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Napanee & District Chamber of Commerce Newsletter
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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

On behalf of the Napanee and District Chamber of Commerce, I would like to extend season greetings to you, your family and employees.

Over the past year, the Chamber has continued to build and expand on its goal to focus on business development in our region by creating as many opportunities as possible for business leaders to learn, network and develop new relationships.

We have also established two new sub-committees, which are allowing the organization to advance on many key objectives. As a side benefit this is also providing the Board more time to discuss other priorities affecting the business community.

In early 2014 the Chamber will be hosting a series of round table discussions to assist the Chamber in defining its key objectives for the next 3-5 years. We will also be completing the National Chamber Accreditation program which will provide a key foundation for the organization and as a result become a stronger "voice of business" in our community.

On a more personal note; I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the membership, the 2013 Chamber Board and Kathy Medd our office manager for continuing to work towards the common goals set to achieve our greatness.

Finally, this will be my last year acting as Chamber President – having said that, let me say once again how honored and grateful I am to have had this opportunity. I owe much of my business success to the Chamber Network and I will be forever grateful for the relationships I have developed since joining this organization.

As a final thought, I would like to leave you with this. I believe Napanee is poised for more success over a short period of time than ever seen before. Partnerships, collaborations, teamwork and vision are going to be vital to achieving this. I look forward to seeing this happen and being a part of it in anyway I can.

All the best in 2014.
Brad Way
President

2013 REPORT ON BUSINESS AWARDS GALA



This year the Chamber was pleased to partner with the Town of Greater Napanee and the Downtown BIA in hosting our annual business awards event. The format change from sit-down luncheon to a networking social was a great success! Thank you to everyone for your positive feedback! Congratulations to the award recipients! Sincere thanks to the organizing committee for their hard work, our MC Jamie Cybalski of myFM, *More.....*



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Vision Statement

To be recognized as a strategic partner in the community by offering valuable services and resources to meet the diverse needs of the community.

Mission Statement

To be the "Voice of Business" dedicated to the promotion of economic development and prosperity for the enrichment of the community.



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2013 REPORT ON BUSINESS AWARDS GALA Cont'd....

Doghouse Studios and our event sponsors:

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And, a big thank you to our fantastic caterers for all of the wonderful appetizers & treats they provided. Everyone loved the food!! Thank you to **Wilton Cheese** for the complimentary cheese and **Hawley Bros. Furniture** for the cheese boards.

Chit Chat Café & Corner Market: Sherry & Andy Pruchnicki
Ellena's Simply Delicious Café: Ellena Fleury
Loaf 'N Ale Pub: Rose & Derek Valentyne
Spud's Catering: Roxanne McCaugherty
Waterfall Café: Eric DePoe & Barb Linds
Waterfront Pub: Jane Adams Roy & Alain Roy

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Town of Greater Napanee Youth Employee Award was presented to Kayla Russell—pictured below in the middle with Town staff Bethany Lessard and Mayor Gord Schermerhorn at right.



The Town of Greater Napanee Communities in Bloom Award was presented to the **Waterfront River Pub & Terrace**, owned by Jane Adams-Roy and Alain Roy—pictured here in the middle with Communities in Bloom Chair Marg Isbester and Town of Greater Napanee Infrastructure Services GM Dave Morgan.



The BIA Award was presented to **Starlet**, owned by Cat and Jefta Monster—pictured here in middle and at left with BIA Vice-Chair Ashley Arnold.



The Chamber of Commerce Award was presented to The **Waterfall Café**, owned by Eric DePoe and Barb Linds—pictured below in middle and at right with Chamber of Commerce Vice-President Janet Flynn.



The e-Commerce Award, determined through public voting, was presented to **Touch of Wellness**, owned by Joanne Burke—pictured here with Title Sponsor **Marlin Financial** Represented by Brad Way.



The Awards Gala attendees also enjoyed a trip back in time—footage from the Festival of Friends event celebrating the announcement of Napanee's Goodyear plant 25 years ago was shown, after which Mayor Gord Schermerhorn expressed anniversary congratulations to Goodyear representatives John Cunningham, Plant Manager and Steven Phippen, Plant Engineer, Joining them were BIA Director Michelle Edgar (far left) and Chamber of Commerce Director Hollie Peterson (far right).



2014 MEMBER TO MEMBER PROGRAM OUT SOON

Thanks to everyone for your support and interest in this program. We're happy to hear members are using this benefit and it's especially nice to know your staff use it too—it's nice perk that doesn't cost your business anything. We're excited to announce even more members have joined the program since our last card distribution. New additions, so far, include:

- Boulevard Cinema
- Chit Chat Café & Corner Market
- D. Banks Photographic Equipment Repairs
- Divine Studio & Aesthetics
- DOLAN Estate Settlement Services
- Loaf 'N Ale Pub & Catering
- Marie's Place Music Emporium
- Shelin Pools
- TI Flooring—Napanee
- Touch of Wellness
- Wallace's Drugstore

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AGM NOTICE
 FEB 26, 2014 @ 6:30PM
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 (Immediately following Business After Hours)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
 DEC 10
 NAPANEE BUSINESS CENTRE
- BOARD MEETING
 DEC 10
 NAPANEE BUSINESS CENTRE
- BUSINESS AFTER HOURS
 JAN 29
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OUT-OF-TOWN BUSINESS MEETING CLIENTS IN NAPANEE?

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