



NEWS & VIEWS

July 2010

Coming Events **Mark Your Calendars**

July 15, 2010

After Hours 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Hosted by: **York-Durham Heritage**

Railway, Goodwood Train Station

Free to Members

\$15.00 Non-Members (HST incl.)

August 2010 – No Networking Meetings

September 23, 2010

Business Recognition Awards

Stouffville Creek Retirement

Residence

\$65.00 each (HST incl.)

October 14, 2010

After Hours 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Hosted by: **Willow Springs Winery**

5572 Bethesda Road

Free to Members

\$15.00 Non-Members (HST incl.)

October 21, 2010

Networking Breakfast 8:00 – 9:00 am

Hosted by: **Royal Bank of Canada**

28 Sandiford Drive

Free to Members

\$15.00 Non-Members (HST incl.)

Advance registration & payment required for all events.

Networking News – for July 2010

All Aboard for our July after hours networking taking place on the York-Durham Heritage Train! We'll meet at Goodwood Station and the train will depart at 6 pm and take us to Uxbridge and back. Please call the Chamber office to register at 905 642-4227. We will be distributing a contact list at this event, so please register prior to July 13 so that your name and contact information is listed. Increase your networking capacity and register early to get on the list! This networking event is free with your Chamber membership.

DOOR PRIZES – increase your networking impact by offering a promotional item from your business for our next Door Prize draw on the York-Durham Heritage Train in July. You get to draw the winning business card and personally present the prize. Please let the chamber office know what you would like to donate by email chamber@whitchurchstouffville.ca or by phone at 905 642-4227.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER'S

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Stouffville, ON L4A 4Z7
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Renovations

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Newmarket, ON L3Y 8K3
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2010 Business Recognition Awards

The 2010 nominations closed on Friday, June 25, 2010, and we are excited to announce the nominations and categories.

Business of the Year (sponsored by Ravenshoe Group):

Southwire Canada Company, Mr. Radon,
Stouffville Creek Retirement Residence,
Willow Springs Winery.

Business Entrepreneur of the Year (sponsored by Town of Whitchurch- Stouffville):

Suze Joyce, The Hearty Artichoke; Kim
Everson, Stouffville Florist Inc.; Attila and
Tina Demjen, SNAP Newspaper.

Corporate Citizen of the Year (sponsored by Teva):

Susan Acton-Boston Pizza, Norm Clements-
Northern Gate Retirement Community, Dr.
Peter Weidelieu-Town & Country Animal
Hospital.

On September 23rd, we will also be honouring local businesses in the following categories: **Hall of Fame Award to a Non Profit Organization (sponsored by Linda Sargeant); Hall of Fame Award for Accessibility and Inclusiveness (sponsored by the Accessibility Committee of Whitchurch-Stouffville) and Lifetime Achievement Award (sponsored by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce).**

All award winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet on Thursday, September 23, 2010, at Stouffville Creek Retirement Residence. Tickets are \$65 each this includes, a sparkling reception, hors d'oeuvres, and a 3 course sit down dinner; there will be a cash bar. Tickets will be available through the Chamber office in August.

Many thanks to Chapel Ridge Funeral Home – Event Sponsor and Stouffville Creek Retirement Residence – Banquet Sponsor for their support of the 2010 Business Recognition Awards.

What's in it for you?

If you're planning on opening a new business, or own an existing business; as a member of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce you belong to the only organization working for the interests of all the Whitchurch-Stouffville business community. To best serve your needs, the Chamber emphasizes diversity and growth

within the organization. Throughout the entire year we work to ensure that you and your company receive as many benefits as possible.

- **TD Merchant Service.** Merchant Discount Rate – Visa, Interac, MasterCard and American Express.
- **Esso Business Card Program** (Discount of \$.03 per litre).
- **Canada's Leading Group Benefit Plan** through Keystone Benefits (for firms with 1 – 50 employees) – Comprehensive Group Insurance coverage for small business is priced to reflect the Chamber's mass purchasing power.
- **Hotline to HR;** provides 24/7 telephone and e-mail support regarding human resources.
- **Mystery Shopper**
- **Chamber Members** are listed on our website in ALPHABETICAL ORDER and CATEGORY with a link to your website.
- **Member to Member discounts.**
- **Chamber Publications–** Members receive monthly issues of the chamber "News & Views", in addition to special e-mailings.

To see a list of all the benefits the Chamber has to offer please go to our website at:

www.whitchurchstouffville.ca.

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Go Sales and Tourist
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Monday-Friday 7:30am-5:00pm
Saturday 7:30am-4:00pm
Sun & Holidays . . . 10:00am-4:00pm

Member's Corner

TD Small Business has launched a YouTube Channel. Chamber members can now go to the website and view clips of various small business workshops. We will be uploading short previews of upcoming webinars as well as new videos on informative business topics related to your business. Some of the topics currently available include:

- 1) How to do business with the government
- 2) How to get government grants
- 3) How to boost sales with a Unique Selling Proposition
- 4) How to protect your business from Fraud

I invite you to visit the **TD Canada Trust Small Business Banking YouTube Channel** and subscribe. Simply click on the following link:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/TDSmallBusiness>.

Submitted by Francis Caldarola, TD Canada Trust, Small Business Advisor.

The AODA (Accessibility for Ontarians with a Disability Act) takes effect on January 2, 2012. Are you ready?

We are including a brochure from the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville's Accessibility Committee with this month's newsletter to give you information on the upcoming AODA regulations. As a business you are required to provide training for your staff and have written policies in place to make your business accessible. The Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce is here to help you sort out the requirements and give you information so that you will be in compliance with the new regulations. It makes good sense since you could be missing out on potential customers if they can't access your business. You can obtain more information at

www.AccessOn.ca.