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New Directors for 2004

NAME

Kerry Skowronski

Deb Halldorson

James Wilson

Pete Hluchaniuk

Michelle Chyz

Pat Bishop

Rob Harvey

Glen Langford

Nancy Zdan

BUSINESS

From Hair On

Sunset Photo

SaskTel

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The Yorkton News Review

Suzanne's

Canadian Tire

Holiday Inn

Imperial 400

THE ABOVE NEW DIRECTORS, JOIN THE DIRECTORS BELOW TO COMPLETE THE SLATE FOR 2004

Todd Haas

Jason Farrell

Brenda Niefer

Cheryl Denesowych

Bob Maloney

Irma Balaberda

Ron Hana

Haas Nissan

Farrell Agencies

CIBC

Yorkton Aircraft Services

CTV

Yorkton Big Brothers Big Sisters

GX 94

Congratulations to All the Directors for 2004!

A warm farewell, and big thank you to, Kent Latimer, Robert Ashcroft, Donna Bucsis, Fay Myers, Warren Kotzer, Al Greschuk, and Richard Okrainec for their dedication to community prosperity and growth, as they retire from the Board of Directors. They all hold a place in the Chamber history, and will continue to be a big part of the business community.

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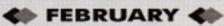
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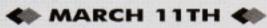
♦ JANUARY 9TH **♦**

Luncheon
Travelodge
Installation of New Directors



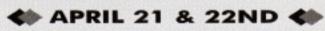
Annual Meeting

More information to come!



Celebrate Success

St. Mary's Cultural Centre Nomination forms available on-line.



Dine-A-Nite Annual Provincial Chamber Meeting

For more information call the chamber office @783-4368



CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR MEMBERS:

Rick Dawson and Staff, at Harley Davidson of Yorkton, for the 'grand opening at their new location' at 86-7th Ave. South.

City of Yorkton for the 'ground breaking ceremony', officially kicking off the start of the construction for the 'new recreation facility'.

Harvest Meats for construction of the 'new expansion' and the only plant in Western Canada to soon be offering the 'new product line of Self-Stable snack foods'.

Kee's Taekwando and the Yorkton Taekwondo Association for the 'successful tournament' which hosted 200 competitors, families and guests to our City.

Natural Nail Impressions by Leigh-Ann for her recent 'business expansion of Teresa Polegi, the new Certified Esthetician' and introducing their new product line "Cellex C".

Scotiabank for the recent 'Scotia Applause 2003 - Best of the Best Top Team Award' for our district.

Parkland Greenhouse who embarked on a 'new direction' with the official opening of the "Tea Room".

Yorkton Santa Clause Parade for the 'successful parade' held on Saturday Nov. 29th. Record crowds attended the excellent display of floats and lights celebrating the Holiday Season.

Rene Berthelette, Brian Hilderman and the Team at Parkland Tire, 'celebrating 44 years in business'.

Painted Hand Casino and the World Classic Curling Tour. This event was a 'huge success', bringing in 32 teams to compete, and hosting over 800 people each draw.

Yorkton's First Annual Wine Festival which 'hosted over 300 people'. Yorkton Lions Club will use proceeds to support the community.

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Fact of the Month...

What Is Our Actual Trading Area?

Well according to the City Website... **Economic Development**

Population within 50 km radius 32,126 Population within 100 km radius 67,051 Population within 150 km radius 111,193

For more City Statistics, Information on Public Notices, Smoking Bylaw Survey Results, Updates on the City Leisure Centre, City Event Calendar, and much more, sign on to our Yorkton Chamber of Commerce website and link away.

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Your Memberfirst Referral Benefit

Members Referred in November 2003

- Yorkton This Week
- Community Post
- Travelodge
- Days Inn.
- Redwood Motel
- Tourism Yorkton
- City of Yorkton
- · Painted Hand Casino
- · Wildstar Taxi
- SSS Security
- Academy of Learning

- Parkland Regional College
- Patrick Place
- Island Ink Jet
- Natural Nail Impressions
- Good Spirit REDA
- The News Review
- Holiday Inn
- Imperial 400
- Comfort Inn
- Yorke Inne

- Yorkton Exhibition
- Figures
- Welcome Home Crafts
- · SherRing Gold
- Emerald Auto Detail
- Saddles and Steel
- · Parker Quine
- Naturally You
- Shear Bliss

Welcome New Members

Super C Gas Bar

103 Gladstone Ave. N. Yorkton, Sask. S3N 2A6 782-6100 Twyla Newton - Owner

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- Hire a New Employee?
- Expanding?
- Moving?

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President's Message

Action Yorkton is now officially one year old.

One year ago our Chamber presented our plan to renew and rejuvenate our organization. We built Action Yorkton to guide us through this transition and form our operational base for future boards. Striving for focus and consistency was the ultimate goal.

I am pleased to report that your 2003 Board has done a superb job. We had an ambitious plan and not all of the operational goals were met. Where we fell short we've simply extended the time lines. At least we know where we are at and where we need to go.

Are we a renewed organization? Absolutely! Our membership base is growing, we are dealing with issues, and we are being pro-active. We have made some difficult decisions on how to invest our resources (time and energy) but that is all part of managing an organization toward meeting its goals.

So only after one year the new board arrives to a focus and has a process in place for new ideas to be built in.

We are in the process of finalizing 2003. Exactly how we did will be reported to our membership in an Annual Meeting to take place in early 2004 - date to be announced as soon as we close our books. Please plan to attend this meeting. Review our progress for yourself and give us your feedback. As our member we

need your input.

What can you expect in 2004 from the Chamber? Overall our Action Yorkton Plan for 2004 will make us a much more visible organization. In our rebuilding and renewal phase there was a great amount of internal work that had to be done. That "stuff" is largely behind us and we are ready to be out in the streets more talking to the membership. We will be in an even greater position to represent your interests for your growth and prosperity. That's our mandate, and that is what we will do.

Although we didn't quite meet our November deadline, we did present to City Council the Chamber of Commerce's view on how to fund the Leisure Facility in December. Based on our membership telling us they want the facility and that they are prepared to invest in it, we advocated for taxation fairness and presented strong funding alternatives for Council's consideration. We took a positive approach and presented solutions not just concerns. In January our position document will be made public. We believe this particular undertaking of the 2003 Chamber is a strong example of the change and progress our organization has made.

Your Chamber is dedicated and committed to growing Yorkton. Through growth we will gain prosperity. Thank you for your support in 2003 and we look forward to continuing our work for you

Our Board and staff wish you Happy Holidays. Enjoy the festive season!

YORKTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS NOW ACCEPTING TENDERS FOR:

- Auditor for 2004 Financial Packages available for serious applicants only.
- 2. This Courier Publication for 2004 and 2005. Please quote prices for printing 900 copies 10 times/year, which are folded and stacked in piles of 100.

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