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## ***From the President's Desk***

Here we are at the beginning of March already. Where has the past month gone? We have been extremely busy with the Roy Prevost presentation on February 18<sup>th</sup> and of course we are working full swing on the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Art, Travel and Trade Expo taking place on April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Roy Prevost presentation was a great success with 52 people in attendance. As usual Roy was very stimulating and positive with his "How to Recession Proof Your Business" topic. Everyone who attended felt it had been well worth their participation. Thank you again to Alberta Employment and Immigration for their sponsorship, to Kathleen Windsor for heading the project, to Carstairs Chamber for their joint participation, to JD's Restaurant and Pub for the wonderful pizzas, to Chinook's Edge Water Company for the water, and to the Carstairs Co-Op for the coffee and pop!

The selection committee has also been working very diligently to find a

replacement for Tammy at the office and we hope to have a new person in place very soon. Thanks to Tammy for remaining to help until her replacement could be found.

The membership renewal packages went out last month and we thank those who have already renewed. Remember that we have Visa, Master Card, or Debit at the office for your convenience.

If you happen to drop by and Tammy is not there please contact me at 556-5201 and I will come by and pick up your renewal.

Our next Chamber General Meeting is March 11<sup>th</sup> at J.D.'s Restaurant and Pub. Cocktails at 6:00 pm, dinner at 6:30 and our meeting at 7:00. Please contact Deb Pelletier at 403-335-4222 or the chamber office at 403-335-3265 to book your reservation for dinner.

Remember, that as of the last meeting we will not be doing individual phone calls to book for dinner so please reply. We will send out an e-mail reminder this week.

See you there!

## ***It's renewal time again!***

Once again it is time to renew your Chamber of Commerce membership.

Membership invoices were sent out last month. And for those members that have already renewed, thank you!

As you'll recall we're changing our Membership year to match up with our Fiscal year end, so in order to accomplish this, we've made this

membership year 16 months instead of the usual 12.

We'll be sending out the Membership Certificates, the Local First stickers (for those members that ordered them) along with information on the Alberta Chambers programs and the ACC membership cards. Don't hesitate to call the office at 403.335.3265 for further information.

## Noteworthy Dates:

Chamber General Meeting	March 11th
JD's Restaurant & Pub Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm	
Chamber Council Meeting—Train Station 7 PM	March 24th
Didsbury Art, Travel & Trade Expo—Didsbury Memorial Complex	April 4 & 5th
Chamber Council Meeting—Train Station 7 PM	April 28th
Didsbury Car Show	May 9th
Chamber Annual General Meeting	May 13th

### General Meeting

Wednesday, March 11th  
 JD's Restaurant & Pub  
 Cocktails: 6:00 pm  
 Dinner: 6:30 pm  
**Menu:**  
 Salad, Pizza & Dessert  
 Cost: \$13.50 GST incl.  
 Meeting: 7:00 pm

## Art, Travel and Trade Expo Selling Out Fast!

The Mission of the Didsbury Art, Travel, & Trade Expo (formerly Didsbury Trade Show) is to provide a showcase for local businesses and organizations (including non-profit organizations) to market their products, services and organization to area residents and visitors; to demonstrate to the public that Didsbury and district is a vital and exciting place to live and work, and that the business community and economic cli-

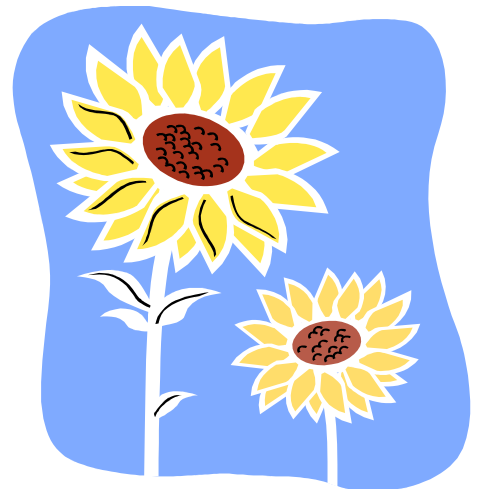
mate is healthy and prosperous (aimed at encouraging investment and growth, both commercial and residential, within the community).

We are well on our way to accomplishing that mission as we are 88% sold out for this years show. Just 12 booths left, so if you want to be a part of this event please contact Joelle (Expo Manager) at 403-335-4893 or e-mail [tradeshow@didsburychamber.ca](mailto:tradeshow@didsburychamber.ca).

We also still have some sponsorship opportunities available, so if you are interested please contact Dolly or Amy at 403-335-4814.

Participate!

It is a great way to showcase your business!!



## So long...farewell...

As most of you are aware, I will be leaving the Chamber soon to pursue the country life. Anyone that's talked to me in the last six months knows that my farm, Summerberry Organics is the great love of my life, and as such demands 100% of my attention. I'd like to take a moment to say THANK YOU to everyone I've had the great pleasure of serving during my time with the Chamber. Didsbury is a great place to live and work, and I wish everyone the VERY best!! See you on the farm! Tammy.

### ACC Group Insurance

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce members are eligible to enroll in the Alberta Chambers Group Insurance Program. The program itself is far to extensive to cover in a small medium like TGIT, however, if you are interested in obtaining more information about the ACC Group Insurance Program, please contact the Chamber office at 335.3265

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