

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

Dates to Remember:

May 26 – Counterfeit Awareness Workshop, noon – 1pm call 687-4432 to RSVP

May 27—After Hours hosted at Royal Homes on Hwy 11 see p. 2

May 28— Get G8 Ready! Presentation at Opera House see p. 2

June 6—Kendari Land Development Corp. presentation re 'Music Muskoka' pavilion proposal 10-30 am —12:30 pm

June 10—Muskoka Lakes Chamber Golf Tournament, email Jane at 705-762-5663 for more info

June 20 – Antique & Classic Car Show

June 24 – After Hours - Grand Opening Model Home - Gateway on the Bay - details to follow

TBA—HST Workshop (partnering with all Muskoka Chambers)

Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce

May 2009 Newsletter

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Artech Promotional Wear

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Orillia, ON L3V 5H2
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Marg McLaughlin

1111 Jones Road
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Marg McLaughlin is a Sales Representative with Muskoka Real Estate Services Inc. Marg, a native of Gravenhurst, relocated to Kingston some time ago but has recently returned to Gravenhurst. With over 17 years in Sales (most recently in Real Estate) and over 16 years as a landlord and property manager, Marg specializes in great customer service and is committed to helping others with their Real Estate needs.

Muskoka Soul

Sandra Crossman
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Message from the Manager - by Jodi Holder

May began with the good news that the TLDSB had decided to rescind their previous decision recommending an early school start date and instead will return to the traditional school start date to the day **after** Labour Day.

The Chamber supplied the municipality with a letter of support for a grant application submitted for the proposed Centennial Centre renovation and a New

Aquatic Facility. Over four hundred residents and business owners attended a public meeting in late April to show their support for this initiative. The positive economic impact of a project of this size would be felt for years to come. We look forward to a positive response from the government.

Earlier this month Brea and I were please to participate in 'McHappy Day'. McDonald's restau-

rants from across Canada helped raise funds for Children in need. Proceeds from this year's drive in Muskoka benefitted Ronald McDonald Houses in Toronto & Hamilton. Congratulations to owners Alan & Lisa Cumber.

Hope to see you at one of the many activities over the next month. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

jodi@gravenhurstchamber.com



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The Town of Gravenhurst is pleased to announce an important event for all business owners! Mark your calendars to join us at the **Gravenhurst Opera House on May 28th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm!** **Ella Kokotsis, Director of Analytical Studies for the University of Toronto G8 Research Group**, will be sharing information and ideas on the G8 Summit.

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The evening will include a G8 Overview, Strategies for Community Inclusion and Information on how you as a Business Owner can tap into the potential market!

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If you are curious about what a G8 Summit entails or how our local businesses and community can gain worldwide exposure, then this event is for you!! This session is being presented by the Town of Gravenhurst, in cooperation with the Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce and Gravenhurst Business Improvement Area.

Doors open at **6:00 pm**, presentation at 6:15 pm in the theatre and networking reception following at 7:15 pm in the Trillium Court.

Admission is free, however, we recommend registering for the event to ensure you have a seat! For more information on this session or to register, please contact **Amy Taylor**, Community Events Facilitator and Marketing Assistant at **705-687-3412 ext 227**.

After-Hours with the Chamber

May 27, 2009 6—8 pm

Come check out the New Model Home at Royal Homes located on Hwy 11 North. Enjoy sensational decadent finger desserts matched with Red and White Wines brought to you by your hosts:

- ★ Royal Homes
- ★ The Gravenhurst Bakery
- ★ Bay Street Winery

RSVP to the office at **687-4432** or email events@gravenhurstchamber.com

COUNTERFEIT DETECTION TRAINING—JOIN US!

The Bank of Canada works with its partners – private sector firms, consumer and volunteer groups, government agencies and law enforcement organizations - to raise



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awareness among consumers and businesses about the dangers of counterfeiting and other frauds by educating them on how to *recognize it, report it and stop it*.

Unfortunately, many Canadians continue to fall victim to the tricks used by fraudsters. Education is the key to avoiding the fraud trap. The Bank and its partners provide a broad range of educational resources that cover everything from identity theft to counterfeiting, vacation scams to debit card fraud.

On May 26th, join the Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce and a representative from the Bank of Canada for hands-on *Counterfeit Detection* training – counterfeit notes will be provided for individuals to examine and compare against genuine Canadian currency.

Tuesday, May 26, 2009 Noon to 1 pm
Terry's Independent Grocer—Community Room
No Charge for this event—pick up your own lunch at YIG's Lunch Counter!
Space is limited RSVP to events@gravenhurstchamber.com