

Paris Chamber News

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Paris and District Chamber of Commerce would like to announce that it has a new mailing address. Effectively immediately, all payments and correspondence must be forwarded to The Paris and District Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box #130, Paris, Ontario N3L 3E7.

Recently, membership renewal invoices were mailed out to all members. These notices show the old mailing address for the Paris Chamber. Please notify your accounting departments of the above address change to ensure that the payments are forwarded to the correct address so they may be processed promptly.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sue at 519-758-5095 email sinjsswint@rogers.com.

DONATION MADE BY CHAMBER TO CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The Paris and District Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that a donation has been made to the Christmas Baskets from funds collected at a draw during the Annual General Meeting and 10th Anniversary Celebration. The Paris Chamber would like to thank Linda Stripe Certified Financial Planner for her generous donation of a diamond earring and necklace set. Congratulations to Grace Williams of Brant County Power on winning this beautiful prize! We wish to thank everyone who participated in this worthwhile cause.

Paris and District Chamber of Commerce

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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 519-758-5095 email sinjsswint@rogers.com to RSVP.

Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The December Business to Business After Five event is planned for **Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at Paris Jewellers from 5:30 to 7:00pm**. Mingle with other Chamber members while enjoying refreshments, prizes and tours! This is your opportunity to do some Christmas shopping for that someone special! Ed and his staff look forward to seeing you there!

New Program from Grand Erie Training and Adjustment Board

Recently an email was received from Jill Halyk of the Grand Erie Training and Adjustment Board regarding a new program called Second Career. This program has been launched by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and has been designed to assist laid-off workers in Ontario. Second Career is designed to provide the Employment Ontario network with more tools to help individuals find work, and build on their skills and experience so they can continue to support their families and contribute to our economy. Information on this program can be found at the Second Career website, www.ontario.ca/secondcareer.

If you have any further questions, Jill Halyk can be contacted at the address listed below. Please note that the Grand Erie Training and Adjustment Board also has a resource kit available that explains local resources and supports to laid-off workers. Should you need this, please contact them at www.getab.on.ca and they will deliver them to you. Jill Halyk 519-756-1116 or email j.halyk@on.aibn.com

Member News

On behalf of the team at TD Canada Trust - Paris Branch, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you very much to the Paris and District Chamber of Commerce for awarding us the Business of the Year Award for the second consecutive year. We truly appreciate the recognition.

Regards,

Tracey B. Palmer,
Branch Manager
TD Canada Trust

"Business-to-Business After Five"

Special thanks to Brian Geffros and his team at Cowan Insurance Brokers for a successful Business to Business After Five event on Wednesday, November 12, 2008. Those who attended were treated to delicious food and drinks and the opportunity to network with others. Brian provided those present with an interesting history of Cowan Insurance. Once again, thank you to Cowan Insurance Brokers for an informative and entertaining evening!

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There are still a couple of openings in the 2009 Business to Business After Five schedule. If you are interested in hosting a networking event, please contact Cindy Hiscock, Board Director, at the Best Western Brant Park Inn 519-753-8651 X136 email cindyhiscock@yahoo.com. These events are great opportunities to help promote your business and also allow you to meet other Chamber members through networking!

We hope you take the opportunity 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! If you have any questions about these events, please contact Sue Swinton at 519-758-5095 email sinjsswint@rogers.com.



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Chamber & Chatter

Winter 08 Edition

Welcome!

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 February 2009! If you would like to advertise your business in the newsletter, or if you have any questions or contributions, please contact Sue Swinton at 519-758-5095 email sinjsswint@rogers.com or Linda Stripe at 519-442-2880 email linda.stripe@gmail.com.

Happy Holidays!

We would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy holiday season and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year!

Message from your Presidents

The first snowfall has arrived and so has our first message as the new Presidents. Before we begin though, we would like to express our gratitude to our former Presidents; **Aad Vermeiden** (Blue Print IT Works) & **Nancy Panasiuk** (Forks of the Grand Personal Chef), for their hard work, dedication and commitment during the past 2 years. Thank you.

Many wonderful events have taken place recently in our community. On October 2nd the County of Brant hosted the extremely successful 7th annual Salute to Brant Business Networking & Tradeshow held at the Paris Grand Golf & Country Club. Special recognition goes to Melissa Minshall and her team for organizing this.

