



Evening of Excellence



Five Counties Children's Centre is this year's Charity recipient. Left to right: Kendra & Mom, Gayle Jones, and Carolyn Fox.

Tickets are now on sale for the most prestigious business event in our community, an Evening of Excellence.

This sought after event is a celebration of business and volunteer achievement, and will take place this year at the Victoria Park Armoury on Friday, March 27th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Everything about the evening is of the highest caliber, from the gourmet meal prepared and served by the culinary students of Sir Sandford Fleming College, to the awards presentation that takes place during the evening.

This year proves to be even more exciting as the Chamber of Commerce provides opportunities for local non profit organizations to be

recognized for excellence in our community. We have redesigned the award categories to encourage more participation from local businesses and organizations in the application process.

In addition to the premier awards, the Chamber is pleased to announce the following prestigious awards: **Excellence in Volunteer Leadership Award** - An award recognizing an organization in the City of Kawartha Lakes who continually shows excellence in volunteer training, screening, recognition, risk management and crisis management. The other award is the **Not-For-Profit Excellence Award**. This award will be given to a Not-For-Profit organization in the City of Kawartha Lakes that demonstrates excellence in several areas within their organization.

We encourage all businesses and non profit organizations to apply. We also encourage individuals

to nominate businesses in the community that they feel should be recognized for their achievements. Nomination forms are now available at the Lindsay & District Chamber of Commerce or on the website at www.lindsaychamber.com.

The deadline for nominations is February 20th at 5 pm. Please address all nominations to Gayle Jones, General Manager.

Tickets are now available at the Lindsay & District Chamber of Commerce for \$75.00 (a \$25 tax receipt will be issued). **Early Bird Draw:** All tickets bought and paid for by March 6th will be eligible for a draw for a complimentary limousine ride to the event provided by K-L Limousine & Transportation Services.

For more information or to reserve your tickets please call the office at 324-2393.

Please join us as we recognize excellence in our business community at the annual Evening of Excellence on Friday, March 27th, 2009.

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OCC Makes a Case for Sales Tax Harmonization

Supporters are rallying behind a comprehensive report on sales tax reform in Ontario, as one of the most effective ways to combat the economic challenges facing the province. Prepared for the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the report demonstrates that Ontario households, businesses and government will all benefit from reform of Ontario's sales tax.

Harmonization of Ontario's sales tax with the GST will lead to a stronger economy with higher real wages, a higher standard of living, higher productivity, lower business costs, and increased investment.

Len Crispino, President & CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce comments; "This is one of the most important policy directions we can put in place today to position us for a strong recovery at the end of our current economic difficulties. Our research has disproven all of the common objections to sales tax re-

form, providing the opportunity for the province and the federal government to make a serious commitment to enter into negotiations in order to make it happen."

The report points out that there is currently a willingness federally to work with provinces wishing to harmonize their sales taxes, and demonstrates that harmonization in Ontario will give the federal government the fiscal room to provide compensation to offset any short term loss in provincial revenues.

Made in Ontario, The case for sales tax harmonization illustrates three potential options for the harmonization of Ontario's sales tax with the GST:

- a simple harmonization which replaces the PST with an 8% tax harmonized with GST
- Made-in-Ontario alternative A which exempts the purchases of children's clothing, "clean" energy, labour intensive

services and the MASH sector (Municipal, Academic, Schools, Hospitals) from the Ontario portion, and

- Made-in-Ontario alternative B which zero-rates financial services from the Ontario portion.

All three options build in an Ontario sales tax credit for low income Ontarians. In addition, the alternative models provide opportunities for government to advance such things as a poverty agenda, incentives for green technology, and support for municipalities in terms of their burgeoning infrastructure deficit.

Companies in Lindsay and the City of Kawartha Lakes are in need of a lower cost of doing business so that they may be more competitive in the long run. Smart tax policy just makes sense. This report was released on January . For further information you can access the report on our website at www.lindsaychamber.com.

Curling Bonspiel a Success!

