



Chamber Celebrates 50 Years

On May 1st the Saugeen Shores Chamber of Commerce came out in full force to celebrate 50 years serving the business community. The spring Annual General Meeting was transformed into a Gala Event, that also included the Business Excellence Awards presentations.

After introducing all dignitaries, Past Presidents, former staff and the existing Board of Directors President Gary Brown introduced Richard Stephenson, General Manager at OLG Slots at Hanover Raceway who welcomed attendees on behalf of title sponsor OLG. John Divinski, from 98 the Beach lead Grace and a Toast to the Queen.

During a wonderful dinner



Past Presidents (standing) Kent Milroy, Tim Eaton, Andy Kuperus, Harry Kibbler, Duncan Atkinson (seated) John Miller, Archie Gilles, and current President Gary R. Brown

prepared by Lakeshore Recreation, the Annual General Meeting was called to order and the Financial Report and Presidents Year in Review were presented. With the business portion of the meeting completed, Mayor Mike Smith updated

the attendees on Municipal affairs.

Presentations & Business Excellence Awards were next on the agenda. and are featured within this newsletter.

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Summertime

Yes, we see it just around the corner! Everyone is gearing up for the summer and your Tourism / Chamber Offices are no different.

Inquiries are increasing and it has become quite obvious that more and more Ontarians are choosing to holiday in their own back yard. The buzz word is "staycations", travelling and visiting sites and events that are 2-4 hours drive from home. With this in mind, we will be actively advertising and promoting Saugeen Shores in those markets.

The Tourism Coordinator was once again successful in her grant applications for summer students to augment our seasonal staff. Bruce County Tourism has also been able to help with two "Summer Experience Program" grants for summer students. These grants allow us to offer job experience & a summer paycheck to students, while giving the best service possible to the visitor. Interviews will take place mid-May with the new staff starting in early June. The Southampton location will be opened 7 days a week at that time.

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Upcoming Chamber Events

BUSINESS after hours

Business After Hours is an after work social activity for members, hosted by a member. This is a tremendous opportunity for members to get together and network and learn about each others businesses. They are “come & go” events, starting at 5:30 p.m. Munchies are provided by the host.

- *Thursday, May 14, The Windspire Inn*
Hosts: Jerry & Deb Donkersgoed
- *Thursday, June 11,*
Chippewa Golf & Country Club
Host: Geza Kocsis

Chamber Open House, BBQ & Membership Drive

Thursday June 18, 11 am—2 pm
Port Elgin Office, 559 Goderich St.

We invite you to join us for this fun BBQ Luncheon & Open House. Come see the renovations made to the office with the addition of the Saugeen Shores Business Enterprise Centre. Socialize with other Saugeen Shores business owners while our friends from Port Elgin and District Lions Club flip burgers and hot dogs .



The Membership Drive will run between May 28 & June 18.

Tell your Business Associates

MEMBERS

Enter to win 6 months free on-line advertising by:

**Referring a new member

**Attending the BBQ

You will automatically be entered!

NEW MEMBERS

**Purchase a new membership during the above dates and the administration fee will be waived!

**One lucky new member will win their membership for one year FREE!

Mark your Calendar!
Our Annual Fun Golf Classic
July 26 at The Links at Pipers Glen
Bring your partners, your sense of fun, maybe even your clubs.
NEW THIS YEAR!! PLAYING 18 HOLES!!!
If your looking for laughs and a fun day. Join us.
\$75 per golfer. Dinner included.
Chairs: Sheri Miller; John Kirkham



Networking Breakfast
Thursday, May 28, 7:30 am
Colonial Motel Meeting Room, breakfast compliments of our host, 98 the Beach. This session will examine ways to promote your business through radio advertising and promotions. Learn to create effective ad campaigns and how a good promotion can create the ultimate “buzz” for your business. Call Sally to reserve .

HST/GST Training



Saugeen Shores
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE

Working with the Saugeen Shores Business Enterprise Centre, on October 27th we will be offering an Ontario Ministry of Revenue & the Canada Revenue Agency **HST/GST Government Seminar** Now we don't have to drive to Barrie or London for these “how to” sessions! Please RSVP to Jackie at 519-832-2332 if you plan to attend. We may need two sessions! Drop in to the Centre for access and advice for all your business needs. Phone 519-832-2082 smallbiz@saugeenshores.ca

Update your info!

We would like to remind all members to visit their listing on the [website](#), check their description and contact information. Bring us brochures and business cards. We LOVE to refer!

Reminders for Staff!

- Leave prime parking spots for the visitor.
- Chamber Gift Certificates and Member to Member Benefits cards may be presented
- The emergency phone tree can only be initiated by Saugeen Shores Police.
- Be helpful! We want the visitor to return!

Have a Great Summer!

More Event on next page!

Summer Teen Employees

As an employer you might work off of the assumption that most employees are out to protect *themselves*, first and foremost. But that's not always the case with teenage workers. Teens seem to lack that crucial sense of self-preservation, making them almost a whole separate species of worker. You must remember to treat them as such.

