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Chamber's 23rd Annual Business Dinner Successful



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The audience was on its feet for a standing ovation as soon as Murad Al-Katib finished his presentation as the Guest Speaker at the Chamber's 23rd Annual Business Dinner. Murad's message resonated with the crowd as he urged the people to "seize opportunity".

He indicated the world is on the verge of food insecurity but that the worlds' two most scarce resources are found in Saskatchewan. He asked the audience, "what is more noble than feeding the world?" He added that entrepreneurs and farmers will find the solutions for keeping the world's growing population fed.

Murad encouraged the businesses in the audience to engage the youth, First Nations and women as they will have a huge economic impact as future entrepreneurs. He recognized that in the audience there was a table of students from the Yorkton Regional High School and another table of students from the Business program at the Parkland College. He said it's important for us to teach the young that it's an honourable profession to be an entrepreneur. Murad concluded his presentation with 5 tips for success.

Describing himself as a "compassionate entrepreneur", Murad donated his speaking fee to the Food Banks in Yorkton and Regina.



During his presentation, Murad acknowledged Ray Malinowski (second from left), his friend and mentor during his days with the Government of Saskatchewan. Also in the photo are Ray's children, Linda Turta and John Malinowski, the Leadership Team at Leon Ram Companies.



Mosaic Potash sponsored a table for high school students to attend the Dinner. Murad took time prior to the Dinner to visit with these students from the Yorkton Regional High School accompanied by teacher Mr. Daniel Mandziuk. Thank you Mosaic for providing students with the opportunity to hear such an interesting and inspiring speaker

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And to the many people who purchased tickets to the Dinner, thank you.

We look forward to the 24th Annual Dinner in the autumn of 2023.



CEO of YQR Visits

James Bogusz, President and CEO of the Regina Airport Authority was the Guest Speaker at a recent Chamber Business Lunch. James shared lots of good news about air travel opportunities to and from the Regina Airport. He indicated that the Regina Airport serves a catchment area of more than 500 thousand residents and that the airport is the 15th busiest in Canada with over 1.23 million passengers per year. The #1 priority of the Airport is safety. The Airport has also invested in a number of upgrades in order to reduce its carbon footprint.

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Upcoming Dates

- Oct 31 Noon – Deadline for submitting Nominations to the Chamber Board
- Nov 2 – 5 – Harvest Showdown
- Nov 8 – Chamber Business Lunch with Cathay Wagantall, MP as Guest Speaker. To register, contact the Chamber Office
- Nov 27 – Santa Claus Parade – contact YBID for information

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Thank you, Dave



Kelly Hancock from Hancock Plumbing 2011 welcomes Dave McIntyre to the shop – just one of Dave’s many visits to members over the summer.

Since May, Dave McIntyre has served as the Chamber’s Business Relations Rep. Dave’s duties included meeting with businesses which are not yet members of the Chamber and meeting with Chamber members. Meeting with the members served a few purposes: Dave was able to ensure we have the correct contact information on file; he was able to discuss with them the activities of the Chamber; and if they were willing, to take photos of them so we could profile our member businesses on facebook. Dave was able to provide us with photos of over 130 businesses! So while Dave’s time with the Chamber has now ended, we have an album of photos we will continue to share. Thank you, Dave for all you did to ensure the Chamber’s membership base grew and that our members were able to meet with “that guy from the Chamber”.

Let’s Link

Businesses which are members of the Yorkton Chamber of Commerce, are listed on the Chamber’s website under Member Roster. The business has an opportunity to provide its website address so that when someone is looking for the business, it can link immediately to the business. Check the Member Roster to ensure the information we have listed is correct www.yorktonchamber.com

If your website is not on the Member Roster or information needs updating, please send the information to info@yorktonchamber.com or call Donna at 306-783-4368.

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Chair's Invitational Dinner



Blair Wagar, Deputy Minister of Highways and Mike Stackhouse met during the Sask Chamber's Chair's Invitational Dinner in Regina.

In late September, Mike Stackhouse, Past President and Juanita Polegi, Executive Director attended the Sask Chamber's annual members-only Invitational Dinner in Regina. It serves as a connector between deputy ministers, crown presidents and the Sask Chamber's Board of Directors and members – including local Chambers. Mike had the opportunity to sit at the table with Deputy Minister of Highways, Blair Wagar while Juanita was seated with Denise Macza, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education.

Mike's table discussed the state of the province's highways; the Port of Churchill and the Urban Connector Program. Conversations at Juanita's table focused on the importance of colleges and the training opportunities they provide to local communities; and mining in the province. The event also featured a Q & A with Raynelle Wilson, Deputy Minister to the Premier and Cabinet Secretary; and several other Deputy Ministers.

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Some of the participants on the walk for National Day for Truth & Reconciliation.