



Representing the Interests of Business for the Growth and Prosperity of Our Members and Communities

President's *Message*

Summer is over and it's time to get back into a more regular routine. As we work through our 'Action Yorkton' plan, the Chamber's fall schedule is packed!

The response to our summer Tax Survey has been overwhelming. Our Public Policy Committee will be reporting the results to our Board at our September meeting. The objective of this survey is to help the Chamber further identify the business community's major taxation issues so we can direct and focus our advocacy efforts effectively.

On September 15th we will be hosting a luncheon to update the business community on the progress of the Health Foundation's business campaign for the new health care facility equipment. It seems there are many misconceptions about the project and the fund raising, so this is a great opportunity to get the facts straight. Bring your questions, as the CEO's of both the Health Foundation and the Health District, as well as the committee heading this business campaign will be on hand for a Q&A period. Health care is directly responsible for one in seven jobs in our community and as an industry it brings a great deal of traffic to our city.

How can this community get better, get stronger? How can we create more partnerships with each other to facilitate strong positive growth? We get asked this lots as a Chamber. We are doing our research and improving our knowledge base - trying to learn from others.

In the latter part of September the Downtown Business

Association will be hosting a dynamic workshop leader in our community. The entire business community will have a chance to meet Karl Schutz at a September 24th Chamber luncheon. See inside this issue for more details. Also watch for more details on our October luncheon as we have invited key organizers of the Moose Jaw revitalization to Yorkton to tell us of their experience. They have promised to tell the good and the bad for our benefit.

Civic elections are already on our minds as individuals announce their candidacy. On October 14th the Chamber will facilitate an 'All Candidates Forum' to assist voters with learning the candidate's views and opinions and assess their leadership potential. We encourage our economic partners and business owners in the community to forward questions to be asked that night to us at the Chamber office by phone, fax or email. I know there are questions out there, let's get them asked!

The Election Forum happens to take place during Small Business Week so on the next night, October 15th our Business Development Committee has put together a 'Business After Hours' Trade Show and Wine and Cheese to take place from 5:30-7:30. This show is designed to help local businesses build business relationships with other local businesses. This is not a show for the general public. Often we don't realize what is in our own back yard. Perhaps you are looking for joint marketing

or networking partners; perhaps you have a new and innovative product or expert service that is not known about locally, or maybe you are looking for a new supplier. The Chamber encourages buying locally and believes there is much to gain by supporting one another. Trade tables are only \$50 and they are going fast. If you don't want to set up a table business people are encouraged to attend. Your business card admits you to the show.

'Celebrate Success Awards' are scheduled for March 2004. Our committee is active and the call for nominations in the various categories is out. Sponsorship opportunities for this premiere evening are also available. Call Donna at the Chamber office for more information.

I hope you are feeling this Chamber has become more focused. Our 'Action Yorkton' plan has forced this upon us and we are committed to building an even stronger organization. Our elections to the Board will take place in November. If you are interested in getting involved, nomination papers are available at the office or on our website at www.chamber.yorkton.sk.ca. They must be submitted by October 31st. Each director is elected for a two year term. As a business advocacy organization we need business owners on this Board. No matter how big or how small your business is the Chamber needs your input. If we as business owners want a dynamic economic environment with growth and prosperity as the ultimate achievement, it's up to us to make it happen.

Cheryl Denesowych ♣

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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

◀ LUNCHEON'S ▶

September 15th

Holiday Inn - 12:00 Noon
CEO of the Health Foundation

September 24th

Travelodge - 12:00 Noon
Renaissance Committee presents Karl Schutz

October 7th

Holiday Inn - 12:00 Noon
Deb Thorn presents Tunnels of Moose Jaw

ALL LUNCHEON'S \$15.00/MEMBER

◀ BUSINESS AFTER HOURS ▶

October 15th

Holiday Inn - 5:30p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Tables \$50.00

Free admission with business card

◀ CIVIC ELECTION FORUM ▶

October 14th

More information to come

For more information call the chamber office @783-4368

SEPTEMBER 24TH LUNCHEON

Karl Schutz

"Never let those who say it can't be done, stand in the way of those who are doing it." Karl Schutz Credo

As the originator of the Chemainus Mural Project, Karl Schutz vision has helped create a new economy in the small town when he has lived for nearly half a century.