Whether it's due to a lack of work and life experience, an overwhelming eagerness to please, a fear of getting into trouble (or of getting someone else into trouble), a reluctance to question authority figures, simple laziness, a complete lack of common sense, or whatever, teens often don't protect themselves as they should in the workplace. This puts them at increased risk for injuries and harassment, which they often won't report. It creates a dangerous situation for teens and a liability nightmare for employers. Every year in Ontario, more than 50,000 workers age 24 and under report injuries received on the job. Take care to train your young staff in all aspects of Health & Safety.

Have a Safe and Prosperous Summer!

More Summer Events



Come help us celebrate Canada's Birthday
CANADA DAY
Wednesday, July 1,
2009
6 p.m. until 11 p.m.
Dominion Point in
Southampton
(under the big flag!)

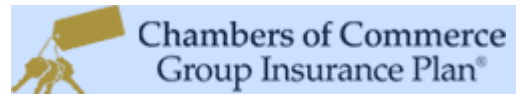


**Fire works
at
Dusk**

15th Annual Cruiser's Cruise Nites Thursdays in Southampton



May 14—September 10



Benefit Facts

Your advisor is your Chamber Plan expert, he is a source of information and knowledge that will help to review your coverage and enhance it. Talk to your advisor about how the Chambers Plan can ensure you and your employees continue to have the most appropriate coverage as your firm evolves over time.

Whether you want to add dental, critical illness or any other optional coverage, your advisor will work with you to make the best choices for your needs and budget.

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Business Excellence Awards

The Saugeen Shore Business Excellence Awards are presented every other year at the Spring AGM. Over 600 nominations were received, so the selection committee really deserves our thanks—it was no easy task!



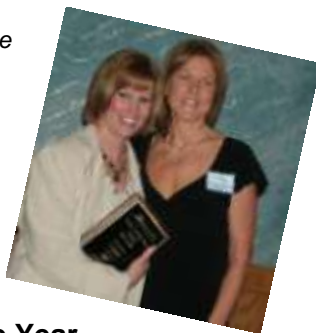
The **Bruce Power Community Service Award** was presented by Ian McGinty, VP, Human Resources to Gord & Ann MacKay of Lakeshore Recreation.



Pictured above are Jane McAllister (owner) with Yvonne King (Chamber Staff)

Port's Emporium was the proud recipient of the **Meridian Customer Service Excellence Award**, presented by Brad Tieman, Assistant Branch Manager.

The Saugeen Shores Small Business Enterprise Centre Manager, Jill Roote, was pleased to present Jennifer Grant of Curves the **Rookie Business of the Year Award**.



Tim, Betty & Melissa

Simpson were presented with the **NWMO Special Merit Award** by Kevin Orr, Senior Communications Advisor, for their restoration of a heritage building.



Gary Varsava, Section Project Manager presented the **OPG Environmental Award** to Pauline and Randy Derry, of Austin Graphics.

Wayne Eichenberger presented **The Bruce Telecom Excellence in Technology Award** to Mike and Lori Hill of Cora Computers.



The Chamber of Commerce **Business of the Year Award** went to a deserving Ralph's Hi-Way Shopete. Cathy McNamara accepts the award from Cheryl Goetz, Vice President.



Unveiling a Very Special Award



Every once in a while there is someone so special in a community that everyone who has met him has been impacted. Fred Wuerth was such a man. Kent Milroy was honoured to oversee the unveiling and dedication of the Port Elgin Pumpkinfest Tri-County Growers Award. This award will recognize the largest local pumpkin brought to Pumpkinfest each year. The inscription reads "Founding Father of Pumpkinfest".

New Memberships

(From January 1, 2009—May 8, 2009)

A Shady Lane Cottage
Edgewood Construction
Lucid Graphic Solutions
A Southampton Retreat
Alexander House
Goodbye Junk
South-Port Towing
Breakers Beachfront Cottage
Carlsun Energy Solutions
Cintas
Circa 1882 Century Vacation Home
cleancraft
EMJAY
Mann-Made Studios

McDonald's Restaurant
Nuclear Waste Management Organization
Saugeen Shores Business Enterprise Centre
The Links at Piper's Glen Golf Club (New Owners)
Timber Wolf Builders & Developers
O'Keefe Landscaping
Gerry's Fast Food (New Owners)
The Old Homestead
Sparkles Laundromat
Wal Mart Canada Corporation
Freedom 55 Financial
Streak Free/Kerri Clean
This 'N' That Antiques & Collectibles
Cox's Corner Cottages

Renewed Memberships

(From January 1, 2009—May 8, 2009)

Ackert Insurance
Aunt Mabel's Country Kitchen
Aunt Mabel's Country Kitchen Motel
BDO Dunwoody LLP
Bruce Power
Canadian Tire Store
CarruthersNicol Ins. & Investments
First Student
Ideal Auto Supply
Lawrence D. Ryder LL.B
Legault's Independent
Little's Furniture
Martin's Home Colours
Meridian Credit Union
Nature's Millworks
Ontario Power Generation
Peninsula Ford

Poplar Cottages
Ralph's Hi-Way Shopette
Scotia Bank
Shoreline Beacon News
South Port Golf Course
Southampton Care Centre Inc.
South-Port Geothermal Ltd.
Sunrise Café
TD Canada Trust
Ziegler Lumber
A Beach House on The Boardwalk
A Gem on Emerald
Dennison Homes
Falkingham/Juffs CMA'S
Herbal Magic
Investment Planning Counsel of Canada
Martin's Bicycle Shop
Martin's Home Hardware

More Renewed Members...

