

THE CHAMBER PRESENTS ITS NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2004-2005



Mayor Eddie Francis, Frank Mocerri, a Member of the current Board, Ted Farron, a former Chair of the Board and Don Marsh, the new Chair of the Board before the swearing-in ceremony.



The new 2004-2005 board's first meeting.

On June 17th the Windsor & District Chamber of Commerce announced its Board of Directors for 2004-2005. The new board met for the first time after City of Windsor Mayor Eddie Francis administered the oath of office for the Chair of the Board, Donald J. Marsh and the Chair-elect, Gina Leslie.

Four directors were inaugurated for a two-year term on the Board. Two newly elected directors this year are Garry Hillier and Jennifer Jones. In addition, two Policy Committee Chairs will join the ranks with an appointment

on the Board for a two-year term. Paul Innes will be the Chair of the Transportation Policy Committee and Sue Zanin will take leadership of the ATHENA Committee.

Michael Robinson will remain the Past Chair and the Chamber's spokesperson on Canada-U.S. border issues. You can find the full structure of the 2004-2005 Board of Directors on page 2. The Chamber congratulates our new Board Members and is pleased to present the 2004-2005 Board of Directors to our membership.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2004-2005

Your Chamber is made up of a wide range of diverse organizations. We present an annual calendar of events that aims to meet the needs of all our members consisting of trade shows, seminars, workshops, luncheons, breakfast meetings, and galas. Mark your calendars with the dates listed below then watch your monthly Chamber mailing for the event registration flyers! Now you can register for events online at www.windsorchamber.org.

Sunday, September 12, 2004

25th Annual Challenge Cup
 Sponsored by **Aren't We Naughty, Biz-X Magazine, and 96.7 CHYR**. Great *sponsorship opportunities* still available. At the Ciociaro Club. \$355 for site registration, \$360 for larger site.

Thursday, September 16

"Brown Bag it at the Chamber"

A Lunch and Learn Workshop conducted by the Bank of Canada on how to detect counterfeits. Limited space available. Noon-1:30 p.m. Chamber Boardroom at 2575 Ouellette Place.

Friday, September 24, 2004

Swing for the Fun of It - 9 Hole Golf Networking Event

Enjoy an afternoon of 9 holes of golf at our 2nd Annual Golf Networking Event. Mark your calendar and get ready for a day of a fun non-competitive 9 hole golf outing at **Seven Lakes Golf Course**.

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Annual Automotive Luncheon

Distinguished Speaker: Mark D. Norman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Daimler Chrysler Canada Inc. 11:30 a.m. - Reception,

12:00 noon - Luncheon program, 1:30 p.m. - Conclusion. Caboto Club, Tickets: \$32.10 for members, \$37.45 for non-members.

Friday, December 10, 2004

Your Company Christmas Party

It's not too early to think about Christmas. Host your party with the Windsor & District Chamber of Commerce on December 10th at the Ciociaro Club.

For more information or a complete calendar of our 2004 events, please contact the Chamber at 966-3696 ext. 21 or 31.

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CHAMBER'S POLICY YEAR

In the July/August issue we profiled the Chamber's role in elections. Going forward, however, means getting past the election races of 2003-2004. It means exploring the next issues in which our business community has high stakes. The continuing importance of the issues such as the downtown development plan and finding border gridlock solutions will continue to be on the Chamber's policy agenda along with other emerging policy issues.

The Chamber has been developing new communication tools for its members. The electronic update or E-update in particular is becoming widely used by members. The positive feedback has encouraged us to continue the use of this convenient avenue to keep you informed of your Chamber's policy and upcoming events. Thanks to the E-Update, timely information is passed directly to our members more frequently throughout the year. Consider the following titles from our past E-updates:

- Chamber Supports City's Review of Financial Controls and Procedures
- New rule from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) may cause more delays at the border
- Chamber supports University of Windsor's Pan-American Junior Athletics New Stadium
- City of Windsor Mayoral Candidates Debate is on October 21, 2003
- The Windsor & District Chamber of Commerce Presentation on the border issue
- Chamber makes 2004 Municipal Pre-Budget presentation
- Chamber participates in Provincial Pre-Budget Consultations with Finance Minister Greg Sorbara
- Chamber Urges All Levels of Government to Expedite the Bi-National Planning Process
- Chamber Welcomes Government Support for Automotive Sector
- Chamber's Comments on the 2004 City of Windsor Budget

Being on the forefront of these important issues was possible in great part due to the volunteers on our policy committees. The Chamber encourages its members who are interested in its policy and advocacy work to join these committees. To apply simply go to our website, www.windsorchamber.org, download a volunteer application form and send the application to the Chamber.



