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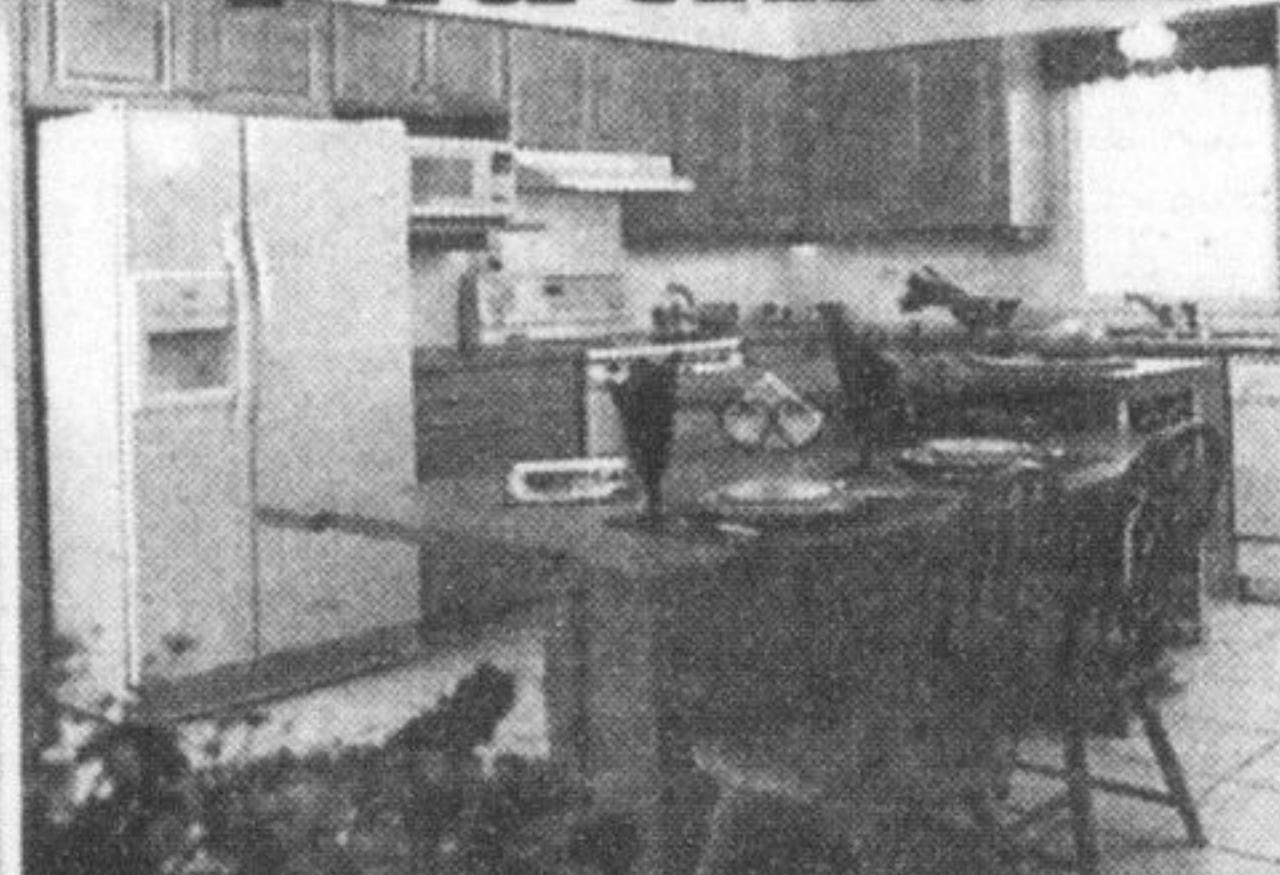
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MILTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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President's Message

Douglas Francis

The Milton Chamber of Commerce held its annual New Members' Breakfast on Friday, September 24 at the Glencairn Golf Club. The breakfast is always a great event as it provides an opportunity for Chamber staff and directors to meet the representatives of the businesses that have joined the Chamber during the past year and to learn more about their businesses. The Breakfast also provides an opportunity for the attendees to meet the representatives of other newly-joined businesses.

Sandy Martin, Executive Director of the Chamber, reminded the new members that the purpose of the Chamber is to promote the interests of the Milton business community - particularly the interests of its members. She discussed specifically how the Chamber helps its members

and how members can gain the most benefit from their memberships. The special group benefits and home and auto insurance plans - available only to members - were also discussed by the administrators of the plans.

The timing of our breakfast is important because most of our new members are small businesses and it is held during the lead-up to Small Business Week. Of course not all Chamber members are small businesses but by sheer numbers they do comprise our largest membership category by far. Small Business Week will be held this year during the week of October 18th.

Those of us who are associated with small businesses don't have much time to worry about the greater business community or to take pride in being part of the sector of the economy that we are told is so important to our community and to our country. We have to be so focused on our businesses in order for them to survive, to grow and to prosper. For one week this year small business will be extra special. Make sure you attend our special Small Business Week Recognition Breakfast on October 20 with Keynote Speaker Rick Knudson of Sleeman Breweries Ltd. I suggest to those associated with small businesses that you feel and show your pride in being in business - it's the only place you want to be.

Business After Hours



New Chamber Member Dr. Amy Scherer, Host Bert Andrews of Andrews' Scenic Acres, Sharon Foster of Literacy North Halton and Fred Bulbeck of Scotch Block Winery.

The September Business After Hours was hosted at Andrews' Scenic Acres/Scotch Block Winery and was co-hosted by Literacy North Halton. The beautiful setting of Andrews' was the perfect backdrop to an evening of networking. Guests

enjoyed wine-tasting courtesy of Scotch Block Winery and walking in the

fields of fresh and plentiful rows of pick-your-own flowers available at Andrews. Sharon Foster of Literacy North Halton educated the members on the importance of literacy in our area and encouraged Chamber members to volunteer. The October Business After Hours will be held on Tuesday, October 26th at Milton Physiotherapy & Sports Injuries Clinic, co-hosted by Spokes N' Slopes.

New Members' Breakfast

The Milton Chamber of Commerce hosted their New Members' Breakfast on September 24th at the new Glencairn Golf Club. New members enjoyed the beautiful setting and warm hospitality of the staff at Glencairn and were able to network with other Chamber members in an informal setting. All new members were given the opportunity to present themselves and their business to the 45 Chamber members in attendance.



CHAMBER EVENTS

"Celebrate Small Business Week" Breakfast with Keynote Speaker Rick Knudson, President and C.O.O. of Sleeman Breweries Ltd.

Wednesday, October 20th,
at Glencairn Golf Club

October Business After Hours Tuesday, October 26th.

Milton Physiotherapy & Sports Injuries Clinic / Spokes N' Slopes

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