

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

Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce

September 2010 Newsletter

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Back Yard Stuff

John Kerr
1010-A N. Kabshe Lake Road
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(705) 205-1450
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Chainsaw carving from nine different carvers. Every year we organizes the Muskoka Carving Event; this year's dates are: Feb 18 & 19, 2011.

JT Linders Construction

James Linders
205- 3 Margaret Street
Gravenhurst,
(705) 238-1055
jtlinders@gmail.com
Operating since 2004, JT Linders Construction is a full service building contractor. We specialize in renovations, in house woodworking professional interior/exterior painting services, finish car-

penry (stairs, railing, mouldings), ICF & in-wall foundation sales and installation, and use modern methods and materials in new construction. Ask about eco-friendly building materials and practices. Honest, reliability and quality with fair pricing. In house design and building code consulting.

Mode Function Event Design Ltd

Jeffery Crawford & Michael Alonso
160 Muskoka Road South
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www.modefunction.com
A comprehensive event design & decor company specializing in providing stylish decor for weddings and special events. Our skilled team of designers create atmosphere for weddings themed events, social soirees, galas or corporate events.

Dates to Remember:

**Oct 14—All Candidates Forum
7pm (Opera House)**
Oct 18-22—Small Business Week
Oct 21—After Hours Event
Oct 25— Election Day!
**Nov. 10—After Hours Event,
Home Building Centre**
**Nov. 20—Santa Claus Parade, visit
with Santa & Free family skate**
**Nov. 27—Chamber Christmas Gala
at MBHC**

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

www.GravenhurstChamber.com

The Donkey Shack and Feed Store is hosting an OPEN HOUSE on Oct 2nd with door prizes, BBQ, speakers on nutrition for all animals and a equine garage sale. All welcome.



Leisureworld
A WHOLE NEW IMAGE OF AGE

AFTER HOURS EVENT

Thursday, October 21, 6:00—8:00 pm

RSVP to Brea Hope to see you there for a chance to win fabulous prizes and network during the food and beverage segment of the event.!

RSVP to Brea events@gravenhustchamber.com

THANK YOU TO RENEWING MEMBERS

(Renewed between August 28—September 30, 2010)

Blaincroft Bed & Breakfast

Boss Services

Curves

D.L. Papke & Associates

Gauthier Group Development Inc.,

Lynn Valley Manufacturing

Message from the Manager - by Jodi Holder

Thank you to Tammy Paterson of DS2Designs for hosting an After Hours event at her most recent renovation project on Muskoka Road North. More recently, the stars aligned to provide us with a wonderful After Hours event co-hosted by Wood's End Studio and Savour Muskoka on September 21. John de Lang provided us with a comprehensive background of his bird carving techniques and the food provided by Savour Muskoka was delicious. Until 7:00 pm guests were able to enjoy the gardens or take a stroll on the fairy tale path, know as the 'Enchanted Forest', then, almost on cue, the skies opened up and provided the folks driving home with a terrific lightening display.

Work began on the Streetscape project last week. I have been invited along with BIA President, Brandon McGregor to by-weekly meetings with the Town, District and project representatives to discuss the progress of the construction and any specific concerns. At our last meeting we had assurances that the contractors would help ensure, through backfilling, that the street would be in appropriate condition to host the Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, November 20th. However, construction on the Centennial Centre means that the visit with Santa will be held at the Gravenhurst Seniors Centre this year. Applications to participate in the parade as well as sponsorship forms have been emailed and are also available on our website and in our office. As mentioned in our last newsletter, Randy Brown of Cottage Cravings is continuing Shorty's tradition of distributing stuffed toys at the parade – donations can

be made at Cottage Cravings or at Glynis' Cafe at the Gravenhurst Train Station.

While I have you in the spirit, plans are well underway for the Chamber's annual Christmas Gala. Save the date Saturday, November 27 and we promise to share more details with you soon!

The project team working on the Highway 11 Realignment project hosted two information sessions recently, one for business owners on Sept. 16 and one for the general public on Sept. 23. If you were unable to attend either of these sessions please take a moment to review the information online at www.highway11study.ca. Comment forms are available online; click 'Consultation' then 'Public Information Centres', scroll down to 'PIC#2' and click 'comment sheet'. This will be the last opportunity for members of the public to provide input before the

preferred alternative is chosen. I am currently sitting on a committee charged with the task of developing an official response to the MTO from the Town which will be forthcoming.

The election fever is well underway and it has specifically affected our Chamber Board. Rosemary King has officially resigned as President of the Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce as she has decided to run for District Council. Vice President, Marv McCabe will step into the role as President (as per our by-laws) until the Annual General Meeting on January 27, 2011.

The Chamber of Commerce is hosting with sponsorship from the Gravenhurst Banner and TV Cogeco the All Candidates' Forum on October 14, 7pm at the Gravenhurst Opera House. Due to time restraints we will not be taking questions from the floor. Please email any question to me to be chosen at random that evening. There will however be time following the formal agenda to pose questions on a one-to-one basis to individual candidates.

In addition all four mayoral candidates were recently interviewed by the Chamber Board. The questions focused mainly on business and the role of the Chamber within the community. We are in the process of compiling their answers and should have that information available for the membership shortly.

Hope to see you all over the next few weeks at one of the many functions taking place. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns or news that you would like to share.

Jodi Holder, Manager
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Innovation Muskoka

A mentorship program for entrepreneurs

Entrepreneurs:

Improve your business skills with valuable tips from a skilled mentor and discussions with enthusiastic colleagues!

Mentors:

Help your community by mentoring an innovative entrepreneur and networking with like-minded individuals!

This program is offered free-of-charge by Muskoka Futures and features:

- One-on-one mentorship, matching needs with skills
- Expert speakers and panels on how to improve your business
- Monthly networking and discussion opportunities

If you would like to register as an entrepreneur, or volunteer to be a mentor, please check the website for details and application forms:

www.muskokafutures.ca/innovation

or contact the Project Coordinator:

646-9511, ex. 21 or delang@muskokafutures.ca

Registration is requested by October 8.