October 7th was the Toast to the Tenth. The Paris & District Chamber of Commerce hosted the 10th Anniversary Dinner and AGM at the Paris Fairgrounds. It was a huge success and Linda Stripe was instrumental in leading a committee team to ensure that the evening ran smoothly. Many thanks to Nancy Panasiuk, Bryan Maude, Sue Swinton and Tracey Palmer for being part of this committee. Award winners included New Business of the Year to Cedar House Grill and Martini Bar (Sam Dion & Matt Lee) and Village Vintners (Mike & Sandy Hennin). Corporate Participant was awarded to The Best Western Brant Park Inn (Cindy Hiscock) and Business of the Year to TD Canada Trust Paris (Tracey Palmer & Melanie Clucas).

10 year anniversary awards were presented to Inksaters, IQ Tax, Burns Insurance, Cowan Insurance, Waterous Holden Amey & Hitchon, The Paris Star, Molten Metallurgy, Sibbick Fuels & Grand Experiences Canoe & Kayak.

Many thanks to Brian Geffros & his team at Cowan Insurance for hosting a business to business event on Nov 12th. It was very nice to see some new faces amongst us. Our next business to business is December 10th being hosted by Ed McGuire at Paris Jewellers. More particulars to follow.

Don't forget our new mailing address is P.O. Box 130 Paris, Ont. N3L 3E7 -- new Presidents & new mailing address!!!!

Stay tuned for some exciting news as we are in the process of arranging a storefront along with the Brant Cultural Centre, adjacent to the Arlington Hotel.

We look forward to seeing you on December 3rd at the annual Christmas luncheon.

Your Presidents,

Bryan Maude (Ad Plus Promotions)

Tracey Palmer (TD Canada Trust Paris)

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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY COSTS TO RISE

If you are an independent operator in the construction business, you may be impacted by new legislation introduced by the Provincial Government. Bill 119, the Workplace Safety and Insurance Amendment Act proposes to extend mandatory workers compensation coverage to independent operators, sole proprietors, partners in a partnership and executive officers of corporations in the construction industry.

Independent operators who are currently exempt from paying WSIB premiums will now be required to pay. The Bill does exempt home renovators.

The government has given minimal time for a full public review on this important issue. The OCC has urged the government to responsibly delay the legislation to ensure that it does not create a financial burden on small business operators in the construction industry.

The government has stated that mandatory

WSIB coverage across the construction industry will combat the "underground economy". The OCC has questioned whether this legislation will accomplish such an objective.

Currently, there are many small construction employers who hold insurance through private companies for themselves and their employees. Bill 119 will not permit private insurance as coverage.

The OCC does not support a legislated monopoly for WSIB on workplace insurance, but encourages competition in the marketplace and the ability of employers to choose from a wide range of options to achieve these results. The OCC has recommended that further study be undertaken to determine how much this proposed legislation will cost employers to ensure there will be no financial hardship incurred by small business operators.

KEY DATES

Bill 119 - Workplace Safety and Insurance Amendment Act, 2008

Oct 28, 2008 - the Provincial Government introduced Bill 119.

Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2008 - MPPs debated the Bill in the provincial legislature.

Nov 17 - 18, 2008 - The government's Standing Committee on Social Policy will review the Bill and will hold public hearings in Toronto.

Nov 14, 2008 @ noon - requests for oral presentations must be received. Those wishing to make an oral presentation on Bill 119 should contact Clerk Katch Koch, (416) 325-3526, or katch_koch@ontla.ola.org.

Nov 18, 2008 @ 5 p.m. - deadline for written comments on Bill 119.

Written submissions can be sent to Katch Koch, Clerk, Standing Committee on Social Policy, Rm 1405, Whitney Block, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A2. Read Bill 119 on the Legislative Assembly website at www.ontla.on.ca. For more information and to calculate premiums, visit www.wsib.on.ca. The Ontario Chamber of Commerce has submitted its views to the Standing Committee (which can be viewed at www.occ.on.ca).

Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts

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Ballet Jörgen Canada's GROUP OF SEVEN NUTCRACKER Saturday November 29 7:30 p.m. \$37.00

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MENTAL AS ANYTHING Touring Select Theatres In Ontario TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH!

