



# JUST THE FAX

Newsletter of the Morden and District Chamber of Commerce

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## CHAMBER HOSTING TWO MORE INFORMATION LUNCHEONS

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* has arranged a series of monthly luncheons at the Friendship Centre to kick off the first quarter of 2009. The first featured **Gary Hannaford, CEO of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba** who presented the results of the Institute's annual economic analysis of Manitoba, **MB Check-up**. This study compares our province with other western provinces as well as Ontario and the national average.

The second luncheon will be held **Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** and our speaker will be **George Penner, Skills Developer for the Determining and Addressing Workplace Needs (DAWN) Project**.

**DAWN** is a federal Workplace Skills Initiative project administered by the *Winkler & District Chamber of Commerce*. Its goal is to implement a common framework for skills assessment and training in order to optimize the current and future contribution of immigrants in the workplace.

The third luncheon is sponsored by **BDO Dunwoody Chartered Accountants** and will be held on **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**. Our featured speaker **Ron Westfall of BDO Dunwoody** will speak on the topic of **Succession Planning** for your business.

Ticket prices are \$20 per person for Chamber members or \$25 for non-members. All are welcome. Seating is limited so email [chamber@mordenmb.com](mailto:chamber@mordenmb.com) or call **822-5630** today. Pre-registration is required.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEETING SET

The **Morden & District Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting** will be held **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon** in the **Friendship Centre**.

Highlights include **Mayor Doug Wilson's State of the Community** address.

Call the Chamber **822-5630** to register.

## FREE SEMINARS FROM HEARTLAND COMMUNITY FUTURES

**Heartland Community Futures Development Corp** offers free video conferencing business seminars in the Winkler Chamber Board Room. To register call **1-877-472-7122**. Each seminar is described on their website: [www.cfheartland.ca](http://www.cfheartland.ca):

**Feb 9** – CRA – Year End T-4 Preparation Seminar; **Feb 10** – PST: An Introduction to Provincial Sales Tax; and GST Information Workshop; **Feb 11** – Google Search Engine Optimization; and How to Find a Business Idea; **Feb 12** – Succession Planning 1 – Preparation and Exit Options; **Feb 13** – Succession Planning 2 – Selling Your Business.

## MORDEN WINTERFEST 2009

The **Morden Integration Committee** is hosting **Winterfest 2009** on **Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:30 to 4:30** at the **Rec. Centre**. The purpose is to give all area residents, new and long-term, the chance to get out and have some winter fun together. Be sure to enter for door prizes and the colouring contest.

Enjoy indoor activities like multi-cultural entertainment, free refreshments, cooking and dance demonstrations and crafts. You can also go skating for free sponsored by the Morden United Way.

Outdoors there is sleigh rides, street hockey, tobogganing, snowboarding and snow sculpting with Jake Goertzen.

There is plenty of fun for kids, adults, and seniors alike.

## JEANS DAY FRIDAYS

From **Feb 1 to March 31** the **Morden Parent & Child Resource Centre(PCRC)** invites you and your co-workers to join them by wearing jeans on Fridays to support the Centre and its programs.

The PCRC is a non profit organization that provides children's/family programming in the community, 99% of which are free for all.

Wear jeans on Fridays and donate \$1 to the Morden PCRC. Please contact **Brenda Klein** at **822-1283** to participate in Jeans Day Fridays or **Karen Wovk** **822-1231** for PCRC programming information.

## BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE

**Bowl for Kids Sake** is being held on **Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** at **Valley Lanes** in Winkler. Team entry is \$200 and teams choose from one of four time slots to bowl.

Corporate sponsorship or donations of door prizes are gratefully accepted. Call **Laura Matychuk** at **325-9707** or email [bbbsmw@mts.net](mailto:bbbsmw@mts.net) to enter or donate.

## COMING EVENTS

- Feb 7 Coffee House & Art Auction – Fr. Centre
- 7-8 Squirt Hockey Tourn – Rec. Centre
- 9 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 10 Chamber Exec. Mtg– Morden Motor Inn
- 13-15 Staying Alive Dinner Entertainment – St. Paul's United Church
- 13-15 Midget A Hockey Tournament – Rec Ctr
- 16 Louis Riel Day
- 17 Chamber Lunch Series #2 – Friendship Ctr.
- 19 Corn & Apple Festival Committee Meeting – Friendship Centre
- 20-22 Legion Bonspiel – Morden Curling Club
- 21 & 28 Business Start Workshop for Newcomers - Legion
- 22 Winterfest 2009 – Rec. Centre
- 23 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 28 Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake – Valley Lanes, Winkler
- Mar 6-8 Morden Ladies Bonspiel – Curling Club
- 9 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 10 Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting – 12:00 noon – Friendship Centre
- 18 Women in Business Breakfast – 7:30 a.m. Morden's Heartland

## OF MEMBERS & MORE

The Morden Chamber of Commerce welcomes **K.J. Giesbrecht Chartered Accountant** formerly Giesbrecht Financial Services at **388 Stephen St.** Open House today!

Also welcome to **Manitoba Liquor Control Commission Manager Laura Kostur**. Congratulations to **Laura Matychuk**, the new Executive Director of **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Morden-Winkler**.