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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Last Saturday saw months of work come together at our premier event of the year, the Didsbury and District Chamber of Commerce Small Business Week Gala. It was a wonderful evening with Rod Neufeld as our MC, delicious food served by Didsbury Catering and Delights, fabulous entertainment by HOJA, and a fun silent auction, a great way to wind up Small Business Week. Thank you to my committee members Diana Steer and Deana Campbell for their hard work over the last month and to Rob Steer, Shelley Fakir, Ron Townrow, Greg Poirier, Lou Meiklejohn, and Brad Blatz for all their help with set up and take down of the event. A very special thank you also to all of the businesses who donated to the auction and/or door prizes. The auction is our only means of fund raising at this event so we are very grateful for your donations. I will include the list of sponsors in my chamber chat article in this weeks newspaper so that you will receive wider recognition for your generosity.

Congratulations to the winner of Small Business of the Year, Front Porch Realty; New Business of the Year, Revibe Vibration Health and Fitness; and Non-Profit Organization of the Year, Didsbury & District Senior Support Services. Well deserved awards for all they give to our community. Thank you to Deb Pelletier for chairing the nomination committee for the awards.

We now start into our busiest time of the year for the downtown core and that is Country Christmas. The information will be e-mailed to all businesses this week and for those without e-mail I will be hand delivering the information. Country Christmas is November 27th and we have very little time as we still have to get the lights ready as well. We will be putting together an 8 page insert as always, so start thinking about your advertising now, so that when Allan or Denise contact you, you will be ready. Remember the advertising is always due a week earlier than usual paper deadlines because of the insert.

We will have wagon rides as usual, beef on a bun and candy floss at the train station along with Santa Claus. If you know of any non-profit organizations that are doing something that evening please contact me so they can be included in the advertising. My e-mail address is me-ward25@telus.net or phone at 403-556-5201.

We are going to start on the lights on November 8th at 10am. If we have lots of volunteers and the weather cooperates we may be able to do most of it in one day. Please volunteer. I realize that it is a Sunday, but if you can even give us a few hours in the afternoon it would be much appreciated. Come along, we supply coffee and hot chocolate and treats and a chance to meet others who live and work in Didsbury. Please talk to your staff,

they may be interested in helping to make our town look spectacular for the coming season. Please contact the Chamber office so we know how many to prepare for.

November 18th will be our next General Meeting. There will be dinner at the Elks Lounge for \$15.00. The guest speaker will be Constable Lynn Morrison who will be giving a presentation on fraud and counterfeit money. These are both very important topics as we move into the busiest time of the year for retail. There have been \$5.00 counterfeit bills circulating so we can no long just not take \$100.00's or \$50.00's, we must now know what to look for and how to recognize a counterfeit. As always you are welcome to just come to hear the speaker, but then you miss out on a great meal and time to network with fellow business people. For reservations for dinner please contact Deana at the Chamber Office, 403-335-3265.

Well that is my news for this month, by the next TGIT Country Christmas will have passed and we will be full swing into Christmas. My best to everyone in the coming season, I know how important it is.

Margo Ward
President

Congratulations to the 2009 Small Business Week Award Winners!

Small Business of the Year - Front Porch Realty

**New Business of the Year - Revibe Vibration Health
& Fitness**

**Non-Profit of the Year - Didsbury & District Senior
Support Services**

2009 Gala Most Memorable Evening!

Our thanks to everyone who helped make the Gala a success!

Special thanks to Rod Neufeld for entertaining us for the evening as our MC.

Thank you to all our special sponsors for contributing in so many ways to the success of our 2009 Gala.

ATB Financial

Mugs

Didsbury AG Foods

Mt. View Liquor & Beer

Didsbury Home Hardware

RBC Royal Bank

Didsbury Pharmasave

Revibe Vibration Health & Fitness

Didsbury Value Drug Mart

Richard Marz, MLA

Dollar Store & More

Through the Grape Vine

Fashions on Main

Ulla-La Boutique

Front Porch Realty

Furniture Rejuvenations & Interior Design

Thank you to Didsbury Elks (tending bar) & Didsbury Lions Club (drive home service).

ACC Group Insurance

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce members are eligible to enroll in the Alberta Chambers Group Insurance Program. The program itself is far too 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 OR call ACC directly at 1-800-984-2658

Upcoming Events



Country Christmas Lights Work Party
Sunday, November 8th
Train Station - 10:00 AM
Workers Needed
Coffee, Hot Chocolates & Treats

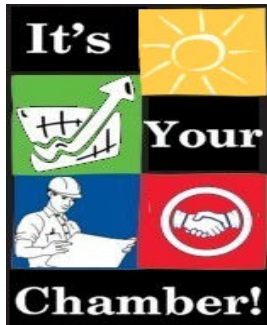
Didsbury Art, Travel & Trade Expo
Seeking Volunteers
1st Meeting
November 10, 2009
Train Station
7:00 PM
Anyone interested in volunteering for
Trade Show 2010 Please Attend!

Noteworthy Dates:

Country Christmas Lights Work Party	November 8th
Didsbury Art, Travel & Trade Expo Meeting	November 10th
Chamber of Commerce General Meeting	November 18th
Chamber of Commerce Council Meeting	November 24th
Didsbury Country Christmas	November 27th

Mission Statement

The Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce is a community-based volunteer business organization, whose purpose is to support, promote, nurture, and educate for the improvement of our business community



**The Chamber of
 Commerce
 Office Hours
 Monday - Friday
 9:00am—1:00pm**