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President's Message

Douglas Francis



As I was recently drafting a note for inclusion in the 2004 Escarpment Country Visitors Guide it was becoming obvious that it was safe to leave winter behind and to turn to thoughts of the approaching warmer weather of late spring and summer. Of course, it is easy to become excited about the warm weather when a person lives in an area such as ours with its beautiful scenery, recreational areas and wonderful attractions, shops and restaurants. The warm weather just makes it that much easier to get out and take advantage of them.

The change of season also means that we are getting closer to four major events organized by the Chamber - the Community

Awards Gala, Showcase Milton, the Milton Farmers' Market, and the Annual Golf Tournament. Each one of them will be bigger and better than any similar event in previous years. Be sure the dates of each of them are marked in your calendar.

It should be noted that, while each event is a delight to attend, these events provide remarkable opportunities for organizations to promote themselves to very desirable segments of the Milton community. These events attract the attendance of business and community leaders and influential and community-minded citizens. As well they attract substantial notice in the local press. The Chamber makes available a limited number of sponsorships as a way of allowing organizations to have their names associated with these events. Call the Chamber to find out how you can take advantage of these wonderful opportunities to promote your organization within our fine community.



(from L to R) Business After Hours Chair Gloria Francis, Vincenza DeMedicis, BBQ Winner Jan Anders, Angelo DeMedicis.

Business After Hours

The March Business After Hours was hosted by Milton Home Hardware Building Centre and was attended by over 70 guests. Thank you to Angelo and wife Vincenza for hosting such a fine evening of networking and fun!

Upcoming Networking Events

Thursday, April 8th - Privacy Act Seminar with Marilyn Samuels, LL.B. 8:30am to 10:30am at the Halton Police Station. Cost to members: \$80.00. Limited seating so register now!

Saturday, April 17th - Annual Community Awards Gala - "A Night of Honour & Celebration" Cocktails at 6:00pm / Dinner at 7:00pm. Granite Ridge Golf Club. Tickets are \$75.00 per person - All are welcome!

Tuesday, April 27th - Business After Hours. Martindale Gardens, 45 Martin Street.

Saturday, May 22nd - Opening Day of the Milton Farmers' Market 7:00am to 12:00pm, Main Street between James and Martin.

Friday, May 28th to Sunday, May 30th - Showcase Milton - consumer Trade Show with over 90 exhibitors to date! New Milton Sports Centre.

Tuesday, June 15th - Milton Chamber Annual Golf Tournament, Granite Ridge Golf Club, Cost is \$150.00 per person.

CONGRATULATIONS!

2003 COMMUNITY AWARDS NOMINEES

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Joyce Scott	BUSINESS of the YEAR (26 Employees & over) Fifth Wheel Corp. Granite Ridge Golf Club Milton Home Hardware Building Centre
CITIZEN of the YEAR Paul Scherer	BUSINESS PERSON of the YEAR Bill Mercer, Mercer & Mercer Peggy Grall, Peggy Grall & Associates Inc. Peter Schicht, Micro-Tech Machine
PRESIDENT'S AWARD Christy Babcock Hedi Nowak	BUSINESS of the YEAR (25 Employees & less) Brookville Veterinary Clinic Clarke's Golf Wheels Driver Training
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