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Welcome!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member:

• *Al Dente*

You are encouraged to join the Paris and District Chamber of Commerce. We believe that the Paris Chamber plays a significant role in the community. The Paris Chamber can help you to promote your business to other businesses in the area. Your membership in the Paris and District Chamber of Commerce adds your voice to help improve the quality of life in our community. Join us! Together we can make business stronger in Paris and the County of Brant!

Next Newsletter

Watch for our next newsletter coming to you in September 2010! Share news such as your company's involvement in community service and charities as well as address changes, facility updates and staff changes with other Chamber members! If you would like to advertise your business in the newsletter, or if you have any questions or contributions, please contact Sue Swinton at 226-208-1159 email sinjsswint@rogers.com or Linda Stripe at 519-442-2880 email linda.stripe@gmail.com.

Chamber & Chatter

SUMMER 10 EDITION

Presidents Message

With an awesome spring under our belts, we all have high expectations for the upcoming summer. The buzz around the County seems to indicate that things seem to be making a turn for the better as far as the business community goes. Springtime in Paris was another great success and saw people from all over coming to the County to shop and visit our beautiful town.

Since our last newsletter we have had several successful events. May took us to the Brant Museum and Archives on Charlotte Street in Brantford for another educational business after hours. The Brant Historical Society allowed us to tour their wonderful facility and answered all of our difficult questions. Thank you to everyone for an educational and fun night.

The June Business to Business After Five was a combination of three businesses. We met at the River Ridge Bed and Breakfast where Cathy and Paul showed us the wonderful accommodations available for rent. We were then treated to a gourmet BBQ by Chef Nancy from Forks of the Grand Personal Chef Services. We enjoyed a chance to eat and network while wandering the scenic and very spacious grounds of the bed and breakfast. The many adventurers among us then met in Glen Morris where Garth and his team of guides from Grand River Rafting met us with rafts for our evening paddle down the Grand River. We stopped about half way down for a lesson on the plants and trees of the area. I would like to apologize to the team who got stuck with the rookie guide (myself) who were thrown to the mercy of the river! At least we all stayed in the boat! Thank you to everyone that made this event such a success.

Our summer should be just as exciting with our annual canoe and kayak trip with Grand Experiences in August, our annual Golf Tournament in September, as well as our Joint Trade Show with the Brantford Chamber of Commerce in September. If you can make it out to any or all of these events you will not be disappointed. I look forward to seeing everyone at our monthly meetings and events this summer.

Your President,

Bryan Maude (Ad Plus Promotions)

2nd Annual Joint Chamber Trade Show



On Tuesday, September 21st, the Chambers of Commerce of Brantford-Brant and Paris will join together to present their 2nd annual Joint Trade Show at the Best Western Brant Park Inn, 19 Holiday Drive in Brantford. The trade show was developed last year in response to requests from our members for more opportunities to market their businesses.

The trade show not only provides a showcase for our communities' businesses but also provides excellent networking opportunities for those who participate, either as exhibitors or visitors.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2010
AND BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.**

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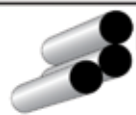
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BUSINESS TO BUSINESS AFTER FIVE



The Paris Chamber has had 2 successful Business to Business After Five events since our last newsletter. The May Business to Business After Five event was held at the Brant Museum and Archives on Charlotte Street in Brantford. Those who attended were treated to an informative tour of the facility and had the chance to reminisce about days gone past in Brantford and surrounding area. Special thanks to the Brant Historical Society for their hospitality and patience answering all the questions we had!

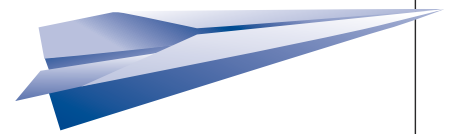
The June Business to Business After Five event was a joint effort by 3 different Chamber Members. One of the largest crowds ever met at River Ridge Bed and Breakfast for a tour of their lovely accommodations. Thank you to Cathy and Paul Dawson for providing the scenic and comfortable venue. A delicious barbeque dinner was provided by Nancy Panasiuk of

Forks of the Grand Personal Chef Services. Following dinner everyone got into their vehicles and made the short trek to Glen Morris where Garth and his team from Grand River Rafting were waiting to take everyone on a leisurely raft trip down the Grand. What a wonderful evening this was! The weather couldn't have been better and the hospitality from each host was outstanding! Thank you for a wonderful evening and for showing the true beauty of the Grand River and surrounding area.

We encourage you to come out to our next Business to Business After Five event and take advantage of terrific networking opportunities and meeting your fellow Chamber members! Non members are welcome to come out and see what we're all about!

If you have any questions about these events, please contact Sue Swinton at 226-208-1159 or email sinjsswint@rogers.com

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The Paris and District Chamber of Commerce congratulates Telfer Place Retirement Residence on their 25th Anniversary in the town of Paris. Staff and residents celebrated this occasion with an afternoon of entertainment, refreshments and tours of their beautiful residence.



This Is Brantastic

Through a grant from Celebrate Ontario, the Paris Agricultural Society has launched a marketing initiative called "This is Brantastic!"

This fall the "This Is Brantastic" will be launched at the Paris Fair. The initiative is designed to highlight all that Brant has to offer in a dedicated pavilion, and to entice visitors to return to see other attractions and events. With 4 of Canada's top home decor and culinary television celebrities hosting shows at the Fair, the crowds visiting the Brantastic pavilion will number in the thousands.

The County of Brant will be participating at the pavilion, and is eager to see our community come together in this high-profile showcase. For further information please contact Russell Press, General Manager of the Paris Agricultural Society at 519-442-2823.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED REFINANCING TO PAY OFF DEBT?

