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## Life Member Induction

At a special Chamber Business Lunch on Sept 12, the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce proudly inducted Mrs. Ruth Shaw and Mr. Allan Bailey as Life Members of the Yorkton Chamber.

Mrs. Shaw was the Manager of the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce from 1975-1997. In 1999, she received the Council of Excellence Award from the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Canada for her meritorious service to the Chamber and community. Named as Yorkton's Citizen of the Year in 1989, Mrs. Shaw has been a tireless community volunteer. One of her most successful volunteer efforts was the co-founding of the Yorkton Short Film Festival which began in 1947. In 2008, the Festival established The Ruth Shaw Award for the Best Saskatchewan Production. The first Ruth Shaw Award was presented at the 2009 Festival.

Mr. Bailey founded Bailey's Funeral Home in 1963. The company has since opened Funeral Homes in Melville and Ituna. Mr. Bailey served as President of the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce in 1967 and as a Director of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. He is also a former Mayor and Alderman of Yorkton. Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Bailey has served as a volunteer for a number of organizations and committees and supported a variety of community projects. He was awarded the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal in 2011.

Mrs. Shaw and Mr. Bailey join an illustrious inductee alumni. According to the Chamber's records, the first Life Member inductions occurred in 1969 when Brigadier General Alexander Ross and Howard Jackson were inducted. These were followed by George Morris (1974); G.H. (Howie) Alberts (1975); Stan Stephenson (1991); Norman Roebuck (1997); and in 1998, Keith Harper, Winnie Spence and John Miller.

According to the Chamber's constitution, Life Membership is granted to "persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious or public service." Life Members have all the privileges of active membership, except that of holding office and are exempt from paying dues.

Life Membership is granted to the individual and not the company.



*Chamber Life Members Allan Bailey (L), Ruth Shaw (seated), and John Miller (R) have all made significant contributions to both the business community and the community at large.*



*Director Dick DeRyk read the citation and provided many personal anecdotes about Ruth Shaw as she was inducted as a Life Member.*



*Allan Bailey was gracious in accepting his induction as a Life Member.*

## Congratulations!

- To NAPA Auto Parts on 15 years in Yorkton
- To YEA on its 25th Annual Harvest Showdown coming up Oct 30 - Nov 2.
- To Crusader Drilling and Yorkton Plumbing & Heating on being named Finalists in the Growth & Expansion category for the Sask Chamber's ABEX Awards.
- To Jay's Moving & Storage on being named a Finalist in the ABEX Community Involvement category.
- To Maple Farm Equipment on once again, appearing in Sask Business Magazine's Top 100 Companies in Sask. Maple moved up two notches in the rankings to #36.

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# Enhanced Chamber Group Insurance Plan - Small Business Checkup

Chamber members who are enrolled in the Chambers Group Insurance Plan now have the Business Assistance Service (BAS) added to all plans at no additional cost. This confidential service provides access to professional accounting, counselling, legal and human resource experts who understand the challenges small business owners face, and can help deal with unexpected problems that may require an expert opinion. In addition to this service, the Plan will provide different resource pieces to help

entrepreneurs and managers work successfully with their employees.

The first publication, Small Business Checkup- How healthy is your business? can be found at www.chambers.ca under Existing Clients/Forms and Resources. This is a useful addition to the benefits offered under the Chambers Plan.

Questions about the BAS may be directed to the Plan's Service Centre at 800-665-3365.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- October 26**  
Sask Chamber's 30th Annual ABEX Awards Gala, TCU Place Saskatoon. Tickets are available at www.saskchamber.com.
- October 30 - Nov 2**  
Grainmillers Harvest Showdown - 25 years!
- October 31**  
Nominations for the Chamber Board of Directors close at Noon.
- April 2**  
Celebrate Success Business Awards

## Did You Know?

- The Sunrise Health Region has successfully recruited a fourth full-time diagnostic sonographer. The position began September 3. A new ultrasound machine funded by donations to The Health Foundation also became operational at that time.
- The Yorkton area received several SnoRider's Rider's Choice Awards. It received silver in the following categories: Favourite Area for Family Snowmobiling in Sask.; Favourite Groomed Trail Riding in Sask.; Favourite Powder Riding in Sask.; and Favourite Overall Snowmobiling Area in Sask.
- The Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority (SIGA) is a non-profit organization. From its profits, 50% is shared with First Nations Trust; 25% is shared with the provincial

government; and the remaining 25% is shared with the Community Development Corporations for local initiatives.

- The deadline for submitting nominations for the Sask Volunteer Medal is October 18. Visit www.ops.gov.sk.ca for more information.
- City Hall will be closed to the Public Dec 27, 30 & 31. A skeleton staff will be working those days but they will be working on year-end reports, regular operations or providing essential services. Payments may be made via the mail slot at City Hall.

## Farmer Recognition Award

The Yorkton Exhibition Association, together with Bayer Crop Science, will recognize an outstanding farmer/farm family during the Grain Millers Harvest Showdown Grain Show Awards evening. Nomination forms are available on the YEA's website (yorktonexhibition.com).




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## Business Finds SBLA Helpful

Several businesses in and around Yorkton have taken advantage of the Small Business Loan program funded by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Economy and delivered through the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce. Gardon Securities, one of those businesses which has accessed funds, recently finished paying off its loan. Kelly Stoll, owner of Gardon Securities appreciated having access to those funds. "As a new small business

owner, the loan from the Chamber's Small Business Loan Association (SBLA) helped to kick start the business," he said. "The terms of the loan were fair and helped with cash flow, especially in the start-up phase."

Congratulations, Kelly!

For more information on the Chamber's SBLA, contact Juanita or Sherry at the Chamber office (306) 783-4368.



## Space for Rent

Recently, a number of new signs were installed on the Chamber's Signboard just south of the Visitor Information Centre/chamber building. Over 10,000 people visit the Visitor Information Centre each year. The signs are on display 24/7 and the spaces are available for only pennies per day. Contact the Chamber Office for details.



## Looking for Employees?

Wilfred Whitehawk Jr, Employment & Training Counsellor at Yorkton Tribal Council told the Yorkton Chamber at the Aug 28 Business Lunch that his goal is to find employment for YTC's clients once they complete their training. Employers are also encouraged to contact Wilfred to discuss employee needs. Wilfred can be reached at 306-620-6229.

## Yorkton OCP



Jim Walters of Crosby, Hanna and Associates spoke at the Chamber's Business Lunch August 28 outlining the City of Yorkton's draft Official Community Plan.

## Go Terriers!



*Go Terriers! Terrier forward, Dylan Johnson #16 presents a Terrier poster to Chamber staff Sherry MacDonald and Juanita Polegi. The Terriers play their first home game of the season against the Weyburn Red Wings on Saturday September 21. The Terriers will be defending their 2012-13 SJHL championship.*

*At the November 10 game, the Terriers will be honouring Canada's Veterans.*

## Board Elections

The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce will begin accepting nominations for the 8 positions on the Chamber's Board beginning October 1. Nomination forms are available at the Chamber office or on the website [www.yorktonchamber.com](http://www.yorktonchamber.com).

Once elected, a Director serves a two year term. Directors are expected to attend Board Meetings and participate in Chamber functions; serve as an "Ambassador" who promotes the Chamber and the City of Yorkton; and become a member of one of the Chamber's Standing committees.

The Nominee or business at which the nominee is employed must be a Yorkton Chamber member in good standing.

Nominations close noon Oct.31.