

Your Chamber's Outlook 2009

Our current economy causes us to be as sure footed as we can be, as we march into this new year. We here in Brockville are YOUR chamber and it is our mission to ensure you have a foundation for the support you need when you need it, and to give you a

channel to pass messages to others in our business network. We are here to support you, to connect you with others, and most importantly as your Voice of Business. As part of this support in 2009 we are holding membership fees at the 2008 level.

In 2009 we hope each of you will take the opportunity to either visit us at the Chamber office or contact us to visit your business to discuss the benefits you receive through being a Chamber member.

The Brockville and District Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to doing all we can to helping your business thrive in these challenging times ahead.

Some of our upcoming 2009 programs and events are:

- 1st Annual Mayors Outlook Luncheon
- 1st Annual Leeds & Grenville MP Outlook Luncheon
- Launching a Youth Membership program within the Brockville and District Chamber
- Our 1st Green Trade Show with exciting "Green" initiatives for Chamber members
- Brockville and District Chamber "E" News
- Chamber Website Advertising and Newsletter Advertising
- New Members, New Committees, New Volunteer Opportunities
- Networking Workshops to enhance your business marketing plans, and to increase your ability to communicate efficiently and effectively
- Personal one on one support for Chamber members
- Brainstorming Think Tanks
- Member Survey of the Week via our website
- Exciting Guest Speakers
- Lots of Fun at Networking Business After 5's, and lots of networking!!!
- Numerous ways for you to enhance your personal growth and professional growth

Check our website, call or visit us to hear more about the exciting events and opportunities to work with your Chamber to communicate what your business and this community have to offer. We are here with you every step of the way! Please let us know how we can serve you, our membership, in better ways. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Aron A Burke Dentistry Professional Corp.
- Bread Of Life Dance Theatre (BOLDT)
- Movewell Rehabilitation
- SOS Business Management & Tax Services

Ontario Chamber Initiatives:

- Accessibility in the Workplace
- Bill 139: An Act to amend the Employment Standards Act in relation to temporary help agencies
- Minimum Wage increase March 31st,09
- Competitive Tax and Regulatory Conscience, including sales tax harmonization
- Skilled Workforce Initiatives
- Modernizing Energy & Infrastructure
- Transitioning to the New Economy

Canadian Chamber Initiatives:

- Pre budget consultations with the Minister of Finance prior to the tabling of the budget for 2009
- Canada and US Border issues
- Action plan for a competitive Canada

The Brockville and District Annual General Meeting will be held on March 5th, at 6 pm at the Brockville Country Club.

Please ensure you are in attendance, if you are a member we need your voice and your participation. Your Board of Directors will be elected and sworn in by His Worship Mayor David Henderson at this Meeting. It will be a great chance to talk to your Board of Directors and get to meet other valuable business owners and operators. We look forward to seeing you **March 5th at the Annual General Meeting.**

**Home based businesses will have slight increase.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 5th
Mayor's Outlook 2009 Luncheon

Friday, February 20th
Service Excellence Workshop

Friday, February 20th
Leeds & Grenville
MP Outlook 2009 Luncheon

Thursday, March 5th
Annual General Meeting