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CHAMBER HOSTING LUNCHEON SERIES WITH SPEAKERS

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* has arranged a series of monthly luncheons at the Friendship Centre to kick off 2009. The first, scheduled for **Tuesday, January 20th** will feature **Gary Hannaford, CEO of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba**. He will present and discuss the results of the Institute's annual economic analysis of Manitoba, **MB Check-up**. It provides a comprehensive evaluation of Manitoba as a place to live, work and invest. This study compares our province with the other western provinces as well as Ontario and the national average.

All Manitobans, including business, government, educators, law enforcement and the general public have a role to play in finding solutions to the challenges facing our province. The **MB Check-up** is to be used as a tool to stimulate discussion and encourage leadership, helping everyone to focus on the key points where change can have the greatest impact to improve Manitoba's competitiveness.

The second luncheon, on **Tuesday, February 17th** will feature **George Penner, Skills Developer for the Determining and Addressing Workplace Needs (DAWN) Project**.

The third luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, March 24th** and may take the form of a ½ day seminar on the topic of **Succession Planning** for your business.

Ticket prices are \$20 for Chamber members or \$25 for non-members. Call **822-5630** or email chamber@mordenmb.com today.

YOUR ONE-STOP SHOP FOR BUSINESS INFORMATION

Have you checked out the *Morden Chamber of Commerce Website* www.mordenchamber.com lately? It was recently updated by **Eagle Eye Printing, Design & Web Development** and contains photo introductions to new businesses; complete local business calendar of events; archived issues of Chamber newsletters, meeting minutes and annual reports. There is a mass of information on the benefits of Chamber membership; advocacy efforts on your behalf; programs sponsored by the Chamber; links to most business-related Canadian websites and a detailed directory of Members which also pinpoints your location on the Morden map.

FREE SEMINARS FROM HEARTLAND COMMUNITY FUTURES

Heartland Community Futures Development Corp offers free video conferencing business seminars in the Winkler Chamber Board Room. To register call **1-877-472-7122**. Each seminar is described on their website: www.cfheartland.ca:

Jan 20 – Buying a Business; **Jan 21** – Survey Design for Customer Research; **Jan 22** – Writing for the Web; CRA: Year End T4 Presentation; **Jan 26** – Understanding Financial Statements; **Jan 28** – Giving Customers Confidence in your Website; **Jan 29** – Starting a Business in Manitoba.

NEW WINTER CARNIVAL IN MORDEN

The **Morden Integration Committee** is hosting a **Winter Carnival** on **Saturday February 22nd** at the **Rec. Centre**. The purpose is to give all area residents, new and long-term, the chance to get out and have some winter fun together. Anyone wishing to sponsor or help out in any way is asked to call **Lynette Froese** at **822-4387**.

SHARING INFORMATION GOOD FOR BUSINESS

Every Friday you receive this *Chamber of Commerce Newsletter* packed full of information on Morden events and activities to help your business. Are you sharing this information with your staff?

When your staff knows what's going on in the community, they are better able to answer questions and provide information to your customers and clients. It empowers them to make you look good.

We suggest you make this newsletter available in your staff room or on your bulletin board so all can share.

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND DECALS FOR 2009

New members and those who have renewed their *Chamber* membership for 2009 will notice a new locally designed membership card and window decal in their packages. The decal thanks your customers for shopping in Morden and the DocuCard outlines the benefits available to you with your membership.

COMING EVENTS

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| Jan 17- | Atom A1 & Peewee A1 |
| 18 | Hockey Tourn – Rec Ctr |
| 20 | Chamber Lunch Series #1 – Speaker Gary Hannaford, CEO, Institute of Chartered Accountants of MB – Friendship Centre |
| 21 | Women in Business Breakfast Meeting – Morden's Heartland |
| 23-25 | Morden Men's Curling Bonspiel – Curling Club |
| 24 | Manitoba Junior Women Hockey league game – Rec. Centre |
| 26 | Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre |
| 27 | Morden Area Foundation Annual Meeting: Legacy of Chautauqua – noon – Friendship Centre. Call 822-5614 for tickets |
| 27 | Historical Society Annual Mtg - Library |
| 28 | CFDC Public Presentation of Potential Opportunities – Friendship Ctr |
| Feb 5 | Corn & Apple Festival Committee Meeting – Friendship Centre |
| 7-8 | Squirt Hockey Tourn – Rec. Centre |
| 9 | Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre |
| 10 | Chamber Exec. Mtg– Morden Motor Inn |
| 17 | Chamber Lunch Series #2 – Friendship Ctr. |

OF MEMBERS & MORE

Call the Chamber at **822-5630** for luncheon tickets to hear Gary Hannaford of the Institute of MB Chartered Accountants speak about the **Manitoba Check-up**.

Corn and Apple Festival co-Chairpersons **Carol Fehr** and **Doug Jones** are looking for volunteers to chair the **Street Space and Parade Luncheon** committees. The first committee meeting will be held **Thursday, February 5th**. Please call the Chamber office at **822-5630**.