage all the businesses to decorate

their stores and dress western for the weekend to show our support for the Ag Society. Of course the Elks will have their pancake breakfast on Saturday and follow that with their parade. If you are interested in entering a float in the parade please contact Shaun Waite at 403-335-3188. The theme for the parade this year is Minor Sports.

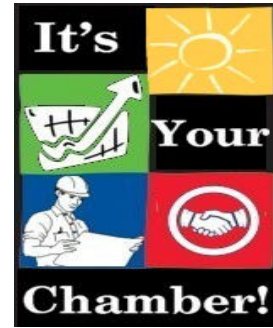
The council will be taking a break for the month of July but we will be back in full swing in August. We will be looking for volunteers to help with the new Christmas lights at that time, but there will be more on this in the next TGIT.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

NEW ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Some members of the Chamber may already have been approached by Alan Chambers with regards to our new Chamber Page in the Didsbury Review. This page will be published once a month (first paper of the month) and will have an activity report of the Chamber as well as a listing of all of the Chamber members free of charge. Each month Alan will be look-

ing for some of the members to purchase a business card size advertisement to support the page. This ad is \$50.00. If everyone participates it would mean 2 ads per year approximately. Some may not choose to participate and others may want to be there every month, it will be up to you. Regardless, every Chamber member will be listed every month at the bottom of the page. I hope you all see the value in this form of advertising and will be looking to participate.



Noteworthy Dates:

Chamber of Commerce Pancake Breakfast	August 14th
Thunder on the Prairies Fireworks	August 14th
Elks Pancake Breakfast	August 15th
Elks Parade	August 15th
Chamber of Commerce Council Meeting	August 25th
Chamber of Commerce General Meeting	September 9th
Chamber of Commerce Small Business Gala	October 24th

Canada Day At Memorial Park

Wednesday, July 1, 2009

Grand Opening & Canada Day Celebrations

12:00—4:00

Jumphouses, ride on train, petting zoo, live music,

Barbeque, farmer's market and much more

Fireworks at Westglen School after Dark

The Chamber Office

will be closed

June 29th—July 3rd

We will re-open

on July 6th at

9:00am—1:00pm

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


Get
involved
Volunteer
Today!

Thanks to all who renewed their memberships for 2009. If you have not please contact the office ASAP 335-3265



Upcoming events

Calgary, AB • Calgary TELUS Convention Centre • September 18th, 2009



LIVE IN CALGARY • SEPT 18th, 2009
Barbara Walters
on Leadership

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Alberta Chambers of Commerce Special Member Offer!
 The Power of Women Series Presents
Barbara Walters, Erin Brockovich & Loretta LaRoche!
 Live in Calgary, AB, September 18th • 9:30AM to 4:30PM *
 Calgary TELUS Convention Centre

Dear Member,

The **Alberta Chambers of Commerce (ACC)** has arranged a member discount for you and your guests/members to attend the **Power of Women** event in Calgary, AB on Friday September 18th, 2009. The event will take place at the Calgary TELUS Convention Centre from 9:30AM to 4:30PM

See these dynamic speakers in person!

- **Barbara Walters**, ABC News correspondent; "The Barbara Walters Specials"; Creator, co-host and executive producer of ABC Daytime's "The View" on *Leadership*
- **Erin Brockovich**, Environmental activist, motivational speaker, television host and producer on *Corporate Social Responsibility*
- **Loretta LaRoche**, Best Selling Author, Stress Management Consultant on *Life Is Short - Wear Your Party Pants* (Stress Management)
- **Jean Chatzky**, Best Selling Author, "Make Money, Not Excuses" on *Finance*

ACC Member Discount:

For a limited time, members and guests of the ACC can register for The Power of Women session at a **member rate of \$189** plus GST (a \$140 savings off the regular door price of \$329)!

Group Rate: A Great Team Building & Staff Hosting Experience!

Purchase 5 tickets and receive a complimentary 6th ticket. (Very Limited Time Offer)

To Register Call Joseph Toll Free 1 866 883-6568

Please contact The Power Within Inc., the company coordinating the event, to reserve your tickets. Call toll-free at 1-866-883-6568 and be sure to let Joseph know that you are calling for the ACC member rate. Visa, MC or AMEX are acceptable forms of payment.

For more details, please visit
http://www.powewithin.com/pdf/CalgaryPOW2009_ik.pdf

Ask about **VIP tickets**, includes preferred seating area. Member rate is \$269 (regular rate \$395).

In order to receive your **ACC member discount**, registrations must be done by telephone Toll Free 1 866 883-6568. Online registrations do not qualify for a discount.

PS: Please forward this invitation to your colleagues and members because as a guest of yours, they will be able to take advantage of this advance offer!

All sales are final. Tickets are transferable. Please add \$5 service charge per transaction.

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

Wild Pink Yonder

The Didsbury Ag Society is honored to host lunch for the Wild Pink Yonder on Wednesday, July 8th, 2009.

The Wild Pink Yonder is a trail ride for both individual riders and wagon teams starting on July 3rd in Cochrane and traveling north to end in Josephberg on July 24th with the purpose of raising funds to fight breast cancer.

To promote the spirit of this adventure, the town along the route that is declared "The Pinkest Little Town in the West 2009" will receive a free concert featuring a Canadian country music star. Judging will be subjective— a combination of each town's "Wild Pink Spirit" and how much money it raises (per capita) for "Wild Pink Yonder". In Didsburyan fashion, let's demonstrate our community's support with a sea of pink on July 8th, the universal color for breast cancer, throughout our people and town.

We would like to encourage everyone to be a part of this great adventure and help us with providing lunch and raising funds to present to the riders when they come to Didsbury.

The AG Society is looking for assistance in providing lunch for about 60 people. If you can help in any way, please contact Lorna Richmond, didsagso@telus.net as soon as possible, so that this can be a great event.

For further information on the Wild Pink Yonder go to www.wildpinkyonder.com. Thank you for your consideration in helping with this event.

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.