

NEWS & VIEWS

February, 2005



NEW GROUP LAUNCHED TO IMPROVE GOVERNMENT BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH SME's

This week Gerry Phillips, Chair of the Management Board of Cabinet introduced the *Doing Business with the Ontario Government Task Force*. The new group will explore ways to improve the government's dealings with small and medium-sized businesses, and specifically it will study its current procurement policies and processes to help identify barriers. Phillips' Parliamentary Assistant Wayne Arthurs will chair the task force and is set to begin holding meetings with various business representatives across the province shortly. The OCC will provide the Task Force with feedback from members on how to enhance access to government procurement opportunities. For more information please visit the Management Board's website at www.gov.on.ca/MBS/english/mbs/releases/states.html to view the related news release, backgrounder and terms of reference for the new task force.

BUSINESS AWARDS DEADLINE FEBRUARY 18th

Nominate member or non-member!
Call 905-642-4227 for package

THE CHAMBER BRINGS YOU ANOTHER FIRST FOR WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

Attention all businesses! Please advise all of your friends and business acquaintances that we are embarking on a new publication entitled "Exploring Whitchurch-Stouffville", with a circulation of 25,000. It will be distributed locally and at key locations throughout Ontario. Dave Roulston of Brelyn Enterprises 905-985-4219 fax: 905-985-9819 is the contact for inclusion in this publication should you wish to advertise. We have reviewed the publications he has produced for numerous other towns and we are impressed with the results. Expect a call or visit from him soon. The publication will include a calendar of events, a short history and highlights of our town, local tourist destinations, information on new homes, and economic development issues. It is to be printed on quality stock and will be a great advertising tool for Stouffville and for you. Please welcome this new publication to our town.

Great thoughts always come from the heart
- Marquis de Vauvenargues

Happy Valentine's Day

2004-2005

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Go Sales and Tourist Information

Mon-Fri 7:30-5:00
Sat 7:30-4:00

Welcome New Members

Maylar Construction Limited
Michael Larkin
9488 McCowan Rd.
Markham, Ont.
L3P 3J3
Tel: 905-294-0535
**Construction/
Property Management**

**Dr. Deborah Stanley/
David Campbell**
6139 Main St.
Stouffville, Ont.
L4A 3R6
Tel: 905-640-5900
Chiropractors

**Accord Mediation and
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Nancy Allen Deane
93 Fairview Ave.
Stouffville, Ont.
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Family Services

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Mark Trussell
Suite 222
16775 Yonge St.
Newmarket, Ont.
L3Y 8J4
Tel: 905-895-2029
Financial Planning

COMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Networking Breakfasts -7:30 a.m.

Cost - members \$10 Non-members \$15

Please call the office to advise us if you would like to attend any of these meetings. In doing so, we may inform the respective caterers of our numbers.

Feb. 17th. Networking and informational meeting hosted by **T.D. Canada Trust & T.D. Merchant Visa** at Garden View Restaurant in **Parkview Village**, Ninth Line south. Advice on member merchant discounts.

Feb. 18th. Deadline for Business Awards nominations.

Mar. 10th. (New date) Networking Meeting at **Stouffville Joint Venture**, 6212 Main St. Suite 202 (above Stouffville IDA Pharmacy) Fitness and Physiotherapist Centre.

Apr. 14th. **Business Awards Dinner & Annual General Meeting.** Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club

Apr. 29th. Early Bird deadline for golf tournament discounts.

May 26th. **Annual Golf Tournament** Maples of Ballantrae Golf & Country Club.