

NEWS & VIEWS

February 2009



A TOWN THAT ANYONE COULD CALL HOME-OUR WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

Why is making Stouffville accessible for people with disabilities good for your business? About 1.85 million people in Ontario have a disability. [Statistics Canada, PALS (2006)]. According to a Royal Bank estimate, Canadians with disabilities account for an estimated \$25 billion a year in consumer spending. In turn, every person with a disability influences the spending decision on another 12 to 15 Canadians.

By making your business open to people with disabilities, you can tap into this huge market-a market that has significant spending power. Is this something you can afford to ignore?

We're getting older. Seniors and people with disabilities will represent 20 to 25% of the Canadian recreation, retail, entertainment, and workplace and housing marketplaces in the next ten years and beyond.

AODA - Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act - 2005

The first standard, Customer Service, came into law January 1, 2008. Public sector compliance will be 2010 with the private sector compliance beginning in 2012.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Accessibility Advisory Committee

With education being a strong component of this standard the Accessibility Advisory Committee would like to work with you to offer training workshops to the owners, staff and volunteers.

Contact: Heather Andrews, Chair,
Accessibility Advisory Committee,
heatherandrews@rogers.com.

WE HAVE WINNERS!!!

Just to let you know that our members "Are Winners".

The Globe and Mail reported on January 14th that **Cole Engineering Group** was ranked as one of the Top 50 Employers across Canada; in the small and medium sized business category.

Julie and Mario Testa of **Willow Springs Winery** are winners. They entered four wines at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and all four wines placed; three placed 1st and the fourth took a 3rd place.

DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT; YOUR BUSINESS CARD THAT IS.

NETWORKING MEETINGS

Our networking meetings have grown!!! Attendance is now double to what it was a year ago. Now is the time to strut your stuff. Let everyone know who you are and what you are doing and how you can give them the **Best Service**, the **Best Products** and how you are the **GREATEST PERSON** in Whitchurch-Stouffville to deal with. Tell everyone your **Good News Story**.

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR NEXT NETWORKING MEETING.

Why can't life's problems hit us when we're sixteen and know everything.

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**GO Sales and
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Mon - Fri 7:30am-5:00pm
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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COMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 12, 2009
Wine & Cheese (MUST R.S.V.P.) 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Hosted by: **Stouffville Denture Clinic,**
6038 Main Street
Members Only.....

Wednesday February 25, 2009
Mayor's Luncheon, 12:15 pm
Stakeout Dining Room & Lounge,
5402 Main Street
\$31.50 Members and \$42.00 Non-Members (incl. GST)

March 5, 2009
International Woman's Day Luncheon
11:30 am Meet & Greet; 12:15 pm Lunch
Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club,
13242 Tenth Line \$31.50 Members and \$42.00 Non-
Members (incl. GST)

March 26, 2009
Annual Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 - 9:00 am
Hosted by: **Bruce's Mill Conservation Area,**
3291 Stouffville Rd.
Free to Members that bring a prospective member and
\$15.00 without. (GST incl.)

April 6, 2009
Annual General Meeting
Train Station, 6176 Main Street
7:00 - 9:00 pm

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION & PAYMENT REQUIRED
FOR ALL EVENTS.**