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LAST CHANCE

There are still a few tickets left for this year's Small Business Gala. Don't put it off any longer!! The caterer will need a final headcount by this Saturday.

This is your chance to recognize and support local business that have provided the very best in customer service and community support.

Entertainment this year will be provided by Rich-

ard & Deborah Popovich and their Las Vegas Variety Show.

Back by popular demand as MC's for the evening are Melanie & Brian Hepp of CK-FM 97.7 Radio.

Come one, come all! It promises to be an evening of good food, good friends and good times.

For further information and tickets call 335-9445.

DOOR PRIZES

While we do NOT actively solicit door prizes for the Gala, they're always a highlight with everyone at the banquet! If you would like to take advantage of this promotional opportunity just call Kathleen at 335-9445. Any business hosting a door prize is given signage at the Gala, public acknowledgement throughout the evening and recognition in TGIT!!



Congratulations to the Nominees

The Chamber of Commerce is honoured to present this year's nominees for the **2007 Small Business of the Year Award**.

Since the first award was presented in 2004, this is the first year where ALL nominees were Chamber members!! This highlights the fantastic membership growth the Chamber has seen this year.

The Chamber is proud to present:

Country Road RV Inc.

Didsbury Inn

Didsbury Pharmasave

Front Porch Realty

Good Mahoney Lawson

JD's Restaurant & Pub

Mugs Coffee House

The Award will be presented at the Small Busi-

ness Gala on October 20th, along with the People's Choice Award.

These businesses have been nominated for their unsurpassed customer service, staff training and recognition. Their community involvement by way of youth sponsorship, offering door prizes in support of local activities, donating time and service to non-profit organizations here and overseas.

Municipal Election Forum

The Didsbury Chamber of Commerce hosted a Municipal election Forum on October 3, 2007 for all candidates running for office in the 2007 municipal elections in Didsbury's business district. This included the six Town of Didsbury Council members elected by

acclamation, the Chinook's Edge board of Directors Trustee (also elected by acclamation), the Town of Didsbury Mayoralty candidates and Mountain View county Division 3 and 4 candidates. All thirteen candidates in the Didsbury business district were in

attendance. With opening introductory statements from those candidates elected by acclamation to start the forum off, the tenor of the entire evening was set. The casual, informative presentation by each of these candidates was refreshing /2

Noteworthy Dates:

<i>Small Business Week Gala & Awards</i>	<i>Oct. 20th</i>
<i>Council Meeting</i>	<i>Oct. 23rd</i>
<i>General Meeting</i>	<i>Nov. 14th</i>
<i>Lighting up Didsbury—Christmas Lights decorating</i>	<i>Nov. 15th</i>
<i>Didsbury Country Christmas</i>	<i>Dec. 7th</i>

Who's New?

Green Bamboo Restaurant

JED Oil

Freedom 55 Financial

Prairie Sky Electric

Corner Stone Enterprises

S & J Embroidery

The Council and Membership of the Chamber welcome these businesses as NEW members!

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The audience, numbering some 250, was offered an opportunity to identify their new town Councilors and Board of Education Trustee. Opening statements by these candidates were short and to the point giving the audience a full spectrum of their new representatives on Town council and the Board of Education.

The Town of Didsbury mayoralty candidates and Mountain View County Division 3 and 4 candidates carried that casual, informative tone through the

remainder of the evening. Each candidate gave a short opening statement outlining their individual position on issues they felt important to the residents of their respective coverage areas, participated in the fielding questions from the audience and delivered a short summarizing statement of key points paramount to them to conclude the formal part of the evening.

Over coffee, following the close of the formal forum, the audience visited with the candidates well into the evening

discussing issues, the weather and agendas for the upcoming municipal term. The interest of the citizenry was obvious. The commitment exhibited by the candidates was infectious.

By all accounts the Chamber's hosting of the forum was a booming success and in keeping with the high standard previously set by the Chamber in hosting political forums of the past.

Speaker's Corner - General Meeting November 14th

The next General Membership meeting will be held Wednesday November 14th at the Golden River Restaurant. Dinner at 6 PM, meeting at 7 pm.

The Chamber is pleased to present Anne Carpenter, Farm & Small Business Consultant. Her firm will be pre-

senting information designed especially for the farmer and small business owner. Tax planning, business successions, retirement are topics that will be covered.

Call the office at 335-3265 for further information.

MISSION: *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

Points of Interest

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

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD!

What are YOU doing to entice the voters?? Free coffee? E-Mail Teasers? \$1 Off Coupons? Remind your customers that the Ballot Box is at the Didsbury Review Office until October 19th

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