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President's Message

We are already a few months into the year of our 125th anniversary as an incorporated Chamber and we are off to a terrific start. Two of our major events thus far have been sell outs and I would like to say thank you to the members for their ongoing support.

Our 11th Annual Sports Celebrity Dinner and Auction was a huge success with over 285 people in attendance. We had fantastic celebrities, including baseball legend Joe Carter and Toronto Maple Leaf great Wendel Clark to entertain the crowd. Mark Hebscher did an excellent job as our new master of ceremonies and led our star studded event through the always popular and hilarious Hotstove interview.

The Sports Celebrity Dinner and Auction has raised over \$195,000 in support of the Chamber Scholarship Fund. Thanks to our sponsors and to all who attended and purchased auction items. But we are not done yet! We have a goal of creating a self-sufficient fund to ensure enough money will be there to support Milton students for many years to come.

The Mayor's Breakfast, sponsored by OLG was held on Valentine's Day and was another success for the Chamber early in 2013. Mayor Gord Krantz and acting C.A.O. Bill Mann addressed a sold out crowd of Milton Chamber members and guests and spoke about the vision of Milton: Engaging, Balanced, Connected. I sat on the panel at the breakfast, on behalf of the Chamber to answer the question "Has the Town of Milton been true to its vision?" What are your thoughts? In my opinion, it is truly amazing how this community has grown and this well managed growth can be



Richard Bolton
Chamber President

attributed to the strategy that the Mayor and key people at the Town have put in place. Key projects like the hospital expansion, the Milton Education Village, the Velodrome and Derry Green Corporate Business Park are positioned to have a favourable impact on the businesses of Milton. As Milton grows, I think the business sector has the opportunity to service a self-contained community where our residents can live, work, educate and of course, use the business services of Milton. This is an economic plus for everyone.

I hope to see all of you at our events marking our 125th anniversary. Remember we have a time capsule providing the opportunity for our members to help commemorate this milestone. If you can think of a unique business related item to place in the capsule, please bring it to the next Chamber event.

Upcoming Events

Milton Young Professionals
Wednesday, March 20, 2013
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Location TBD
Guests Welcome

PROforma U-Want-One
611 Farmstead Drive

March Springboard
Wednesday, March 27, 2013
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Chamber Boardroom
251 Main Street East
No charge for members
Co-hosted by: Birkdale Place
Seniors Community and

March Business After Hours
Tuesday, March 26, 2013
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Co-hosted by: Birkdale Place
Seniors Community and

2012 Community Awards Gala
Friday, April 12, 2013
Granite Ridge Golf Club
Cocktails 6:00 PM
Tickets: \$85 (HST included)
Join us in celebrating Milton's finest

April Business After Hours
Tuesday, April 23, 2013
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Co-hosted by: CWB Group and
Halton Learning Foundation
8260 Parkhill Drive

Thailand Information Session
Tuesday, April 16, 2013
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
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Chamber Farmers' Market Opens
Saturday, May 18, 2013
7:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
Main St between Martin & James St

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5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Milton Chamber of Commerce
251 Main Street East

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The 2012 Community Awards Gala

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THE 2012 COMMUNITY AWARDS GALA, "A NIGHT OF HONOUR AND CELEBRATION" WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2013 AT GRANITE RIDGE GOLF CLUB. A SEAFOOD APPETIZER BAR AND COCKTAILS BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M. THEN A GOURMET DINNER IS SERVED AT 7:30 P.M.

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