

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 a heavy heart that I express sincere condolences, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, to Gord Fulton, (Victoria's Flowers) and his family, for their tragic loss of son Lucas. It is impossible to imagine the pain they are suffering, but we want them to know that our thoughts and prayers are here to support them. For those who wish, donations may be made to the Lucas Fulton Memorial Trust Fund at the Didsbury Credit Union or at Didsbury Value Drug Mart or Revibe.

Activities for the Chamber in the month of August included the Merchant Pancake Breakfast on the Friday of Rodeo. Many thanks to Greg Poirier

for organizing this great event once again and to our sponsors, AG Foods, CIR Realty, Custom Touch Homes, Didsbury Pharmasave, Didsbury Value Drug Mart, the Elks for the use of the hall, and to the many volunteers who gave of their time. Without you this great event would not be possible.

With September fast approaching and the summer almost gone it is time to look forward to our many coming events, the first of which is our first General Meeting of the year which will take place on September 9, 2009 at the Elks Hall. The Elks will be cooking a fabulous steak supper and Colleen Gustavson from the Town will be giving us a detailed look at Didsbury's Economic Development Marketing Plan and how it will affect the businesses of Didsbury, as well as an update on the Alberta Main Street Program. Cocktails will start at 5:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm with the meeting to follow.

Please e-mail Deana at the Chamber office to confirm your attendance for dinner. info@didsburychamber.ca All business people are welcome. Price for the dinner is \$15.00. Come out and meet some of the new people in town and get caught up on the past few months with old friends.

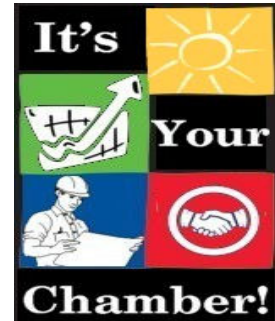
Our Small Business Week Gala Committee has also been very busy. The Gala this year is on October 24th, so mark your calendars. You do not want to miss this PREMIER event of the year. There will be a silent auction as usual with new and interesting items, entertainment, a fabulous supper, and of course the announcement of the Small Business of the Year. There will be more information to come as we start ticket sales in the next few weeks.

NEW 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 sup-

port 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.

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



Noteworthy Dates:

Chamber of Commerce General Meeting	September 9th
Chamber of Commerce Council Meeting	September 22nd
Chamber of Commerce Small Business Gala	October 24th

Merchant Pancake Breakfast

Thanks to all the volunteers and businesses that helped

AG Foods – Greg Poirier

Pharmasave – Claude Baril

ATB Financial – Jan Woolnough

Kimberley Fehr

Susan Miller

Amy Sissons

Karen Hunter

Jennifer Zigler

Janelle Turnbull

Johanne Buck

Martina Halwass

Kim Mabbott

CIR Realty – James Carpenter

RBC – Maureen Stevens

Marilyn Moncur

Jennifer Miller

Terry Falk

Alex Funr

Wilf Stark

Custom Touch Homes – Ron Boyko

Angela Fuller

Gerry Tonn

Value Drug Mart – Brad Blatz

Thanks you to CKLJ 96.5 Community Cruiser

Special thanks to our sponsors: CIR Realty, Pharmasave, Value Drug Mart,

Custom Touch Homes, AG Foods

Special thanks to the Elks for the use of the hall

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

LEARN HOW TO AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM OF FRAUD

Attention: All Business Owners!!!!

Counterfeit bills, Credit and Debit card Fraud.

Bogus Cheques. Identity Theft. We've got the facts on how you can avoid the fraud trap.

Join representatives from the RCMP and the Bank of Canada for a free information session on how to protect yourself.

Date: Thursday, September 3rd, 2009

Time: 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Location: ATB Financial 1820 20th Street Didsbury

Please RSVP to ATB Financial at 1-403-335-3387

RBC is Celebrating 100 Years
in Didsbury,
September 4th, 2009
Branch providing cake & coffee

Cemetery Walks

If these tombstones could talk, oh, the stories they could tell.

Walk through time as the Didsbury Historical Society highlights stories of the early settlers buried in the

Didsbury Cemetery.

Saturday 12th, 19th & 26th @ 2:00 pm

Tours Last about 90 minutes

Donations appreciated for the Didsbury Cemetery Committee

Any questions Contact Frankie Kelly
403-335-9295 or ddhs@telusplanet.net

Also don't miss the Museum AGM Meeting September 16th @ 7:00 pm at the Didsbury Museum

Congratulations!

Revibe Vibration Health & Fitness is now the Canadian Distributor for Hypervibe Whole Body Vibration.

Who says a corporate headquarters can't be in Didsbury!!!!

**Get involved
Volunteer
Today!**

Accelerate Your Business Management Workshop

Friday, September 18, 2009

7 am—5 pm at the Holiday Inn

6500 67th Street, Red Deer

\$50.00/ person Registration deadline September 11

To register or more information on this exciting opportunity go to www.centralalberta.ab.ca and click on training & events or call Denise @ 403-872-0901

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