In his recognition of his efforts on Chemainus' behalf...

- Karl was named one of fifty "Canadian Men of Influence" and featured by Petro Canada as a 'Canadian Achiever'.
- He was appointed an 'Ambassador of Tourism' by the B.C. Ministry of Tourism, Recreation and Culture.
- He received the 'Award of Excellence' from the Federation of Canadian Artists, and...
- In 1992, Karl was awarded a Commemorative Medal authorized by Her Majesty the Queen to mark the 125th Anniversary of Confederation and to honor Canadians who have made a special contribution to their community and their Country.

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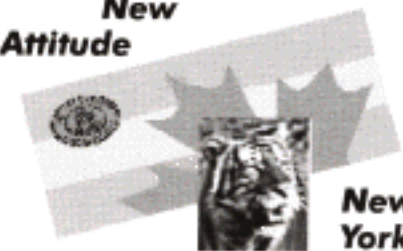
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Fact of the Month

"Make it Canadian". . . *It is up to us* as Canadian's to ask for Canadian product. This will make it in demand and businesses will stock product in demand.

New Attitude



New Yorkton

Member Profile

WEBER'S CONSTRUCTION LTD.

Weber's Construction Ltd. opened their doors for business in the year 1951 and will be celebrating their 52nd year in Sept. 2003.

They not only sell construction products, but they also do the constructing as well.

They also sell a variety of other household needs in their other store, Weber's Furniture and Appliance Center here in Yorkton.

The owners of the business are: Brian & Brent

Weber of Yorkton.

They also bought the Do-It-Centre in Kamsack in the year 2001, and is still in business. ♣

**Weber's
Do-it
center**

MicroAge Computer Centre

The company was formed in the year 1972 and opened a number of stores all across Canada. The MicroAge computer center in Yorkton opened in the year 1996 and the owners of the business are: Gayle & Gerry Webster. They give information on wireless networking and other computer necessities. ♣


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Meet Your *Directors*



Kent Latimer

Kent is a licensed insurance adjuster with McLarens Toplis Scrivener Adjusters.

He and his wife Tammy moved to Yorkton in 1998, and he has been actively involved in the community since his arrival.

He is a director for the Abilities Council Regional Advisory Board, and is the President of the Yorkton, Sask. Party Constituency Association.

He is also on the Public Policy Committee and has been a Chamber Director for 2 years.



Robert Ashcroft

Robert has been a resident of Yorkton since 1977.

He is Owner Manager of Custom MicroSystems since 1995.

He is also a member of the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, CFIB, CTIA, and a Volunteer for several organizations.

He is married to Audrey and they have 3 girls.

Robert has been involved with the Chamber for 3 years and presently sits on our Public Policy Committee. ♣

Your Memberfirst Referral Benefit

Members Referred in July 2003

- Days Inn
- GX/94.1 The Fox
- Travelodge
- Holiday Inn
- Imperial 400
- Good Spirit REDA
- Baskets N Jazz
- Yorkton Exhibition
- Ventures
- Shoppers Drug Mart
- Community Post
- Plum Tree
- News Review
- Irons Edge
- Island Ink Jet
- Saddles & Steel
- Culligans
- CTV
- Sask. Industries & Resources
- Yorkton This Week

Congratulations to our Members:

Big Brothers Big Sisters received \$15,000 for their Yorkton In-School Mentoring Program.

The 4-H Club on a successful flag raising ceremony to declare 'Agriculture Days' here in Yorkton.

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