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GO Sales and Tourist Information

7:30-5:00 Monday - Friday

7:30-4:00 Saturday

Welcome New Members

Ampot Portable Toilets

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Portable Toilets

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Gift Baskets

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Clothing - Retail



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The NEWS of December 2007

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As 2007 draws to a close we would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors.

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To all of our Hosts of Networking Breakfasts:

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May

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August

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September

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October

The Multiverse

November

Shoeless Joe's

To all of our members who contributed to various prize tables throughout the year, Thank-You. We are looking for sponsors for the year 2008 and are now working on a calendar year and would encourage your sponsorship.



Rogers Innovations @ Work Award for Canadian Small Business

The Rogers Innovations @ Work Award is a new national program that recognizes innovative small businesses across the country.

Between now and December 31, registered Canadian companies in business less than three years and with fewer than 20 employees are invited to share their 500-word success stories online at www.canadianbusiness.com/innovationsatwork.

All Rogers Innovations @ Work Award submissions will be evaluated in one of three areas - products & services, human resources, and marketing - based on the most innovative and creative approach to their business. The sole winner in each category will be determined by a panel of judges from the PROFIT Magazine editorial team and Rogers Business Solutions. Winners will be announced in February, 2008.

Innovations @ Work Award winners will be recognized at a leadership luncheon in Toronto with the editors of Canadian Business, PROFIT and L'Actualité magazines. They will also receive airfare for two, three nights' first-class accommodation, ground transportation, meals, entertainment, and a corporate profile in PROFIT, Canada's leading magazine for entrepreneurs. Winners will also be able to display the Innovations @ Work Award entry forms and a complete list of eligibility requirements are available at www.canadianbusiness.com/innovationsatwork. Companies are also invited to e-mail questions to innovationaward@rci.rogers.com.

For more information about Rogers and its leading, innovative offerings for Canadian small businesses, please visit www.rogers.com or contact:

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Comparing Hobbies & Technology

The Multiverse has lots of comic books, graphic novels, games, toys and stuff for hobbies. There are strategy games, card games, board games, action figures, and puzzles. For the strategy game, Warhammer, you need to build your guys, paint them, then set them into an army, which involves creativity, AND strategy. Playing a strategy game with your friends or family is far better than just sitting either using a video game controller or sitting in front of a television (although we like to do that too). Imagine all the comics and action figures you could collect and sell for more than you bought them for in the future. There are action figures of famous people such as Wayne Gretzky, Elvis, Johnny Cash, Jimmy Page, and the Beatles, and made-up characters, like Bart Simpson, the Grinch, the Flintstones, and Harry Potter. Now think about it, what's better, watching Pokemon or Chaotic, or trading Pokemon or Chaotic cards with others. Strategic thinking that you learn from these games will help you with everything you do in the future.

Submitted by:
12 year old Dillon Boadway and Callum Williams.

New Identification Requirements for Travelling to the U.S.

As of January 31, 2008, if you travel to the U.S. by land or water, a U.S. law will require you to present:

- A government issued photo ID, such as a driver's licence **and**
- A birth certificate or a citizenship card;

OR

- For youth under 16, a birth certificate;

OR

- A valid passport

Canadian Citizens, flying to or through the U.S. must present a valid Canadian passport.

For more information visit www.canada.gc.ca or call 1-800-O-Canada.

New TD Merchant Service Rates

Effective December 1, 2007, TD Merchant Services will launch a new offer to new and existing Chamber Members:

- 1.69% Visa Merchant Discount rate (reduced from 1.75%)
- 1.79% MasterCard Merchant Discount rate (reduced from 1.89%)
- \$0.09 Interac Direct Payment Transaction Fee (reduced from \$0.10)
- 1.99% Visa Corporate, Commercial and Business Card Transaction Fee.

Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendar

January 15, 2008 Annual General Meeting

Train Station, 6:00pm
Refreshments

January 17, 2008

Networking Breakfast, 8:00am-9:00am
Hosted by **The UPS Store**, 18 Ringwood Dr.
Free to Members, \$15 Non-Members

February 14, 2008

Networking Breakfast, 8:00am-9:00am
Hosted by **Buckingham Manor**, 6257 Main St.
Free to Members, \$15 Non-Members

March 27, 2008

Annual Pancake Breakfast, 8:00am-9:00am
Hosted by **Bruce's Mill**, 3291 Stouffville Rd.
Free to Members, \$15 Non-Members

April 15, 2008

Networking Breakfast, 8:00am-9:00am
Hosted by **Independent Planning Group**, 6165 Main St.
Free to Members, \$15 Non-Members

2008 Information & Guide Map

We still have a few spaces left for advertising in our **2008 Information & Guide Map**. This year's distribution includes:

- Every household in Whitchurch-Stouffville
- Included in the Town's "Newcomers Package"
- Every major Tourist Information Centre across Ontario **and** to smaller Information Centres as requested.

To reserve a spot or for more information, call the Chamber office at 905-642-4227.