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CHAMBER PLANS LUNCHEON SERIES WITH SPEAKERS

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* is putting together a series of monthly luncheons at the Friendship Centre to kick off 2009. The first, scheduled for **Tuesday, January 20th** will feature **Gary Hannaford, CEO of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba**. He will present and discuss the results of the Institute's annual economic analysis of Manitoba, **MB Check-up**. It provides a comprehensive evaluation of Manitoba as a place to live, work and invest. This study compares our province with the other western provinces as well as Ontario and the national average.

All Manitobans, including business, government, educators, law enforcement and the general public have a role to play in finding solutions to the challenges facing our province. The **MB Check-up** is to be used as a tool to stimulate discussion and encourage leadership, helping everyone to focus on the key points where change can have the greatest impact to improve Manitoba's competitiveness.

The second luncheon, on **Tuesday, February 17th** will feature **George Penner, Skills Developer for the Determining and Addressing Workplace Needs (DAWN) Project**.

The third luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, March 24th** and may take the form of a ½ day seminar on the topic of **Succession Planning** for your business.

Stay tuned for information on registration and sponsorship opportunities.

DETERMINING AND ADDRESSING WORKPLACE NEEDS

The Determining and Addressing Workplace Needs (**DAWN**) project invites manufacturing industries to an information session regarding a new 2-year pilot project to assist employers to improve the work skills of their immigrant and newcomer labour force. The Morden session will be held **Friday, January 9th** at **2:00** in the **Friendship Centre** or alternately in Winkler on January 7th or Altona on the 8th. Register by calling **325-7261** or email george@winkleronline.com

FREE SEMINARS FROM HEARTLAND COMMUNITY FUTURES

Heartland Community Futures Development Corp continues to offer 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:

Jan 5 – Trade Show Selling; **Jan 6** – CBSA – Vehicle Importation; **Jan 7** – Making Meetings Work for You; **Jan 9** – Preparing a Winning Business Plan; **Jan 13** – Buying a Franchise; **Jan 14** – PST: An Introduction to Provincial Sales Tax; GST: Information Workshop; **Jan 15** – Positive Employee Relations; **Jan 16** – MS Office Work & Excel – Tips for Small Business; **Jan 20** – Buying a Business. Continued next issue.

KEEPING WORKERS SAFE

The **Manitoba Immigrant Safety Initiative (MISI)** funded by Worker's Compensation is hosting a **Free Resource Sharing Event** for Morden/Winkler employers on **Friday January 23, 2009** at the **Boundary Trails Health Centre** 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

This session led by Mike Waite from WCB Safety Services is directed toward employers, safety trainers, human resources personnel, EAL instructors, settlement agency staff and EI counselors. It will focus on new and innovative safety resources, promote a safety conscious workplace and teach how to educate immigrant employees/adult learners on safety with materials they can easily understand.

To register call the **Chamber office 822-5630/email chamber@mordenmb.com**.

CFDC PRESENTS...

The **Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre** will hold a public presentation by Stantec Architecture of Winnipeg (who with a consulting group prepared a project feasibility study) at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2009** at the **Morden Friendship Centre**.

All are welcome to attend for a preview of the potential for opportunities created by a new museum.

Refreshments will be served and international entertainers Lulu and the Tom Cat will perform background music and some songs from their Fossil Rock CD.

COMING EVENTS

- Jan 2-4 Morden A & AA Hockey Tourn – Rec Centre
- 5 School classes resume
- 9 DAWN Manufacturing Industries information session – Friendship Ctre
- 9-11 Novice A Hockey Tourn – Rec Centre
- 12 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 13 **Chamber Exec Mtg – Morden Motor Inn**
- 17-18 Atom A1 & Peewee A1 Hockey Tourn – Rec Ctr
- 20 **Chamber Lunch Series #1 – Speaker Gary Hannaford, CEO, Institute of Chartered Accountants of MB – Friendship Centre**
- 21 **Women in Business Breakfast Meeting – Morden's Heartland**
- 23 **MISI Resource Sharing – Boundary Trails Health Centre**
- 26 Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
- 27 Morden Area Foundation Annual Meeting: Legacy of Chautauqua – noon – Friendship Centre. Call 822-5614 for tickets
- 27 Historical Society Annual Mtg - Library
- 28 CFDC Public Presentation of Potential Opportunities – Friendship Ctre

OF MEMBERS & MORE

Corn and Apple Festival Chairperson **Carol Fehr** has announced that **Sarah Dyck** has accepted the Publicity portfolio for the 2009 Festival.

Carol and co-Chair **Doug Jones** are looking for a volunteer to chair the **Street Space** committee. Call the Chamber office at **822-5630** for more information or to volunteer.

The 2009 Corn & Apple Festival will be held **August 21st to 23rd**.