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Energy in Ontario: Reliability Today, Sustainability Tomorrow?

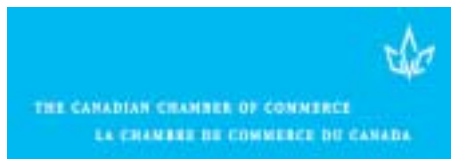
On August 12, 2004, the Premier Dalton McGuinty with Energy Minister Dwight Duncan, announced Hydro One's new Grid Control Centre to help make the province's electricity system more reliable. The \$125 million centre will employ over 200 who will manage Hydro One's distribution and transmission system for the facility. Construction began in September 2001 and it is expected to be fully operational by the end of August.

In the news release, which can be found at <http://www.premier.gov.on.ca/english/news/HydroOneControlCentre081204.asp>, the Premier reiterated his government's commitment to making

Ontario a North American leader in energy conservation and management. The government is looking for more renewable energy, such as wind and solar power, and for more generating power at Niagara Falls and Pickering. The Premier also said that it is important for all Ontarians to help manage demand and create a culture of conservation in the province.

In other energy news, Energy Minister Duncan has proposed an idea to build a national electricity grid that would connect Ontario to other provinces in order to enhance the reliability of the country's electricity supply and to provide the province with lower-cost

imported power. The Canadian Press has reported that analysts believe this idea is not economically feasible. It is impractical because electricity cannot be shipped over long distances without significant line losses. However the Premier believes that if the province could get more hydro-electric power from other provinces, it would help Canada meet its Kyoto targets to cut greenhouse gas emissions. One energy analyst said that the proposal would cost taxpayers billions of dollars and that Ontario should instead focus on solutions including investing in conservation and renewable sources of energy.



CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

E-commerce: What makes a good on-line store?

The best commercial Web sites make every effort to put their customers and visitors at ease. Customers are not likely to make purchases if they have reservations about who they are dealing with, or if they don't know return policy details.

- When developing content, keep in mind that for most visitors your site is the only contact they'll have with your business. Visitors need to know about the business. Such things as who you are, where are you located? How and when do you ship? It is essential to try to anticipate as many on-line

customers' questions as possible, and answer those questions on your Web site. Make it easy for potential customers to contact you.

- Make your Web site as user-friendly as possible, ensure that it is well organized and easy to navigate. Categorize your products in such a way that customers can find what they are looking for with the fewest number of clicks. Customers should never be more than three clicks away from making a purchase.
- Create a site map to give customers

more than one way to navigate. A site map is similar to a table of contents in a book. It shows at a glance how the site is organized. Each heading in the site map should be clickable so the customer can go directly from the site map to the topic of interest.

For more tips on how your business can add value and customer assurance to your Web site, take advantage of the *Selling on the Internet* and *Web Site Evaluation* services offered by *Student Connections* (SC). Visit www.studentconnections.ca or call toll free 1 888 807-7777.

PREVENTION IS CURE FOR EXPOSURE TO DANGEROUS EVERYDAY CHEMICALS

By Margaret L. Maier



It is becoming increasingly evident that we are all being exposed to multiple and harmful chemicals on a daily basis. By themselves, and

at low doses, they are usually not considered dangerous. However, their combined impact on human health is raising concern in the international medical community.

Doctors are dealing with increased rates of chronic fatigue, fibromyalgia, chemical sensitivities, allergies, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, cardiac diseases, certain types of cancer, children's attention deficit disorder, hyperactivity disorders and autism in their patients. Increasingly, medical and scientific research is discovering chemical links to these diseases.

