

## Executive Officers 2005-2006

### Chairman of the Board

Jay A. Meilunas  
*Investors Group Financial Services Inc.*

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Garth Bell  
*Dynamic Building Operators*

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Michele Bell  
*Cole Engineering Group Ltd.*

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*Stouffville Denture Clinic*

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Nitin Badhwar  
*Welcomehome Relocations Inc.*

Sean Steenson  
*Novopharm Ltd.*

Lynda Sargeant  
*Lindy's Floral Boutique*

## Office Administration

### President and CEO:

Helene M. Johnson

### Summer Students:

Leanne Layzell

Tesha Olsen

## Chamber Map

Marietta and Saul Brudy will be back in June to put together the Chamber Map for 2006-2007. They will be calling on you for advertising, so get on the map before it's sold out.

"Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you hold well."

*Josh Billings*

"Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

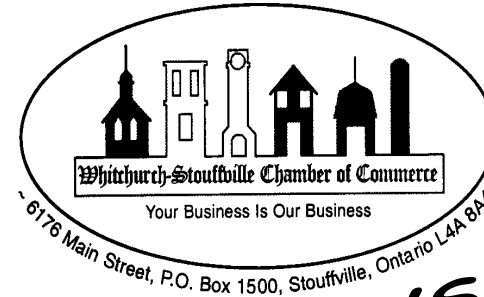
*Margaret Mead*



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## The NEWS of June 2005

### Golf Golf Golf!

It was a wonderful warm day and everyone had fun! Thanks to our sponsors, our Golf Committee chaired by Jay A., our volunteers and Keith Acton our celebrity Golfer. See you next year!!!!

### Coming Events

Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

#### After Hours Networking

Hanson's Restaurant

(Corner of Kennedy and Aurora Rd)

6:00pm until 8:00pm

Games and Refreshments

Please RSVP

## Welcome New Members

### Human Billboards Advertising

Michael Schembri

6244 Main St.

Stouffville, ON L4A 1E2

Tel: 905-640-0375

### Advertising

### Silver Lining Party Planning Services

Deborah Leckie and Debra Kent

6335 Main St., Suite 200

Stouffville, ON L4A 1G5

Tel: 416-436-8985

### Entertainment & Party Services

### Stouffville Christian School

Jake Vriend

565 Pickering/Uxbridge Townline

Claremont, ON L1Y 1A3

Tel: 905-640-3297

### Private Schools

### Whitchurch Stouffville Minor

### Hockey Association

Mike Humphreys

PO Box 976

Stouffville, ON L4A 8A1

Tel: 905-642-2835

### Hockey

### Wine Wine Wine

Roc Schlegge

6209 Main St.

Stouffville, ON L4A 4H8

Tel: 905-640-5221

### Wine Making

## Government Announces Changes to Drinking Water Regulations

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) is pleased to see that the McGuinty government is easing its drinking water testing and treatment requirements for small businesses in Ontario. On a number of different occasions the OCC advised the government of its concern that the original requirements were too costly for small businesses to adhere to. The Ontario Chamber of Commerce sent the Minister of Environment, **Leona Dombrowsky**, its submission on the regulations last fall, and also met the Minister in February to reiterate its members concerns.

The OCC and its members were primarily concerned with the negative financial effects the proposed regulations would have on small businesses in Ontario, as it would be too costly for them to comply with the regulations. The OCC further believes that the system of testing done by health labs was cost efficient, timely and secure, therefore, there seems little reason to change a system that works well.

According to the Ministry of the Environment's news release issued on May 17, health units will be required to assess the safety of drinking water systems for all non-residential and seasonal uses. They will also be required

to develop specific monitoring and treatment plans for each site based on the risks of contamination. In view of this change, small business owners will not have to install expensive treatment equipment if their water is already safe.

## Public Hearings Have Taken Place on Environmental Legislation

The OCC has continually advocated that the consequences of Bill 133, such as the removal of due process and due diligence, and the burden of liability the legislation creates on directors and officers of companies, are simply unacceptable. The Minister has made clear that she intends to introduce amendments that will, "clarify that Environmental Penalties shall only be imposed against the company and not company officials and ordinary company employees." Although we applaud the Minister for her consideration, the OCC recognizes that this amendment does not satisfy the OCC's primary concerns that this legislation will deter investment in Ontario unless significant amendments are made, specifically related to the removal of due process and due diligence. The OCC continues to urge its members to contact their local MPPs prior to the second reading of Bill 133. It is essential that our members express their concerns regarding the economic impact this legislation will have on current business and future investment.

## Whistle Radio; about people you know, by people you know

Jim Priebe is leading a project to establish a community radio station in Whitchurch-Stouffville. "Right now we are trying to raise funds to complete the CRTC application," says Priebe. "Then it will be out of our hands. We'll keep our fingers crossed in hopes that the CRTC grants us a Community License." Much of what is heard on a community station is created by volunteers – this is what the CRTC requires. "Businesses will have a new way to reach their target audience through advertising and sponsorships," predicts Priebe.

More information is available at [www.whistleradio.com](http://www.whistleradio.com) or by e-mail: [whistle.radio@sympatico.ca](mailto:whistle.radio@sympatico.ca).

## Labour Debate Continues With Third Reading of Bill 144

Minister of Labour, **Chris Bentley**, moved the third reading of Bill 144, *Labour Relations Statute Law Amendment Act, 2005*, on May 18 and the members of the Ontario Legislature are currently engaged in its debate. Deputy Minister of the Official Opposition, **Elizabeth Witmer**, kicked off the debate by referencing the Ontario Chamber of Commerce's recent submission to the Standing Committee on Social Policy and its member survey on the proposed labour relations legislation.

The OCC and its members believe that the currently proposed Bill will; fail to restore balance and fairness to the current system, threaten the fundamental principles of democracy, fail to protect worker's rights and hurt Ontario's long term competitiveness and investment climate.

Last week the Coalition for Democratic Labour Relations – of which the OCC is a member – sent Premier **Dalton McGuinty** an open letter urgently requesting a meeting with the Premier to discuss the legislation and the lack of any amendments that are business friendly in nature.

## Willow Springs Winery is a proud member of the Wine Council of Ontario

30 Ontario winemakers recently auditioned for only 3 Wine Council Member spots. Julie Testa of Willow Springs winery in Stouffville was the only female successful in acquiring a spot. Her advertisement can be heard on the top radio stations in our area including 99.9 MIX, 104.5 CHUM FM, CHFI, 97.3 EASY ROCK, JACK FM, 680 News, CFRB, CJEZ FM, CJRT FM, and CFMX. Thanks Julie, and congratulations! You are helping to put Whitchurch-Stouffville on the radar.