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CHAMBER HOSTING LUNCHEON SERIES WITH SPEAKERS

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* is putting together 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.

Stay tuned for information on registration and sponsorship opportunities.

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 continues to offer 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 13 – Buying a Franchise; **Jan 14** – PST: An Introduction to Provincial Sales Tax; GST: Information Workshop; **Jan 15** – Positive Employee Relations; **Jan 16** – MS Office Work & Excel – Tips for Small Business; **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.

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.

CORN & APPLE LOTTERY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The last Corn & Apple Lottery draw for 2008 was held during the Friendship Centre Bingo on December 31st.

The lucky winner of **\$1,000** was **Henry Peters** of Morden while **Linda Fehr** and **Louis Tanguay** each won **\$100**.

We have conducted five lottery draws since August and have awarded \$6,000 to our winners. There is still 7 more draws and \$8,400 to give out.

CFDC PRESENTS...

The **Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre** invites all to a public presentation by **Stan-tec Architecture** of Winnipeg to provide a preview of the potential for opportunities created by a new museum at **7:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, January 28, 2009** at the **Morden Friendship Centre**.

Refreshments will be served and entertainers **Lulu** and the **Tom Cat** will perform background music and some songs from their **Fossil Rock CD**.

COMING EVENTS

- Jan 9- Novice A Hockey Tourn
11 – Rec Centre
12 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
13 **Chamber Exec Mtg – Morden Motor Inn**
17-18 Atom A1 & Peewee A1 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 MISI Resource Sharing – **CANCELLED**
26 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
27 Morden Area Foundation Annual Meeting: Legacy of Chatauqua – 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

OF MEMBERS & MORE

Please note that the Manitoba Immigrant Safety Initiative resource sharing workshop scheduled for January 23rd has been **Cancelled**.

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**.