



JUST THE FAX

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CHAMBER HOSTING TWO MORE INFORMATION LUNCHEONS

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* has arranged a series of monthly luncheons at the Friendship Centre to kick off the first quarter of 2009. The first featured **Gary Hannaford, CEO of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba** who presented the results of the Institute's annual economic analysis of Manitoba, **MB Check-up**. This study compares our province with other western provinces as well as Ontario and the national average.

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

DAWN is a federal Workplace Skills Initiative project administered by the *Winkler & District Chamber of Commerce*. Its goal is to implement a common framework for skills assessment and training in order to optimize the current and future contribution of immigrants in the workplace.

The third luncheon is sponsored by **BDO Dunwoody Chartered Accountants** and will be held on **Tuesday, March 24th**. Our featured speaker **Ron Westfall of BDO Dunwoody** will speak on the topic of **Succession Planning** for your business.

Ticket prices are \$20 per person for Chamber members or \$25 for non-members. All are welcome. Seating is limited so email chamber@mordenmb.com or call **822-5630** today. Pre-registration for these luncheons is required.

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 26 – Understanding Financial Statements; **Jan 28** – Giving Customers Confidence in your Website; **Jan 29** – Starting a Business in Manitoba; **Feb 3** – Meeting Management – Making Meetings Work; **Feb 5** – Lunch 'n Learn – Business Communicating – Writing for Professionals; Introduction to Pricing & Costing.

NEW WINTER CARNIVAL IN MORDEN

The **Morden Integration Committee** is hosting a **Winter Carnival** on **Sunday 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 BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The **2009 Morden Business Directory** published by the Winning Advertising Company has been mailed out to area residents. **Chamber of Commerce Members** are provided with a **free** designation on their listing line. Customers support Chamber of Commerce Members who they know to be community-minded and to maintain high business standards.

COMING EVENTS

- 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
- 27 Vote on Credit Union Amalgamation – starts at 5:00 p.m.–Friendship Ctr
- 28 CFDC Public Presentation of Potential Opportunities – Friendship Ctr
- Feb 7-8 Squirt Hockey Tourn – Rec. Centre
- 9 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 10 **Chamber Exec. Mtg– Morden Motor Inn**
- 13-15 Staying Alive Dinner Entertainment – St. Paul's United Church
- 16 **Louis Riel Day**
- 17 **Chamber Lunch Series #2 – Friendship Ctr.**
- 19 **Corn & Apple Festival Committee Meeting – Friendship Centre**
- 20-22 Legion Bonspiel – Morden Curling Club
- 22 Winter Carnival – Rec. Centre

OF MEMBERS & MORE

Welcome new 2009 Chamber of Commerce members: **Bevan & Sandra Wiebe** of **Oldies and Goodies** and **Randy Falk** of **Southend Truck Wash**. Also welcome back **Rick Sawatzky** to the **Service Canada Centre**.

Corn and Apple Festival co-Chairpersons **Carol Fehr** and **Doug Jones** are looking for volunteers to chair the **Street Space** and **Parade Luncheon** committees. Please call the Chamber office at **822-5630**.