Port Elgin Veterinary Clinic
Robert E. Forsyth Barrister & Solicitor
Rosner's Service Centre
Seaman & Sons Custom Builders
The Guest House Inn
Owen Sound Sun Times
Thorncrest Outfitters
Tibor Bizony Auto Repair
A Century Home on Huron
Alley Cat Cottage & Suites
Belvedere Cottages
Br. Peninsula Huron Shores Cottages
Bruce Telecom
Cedar Breeze Cottage
Canadian Imperial Bank of Canada
(Southampton)
Chinaman's Hat Waterfront Cottage
Dreamaker Family Campground
Greenwood Cottage
Franklin House Bed & Breakfast
Grey Bruce Airbus
Huntley O'Hagan Financial Planning
Kingsway Arms at Elgin Lodge
Milroy Funeral Home
Nuclear Waste Management Organization
Reflections
Shimmering Shores
Shoreline Shopping Centre
Southampton Foodland
Sunset Cottage Park & Guest House
Sunshine Laundromat
The Cook's Cupboard
The Southampton Inn
Thomas White, Chartered Accountant
Vincent Jewellers
Wardrop Pharmasave
Amethyst Cottage Court
B.J.S. Electric Ltd.
Bayberry's of High Street
Beach Haven
Beachside Cabins
Cedar Court Motel
Beverly A. Morgan, Bookkeeper
Come Back Inn
Davidson-Hill Elevator Inc.
Digital Expression
Downs Pro Hardware
Dronyk Condo
Hampton Court Villa
Hillcrest Cottages
Lake Huron Cottage Rentals
Mill Creek Chocolates
Saugeen Golf Club
Schendel & Sullivan Shoes
Scoreboard Sports Too
South Georgian Private Cottage
Sister's On Huron
Square Deal Neils
T.A. Stewart & Son Contracting Ltd.
The Maples Dental Clinic
The Wiggle Inn
Town Cottage
Wismer House
Turn Key Mechanical Group
Wardrop :Home Health & Mobility
Wild Wings Port Elgin
Amble Lane Cottages
Austin Graphics Inc.
Beagle Run Nursery & Orchard Ltd.
B J's Video
Cora Computers
Court One Cottages
Doll House Private Cottage
Dr. D.G. MacKay
Glory Lane Guest Haus
Lorraine Axford, Unisex Hairstylist
Open Arms Private Cottage
Reid's Heritage Homes Ltd.
Saugeen Auto Serve
Rogers Communications / McNain TV &
Communications
Saugeen Security
Saugeen First Nation Economic Development
Sierra Landscaping



Pumpkin Chat

Pumpkinfest Wins “Best Community Involvement” Award



At the Festivals and Events Ontario Conference in February, Port Elgin Pumpkinfest was awarded “Best Community Involvement”. This award belongs to the entire community, and is a reflection on the great dedication of all of our volunteers, non-profit groups, sponsors, and community partners. Congratulations Saugeen Shores!! At the same conference Pumpkinfest was also awarded a spot on the Top 100 Ontario Festivals and Events list.

Trophy Dedicated in Memory of Fred Wuerth

At the Saugeen Shores Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting, Port Elgin Pumpkinfest dedicated the Tri-County Growers Award to the memory of one of the Founding Fathers of Port Elgin Pumpkinfest, Fred Wuerth. Fred was instrumental in the starting of Port Elgin Pumpkinfest, and has been a strong supporter throughout the years. Fred’s wife Helen & daughter Amy accepted the dedication presented to them by Kent Milroy. The award will be presented to the Grower from the Tri-County Area (Bruce, Grey, Huron) each year who weighs in the largest pumpkin on the Sunday of Pumpkinfest weekend.



Advertising with Port Elgin Pumpkinfest

Port Elgin Pumpkinfest has some advertising opportunities coming up this summer:

Colouring Book

Place an ad in the most sought after publication. The second edition of the Official Colouring Book promises to be another hit! The books are a free give away and flew off the shelves in 2008.

Schedule of Events

This publication contains the maps and the schedule and is a must have for all festival visitors!

To learn more about these opportunities, contact Yvonne King at 519-832-2332 or by email yking@bmts.com

Pumpkinfest Receives \$48,750 from Celebrate Ontario Funding

For the third year in a row, Port Elgin Pumpkinfest has received funding from the Ministry of Tourism under the Celebrate Ontario Grant Program. This money will be used to bring new enhancements to the festival. In 2007 the money was used to purchase mascots costumes and make a photo booth & in 2008 the money was used to create three areas: Patches Pumpkin Patch, Petals Entertainment Area, & the Twins Game Zone. Details about the 2009 funds will be available in the coming weeks.

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Your 2009 Port Elgin Pumpkinfest Staff



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Join Us October 3rd & 4th 2009!