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MORDEN AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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WELCOME NEW CHAMBER EXECUTIVE

One of the *Morden and District Chamber of Commerce's* most successful Annual General Meetings was held last week and we are pleased to welcome our new **Executive Members**: **Jeff McAulay** of **RBC Royal Bank**, Budget & Finance; **Ross Ariss** of **G.G. Financial**, Business Development; **Jeffrey Klassen** of **Credential Securities**, Membership and **Connor Holenski** of **Kelty Marketing**, Program & Events.

They join returning Executive Members **Carol Williams**, President; **Kent Winning**, Vice President; **David Weiss**, Past President and Community Development; **Irma Maier**, Immigration; **Kevin Dodge**, Marketing & Communication; and **Sarah Dyck**, Program & Events.

It is interesting to note that over the past 50 plus years the Morden & District Chamber of Commerce has had only two second generation Executive Members, the first being in 1974, **Catherine Evenson**, daughter of **Wally Vick** and now **Ross Ariss**, son of **Paul Ariss** who was President in 1980.

CHAMBER MEETING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE ENBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PLAN

The *Morden Chamber of Commerce* and *Enbridge Pipelines* invite all Morden Businesses to join us for lunch at the **Friendship Centre** on **Tuesday, April 15th at 12:00 noon** to hear a presentation on the **Construction Plan for the Southern Lights and Albert Clipper pipeline projects scheduled for the summers of 2008 and 2009.**

Michele Perret from **Enbridge** will attend to discuss the project timelines, number of workers involved, how the project will proceed through the area, and what impact they will have on Morden. Businesses and residents will need to be aware of the needs of all these workers and their equipment so that we can be prepared to efficiently meet the challenge.

The **cost for lunch is \$15.00, payable at the door.** Call **822-5630** or email chamber@mordenmb.com to register.

WCB CONSULTATION – EXTENDING COVERAGE

The **Workers Compensation Board** is seeking comments from all employers, including those who do not currently have WCB coverage, regarding the addition of industries to the program. A consultation paper is available at www.wcb.mb.ca.

Submissions are requested by **May 1st to Extension of Coverage Consultation, WCB, 333 Broadway, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 4W3** or fax **1-877-872-3804**.

LOREENA MCKENNITT COMPOSITION COMPETITION

Morden's Back 40 Festival is accepting submissions of original folk and roots (Celtic, country, alt. country, bluegrass, blues) music for the Loreena McKennitt Composition Competition which is open to S. Central MB youth between 15 to 25.

Submissions will be judged on criteria such as composition, originality, creativity, melody and lyrical content. A cheque or money order for \$5 to Town of Morden by April 15, 2008 must accompany each application. For more details visit www.back40folkfest.com (subject LMCC), email gplepage@mts.net or call **JP Lepage** at **822-1915**.

COMING EVENTS

1. Mar 14/17/18/25/26/27 – Heartland Community Futures Video Conferencing Seminars – call 1-877-472-7122 for more information and to register.
2. Mar 14-16 – Morden Farmer's Bonspiel – Curling Club
3. Mar 14-15 – *Chautauqua: Web Marketing Workshop – CFDC Agassiz Room – Cost \$40 per person*
4. Mar 15-16 – Toy & Collectors Show – Rec. Centre
5. Mar 17 – Blood Donor Clinic – Morden Collegiate
6. Mar 20 – *Morden Area Foundation Community Builders Luncheon – Chautauqua Kick-off – Friendship Centre*
7. Mar 21 – Community Good Friday Service – Rec. Centre
8. Mar 22 – Friends of Dance Southern Blues – Rec. Centre
9. Mar 24 – Town Council Meeting – Civic Centre
10. Mar 24 – Western School Division Meeting – Division Office
11. **Apr 1 – Corn & Apple Committee Mtg – Friendship Ctr**
12. **Apr 8 – Chamber Executive Mtg – Morden Motor Inn**
13. Apr 10 – Morden & Dist. Horticulture Society – Theme Gardening: Miniature Railway with Michael Mann – Library
14. Apr 14 & 28 – Town Council Meetings – Civic Centre
15. Apr 14 & 28 – Western School Division Mtgs – Div. Office
16. **Apr 15 – Enbridge Pipeline Construction Plan Presentation – Friendship Centre – Lunch \$15.00**
17. Apr 18 - Maximum Impact 08: Advance Simulcast - Winkler

CORN & APPLE FESTIVAL UPDATE

Corn and Apple Festival Committee Chairman **Ken Wiebe** is a happy person today. All Committees now have Chairpersons and he welcomes **Florence** and **Hank Hildebrand**, Free Cider; **Eldon Gerbrandt**, Vendor Relations; **Alex Kindsvater**, Queen Pageant and **Dr. Alain Kolt**, Float Driver. Thank you to all our volunteers.

Sponsorship letters with complete level breakdown have gone out to local businesses. This is your chance to get behind Morden's largest, most successful event. Advertising and banner wall space is limited so we encourage you to decide on your level of support as soon as possible.

As a note of interest, the banner wall will be moved from the east side of the Art Gallery to the east side of **Olympic Source for Sports**, right next to the **Free Corn** area. Volunteers have designed a system to hang the banners which will be easier to install and will cause no damage to the building. It should be noted that promotional visibility will be much greater as there will be no trees in the way to block your name!

OF MEMBERS AND MORE

The *Winkler Chamber of Commerce* is hosting the **Maximum Impact 08: Advance Simulcast** on **Friday April 18th 8 am – 3 pm** at the **Emmanuel Mennonite Church**. **Tickets are \$149** each by March 31st. Maximum Impact: Advance will be the premiere leadership development experience that allows you to learn from authorities: John C. Maxwell, Bill Taylor, Dick Vitale, Spencer Tillman, Pat Lencioni, Valorie Burton, Dan Cathy, Kevin Carroll, Andy Andrews and Andy Stanley whose tactical approaches to challenges have made them legendary. Over 80,000 will attend this LIVE event in over 600 locations. Register online at www.maximumimpact.com/mis.