With mortgage interest rates still at near-record lows, this may be the perfect time to refinance your mortgage and free up some money to pay off that high-interest credit card debt.

By talking to mortgage professional, you may find that taking equity out of your home to pay off high-interest debt associated with credit card balances can put more money in your bank account each month.

And since interest rates are near a 40-year low, switching to a lower rate may save you a lot of money - possibly thousands of dollars per year.

There are penalties for paying your mortgage loan out prior to renewal, but these could be offset by the extra money you could acquire through a refinance.

With access to more money, you will be better able to manage your debt. Refinancing your first mortgage and taking some existing equity out could also enable you to make investments, go on vacation, do some renovations or even invest in your children's education.

Keep in mind, however, that by refinancing you may extend the time it will take to pay off your mortgage.

That said, there are many ways to pay down your mortgage sooner to save you thousands of dollars. Most mortgage products, for instance, include prepayment privileges that enable you to pay up to 20% of the principal (the true value of your mortgage minus the interest payments) per calendar year. This will also help reduce your amortization period (the length of your mortgage), which, in turn, saves you money.

If homeowners fail to take the time to thoroughly research their options through a mortgage professional and, instead, simply sign renewal offers received from their bank, credit union or other lender, they could end up paying thousands of dollars more per year in interest. Simply by shopping your mortgage with a qualified mortgage professional, you can access the banks as well as other lenders that you may not have considered, but which can often offer interest rate specials or other attractive terms.

By refinancing now and paying off your debt, you can put yourself and your family in a better financial position. It's very important to not rack up your credit cards after refinancing, however, so set your goals and budgets, and stick to them!





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| FOOD AND BEVERAGES | MEMBERSHIPS, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT |
| HOME SERVICES | ELECTRONICS |
| ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL | PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES |
| AROUND THE HOUSE | TOBACCO |
| MOTORIZED VEHICLES | BANKING AND INVESTMENTS |
| HOME PURCHASES | |

To learn more about HST visit www.ontario.ca/taxchange.

You can also call 1 800 337-7222, teletypewriter (TTY) 1 800 263-7776.

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Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars

We ask that you mark your calendars and participate in some of these upcoming activities as they will not only benefit you and your business but also give you some opportunities to have a great day/evening out! More information on some of these events is featured throughout this newsletter.

Tuesday, July 6, 2010 - 12:00 pm

- Paris Chamber Monthly Meeting
- Paris Library

Wednesday, August 11, 2010 - 5:30-7:00pm

- August Business to Business After Five
- Grand Experiences - Annual Canoe/Kayak Down the Grand

Wednesday, September 8, 2010

- 4th Annual Paris and District Chamber of Commerce Networking Golf Tournament - Paris Grand Country Club - All registrations must be received before August 22, 2010

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

- 2nd Annual Joint Chamber Trade Show - 4:00 - 7:00pm
- Best Western Brant Park Inn

If you require any further information on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact Sue Swinton at 226-208-1159 (**note new telephone number) or email sinjsswint@rogers.com.

PARIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NETWORKING GOLF THE 5TH ROUND!

DINNER & 18 HOLES WITH CART AT PARIS GRAND GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

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The Paris and District Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that its 5th Annual Networking Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at the Paris Grand Golf and Country Club.

Please refer to the registration form for further details. We ask that you mark your calendars and join us for this terrific annual event! Members and non-members are welcome to attend. This event is open to everyone from

beginner to professional! We will be looking for prizes, donations, etc. for our golf tournament as well as hole sponsors.

If you are interested in registering, sponsoring or making a prize donation, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 226-208-1159 or email sinjsswint@rogers.com.

Join us for networking fun on the golf course!

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

Sign up today for golf and networking fun! Improve your game one stroke at a time. Best Ball format. Welcome beginners or pros!

REGISTRATION: 10:00-10:45AM **TEE OFF:** 10:45AM **DINNER:** 4:30PM

Limited registration – don't miss out on this exciting event!



- MEMBERS - \$125.00 NON-MEMBERS - \$140.00
- JUST WANT TO NETWORK & ENJOY DINNER - \$55.00

Please check the above and consider this as an invoice.

COMPANY: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PLAYERS NAME(S):

1.) _____

2.) _____

3.) _____

4.) _____

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY AS A TEAM? YES NO

Paris & District Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meetings

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2010
12:00 PM - PARIS LIBRARY

The Paris Chamber of Commerce holds its monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 12:00pm at the Paris Library - Meeting Room. All members are welcome to attend. As well as discussing regular Chamber business, there are occasionally guest speakers as well as networking opportunities for those who attend. A light lunch is always provided at a fee of \$6.00 per person (you must order lunch in advance - no-shows will be invoiced). If you would like to attend one of our monthly meetings, please contact Sue Swinton at 226-208-1159 email sinjsswint@rogers.com to RSVP.

****DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, THE PARIS CHAMBER MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON VARIOUS CHAMBER MEMBER PATIOS AT 4PM RATHER THAN AT THE PARIS LIBRARY. PLEASE VISIT THE PARIS CHAMBER WEBSITE TO CONFIRM MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST.**

Paris Chamber News

The Paris Chamber encourages you to visit our website, www.pariscoc.ca. We hope that you find our website useful in promoting your own business as well as allowing you to touch base and find out information about other Chamber members. We also hope you visit our website often to find out about our monthly Business to Business After Five events as well as monthly meetings and other Chamber events.

If you would like to reach the Paris Chamber by telephone, please call 226-208-1159.

All payments and correspondence can be mailed to The Paris and District Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box #130, Paris, Ontario N3R 5E7.

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