Potential hazards include a range of common chemicals found in everyday products as well as in our food, air and water. Cancer-causing volatile organic compounds, formaldehyde, benzene and endocrine disruptors are present in floor, tub and tile cleaners as well as in carpet cleaning solutions, hair spray, scents, cosmetics, copiers, building products and pesticides. Many households, garden and pool products also contribute to potential health problems. According to the Environmental Protection Agency in the U.S., indoor air pollution can be up to 10 times worse than outdoor air pollution. This is true even in homes not located near petrochemical plants!

According to the Centre for Disease Control in the U.S., chemically triggered illnesses are increasing in North America by about 15-20% per year. As diseases are categorized separately, the overall economic costs to our society remain unknown. Cancer alone is costing Canada's health care system \$14.2 billion annually in doctors fees, drug costs, hospital stays this year.

Management of chemically triggered illnesses includes comprehensive patient education about the nature of the illness, correction of abnormal nutritional, metabolic and psychological dysfunctions, immunotherapy and reasonable elimination of identified stressors. Of particular importance is the reduction of harmful chemicals in both the home and work environment.

Through education, patients begin to develop a new approach to their bodies and adopt appropriate behaviours which include lifestyle changes to prevent the recurrence and development of new illnesses. Prevention is the cure!

For more information, please contact Margaret Maier at (519) 948-0549 or email at infor@yourlifematters.com Margaret Maier is President and founder of Your Life Matters Inc., an environmental health organization dedicated to mobilizing the public to reduce and eliminate harmful chemicals in homes and gardens.

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GALLERY OF EVENTS



“Cheers to the After Business Committee” - From left; Terri and Nancy from Respite Services with our new Chair of the After Business Committee, Hani Yacoub at the Canadian Club Centre.

“A Welcome to our New Members”- From left, Ray & Cathy Tetreault welcomed by committee member Beth Ann Prince-Wilcox.



“Networking Time at the After Business” - All who attended enjoyed food by Koolini and spirits provided from the Canadian Club Brand Centre

Challenge Cup is coming fast; Glen & Sherry McCourt at the Chamber's Late Summer After Business Event



“The Event Department” - From left, Kathie Stevens, Gloria Fiacco and Dejan Ninkovic.

“Wall to Wall People” at our June After Business at the Windsor Yacht Club



SUMMER NIGHT BY THE RIVER

After Business at the Canadian Club Brand Centre a Great Success!

The venue was absolutely perfect for this After Business event. Canadian Club Brand Centre at Hiram Walker & Sons attracted a large crowd who enjoyed a breezy summer evening with the perfect view of Detroit River.

Koolini Italian Eatery's succulent appetizers were perfectly complemented by locally produced premium beverages provided by our

gracious host. In addition, jazzy background music and social chatter created an ambiance of sophistication that our members deserve!

Staff and management of the Canadian Club Brand Centre and Koolini Italian Eatery deserve special thanks for wonderful service and attention to detail, as well as the After Business Committee Members for

making this event a great success.

Register on line now for our October 28th After Business event at 29 Park. We hope to see you there!

For information on After Business events programming, please contact Kathie Stevens at 966-3696 ext. 31 or send a message to kstevens@windsorchamber.org.

A WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST STAFF



Gloria Fiacco
Event Coordinator

The Chamber is pleased to introduce Gloria Fiacco, Event Coordinator who will be covering Marianne's maternity leave. Gloria is well versed in the areas of public relations, communications, event planning and web design. She will be working on the "Swing for the Fun of It" Golf Networking Event, the Annual Automotive Luncheon, the Christmas party and the Business Excellence Awards Gala 2005.

Prior to joining the Chamber, Gloria had extensive experience in the non-profit sector. Most recently she was the Public Relations/Event Coordinator for Big Sisters of London. In the area of community development, she is an active committee member of the Women in Communications group for the Southwestern Chapter for four years.

Gloria looks forward to working with the staff and the membership to create and promote events that will have a positive impact on the Windsor Business Community.



Dejan Ninkovic
Event Coordinator Assistant

Since early June, Dejan has been working with Kathie Stevens on organizing and promoting this year's Challenge Cup. He has also been involved in creating promotional materials for After Business events, Business Excellence Awards, and the Chairman's Ball.

