

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

Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce

November 2010 Newsletter

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Gravenhurst Curling Club

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The Gravenhurst Curling Club was established in 1901. The Club provides recreational curling from little rocks for young children through to Adults—no age limit. Complete banquet facilities available for rentals as well as 6 sheets of curling ice. Large floor space available off season for rental.

Muskoka Music Source

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DJ entertainment serving Muskoka and surrounding regions for 8 years. Booking events regularly including weddings, Christmas parties, conferences, private functions and many others. Fully equipped for music and video parties including Karaoke and video dances.

Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 10—After Hours Event, Home Building Centre, 6 –8pm
- Nov. 20—Santa Claus Parade, visit with Santa & Free family skate
- Nov. 27—Chamber Christmas Gala at MBHC
- Dec. 1— Inaugural Council Meeting, Opera House, 7 pm.
- Dec. 6—10, Bethune House, Open House, 10—4pm daily
- Dec 11—Community Carol Sing, 2pm at the Opera House
- Jan. 27—AGM & After hours event

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

www.GravenhurstChamber.com

THANK YOU to the following sponsors and volunteers for helping make this year's Santa Claus Parade such a great success!



Fowler Construction, Triton Engineering, TVCogeco, Granite Ridge Retirement Residence, Ontario Power Generation, Chamberlain Tim-Br Mart, LeisureWorld Retirement Residence, North Restaurant, Veridian, Laurie Wallis, LeeAnn Waterman, Megan Hrehoruk, Muskoka Family Focus, Gravenhurst Legion, Girl Guides, OSPCA, Sander Motor Sales, South Muskoka Shield, Muskoka Music Source, George Yewer Motors, Sobeys, The Gravenhurst BIA, Volunteer Fire Department and the Town of Gravenhurst.

WANTED!

Brea is recruiting members to sit on an exciting new committee. Rev up your engines and join the Car Show Committee!

Beep! Beep!
Vroom, Vroom!

THANK YOU TO RENEWING MEMBERS

(October 26—November 30, 2010)

Ditchburn House Antiques
Cripps Contracting
Camp Winston
Sobeys
Ryde Systems

Keith Johnston Contracting
Camdon Electric
Fabricare Cleaning Centre
Muskoka Creative Communication
Muskoka Bay Club

Message from the Manager - by Jodi Holder

Apologies to those of you who had to miss the After Hours event this month hosted by the Home Building Centre - it was great! Not only did record numbers attend (over 90 guests), but the folks at HBC organized a scavenger hunt that brought out the competitive edge in some of our members. Many thanks to the Collins' and their staff for a very memorable event.

We were fortunate again this year to have good weather for the Santa Claus parade. Our parade



Gala Décor by Mode Function

boasted 56 floats this year and the entire parade lasted about 75 minutes. Randy Brown (Cottage Cravings) and helpers successfully carried on the tradition started by Shorty Kelly and distributed over 1300 stuffed toys and are already accepting donations for next year. Due to the construction at the Centennial Centre, the visit with Santa was hosted very successfully at the Gravenhurst Seniors Centre this year. Kids enjoyed meeting with Santa and were treated to free face painting courtesy of the BIA. The Free Family Skate carried on as usual and special thanks to the Muskoka Shield players who helped many young fans with their skating skills. The Parade is truly a community event but one that could not have been successful this year without the help of Fowler Construction.

From the beginning of the Streetscape construction there have been bi-weekly meetings with Fowler, the Town, the District, Triton Engi-

neering, the BIA and the Chamber. Keeping the parade on Muskoka Road was the goal and required a lot of extra effort on behalf of Fowler including extra grading & fill, removal of fencing and construction equipment. The extra effort was very much appreciated.

The construction will be forced to wind down as the winter weather approaches. Communication regarding the work to date and the work anticipated for the Spring will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

We also held our annual Chamber Christmas Gala this past Saturday. Thanks to our many sponsors and especially to Mode Function Event Design for their significant décor sponsorship – it was lovely.

As the festive season approaches I would encourage to shop locally when possible. There are quite a number of local shopping based events coming up to name a few:

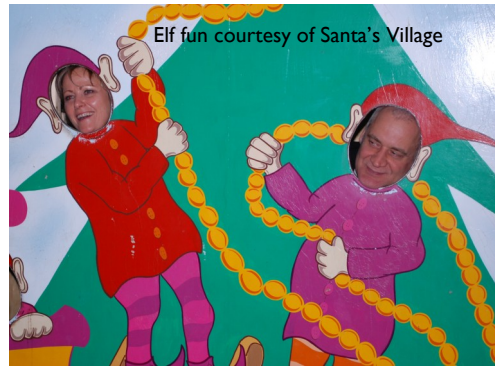
- *Four Girls and Two Guys* at Penny Varney Jewellery Gallery and Gifts



Silent Auction Tables at the Gala

Thursday Dec 16 from 6 PM - 10 PM. The shops in the block will be staying open that evening until 10 PM as well.

- BIA Member Businesses launch the most exciting ever... Shop Local Christmas Campaign—Shop Uptown Gravenhurst and you could



Elf fun courtesy of Santa's Village

be the lucky winner of an All Inclusive Caribbean Vacation for two! Draw takes place on the Moose Morning Show December 24th.

- Gravenhurst Farmers' Market Christmas Show—NEW LOCATION at the Gravenhurst Legion on Sat. Dec. 4th. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - no admission.
- Cottage Cravings is hosting their annual Christmas Open House on



Gala Friends

- Tuesday, December 7th from 4-9 p.m. An evening of savings and samplings including over 20 varieties of "UnReal" Hot Chocolate!
- Merry Everything Art Exhibit & Sale at Zensations, Nov. 13—Dec. 27th.

As I already mentioned in *The Goods*, we are very pleased to welcome Randy Jorgensen (Ward 4 Councillor) as our new municipal representative on our Chamber Board of Directors. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Terry Pilger for his years of service on the Chamber Board—his time was much appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns or news that you would like to share.

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