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MORDEN AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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CHAMBER CONSIDERS WORKSHOP FOR MEMBERS

The **Morden & District Chamber of Commerce** is consulting with **Mediation Services** (Resolution Skills Centre) with regard to providing an Interpersonal Conflict Resolution workshop entitled "**How to Deal with Difficult People**" some time this fall. This is a two-day training that can be offered consecutively or spaced over four weeks in either 2 full day or 4 half day formats for a maximum 20 participants. Cost is being discussed at approximately \$250 per person.

This training offers the tools to manage conflict. You will explore how you respond to conflict and consider how that affects your life; learn practical skills to use in difficult situations; and increase your abilities to engage others to resolve conflicts.

Your *Chamber of Commerce* will facilitate this workshop if there is enough interest. Call **822-5630** if you are interested.

PLAN YOUR CHALLENGE FOR THE AMAZING RACE

The Pembina Valley Travel Association is organizing **An Amazing Race** through 12 communities in the Pembina Valley **August 29 to 31, 2008**. The purpose of the race is to raise awareness of our Region and draw hundreds of visitors to our communities and to use our diverse resources of nature, museums, businesses and heritage to put on an amazing game for participants. Participants pay \$50 per team/vehicle which includes 2 nights unserviced camping, participation in the race and the chance to win \$1,000.

The **Morden Marketing Team** have contributed Morden's \$250 seed money to be used for brochures and promotional start up costs and the **Chamber of Commerce** will work with the committee and local businesses to set up challenges.

The cost for each business to be involved is \$25, they must be open Saturday 9 to 9 and Sunday noon to 5 that weekend and set up and manage their challenge.

For more information or for help to organize your challenge call the **Chamber Office** at **822-5630** or **Aggie Buhler** at **1-877-324-6645**.

NEW THIS WEEK WITH CORN & APPLE FESTIVAL

Corn and Apple Festival **300 Club Lottery Tickets** are now available. Members of **St. John the Evangelist Church** are in the process of selling the fundraising tickets on behalf of the Festival. If you have not been contacted yet, call the Chamber Office at **822-5630** and we will make sure that you are not missed. The first draws will be held on the festival stage on August 23rd.

Chairman **Ken Wiebe** advises that many of his committee chairs are still looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to help during the Festival weekend. Please contact the office at **822-5630** if you have any time to help with **Corn Husking**, distribute **Free Corn or Cider**, be a **Tour Guide** on the buses (script provided), help organize the **Parade** Saturday morning or help the **BBQ** organizers set up, tear down and to prep food in the restaurant.

Recently you received a fax or email from the Festival offering each business the opportunity to order logo Golf or T-shirts with your company/business name embroidered on the sleeve. Please note that the **deadline** for orders is **July 25th** so that we can ensure all orders are filled prior to Festival.

COMING EVENTS

1. July 12– Morden International Triathlon – Colert Beach
2. July 13 - Kids of Steel Triathlon – Colert Beach
3. **July 17/24/31–Farmers' Market–corner 8th & Stephen**
4. *July 17 – Evening of Bread & Roses – Friendship Ctr*
5. July 18-20 – P.V. Fur Council Rendezvous – Stanley Park
6. *July 19 – Unveiling Morden Roses Mural – east side of Boundary Trails Place at 1:00 p.m.*
7. *July 19 – Unveiling Dr. Henry Marshall Sculpture – Civic Centre at 2:00 p.m.*
8. July 21 – Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
9. July 25-27 – International Golf Tournament – MGCC
10. Aug 1 – Big Brothers/Big Sisters Golf Tournament – MGCC
11. *Aug 4-5 – 20th Anniversary Exhibition – Art Gallery*
12. **Aug 5 – Corn & Apple Committee Mtg – Friendship Ctr**
13. **Aug 7/14/28 – Farmers' Market – corner 8th & Stephen**
14. *Aug 16 -Unveil Mosasaur Mural–Marathon Pizza 1:00 pm*
15. *Aug 16 – Unveiling Legion Mural – Legion at 2:00 p.m.*
16. *Aug 16–Unveil Chautauqua Spirit Mural–Friendship Ctr*
17. Aug 18 – Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
18. **Aug 22-24 – Morden Corn and Apple Festival**
19. **Aug 29-31 – Pembina Valley Amazing Race**
20. Sep 5-6 – Pembina Thresherman's Reunion – PT Museum

IT'S TIME TO RECOGNIZE OUR BEST

The **Manitoba Business Awards** were established in 1983 by the **Manitoba Chambers of Commerce** to recognize and celebrate outstanding business and individual achievements by the Manitoba business community.

Any business that has operated successfully for a minimum of three years are eligible to self nominate or be nominated by another party. All nominees are evaluated for financial success (all information is handled in the strictest confidence by CGA's); sustained growth; contribution to employment in Manitoba in the past two years; employee relations/ development; and community involvement. Additional consideration may be given to nominees demonstrating special achievements or overcoming unique obstacles.

Award Categories include **Outstanding Large Business** (200+ employees); **Outstanding Medium Business** (31-200); **Outstanding Small Business** (less than 30 employees); **Outstanding Manitoba Ambassador** (out-of-province activities). **Lieutenant Governors Awards** are Outstanding Contribution to the Community for an Individual and a Business.

The **deadline for nominations** is **July 25th** and applications are available at www.mbchamber.mb.ca or call **822-5630**.

OF MEMBERS AND MORE

Anita at **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler** reminds us that the deadline for entering their Golf Tournament is **July 18th**. Cost is \$110/person; call **822-4992** to register.

Please remember that we have a large number of Trans Canada and Enbridge pipeline workers arriving in Morden now. This increase in population is greatly stretching our local services. **Be Patient!** The benefits from this increased activity will be positive for our businesses and community.