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### Napanee & District Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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#### APRIL BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Thank you [Royal Coachman Restaurant](#) for hosting the April Business After Hours networking social. Owner, Randy Farrar (pictured at left) made sure everyone sampled his wonderful appetizers and desserts. The Chamber's Annual Mayor's Luncheon takes place at The Royal Coachman on June 24, 2011.



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Pictured below (from left to right) are Nick Fitak of [Fitak Custom Woodworking](#), Hollie Peterson of [RBC](#) and new Chamber board member, Chamber of Commerce General Manager Kathy Medd and Mora File, owner of [Wild Orchid Health & Wellness](#). Winner of the monthly wine draw was Brenda Scott, owner of [Bursta Baskets](#). Congratulations to Brenda and her husband Lee, also in attendance.



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Other business owners and managers that joined us at The Royal Coachman were (pictured above) Michelle Dickerson, owner of [Mineral Pro](#), Christine Peets, owner of [Captions Communications](#) and Henny Venus, Executive Director of the [Lennox & Addington OSPCA](#).

#### MAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

On May 25 our Business After Hours attendees took a scenic drive on a beautiful evening to [Fitak Custom Woodworking](#) located on County Road 9. Owner Shelley Fitak is pictured here at right with Paula Brooks, owner of [farleft Creations](#) and "official" Business After Hours photographer.



Thank you Nick and Shelley for inviting us into your home. It's a great showpiece for your product.





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**MAY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS Continued...**



Owner Nick Fitak (pictured at centre) took visitors into his workshop to show everyone where the real work is done. Pictured in the foreground is Andrew Binks of the [Kingston Literacy Project](#) and winner of the monthly wine draw. Congratulations Andrew! Also pictured (in background) is Brian Patterson of [Marlin Financial](#) and Chambers Insurance.

It's always great to see our newest members attending our networking events. Pictured below are new members Shawn Wingate and Nicole Baxter of [The Source Media](#) pictured with Dale Morrisey of [WJP Media](#) and Bernice Kennedy of [The O'Connor House Teahouse & Bistro](#).



**CHAMBERS INSURANCE WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT**

Chambers Insurance reps Brad Way and Brian Patterson of [Marlin Financial](#) recently held a special draw as part of their new Annual Chambers Insurance Policy Communication Service. Winner of a \$100 gift card to The Keg was Sean Payne of Martin's Bus Service Ltd. located in Napanee. Congratulations Sean!



**BAY OF SAFE COMMUNITIES MEMBER OPPORTUNITY**

Bay of Quinte Safe Communities is excited about the new partnership we have developed with the Napanee & District Chamber of Commerce. Bay of Quinte Safe Communities is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to making the Quinte region the safest place to live, learn, work and play. Our mission is to help people come together at a community level and implement local programmes to eliminate injuries and suffering. Bay of Quinte Safe Communities has been a designated Safe Community since March, 1998.

One of the ways we work towards our goal is by offering online safety training. We are pleased to be able to offer members of the Napanee & District Chamber of Commerce this online training at a **10% MEMBER DISCOUNT**. This discount is valid on course registration fees for all training available through the Safe Communities Canada online campus. As an added benefit, 20% of all registration fees will go directly to Bay of Quinte Safe Communities, contributing to programs and services which enhance the health and safety of all members of the community.

Like all employers in Canada, members of the Napanee District Chamber of Commerce are legally responsible for providing workers with the information and training necessary to perform their job tasks safely. Providing appropriate training, at a reasonable cost, is a challenge for employers. *Safe Communities Canada's online campus offers courses including WHMIS, TDG, Fire Safety, Respectful Workplace, PPE, Aboriginal Cultural Awareness and more.* Successful participants can download/print Certificates of Completion and employers can track the progress of individual participants and download/print training records. The training is immediately accessible, self-paced, and affordable. Your organization can purchase training when it suits your budget and use that training when it suits your workplace needs. There is no expiry date on purchased training.

Please access the Safety Campus from our website at: [www.bayofquinte.safecommunities.ca](http://www.bayofquinte.safecommunities.ca) then use the code shown here when purchasing your online training to receive your discount. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 613-967-4693. We look forward to working with the members of the Napanee & District Chamber of Commerce to reduce the incidence of preventable injury and death in the Quinte region.

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**CHAMBER DIRECTOR TAKES NEW POSITION**

Board member Janet Flynn of RBC stepped down from the Board at the April board meeting to take a new position with RBC in Kingston. Sincere wishes to Janet for success in her new role and our thanks for her 5 years of service on the board.



**2011 DOORS OPEN DESERONTO-NAPANEE REPORT**

The Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Town of Deseronto and the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte in presenting the May 28, 2011 Doors Open Ontario event. We have received many positive comments about the event from both site hosts and participants. A contest was included in the event to encourage movement between the three communities. Pictured below from left to right are Dana Valentyne, Economic Development Manager for the Town of Deseronto, Kathy Medd of the Chamber of Commerce and Kelly Maracle, Economic Development Officer for the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte. There were 10 prizes awarded and we thank our sponsors:

- Town of Deseronto
- Native Renaissance
- 49 Quick Stop
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- Lisa Bird
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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
 JUN 16  
 NAPANEE BUSINESS CENTRE

**MAYOR'S LUNCHEON & BUSINESS AWARDS**  
 JUN 24  
 THE ROYAL COACHMAN

