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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

We started off the fall season with our first General Meeting on September 9th, 2009. It was a wonder steak supper put on by the Elks and held in the Elks Lounge. Although the crowd was small, due to meet the teacher night at the schools, a good time was had by all. The presentation by Colleen Gustavson from the Town regarding their Economical Development plan was very informative and generated lots of conversation.

We feel that the Elks Lounge is just about the right size for us, as we can seat 30 people comfortably so the Council has decided to hold our November General Meeting there as well. Because

our next meeting would fall on November 11th the Council has decided to move that meeting to November 18th. Further details with regards to speaker and menu for supper will follow in our next TGIT.

The balance of this month has been focused on our Small Business Week Gala to be held on October 24th, 2009. Tickets are available at the Chamber office, so don't hesitate, book yours today. This is a great opportunity to say thank you to your staff by treating them to a wonderful evening with great food, entertainment and of course the announcement of the winners of the Small Business Week Awards. You do not want to miss this PREMIER event of the year. There will be a silent auction as usual with new and interesting items, the entertainment is by HOJA, and a fabulous dinner by Didsbury Catering and De-

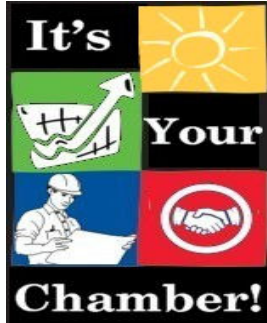
lights. Detailed information is found later in this TGIT. Nomination forms for the Small Business Week Awards are available at the Chamber office as well as at Revibe and on our web site. Please take the time to nominate one of our many deserving businesses in Town. There have been some changes to the awards this year which will give you more opportunities to nominate.

We are still trying to find a weekend to work on the Christmas lights and when a date is set we will send out an e-mail. The Country Christmas Committee will be starting their work this month as well so everything will be ready to go for November 27th. The Review will be visiting all of the businesses to get their advertisements done for this event by November 13th, so it may be time to start giving this some thought.

Noteworthy Dates:

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| Chamber of Commerce Small Business Gala | October 24th |
| Chamber of Commerce Council Meeting | October 27th |
| Chamber of Commerce General Meeting | November 18th |

The Chamber of Commerce Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00am—1:00pm



Gala Tickets Now Available!

The Didsbury Chamber of Commerce Small Business Week Gala is on Saturday, October 24th at the Memorial Complex.

This year's fabulous entertainment is HOYA who is a comedic acapella group. They come with huge raves and promise to be very entertaining.

The 2009 Small Business of the Year Award will be presented along with the winners of our two new awards, New Business/Owner of the Year, and Non-Profit Organization of the Year. We hope to see lots of nominations for these awards this year.

We will once again have a silent auction and a portion of the proceeds of this auction will be going to the Town of Didsbury Centennial Trail Project.

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 our customers to attend as well.

2009 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 Margo Ward at 403-556-5201 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.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Some members of the Chamber may already have been approached by Alan Chambers, from the Didsbury Review, with regards to our new Chamber Page in the paper. 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 looking 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. We hope you can all see the value in this form of advertising and will be looking to participate.

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.

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

Upcoming Events

Rural Volunteerism: Caring for the Heart of Our Communities

Still Accepting Registrations until October 6th

Workshop

LINDA GRAFF, B.A., B.S.W., M.A. is an international authority on "Volunteerism". She is a voluntary sector and risk management specialist, an impassioned advocate for the field of volunteer program management and an established author. Linda is the co-creator of the **Who Cares?** Project which encourages all Canadians to recognize the essential contribution that volunteers make to our communities. For more details about Linda Graff, please visit www.lindagraff.ca

Location:

Zion Church Hwy 582 & 29th Avenue
Didsbury, Alberta

October 7th, 2009

Session 1:

Boards: In Search of Lost Leaders

Wednesday, October 7th, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

(Doors open at 5:45 p.m. for sign in)

This thought provoking workshop is for Executive Directors, administrators, chairpersons, board and committee members (who will all learn concrete techniques) and actions to build and retain skilled, enthusiastic and effective leadership in your organization.

October 8th, 2009

Session 2:

Rural Volunteers - Where are They?

Thursday, October 8th, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

(Doors open at 8:15 a.m. for sign in)

For everyone who says " We need volunteers, we need community participation, we need... " : not for profits, health and service providers, churches, 4-H, children and youth groups, sports and rec clubs, etc. We will examine the rural volunteer labour pool, trends, changes and recruitment and retention.

Session 3:

Risk Management - Yes! Even in Rural Communities

Thursday, October 8th, 12:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For everyone who works with volunteers! such as "... rural communities tend to believe that a pair of hands is all that is needed. Some are concerned that including risk management in their volunteer programs will take away from the spirit of volunteerism ". Linda will explain why risk management is so important even in our little, trusting rural communities.

Registration Form

Name: _____
Phone : _____
Email: _____
ACE Community Name _____
(\$25.00 registration fee)
Non ACE Community Name _____
(\$50.00 registration fee)

Not sure if you are an ACE community? Check the "Are you living in an ACE Community" box in this brochure.

Included with your registration:

October 7th Coffee/Tea Service and Desserts

October 8th Continental Breakfast
Lunch
Afternoon Coffee/Tea Service

Registration Options:

All registrations must be made, in advance, with Full Payment. Registration Deadline will be September 30th, 2009.

Phone:

Please register with VISA or MasterCard at 403-335-8719

Mail:

Please make cheques* payable to the: **Town of Didsbury** and mail with completed registration form to:

Town of Didsbury
Box 790
Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0
Attention: Jolene Leutschaft

Confirmation of registration will be emailed to you.

- Administrative Fee will be charged on all NSF cheques

Buddy's Open Mic
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Friday October 2nd
&
Thursday October 15th
No charge
Everyone is welcome!



Get involved
Volunteer
Today!

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

*Didsbury & District
Chamber of Commerce*

*Invites You To Our
2009 Small Business Week Gala*

*PLEASE JOIN US
Elegant Dinner
Awards & Silent Auction
Entertainment by HOJA*

*Saturday, October 24th
Cocktails 5:30
Dinner 6:30
Didsbury Memorial Complex
1702—21st Ave*

*For more information & tickets
contact Deana at
403-335-3265 or
info@didsburychamber.ca*





Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce

Small Business Week Awards Nomination Criteria

Small Business of the Year

1. Currently own or operate a Licensed Business in Didsbury;
2. Demonstrate Community involvement;
3. Shall not have received the award within the last 5 years;
4. Have been in business for at least 3 years;

New Business/New Owner Category - In business no less than 18 months but less than 3 yrs.

Not for Profit Registered Society - Must be a registered Society, demonstrates leadership and involvement towards bettering our community.

Category (Circle One): **Business of the Year - New Business/New Owner - Not for Profit Organization**

Business/Organization Nominated: _____

Phone: _____

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

Person or Business Nominating: _____

Phone: _____

Please deliver completed nomination form to REVIBE or Didsbury Chamber office.

NOMINATION DEADLINE OCTOBER 9TH, 2009

*Thank you for your nomination.
We appreciate you supporting our Local Business Community.*