

ELGIN & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The meeting of June 11, 1986 was a most informative and active event. Members now total 40 with several inquiries pending. Director Jane Monaghan reported that the moving of the sign is still causing some problems as it is in poor state of repair. It has been suggested that cost of repairs be estimated and completed before placing it on Main Street.

Barry St. Pierre was named as Treasurer to the Chamber taking over the duties from Dick Miller who has acted as treasurer since the Chamber began. Dick gave his final report and indicated a balance of \$307. in the treasury.

After routine business, the major part of the evening was spent on hearing and discussing the Elgin Day plans.

Everything on "Go"- with almost military precision, each of the Directors, members and volunteers, reported on the now formulated plans. Dick Miller, as co-ordinator of the day, has to be congratulated for his work, along with several other

members who have arranged what should be a most exciting and entertaining day. It appears that full participation of all local organizations will take place with a parade, bake sales, displays, craft sales as well as merchant's sales. Combined with the Book Sale, a performance for children, a teen dance and a variety of demonstrations from Ambulance to O.P.P. and finishing with a dinner and dance, it would seem to be a day to mark on everyone's calender!

After hearing of the finalization of details, from parking to Button sales (these will be available soon in local stores) the members heard a presentation from John Eyre.

Small Group Insurance Plan endorsed by Chamber members: John Eyre presented the Great West Life Chamber of Commerce Small Group Insurance Plan. This plan permits small businesses to offer their employees a comprehensive Life/health plan and also have coverage for themselves. Normally employers with less than a certain number of

employees cannot form a group for these type of benefits. Under this plan, an employer with only one or two employees, if a member of a Chamber, may participate. The Chamber members agreed to endorse the plan however, each member-business can arrange for his/her own coverage. This is not a "group" plan; i.e. all Chamber members make their own decision to join...their membership simply permits them to do so.

Shop-lifting: A growing local problem: The last item under discussion was the growing problem of shop-lifting and the issuance of "bad" cheques. Many merchants feel the need to form a "contact" group to alert each other when known shop-lifters appear on their premises. It was generally conceded that this is becoming a major problem for several merchants, and that any shop-lifters, if caught, should be charged. As most of the small businesses have limited staff and offer a variety of services, they find it difficult to watch all customers at all times.

It would appear that some groups of young people "plan" their escapades into the world of crime (shop-lifting is just a nicer way of saying "theft"). Merchants intend to do everything possible to stop this problem. Customers can also assist by being on the alert and warning the store keeper if they see someone "practicing" the art of shop-lifting. As one store owner stated..."We all pay for losses incurred..the store keeper has to raise prices to cover his loss thus the honest citizen loses too". The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair in early September.

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HISTORICAL RESEARCH PROJECT

This year the Social Studies Department at Rideau District High School began a project in which students interviewed senior residents. The aim of the programme was to encourage students to learn about local history, and to develop an inventory of resource material for future research. This endeavour has proven to be a very successful learning experience for all involved. Approximately one hundred and ten grade nine and ten students interviewed forty-five senior residents. A number of senior students organized the interview selections, and helped the junior students to complete their end of the project. Another group of senior students have spent this semester listening to the completed interviews and an inventory has been developed.

Most students involved felt very positive towards the project, and they believed it to be a worthwhile experience. We hope that senior residents who were interviewed have similar feelings.

The general public is welcome to visit the school to listen to the tapes. Any senior resident who would like to be interviewed is asked to leave their name at any branch of the library.

The Social Studies Department was very pleased with the outcome of the programme and plans to continue the interviews next year.



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