This year the Lindsay & District Chamber of Commerce Annual Curling Bonspiel proved to be an event of fun and good sportsmanship for all that attended. Twenty-two teams participated and with a Robbie Burns theme, the day began with players being "piped" onto the ice by 3 bagpipers, and progressed to include a lunch and dinner, with highlights of the dinner being a traditional "toast to the Haggis" that was enjoyed by many. The evening finished off with entertainment by Claidhmor, traditional Highland dancers and prizes awarded to the top

team. The winning team for the day was "Sutton Group", represented by Paul Terrill, Morley Brown, John Hunter, and Ron Neale. The Good Sportsmen Award was accepted by the "Hi-Way Specific Signs" team.

A special thanks to Marlene Morrison Nicholls and Stewart Morrison Insurance Brokers Limited who were the presenting sponsor. Special thanks to those who provided prizes. This is always a great event enjoyed by all. *See you next year!*



Great style Ken!

Your Chamber Working for You

The Lindsay & District Chamber of Commerce is *your* voice of business and has recognized that the current economic situation is forefront in many people's mind. As a result, the Chamber is doing a number of things to try to help it's members.

1. There will be no increase in Membership Fees for 2009.
2. We have expanded our events to include more Business After Hours, a no cost event that provides

opportunities for members to network with other chamber members.

3. We will not be actively soliciting for prizes for Chamber events. Businesses often donate prizes as an opportunity to promote themselves, and we have appreciated this support, however, we will limit our requests this year.
4. We are working on new initiatives that will be offered to members at low cost or no cost to enhance their membership.

5. Chamber Merchant Services Program continues to provide low cost fees for Visa, MasterCard and debit services. Pay no application fee, deposit funds to any bank account you choose, no monthly fees, no annual fee, 24/7 support and the most competitive rates available.

If you would like to find out more about any of these offers from the Lindsay & District Chamber of Commerce please call us at 324-2393.

New Member Activity

Here is a list of new members that have joined the chamber from October 2008 to February 1, 2009.

St. Dave's Dinner
Carbon Contracting Inc.
AOS Administrative Outsourcing Services
K-L Limousine & Transportation Services
StealthTech
Lindsay Cycle & Power Equipment
ECI-ExpoCreations Inc.
Party Hardy
Kawartha Trans Canada Trail Association
Weekes Property Management
Pat Davison Contracting
Heritage Christian School
Cross Latitude Inc.
Don's Machine Shop

VIP Home Inspections
Specific Hi-Way Signs
Millstream Bible Camp & Retreat Centre
Advertising Works
Liphook Couplers Services
RD Printing Services
Anderson Parish Media Inc./Easy FM
Kawartha Animal Hospital
MVW Construction
Cheryl Evans/Sunny's Massage Therapy
Ron Kuipers Masonry
Press Room Techniques
At the Lake Bed & Breakfast
Ultra Bright Teeth Whitening
R & B Auto Sales/Omeme Collision/
Krown Rust Proofing
Local Fresh Organic
The Suds & Scent Company

Lilac Gardens of Lindsay/Lindsay & District Horticultural Society
Hometown Appliance
Lindsay Bingo Bingo
Kelly Lane RMT
Galaxy Framing
Remedy's RX on Kent
Tiger Lily's
Home Sweet Home Inspections
Mars & Son Home Improvements
Kawartha Virtual Assistant
WAEV Digital Works
PPL Legal Care of Canada—Gary McNulty

For a more complete description of these businesses please visit our website at www.lindsaychamber.com. We encourage you to use these new member's services.

Savoir Faire Segments Available

Our weekly Chamber CHEX Television segment has been a great success! Our three minute feature **Savior-Faire** has been running weekly on CHEX Television's Newswatch @ 5:30 Thursday show. Chamber Members are presented as experts in their field with an opportunity to educate, demonstrate and present their business in a creative way. Viewers learn something and get a "behind the scenes" look at products or services in a way they would not otherwise experience. **You also receive a highly produced DVD** that can be used in your websites, trade shows and customer introductions.

Recently, we learned how to plan the perfect gift basket with **Reeds Gift Baskets**, **Doran's Auto Glass** showed us custom window tinting, we created Christmas elegance with **The Kent Florist**, the auto service experts at **Midas Auto Service Centre** showed us how to prepare our cars for tough winter driving, **Denure Tours** had us dreaming of warmer places, **Inkwell Imaging Studio** stretched our imaginations with many creative ways to use images, a wedding planner can make all the difference for your special day with **Dream Weddings**, **Lindsay Medical Laser Therapy** may be the answer to your chronic pain, **Evergreen**

Power Solutions explained the many benefits of Solar Electric and Solar thermal power, and we caught Bonspiel participants out on the ice at the **Lindsay Curling Club!**

In the coming weeks watch for: VCCS, Ultra Bright Teeth Whitening, Wood-Mizer Canada, Investor's Group, William Place Retirement Residence & Mary Ellen Gerster Staging & Design!