Brantford Show Date: * Feb 14 - Brantford Sanderson Centre - Box Office: 519 758-8090 or 800 265-0710

Coming off the filming of an unprecedented fifth CBC-TV comedy special, Canada's busiest and best-selling comedian **RON JAMES** takes to the road with a new "gut-bustingly, knee-slappingly funny" 90-minute rant **MENTAL AS ANYTHING**.

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From camping in leaky canvas-walled tent trailers in that idyllic

summer of 1969 ... to a man at the crossroads of mid-life, James traces a trajectory across the landscape of contemporary culture, satirizing everything from button-down-rule-righteous life insurance agents to sanctimonious eco-freaks ... just 'connecting the dots' while trying his best to clarify the chaos of this new century we're all walking through before he goes 'Mental As Anything himself!

Reserved seating tickets for **RON JAMES - Mental As Anything** - are \$46.00 to \$51.50 (depending on local facility charges; additional service charges may apply), go on sale Monday, November 10th, and are available from the box offices listed below. Showtime is 8pm. For more info, pics and comedy clips, visit www.shantero.com or www.ronjames.ca.

Tickets are available at the Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts, 88 Dalhousie Street, Brantford. Tickets can also be purchased using a major credit card by calling (519)758-8090 or 1-800-265-0710, visit us on-line at www.sandersoncentre.on.ca

Please be reminded that Paris Chamber of Commerce members are eligible to receive a 20% discount when they order tickets from the Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts Box Office. They MUST identify themselves as a Paris Chamber member in order to receive the discount. This is one of the many benefits of being a Chamber member!

Paris Chamber of Commerce

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Paris Chamber of Commerce recently held its Annual General Meeting and 10th Anniversary Celebration at the Paris Fairgrounds - Special Events Building. During this special evening, awards were handed out to those members who have been with the Chamber since its beginning in 1998. Congratulations to Grand Experiences, Burns Insurance, The Paris Star, Sibbick Fuels, Inksaters/Just the Ticket, IQ Tax and Bookkeeping, Cowan Insurance Brokers, Waterous, Holden, Amey, Hitchon LLP and Molten Metallurgy. Your commitment to the Paris and District Chamber of Commerce is gratefully appreciated.



A warm and inviting atmosphere welcomed those who attended the Annual General Meeting and 10th Anniversary Celebration at the Paris Fairgrounds - Special Events Building.

The annual Business Awards were also handed out at this time. The Paris Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards are presented annually to companies/business/organizations that are nominated by the Chamber Executive as being recognized for demonstrating the Paris Chamber of Commerce mission of a "commitment to co-operation in commerce". The winner of the Business of the Year award was TD Canada Trust - Paris Branch. The New Business of the Year award went to the Cedar House Grill and Martini Bar and Village Vintners (a tie). The Corporate Participant award went to the Best Western Brant Park Inn. We would like to congratulate all the nominees as well as the winners of the Business Awards.

The Paris and District Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to thank our hosts for the evening, the Paris Agricultural Society. Russell, Liz and the staff went above and beyond to make sure the event was a success. We would also like to thank Martha's Catering for the delicious meal. Brian Geffros was a terrific master of ceremonies and made sure the event went smoothly. Thanks to Brian!



Shown in the photo are the Paris Chamber of Commerce Award winners (left to right): Melanie Clucas - TD Canada Trust, Mike Hennin and Harrington - Village Vintners, Tracey Palmer - TD Canada Trust, Aad Vermeyden and Nancy Panasiuk - Co-Presidents of the Paris Chamber of Commerce, Samantha Dion and Matt Lee - The Cedar House. Cindy Hiscock of the Best Western Brant Park Inn was absent from the photo.

Last but not least, a very special thank you to the organizing committee of this event. A great deal of planning goes into putting together an event of this calibre and the Paris Chamber of Commerce sincerely appreciates the volunteer time and effort of the committee members. They are: Linda Stripe, Nancy Panasiuk, Bryan Maude, Tracey Palmer and Brian Geffros. Well done!

The Paris and District Chamber of Commerce continues to grow and prosper because of its dedicated membership. This is an exciting time for us and we sincerely hope that the next 10 years continues to bring us as much success as the first 10 years have.

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