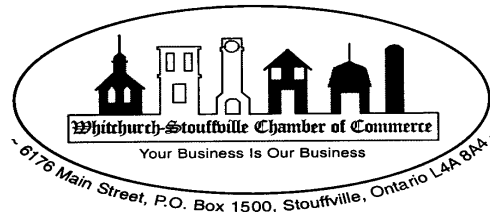


NEWS & VIEWS

February 2010



COMING EVENTS **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

February 18, 2010

Networking Breakfast – 8:00 – 9:00 am

Hosted by: U Weight Loss Clinic

5892 Main Street

Free to Members

\$15.00 Non-members (GST included)

March 4, 2010

International Women's Day Luncheon

11:30 am – Meet & Greet

12:15 pm – Lunch

Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club

13242 Tenth Line

Prices to be advised

March 18, 2010

Annual Pancake Breakfast, 7:30 – 9 am

Hosted by: Bruce's Mill

Conservation Area

3291 Stouffville Road

Free to Members

\$15.00 Non-members (GST included)

April 15, 2010

Networking Breakfast – 8:00 – 9:00 am

Hosted by: Lorraine Pearce, Identity Theft

at Ballantrae Golf C.C., 1 Final Round

Free to Members

\$15.00 Non-members (GST included)

**Advance registration & payment
required for all events.**

Update on Chamber Health Benefit Plan

At a meeting on November 13, 2009 the
Chamber Insurance Corp. of Canada;

the plan administrator (Johnston Group Inc.) presented the mid-year report to update the Directors on the progress of the Chambers Plan and also presented a Long Term Plan addressing issues that may affect the Plan over the next few years. Highlights from the report are listed below.

-Despite the downturn in the economy across the country the Plan has grown by almost 9% in the past year. New sales in the first six months of the Plan year continue to be strong, with over 1,800 new firms added in the period representing approximately \$12,000,000 of the new premium. As of September 1, 2009, there were over 28,500 firms insured representing over 115,000 employees. The average size of a firm in the Chambers Plan is 4 lives, which reminds us how important the Plan is for small business in your communities.

-The Directors were informed of the success of the new national marketing website, www.buychambers.ca that was launched in January. To date over 1,800 employers have requested a quotation directly from this site.

-Two important additions to the benefit package were discussed. The first is an employee version of our website, www.my-benefits.ca where insured employees can access information on their own benefits, status of claims and monitor their own utilization. It also includes a health and wellness site that provides up-to-date information from the Canadian Health Care Guide helping employees navigate the health care system. The second is a conversion product – ContinYou – which allows employees who leave a business or retire to convert to an individual plan of insurance without medical evidence.

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Tourist Information

Mon - Fri 7:30am-5:00pm

Saturday 7:30am-4:00pm

Welcome New Member's

Stouffville Clinic of Naturopathic Medicine

Dr. Brandy Pridham

37 Sandiford Dr., Ste. 105

Stouffville, ON L4A 7X5

Tel: 905-642-8555

Naturopathic Medicine

Cross Canada Car Leasing Limited

Bill Hamilton

86 Ringwood Dr., Ste. 214

Stouffville, ON L4A 1C3

Tel: 905-642-2004

Automobile Leasing

Creative Art Factory Inc.

Emily Karailiadis

61 Ringwood Dr., Unit 7

Stouffville, ON L4A 8C1

Tel: 905-642-4278

Art Studio

Networking Meetings

If you would like to host a Breakfast or After Hours in May or October call us **NOW**. Please indicate which month would work for you and we will try to accommodate you. The meetings are held on the 2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month.

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR NEXT NETWORKING MEETING, DON'T FORGET YOUR BUSINESS CARDS.

HOW ABOUT SHARING YOUR KNOWLEDGE?

We invite our Members to submit to the Chamber an article; 150 words or less; which you feel would be of interest to the general membership. This is not about a sale you may be having, just information on your business that we may not be aware of.

Bring us your brochures

Please bring in your brochures (no larger than 3.5 x 9") and business cards to promote your business. These will be displayed in the lobby of the train station.