If you would like to reserve your own Savior-Faire segment call Heather McCullough at the Chamber for details.

Chamber Annual General Meeting

The Lindsay & District Chamber of Commerce will host their Annual General Meeting & Winter Social on Wednesday February 18th at the Lindsay Little Theatre from 5-7 pm. The Lindsay Little Theatre is located at 55 George Street West in Lindsay, and the evening will include a business networking social, a review of activities in 2008 at the Chamber and entertainment by the

Lindsay Little Theatre.

A presentation of the new Slate of Directors for 2009 and recognition of the past directors will take place during the business part of the night. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like to register ahead of time please call Judy at the office at 324-2393.



Lindsay Little Theatre performance at the 2008 AGM.



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**2009
Events**



February 18	Annual General Meeting ~ Lindsay Little Theatre
March 27	Evening of Excellence ~ Victoria Park Armoury
April 8	Business After Hours ~
May 5	Spring Breakfast ~Auk's Lodge, Fleming College
May 20	Business After Hours ~
June 11	Golf Tournament ~
June 23	New Member Breakfast ~ Captains Restaurant
July 19	Classics on Kent Car Show ~ Downtown Lindsay
AUGUST – No scheduled events	
September 23	Business Luncheon ~ Venue to be announced
October 7	Business After Hours ~
October 22	Small Business Week Breakfast ~ Moose Lodge
November 10	New Members Breakfast ~ Captain's Restaurant
November 22	Santa Claus Parade ~ Lindsay ~ 2 pm
December 5	Small Business Christmas Party ~ Moose Lodge
December 9	Chamber Holiday Open House ~

Community Happenings

February 12, 13, 14 – Lindsay Little Theatre presents “Never too late”. Tickets are available by calling 324-4225

February 21st – The City of Kawartha Lakes and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 67 present Heritage Week 2009. Representatives from museums, historical societies and heritage groups will be showcasing the unique heritage of our communities. The event takes place from 10 am-3 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion on York Street in Lindsay. Opening remarks from Mayor McGee at 10 am, guest speaker Robert Winslow at 1:00 pm. For further information email cath@lindsaynet.com or call 705-878-4013.

February 25th – CFA (Come from Away) Dinner meeting 6-9 pm at Joel's Restaurant. This month's theme is Hawaiian. Limited seating. For more

info call Will and Ellie Hawking at 705-277-1316 or email willhawking@telecomottawa.net

February 28th – Boys and Girls Club of Kawartha Lakes presents “An Evening of Champions” at the Lindsay Fair Grounds. Tickets are available by calling 324-4493

March 4th – Employer workshop presented by Workforce Development Board “Your workforce is aging, is your organization prepared?” from 8 am to 10am . To register call 705-749-3250 ext 10

March 5th - Cathy Allan Ladieswear presents Joseph Ribkoff Fashion Show at the Lindsay Golf & Country Club. Doors open at 7 pm, show starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets \$25 each. Light refreshments, silent auction, door prizes, 50/50 draw. No tax on Ribkoff garments. All proceeds from the event are being donated to the Kawartha

Lakes/ Haliburton Mental Health Society. RSVP Liz at Cathy Allan— 878-0483.

March 11th – The City of Kawartha Lakes Agricultural Office presents “Organizing Successful Rural Events” workshop, from 7 to 9 pm at the Ops Community Centre. To register call 324-9411 ext 1208

March 12th - The Agricultural Office presents “Running an Effective Meeting” workshop at 7:30 pm at the Cambay Community Centre. To register call 324-9411 ext 1208

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Kawartha Lakes has rental space available. Almost 7,000 square feet of warehouse space with close access to a loading bay. Contact Bill Piels or Scott Robertson at 324-4493 for more information.

To submit your listing email info@lindsaychamber.com