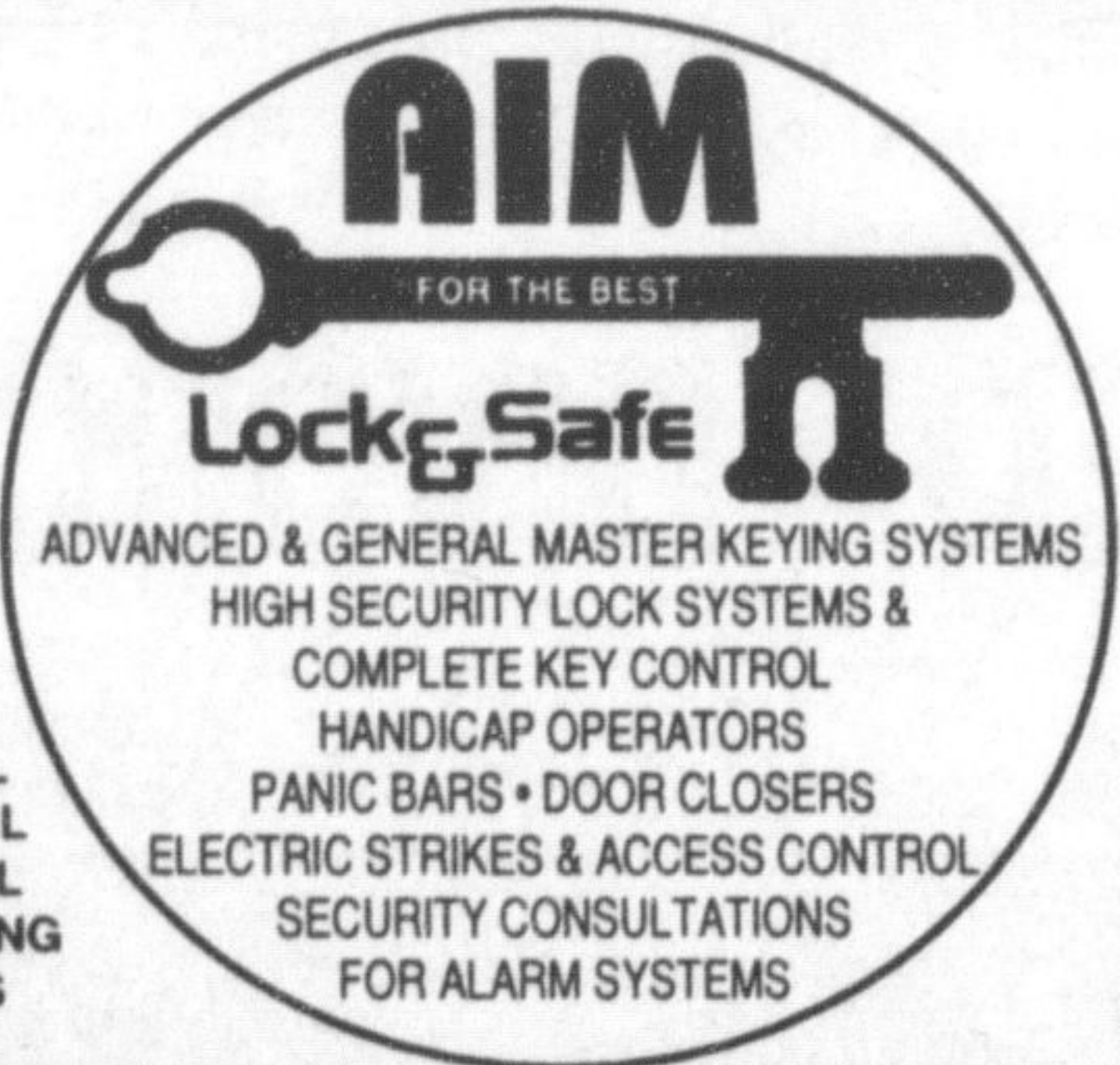




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with pleasure that I begin my term as President of the Milton Chamber of Commerce. It was a privilege to serve as President in 1981 and it is once again my privilege to serve as President in 2001! It certainly does not feel like twenty years! Reflecting on the changes a mere twenty years have brought - the membership in 1981 was 184 while the membership in 2001 is 498. In 1981 our Chamber offices were housed in the Train Station on Martin Street. While this was picturesque and an ideal location to suit the tourist needs that the Chamber served at that time, our offices are now larger, in a central location on Main Street, a location which now better reflects serving the needs of local businesses. Two decades ago saw a Chamber staff of one, assisted by part-time help, mainly in the summer months; today we have five permanent full-time and part-time staff, augmented by additional part-time help during the summer months.

