

The Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce serves as an advocate for member businesses, working to promote and enhance our community.

Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce

April/May 2011 Newsletter

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Saint Judy Enterprises

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Saint Judy Enterprises is registered with the Tarion Home Warranty Corporation. Our homes are as individual as the people who buy them, handcrafted works of art. We also do home inspections, consultations, and design.

Muskoka Graphics

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291 Phillip Street, Suite 4
Gravenhurst
(705) 687-7666
mark@muskokasagraphics.com
www.muskokagraphics.com

Design for print and web. Providing quality design for both print and web for over 10 years.

Shoppers Drug Mart

Karen Foshay
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www.shoppersdrugmart.ca

We are committed to providing exceptional care and service to our customers. We believe in community and the strength it contains. Working together to provide unity is our goal. We look forward to a challenging yet rewarding future together.

WB2 Designs Studio

Wilma Broxterman-Bailey
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www.auburngalleryofflineart.com

WB2 Designs studio provides make-up artistry services, including lessons and workshops. Wedding and fashion accessories, plus an exclusive hand-crafted jewellery line. WB2 Designs Studio will be celebrating their GRAND OPENING on Friday June 10, 10 am—6 pm.

Off the Wharf

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From Brand-name clothing, tons of accessories and all your water sports needs to our own custom designed Muskoka wear you'll find everything you need at Hotline's Off the Wharf. Where you're looking for the latest trends in swimwear and summer apparel or the latest and greatest in wakeboarding and other water sports, we've got you covered.

A New U A-Weights:Weight Loss Clinic

Noella Labonte
900 Bay Street - Upstairs
Gravenhurst
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Your last diet! A variety of gourmet flavours, one-on-one service, lose 3-7 lbs a week; fat loss; healthy; doctor driven weight loss protocol; get results.

Dates to Remember:

May 5—BIA Fashion Show

May 25—After Hours at Granite Ridge

June 10—WB2 Designs Studio Grand Opening

June 11—Car Show

Aug. 19, 20, 21—Dockside Festival

Aug. 19 & 20—Steamship Festival

Watch our online event calendar for details of upcoming events and activities:

www.GravenhurstChamber.com

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS CONT'D

Muskoka Property Management & Landscaping

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685 Muskoka Road North Unit 5
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muskokapropertymanagement@live.ca
Muskoka Property Management & Landscaping is proud to serving Muskoka with competitive pricing and a knowledgeable mind for landscaping, interlocking stone, tree removal, snow removal and property management. We are fully insured, reliable and reputable in all areas of our work and take pride in caring for your home and property.

Muskoka Wharf Marine

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Muskoka Wharf Marine has expanded this year and now has a second location to better servcie its' customer base. The new location is in Gravenhurst. We offer boat, PVC, toy and snowmobile rentals. In addition, we have full storage facilities. We are also proud to be the Muskoka representative for Hacker-Craft boats.

Regional Tourism Organization 12

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Set in place by the Ministry of Tourism & Culture to identify and implement regional priorities allowing for more consistent marketing of Ontario's Tourism Regions.

Sandals to Stilettos

Brent Brown
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Gravenhurst
TBC
positivemarket@gmail.com

Sandals to Stilettos is proud to be here in downtown Gravenhurst. We look forward to providing a range of current styles in ladies footwear, handbags and accessories. We are enthusiastic to participate in local events. I would like to say thank you for all the positive feedback being directed toward this new venture.

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elearnnetwork.ca is a publicly funded organization dedicated to increasing access to post secondary education in small and rural communities in eastern and south western Ontario. elearnnetwork.ca makes it possible for you to upgrade your basic skills, learn a new trade, or earn a college diploma or university degree with leaving your community.



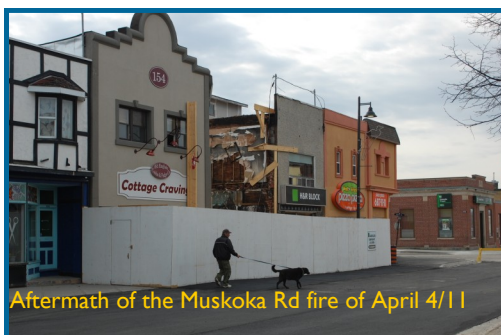
New lights installed outside the Chamber office as part of the Streetscape



Perusing the silent auction table during intermission at the BIA Spring Fashion Show



Washroom renos at Chamber office with help from Handyman Contracting Services of Muskoka & Home Building Centre.



Aftermath of the Muskoka Rd fire of April 4/11



Heidi Robertson slices cake at After Hours hosted in her honour.

