

# Chamber celebrating 40 years in Stoney Creek

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Chamber of Commerce Week held special meaning for members of the Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce, which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year.

Members participated Sept. 9-15 in a number of social festivities regionwide, along with their counterparts at the Hamilton and District and the Flamborough chambers of commerce.

The local chamber also held elections last week for the new executive committee of the 1990-91 board of directors.

Out-going president Sandra McLeod said Chamber of Commerce Week promotes awareness in the community about chamber activities and it also culminated a productive year for local members.

"Chamber of Commerce Week gives members the opportunity for social activities apart from those that are business-oriented," said Ms. McLeod, citing a

slate of activities last week which included the Mayor's Breakfast, a night at the races at Flamboro Downs and a fun-filled evening of baseball with the Toronto Blue Jays at Sky-Dome.

Ms. McLeod said the upcoming year should prove exciting for the chamber, and she praised members of the new executive who are already in the midst of forming innovative ideas.

"Every chamber of commerce has different goals that they are trying to promote," she said. "The new board has exciting plans and we look forward to growth for the coming year."

## Past progress

Ms. McLeod said the organization's policy manual outlining the goals and objectives of chamber committees was updated last year. As well, the formulation of a five-year business plan to upgrade office technology, receive input from the 250-plus membership and identify priorities was also accomplished.

"When I started off the year as president, I was hopeful we would get the policy manual completed," said Ms. McLeod. "I'm happy we've got the policy manual and the business plan which were my two primary goals."

Chamber committees include the Business Directory and Buyer's Guide, newsletter, membership, special events, the 8-to-10 Program for business seminars and workshops, community relations and policy.

Inducted Sept. 13, the new executive comprises Judyann Heeringa, president; Wayne Greer, first vice-president; Anna Orr, second vice-president, and Thom Friesen, treasurer.

New board directors will be elected Oct. 26 at the chamber's annual meeting at Liuna Gardens.

The out-going board includes president Ms. McLeod, first vice-president Jean Swackhammer, second vice-president Cam Landry, treasurer Peter Kosacky, past-president Timo-



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**SANDRA McLEOD, out-going president of the Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce, displays a copy of the popular Business Directory and Buyer's Guide.**

thy Kott, and directors Valerie Greer, Judyann Heeringa, Andrews, Douglas Burke, Eric Anna Orr, Lori Verbeek and Cheng, Thom Friesen, Wayne Louis Zurini.