



# Membership Renewals

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 Barrager's Cleaners  
 Baynes Physiotherapy Georgetown  
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 Communication Artistry  
 Cooper-Standard Automotive

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 Life Chiropactic Centre  
 Living Lighting  
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 McClure Carpentry, G.  
 McCormack Financial Group  
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 McKab Taxi  
 Meldrum, Iain Dr.  
 Multi-Blend Ltd.  
 Nellis Construction Ltd.

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# Ask The Professionals

Send your questions for any of these professionals:  
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*If you want to sell your property and get top dollar - you need to team with the experts at Savvy Staging Solutions!*

**Q:** We want to sell our house. We have been given a home seller checklist but we do not think this 'checklist' is sufficient and we are stuck. Savvy Staging please help us with this process!

**A:** A checklist is an easy way out. No checklist could ever expose the number of priorities / focus items a staging analysis will uncover and plan for. Savvy Staging provides a very thorough analysis of each property. The analysis better known as the Pisante package is arranged as if our Home Stager (HS) was the potential buyer. The HS arrives on-site with an objective eye and no detail from the curb to the backyard, exterior and interior is overlooked. In fact, Savvy Staging offers many recommendations regarding changes to bring about the best return of investment, a plan to meet your target market date and of course, no detail is ever too small to be overlooked by our talented staff.

- Keep in mind...**
- Potential buyers are searching for move in ready properties
  - Potential buyers will shy away from repairs, dated décor, odours and clutter
  - Potential buyers are seeking a lifestyle, a fresh start and an inviting space
  - Not all potential buyers are able to envision themselves in the space. You or the Home Stager will need create warmth, display function and highlight square footage

It is best to have your house staged. Preparing your home to sell sets you apart from your competition, creates a wonderful first impression and showcases the features of your home.



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**Q:** I read to my pre-school child every day. What else can I do to prepare him for learning to read and spell?

**A:** Recent literature has linked development of early reading skills to a child's oral language ability. One particular oral language skill which impacts reading development is the child's phonological awareness. Phonological awareness is the awareness of sounds that make up words. For example, being able to identify the sound that begins or ends a word, knowing that two words rhyme, being able to produce rhymes, and recognizing the number of words in a sentence or syllables in a word.

Parents can do a number of things to develop their child's phonological awareness. Story time can be used to enhance sound awareness by reading rhymes, poems and simple pattern story books. You can have your child complete a familiar phrase using rhyming words e.g. "Jack and Jill - Went up the \_\_\_\_". You can also have your child clap along with chants and songs using one clap for each word. While playing the game "I Spy" ask your child to find things that begin with certain sounds (e.g. look for words that begin with the "sh" sound). Most importantly, make the time enjoyable. You know that he's learning, he thinks he's having fun.

The Halton Hills Speech Centre offers programs throughout the year that focus on increasing phonological awareness. If you would like further information about these programs or have further questions, please feel free to contact our centre.

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**Q:** How can Assessment and Communication Tools help the process of Relationship Coaching?

Ken is decisive, action-oriented, and stress tolerant. He approaches his environment and challenges with little hesitation and takes charge quickly. His will to succeed is strong and his energy is high. He prefers to lead rather than follow and responds best to direct confrontation. Ken is impatient with Diane; he thinks she should be more assertive.

Diane is an empathetic listener who tries to find ways to promote harmony and comfort for others. She is practical, friendly, consistent, and avoids extremes. She responds best to kindness, friendliness, and established ways of doing things. Diane thinks Ken is dominating and has insufficient concern for the feelings of others.

**A:** Sound familiar? How often have you heard that opposites attract? It is true that couples need diversity of individual style to be successful? Relationship Coaches use Communication Tools to assess and educate individuals on "how to" take advantage of such differences as a way to make each individual grow and learn from each other. Increased personal awareness and "getting the other's point of view" can lead to a healthy outgrowth of communication in a couple.

The Personal Style Indicator (PSI), a learning and communication tool for increasing understanding of self and others, is a scientifically developed, self-administering, self-scoring instrument that clearly identifies one's basic personal style of responding to people and to tasks. What is personal style? In a nutshell, it is your natural predisposition to perceive, approach, and interact with the environment in a preferred way. Many believe that this part of your personality is inborn. If this is the case, awareness of your style can be a powerful personal asset.

The majority of couples are made up of individuals like Ken and Diane who dance to the beat of a different drum due to inherent personal styles. However, when couples are privy to the differences, needs, and response patterns of their spouse's individual styles and have a common language to identify these, tolerance and support are immediate and often significant.

Manon Dulude is a Psychotherapist & Certified Professional Coach and a licensed distributor of the PSI. She invites you to call and experience the benefits of the PSI in Relationship Coaching. She can be reached at 905 873 9393.



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**Q:** Are there any financial planning/tax changes I should be aware of for 2008?

**A:** Every year we summarize the common financial planning related information for our clients and this year is no different. If you would like a copy of our 2008 Handy Financial Planning Facts OR a copy of our newsletter, please email me at: [Barbara.byckowski@rbc.com](mailto:Barbara.byckowski@rbc.com).

**Here are some of the highlights for 2008:**

- \* maximum CPP benefit at age 65: \$884.58 per month
- \* OAS clawback rate \$0.15 for every \$1 of Net Income above \$64,718; maximum OAS eliminated at a Net Income of Approximately \$104,903.
- \* RRSP maximum deduction limit \$20,000 for the 2008 tax year
- \* basic personal tax exemption \$9,600

*If you have any questions or require clarification on any of these or other financial planning issues, please give me a call at 905-450-1850.*

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