

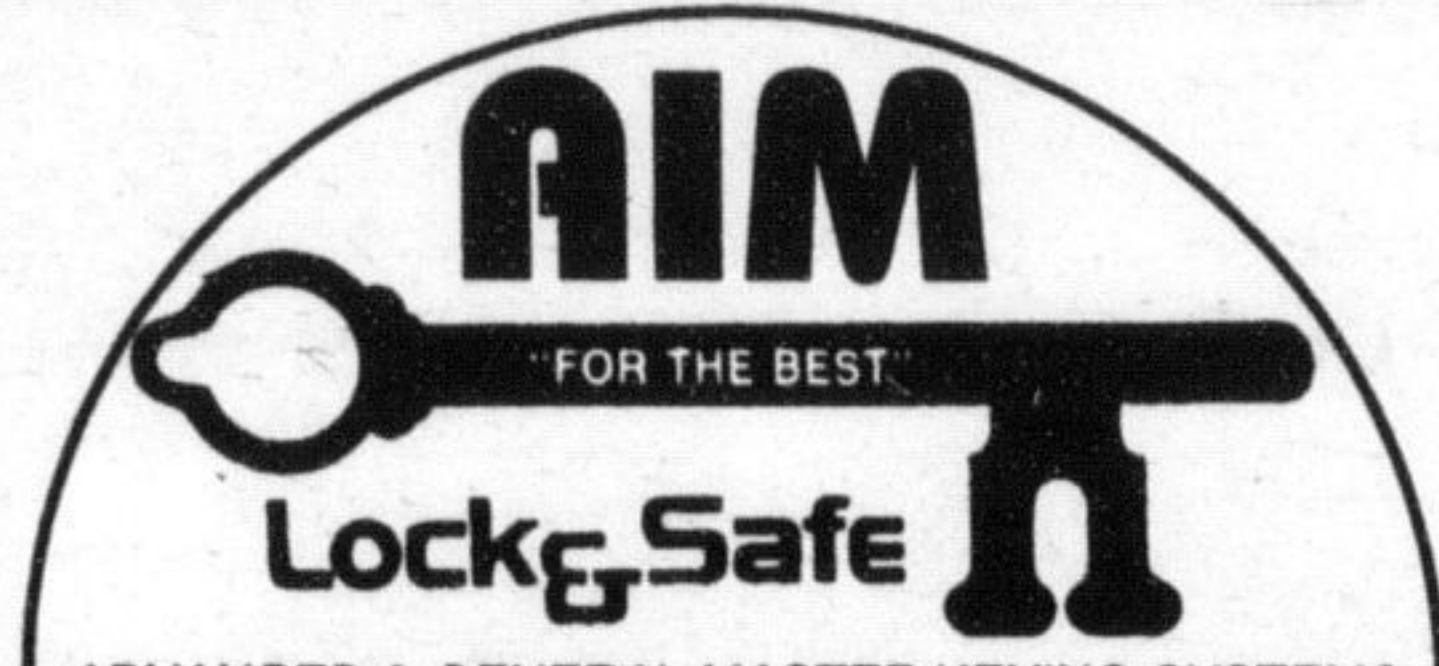




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Mission Statement:

To provide leadership in promoting business

A Monthly Newsletter of the Milton Chamber of Commerce



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE – SANDY MARTIN...

The Chamber is a grass-roots organization that has served the business community for over a century with small timeouts during the world wars. Jim Dills has provided me with a history of the Chamber and I would like to share a portion of that with you.

The Milton Chamber of Commerce was initiated as the Milton Board of Trade well over 100 years ago when retailers were the major business force in the community and industry was much sought after to broaden the employment base.

If there was a theme to those early years – it had to be the recurring problem of common store hours or “early closing.” Another concern was the increasing effect the newly established

railways were having on shoppers. Excursion rail rates on weekends were attracting shoppers to the city and local merchants were concerned that local trade was dwindling.

In 1888 the Board of Trade was formed with W.H. Lindsay as president, W.H. Macnab as vice president, H.J. Holding as secretary and Issac Cartmer as treasurer. Membership was 24 and included merchants, builders, manufacturers and nearly every business in town.

Well things have changed and they haven't! We still discuss uniform store hours, competition from communities surrounding us, as well as the need to join together to promote business. Our membership has grown to nearly 500 companies representing all sectors and our

mission continues to be “To provide leadership in promoting the well-being of the business community of Milton.”

The Chambers' success and longevity attributable to the efforts of all our dedicated volunteers. I have had the pleasure of working with great people over the eight years I have been executive director and at this special year I want to thank the Directors' committee volunteers, the members at large, the Chamber staff who make it so enjoyable and fun! Everyone at the Chamber wishes you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Notice to all Members
Milton Chamber of Commerce
2000 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, December 5, 2000 at the Chamber of Commerce Offices, 251 Main Street. 5:00pm - 6:30pm.

All members in good standing are invited to attend the 2000 Annual General Meeting and elect the Chamber's new Board of Directors.

BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS (7:30 - 8:45AM)

Opportunities to network, learn and have a coffee! Anyone willing to get up for a 7:30a meeting has to be serious about business. Aren't those the people you want to meet?

JANUARY 11, 2001

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Reynolds
Town of Milton - Leisure Services - Public Works
Topic: Facility Study (Library/Town Hall/Cultural Centre)
Light breakfast served!

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS (5:00-7:00pm)

Tuesday, January 23rd
Hosts: Goodlife Fitness Clubs
Location: 855 Steeles Avenue East
More details to follow!

INTERESTED IN SHOWCASING YOUR BUSINESS DURING 2001?

If yes, the Chamber invites you to sign up as a Business After Hours' Host! Contact Bev Holloway, Chamber Office (905-878-0581), for further information.

The Chamber wishes to thank our Business After Hours' hosts for providing entertaining and very successful venues during 2000: Bergsma's Paint & Wallpaper; The Donaldson

Group; Romac Inc; Great Canadian Bagel Co./CIBC; Milton District Hospital Foundation; Dorland-Haight Galleries; White-Rock Ostrich Farm; Chudleigh's Apple Farm;

United Way of Milton; Milton Leisure Centre/Telehop; and Springridge Farm / McMarketing Inc. / Milton Graphics / Pa One Services.

SHOWCASE MILTON 2001

June 1, 2 & 3, 2001 Consumer Trade Show • Memorial Arena, Thompson Road
More information to follow.....if you'd like to be an exhibitor call Sandy or Bev at 878-0581.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS...

Thank you to the following businesses for renewing their Chamber Membership.

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Churchill Collision Inc.
Crawford's Country Gardens
Don Smith Agency Inc., The
Halton Auto & Industrial Supply
Halton Community Rehabilitation Centre
Harrow Truck Lines Inc
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Lalvani Logistics Inc.

Landscape Garten Ltd.
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Lex Reporting Services Inc.
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McCuaig Insurance Limited
Milton District Hospital Foundation
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MRK Communications Ltd.
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