



JUST THE FAX

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CHAMBER MARCH

INFORMATION LUNCHEON

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* arranged a series of monthly luncheons at the Friendship Centre to kick off 2009.

The third luncheon in the series is sponsored by *BDO Dunwoody Chartered Accountants* and will be held on **Tuesday, March 24th at 12:00 noon** in the **Morden Friendship Centre**. Our featured speaker **Ron Westfall** of *BDO Dunwoody* will discuss **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.

BREAKFAST MEETING FOR WOMEN IN BUSINESS

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* is again co-hosting a **Complimentary Breakfast Meeting for Women in Business** with *Manitoba Agriculture, Food & Rural Initiatives* on **Wednesday, March 18th at 7:30 a.m.** in **Morden's Heartland Books & Cafe**.

Featured will be a **Guest Panel** discussing **"Front Line Reception or Your Company's First Impression"**.

Come join other local business women owners, partners and managers to network, learn and share ideas relevant to us in our southern Manitoba business environment.

Seating is limited so call **822-5630 today** to register.

FAX OR EMAIL – IT'S UP TO YOU

This weekly *Just the Fax* Newsletter is distributed each Friday to Chamber of Commerce Members and other interested organizations. In an effort to save you paper, we are asking if you are currently receiving it by FAX and would prefer it by EMAIL instead, please call the Chamber office at 822-5630 and we can make the change.

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:

Mar 16 – Online Social & Business Networking 101; **Mar 17** – So You Want to Start a Not-For-Profit; **Mar 19** – Providing Service to Customers with Disabilities; Trade Show Sell; **Mar 20** – Creating an Inclusive Workforce; Surviving when a Big Box Store Comes to Town.

NEW PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE FOR CHAMBER

The *Morden & District Chamber of Commerce Membership* elected a new Executive at our General Meeting Tuesday.

Congratulations to President **Kent Winning**; Vice President/Business Development **Ross Ariss**; Budget/Finance **Jeff McAulay**; Past President **Carol Fehr**; Agriculture **Art Petkau**; Community Development **David Weiss**; Farmers' Market **Lynette Froese**; Immigration **Irma Maier**; Marketing & Communication **Eric Bueckert**; Membership **Jeffrey Klassen**; and Programs & Events **Sarah Martens-Dyck** and **Connor Holenski**.

Thank you to our AGM sponsor **Co-op** and to prize donor **GoldenWest Radio**.

BUSINESS CONTINUITY & RESUMPTION PLANNING

The *Morden Chamber* welcomes **Chris Kalansky**, Emergency Coordinator for S.E.R.C. to discuss **Business Continuity Planning** during lunch on **Tuesday April 21st** at the **Morden Friendship Centre**. Tickets are **\$20.00** per person.

Have you ever given thought to what would happen to your business if a disaster struck our area? Many questions could arise including: *How would I run my business if it was inside an evacuation zone and I couldn't return to it? How would I contact my employees? How would my employees contact me if I can't reach my office phone? How would I communicate with my suppliers and customers? What can I do to get my business up and running as quickly as possible after an emergency? How can my business help the community during or after an emergency incident?*

It is in our best interests to prepare in advance for an emergency, to mitigate the damage, and to have plans in place to re-open as soon as possible. Find out what you can do and where you can get help. **Register today. Call 822-5630.**

COMING EVENTS

- Mar17 *Public Utilities Board Hearing re Water rates – Council Chambers 7pm*
- 18 **Women in Business Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. Morden's Heartland. Call 822-5630 to register**
- 18 Agassiz Credit Union AGM – 7:30 p.m. Rec. Centre
- 19 MAF Luncheon: Wills, Estate Planning & Your Community – 11:45 a.m. Friendship Centre
- 20-22 Morden Farmers' Bonspiel – Curling Club
- 21 South Central Cancer Resource Fundraiser: Rock'n Revival: Life's a Beach – Friendship Ctr
- 21-22 Toy & Collector's Show – Rec. Centre
- 22 **Marketplace Wkly Co-op Business VIP Night for Chamber members & staff – 7 to 10 p.m.**
- 23 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 24 **Chamber Luncheon – Succession Planning for Your Business – Friendship Centre**
- 25 Engaging New Canadians: How to Recruit & Support Newcomer Immigrant Volunteers – Winkler Library. Call 324-2804

OF MEMBERS & MORE

The Morden Chamber is pleased to welcome **Blue Moffatt**, new General Manager at **Timbers at Minnewasta**.

Volunteers are **URGENTLY** needed to chair Festival Committees: **Street Space, Free Corn and Parade Luncheon**. If you can help out, please contact the *Chamber Office* asap.

The Festival is also looking for young ladies to enter our **Queen Pageant**. Application forms can be accessed at the *Chamber Office* or on the website www.cornandapple.com.