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Employee Recognition Event

Great food, lots of laughter and the presentation of awards made for the Chamber's highly successful Employee Recognition Event! Twenty four employees, nominated in two different categories, were in attendance along with their employers, fellow employees and family members.

President Amie Zamonsky and Events Co-Chair Carol Yaholnitsky served as the MCs and did a fine job of keeping the program moving along. The Chamber was pleased to have two students participate in the program. Haley Lepowick a student from Yorkton Regional High School, led the crowd in the singing of O Canada and Amy Prybylski, from Sacred Heart High School asked the blessing. Mayor Bob Maloney brought greetings from the city, acknowledging the contributions the employees make to their places of employment.

Jody Peters, a comedian from Saskatoon, entertained the crowd with stories about his life. His childhood memories of growing up on a farm and helping with the birth of a calf were hilarious!

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the two Awards. Debbie Sweeney, an employee of the Palliser Way Co-op Gas Bar received the Front Line Employee of the Year, sponsored by Crusader Drilling. Parkland College sponsored the Support Employee of the Year Award which was awarded to Darcy Tymko of Value Tire & Battery.

The ERE is a good opportunity for businesses to network and for employers and their employees to enjoy a social evening. The next ERE will be held in 2015.



Don Rae of Crusader Drilling presents Debbie Sweeney of the Palliser Way Co-op Gas Bar with the Front Line Employee of the Year Award.



Events Co-Chair Carol Yaholnitsky and President Amie Zamonsky served as the MCs at the highly successful Employee Recognition Event, April 16. Fourteen employees were nominated for the Front Line Employee award while ten were nominated for the Support Employee award.



Mayor Bob Maloney brought greetings from the City.



Comedian Jody Peters kept the crowd well entertained with a variety of stories.



Mandi McDonnell of the Parkland College presented Darcy Tymko with the Support Employee of the Year Award.

Congratulations!

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Did You Know?

- On May 1st 2013, the Province of Saskatchewan will adopt the 2010 National Building Code. All permit applications received starting April 22, 2013 must comply with the 2010 code. Information regarding major residential changes to the code are available at the Building Services desk at City Hall.

- Two teams of students from Yorkton Regional High School were the finalists in the 14th Annual Law Day Mock Trial in Yorkton. Team 2 placed first, winning the McKercher Cup. Congratulations!

Saskatchewan P3 Summit

The Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Saskatchewan P3 Summit June 3 in Regina. The Summit will provide all the information that you ever wanted to know about public-private partnerships (P3s) and how to get involved with them. This full-day event will have a variety of presentations including an explanation of what P3s are, P3 financing options, the role of organized labour in P3s, successful P3 projects from across Canada, and many more. P3s are just starting to take off in Saskatchewan and this is your opportunity to learn about them from the ground up.

For more information, visit the Sask Chamber's website www.saskchamber.com

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Upcoming Dates to Remember

May 6 - 11

Spring Cleanup Week. Landfill entrance fees will be waived for residents and schools of the City of Yorkton.

May 16

Chamber Business Lunch at the Ramada. Guest Speaker will be discussing Mental Health and its Impact on the Business Community.

May 23 - 26

Yorkton Short Film Festival.

June 1 & 2

Painted Hand Casino PowWow.

June 14

Chamber Business Lunch at the Gallagher Centre. Guest Speaker - Pat Fiacco, CEO Tourism Saskatchewan.

July 3 - 6

Yorkton Exhibition Summer Fair

Volunteers Welcome

The Yorkton Chamber has 5 standing committees - Executive; Business Development; Events; Marketing & Communication; and Policy. If you, a Chamber member, are interested in serving on any of these committees (except the Executive), the Directors are interested in hearing from you. While the committees do not have the power to make decisions, they make recommendations to the Board.

Depending on the committee, and the issues the committee intends to tackle in a given year, committees meet as frequently as once per month or every couple of months.

To learn more about volunteering for a Chamber Committee, contact Juanita at the Chamber office: **(306) 783-4368** or info@yorktonchamber.com



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Hon. Ken Krawetz, Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance spoke at a recent Chamber Business Lunch about the new 2013-14 provincial budget. The main highlights include: *Balanced Budget; Needs of Vulnerable People; Infrastructure; and Workforce and Student Initiatives.*



Juanita Polegi, Executive Director presented Alanna Olson with the Chamber's Sask Innovation & Opportunity Scholarship. Alanna is completing her first year of Business at the Parkland College. Congratulations, Alanna.



President Amie Zamonsky presented Doug Kitsch with the 2012 Director of the Year Award. The Award is presented annually to a Director who has shown commitment to the Board and the Chamber. The recipient is selected by fellow Board Members.

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Nominate Your Business for an ABEX Award

Applications are now being accepted for the 2013 Achievement in Business Excellence (ABEX) Awards. For information on the 10 award categories, or for nomination forms, **visit** the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce website www.saskchamber.com

the 30th anniversary of the ABEX, and a very special evening has been planned for all attendees.

Application deadline is June 14, 2013.

Self-nominations are welcome. The exposure ABEX finalists receive is very valuable, and a great way to showcase Saskatchewan businesses! 2013 will be