Twenty years ago the Farmer's Market was a popular Saturday morning ritual, located at that time in the parking lot behind the Town Hall. Now, we have the Farmer's Market taking up several blocks along Main Street on a Saturday morning and it has become an even more popular event in the Milton area. Some things remain the same and I can still remember making the bacon-on-a-bun for a long line of hungry customers back in 1981 and today this is still a tradition to many Miltonians frequenting the Market on a Saturday morning from May to October. Another thing that has remained the same over two decades is Gord Krantz still serving us as Mayor of Milton. This has given us a sense of continuity even as we grow and change. The slogan the three R's was not really in vogue back twenty years, Reduce Recycle Reuse - well, I am being Recycled!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 24th

New Chamber Member's Breakfast (by invitation only), with guest speaker, Bill Mercer, Chamber President. Registration begins at 7:00 am - Breakfast served at 7:30 am. Location: Muddy Duck Restaurant, 855 Steeles Ave E.

Thursday, January 11th

Business Before Hours (7:45 am - 9am) with guest speaker, Jennifer Reynolds, Director of Community Services, Town of Milton. TOPIC: Update on Town's Activities. Location: Chamber Boardroom, 251 Main Street E.

Tuesday, January 23rd

Business After Hours (5 pm - 7 pm) hosted by GoodLife Fitness Clubs, 855 Steeles Ave E.

Thursday, February 8th

Mayor's Breakfast with special guest, Mayor Gord Krantz, and guest speaker, Mario Bevedere, Town of Milton. Location: Muddy Duck Restaurant, Steeles Avenue, Milton. Registration begins at 7 am - Breakfast served at 7:30 am. COST: \$17.00/Chamber Members \$20.00/Non-Members

Tuesday, February 27th

Business After Hours (5 pm - 7 pm) hosted by Kelsey's Restaurant, 855 Steeles Ave E, Milton

SHOWCASE a GO for 2001!

The Milton Chamber of Commerce is happy to announce that SHOWCASE 2001 is confirmed for June 1st, 2nd & 3rd. This exciting show will be a great opportunity for Milton area businesses to not only feature their products and services but also sell them to thousands of customers.

The ground has already been broken for subdivisions soon to be filled with new home-owners and new consumers ready to buy and use the products and services of local businesses. SHOWCASE 2001 is the perfect opportunity to let them know about YOU and what you have to offer.

The show, in the Thompson Road arena, will feature over 90 reasonably priced booths and present a great way for you to reach potential consumers now and in the future. Stay tuned for more details, but in the meantime, plan on participating in SHOWCASE 2001!

NEW MEMBERS...

We extend a warm welcome to those members who are joining the Chamber. We invite their participation on our committees as well as in our many activities and events!

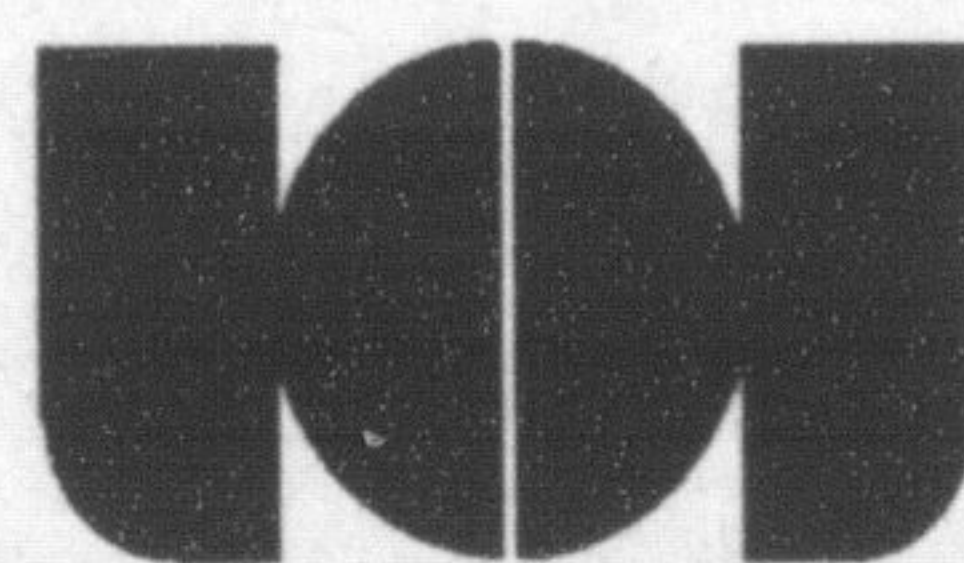
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