THANK YOU TO RENEWING MEMBERS

(March 11— May 20, 2011)

Allair Media Group
 "Captain ""Cook de Fries"
 Casino Rama
 Cupid's Central
 David's Muskoka Audio Video Unlimited
 District of Muskoka Community Services Employment
 Program
 Ditchburn House Antiques
 Gravenhurst Bay Services
 Gravenhurst Farmers' Market Co-Op Inc
 Gravenhurst Lions Club
 Gravenhurst Subway
 Handyman Contracting Services of Muskoka
 Home Depot Canada
 Inn on Bay, The
 Kentucky Fried Chicken
 Kierstead Place Bed & Breakfast
 Leon's Furniture
 Literacy Society of South Muskoka
 Lynch's Bed & Breakfast
 Muskoka Hearing Aids Ltd
 Muskoka Lakes Gardens & More

Muskoka Magazine
 Muskoka Pro Auto Service
 Muskoka Property Management & Landscaping
 Muskoka Steamships - The Real Muskoka Experience
 Muskoka Wharf Marine
 Muskoka Window And Door Centre
 North Restaurant & Lounge
 Off the Wharf
 On The Water Designs
 R.G. Holder Plumbing Inc.
 Rockhaven Inn
 Royal Homes Ltd
 St. James Anglican Church
 Sun Of Muskoka Inc. Property Maintenance Solutions
 TCR Disaster Restoration Specialists of Muskoka
 The Rosseau, J.W. Marriott Resort & Spa
 Treveneth Bed & Breakfast
 TREV LAC Business Services
 Valerie J. (Tingey) Ferguson
 Water's Edge Vacation Rentals Inc.
 Where Magazine/Online
 Window Works (Muskoka)

Message from the Manager - by Jodi Holder

It has been a tumultuous couple of months in Gravenhurst. April indeed came in like a lion with the devastating fire on Muskoka Road that displaced two business, 4 families and ultimately saw the loss of 3 buildings in our central business area. Streetscape improvements, though much needed, have challenged Muskoka Road businesses through ongoing street closures. In spite of these many upheavals businesses have remained focused and are looking forward to a strong season.

In April, the Town awarded the Chamber the contract to offer Visitor Information on behalf of the Town. We have been busy with preparations for the anticipated foot traffic by reorganizing, hiring additional staff and modest wash-room renovations. In addition to the services available in our office, we will also be partnering with the municipality by placing Visitor Guides in many Town vehicles so they may be handy to staff in order to assist visitors to the area. If you would like copies of the visitor guide, which contains many handy references, for your place of business just let us know and we will be sure to get a supply to you.

The Town of Gravenhurst in partnership with the Chamber and the BIA has made a funding application to OMAFRA (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Farms and Rural Affairs) for a central business area revitalization program. The application has been submitted with several letters of support. Matching funding from the municipality would go toward supporting a coordinator and several identified projects over a 3 year period.

Recently we said good-bye to long time retailer Heidi Robertson of Robertsons Apparel at a special After Hours Event co-sponsored by the Chamber and BIA and graciously hosted by Granite Ridge Retirement Residence. Local dignitaries Tony Clement, Norm Miller and Paisley Donaldson attended and spoke of Heidi's many contributions over the years.

The Chamber has recently entered the wonderful world of Twitter. You can follow our tweets along with many other Gravenhurst business at GravenhurstCofC.

June 11 is the Car Show and Brea is busy making preparations. There is a very special addition this year so I encourage you to 'stay tuned' for details. Also if anyone is able to volunteer on the day (even for a couple of hour) it would be much appreciated. Hope to see you there!

CANADA'S

**PLAN
FOR EMPLOYEE
BENEFITS**

See why over 25,000 business owners selected this plan!

buychambers.ca
At work for small business... online!

Chambers of Commerce
Group Insurance Plan



What's In It For Me?

**You're invited to attend an Employer Business Forum
Presented by
Simcoe Muskoka Workforce Development Board**

Learn strategies for profitability!

Receive assistance and support with:

- Recruitment
- Hiring incentives
- Employee retention
- Access to information



**Hot buffet breakfast served at 7:30 a.m. Presentations at 8:00 a.m.
Community Information Booths.
Seating is Limited.**

Wed., June 8th Best Western Mariposa, 400 Memorial Avenue, **Orillia**
Thurs., June 9th Red Pine Inn, 497 Victoria Street East, **Alliston**
Fri., June 17th Liberty North, 100 Caplan Avenue, Unit 1, **Barrie**
Thurs., June 23rd Bracebridge Memorial Arena, 169 James Street, **Bracebridge**

**Call to register for the date and location most convenient for you.
RSVP to Dawn at 705-725-1011, 1-800-337-4598 or
dawn@labourtrends.ca**

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