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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 is required.

ENBRIDGE PIPELINES SHARES CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY REPORT

Michele Perret of Enbridge Pipelines delivered Enbridge's 2008 Corporate Responsibility Report, *Good thinking in a climate of change* to the **Chamber** office. This report provides a look at their economic, environmental and social performance in 2007 and part of 2008 including: having already exceeded their target to reduce Canadian direct greenhouse gas emissions to 20% below 1990 levels by 2010; They are the leading group of over 30 organizations to develop a carbon dioxide sequestration pilot project; and to reinforce their commitment to safety, have launched a Safe Community program to support emergency first responders in communities located along pipeline rights of way across Canada and the U.S.

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:

Feb 3 – Meeting Management – Making Meetings Work; **Feb 5** – Lunch 'n Learn – Business Communicative – Writing for Professionals; Introduction to Pricing & Costing; **Feb 6** – Advanced Pricing and Costing; **Feb 9** – CRA – Year End T-4 Preparation Seminar; **Feb 10** – PST: An Introduction to Provincial Sales Tax; GST Information Workshop.

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**.

JEANS DAY FRIDAYS

From **Feb 1 to March 31** the **Morden Parent & Child Resource Centre (PCRC)** invites you and your co-workers to join them by wearing jeans on Fridays to support the Centre and its programs.

The PCRC is a non profit organization that provides children's/family programming in the community, 99% of which are free for all.

Wear jeans on Fridays and donate \$1 to the Morden PCRC. Please contact **Brenda Klein at 822-1283** to participate in Jeans Day Fridays or **Karen Wowk 822-1231** for PCRC programming information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JANUARY LOTTERY WINNERS

The January Corn and Apple 300 Lottery draw was held at the Friendship Centre on Wednesday. Congratulations to 2nd time winners of **\$1,000 Ed and Duane Friesen** and to each of our **\$100 winners, Gordon Hoeschen and Henry Penner**.

COMING EVENTS

- Feb 7 Coffee House & Art Auction – Fr. Centre
- 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
- 13-15 Midget A Hockey Tournament – Rec Ctr
- 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
- 22 Free United Way Public Skate – Rec Centre
- 23 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 27 Free Co-op Public Skate – Rec Centre
- Mar 6-8 Morden Ladies Bonspiel – Curling Club
- 9 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 10 Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting – 12:00 noon – Friendship Centre**
- 18 Women in Business Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. Morden's Heartland**

OF MEMBERS & MORE

Corn and Apple Festival co-Chairpersons **Carol Fehr** and **Doug Jones** are still looking for volunteers to chair the **Street Space** and **Parade Luncheon** committees.

Meetings are held monthly from February to August from **12 to 1:00** at the **Friendship Centre**; the first meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 19th**. Please call the Chamber office at **822-5630** for more information or to volunteer.