Before moving back to Windsor for the summer, Dejan held various event planning and execution positions at the Ryerson University Conference Services and the Royal Canadian Yacht Club in Toronto. He was active in the community as a volunteer for the New Canadians' Centre in Windsor, Terry Fox Run and Pride Toronto.

As of this September, Dejan has accepted a position with Ryerson University as a Campus Leadership Advisor and Community Leader for the Faculty of Arts and Contemporary Studies. In June 2005, he will be receiving his Bachelor of Commerce degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management.

We wish him well in his future endeavours and thank him for his enthusiasm and hard work.

CUTTING THROUGH THE JARGON - FREE PENSION AND INVESTING EDUCATION FOR YOUR EMPLOYEE



Terri Williams

investing world.

To help employers provide understandable educational resources to their pension plan members, the Investor Education Fund, a non-profit organization established by the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC), has developed a FREE pension education resource centre on its website at www.investorED.ca. Written in understandable language, Focus On...Pension Decisions explains various types of pension plans, and the impact of decisions employees must make when they join or leave a plan. It answers many questions including: How do I save at work? How do I evaluate my plan? What happens if I change jobs? How do I know what choices I have? In addition, the centre links through to basic investment education to help employees understand investing concepts and products, helping them gain confidence in the investment decisions they make within their Defined Contribution pension plans, or their Group RRSPs.

The Investor Education Fund's sole purpose is to help people make better financial decisions. We believe members of pension plans would benefit from our resources and we invite all Chamber of Commerce members to encourage their employees to visit www.investorED.ca for unbiased, understandable resources.

For more information, contact Terri Williams, President, Investor Education Fund, 416-593-2350.

Investor Education Fund is a non-profit organization, established by the Ontario Securities Commission. Its mandate is to provide free, objective financial information to help investors make informed financial decisions. Their website: www.investorED.ca.



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You don't want to miss this one! October's After Business Tradeshow & Halloween Social will be the business event of the year!

On-site catering will be pleasing to the palate! Only 15 booths available so purchase yours today!!!

Date: October 28th, 2004

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

(Afterglow Masquerade Party hosted by 29 Park to follow)

Tickets: \$15.00/members \$20.00/non-members
Booths: \$85.00/members \$100.00/non-members

Register now @ www.windsorchamber.org
or contact Kathie Stevens at 966-3696 ext. 31

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MEMBERS, FIRMS IN THE NEWS

The **Hospice of Windsor and Essex County Inc.**, as well as the **Windsor and Essex County Cancer Centre Foundation** are excited to announce a “*Partnership for Life*” with the **Spago family of Italian Restaurants**. All four locations have made a lifetime commitment to support cancer patients and their families by donating a portion of each item sold to both charities each time you dine at Spago Ristorante or any one of the three Spago Trattoria e Pizzeria’s. “This community has been good to us for over 11 years and we are grateful for that support. Our efforts at Spago is to help improve the quality life in our community. This program is just one of the many avenues that a business like ours can help achieve making Windsor Essex County a *healthier* place to *live better* and to *live longer*.” says **Mario Salinitri**, co-owner of Spago Ristorante. Hats off to Spago management for supporting our community and a great cause. See you at Spago!



The Metropolitan Campus of **Windsor Regional Hospital** took a giant step forward with the completion of construction of seven programs now functioning to full capacity. It is anticipated that all construction at the **Met Campus** will be completed by late spring of 2005, where the public will be better served with expanded and enhanced programs. Best of luck with the finishing touches of this project.

Congratulations to **Windsor Family Credit Union** who has been recognized as one of the Top 10 Best Small and Medium Employers in Canada by program sponsors Queen’s University School of Business, Centre for Enterprise Development and Hewitt Associates. Windsor Family Credit Union made the list at number five. This survey measured employee engagement, organization practices and the perspectives of the organizations leadership team. Congratulations on receiving this prestigious award.

For the third consecutive year, **Windsor Public Library** has received

\$2500 from **Windsor Community Children’s Fund**. The money will be used to provide reading materials for mothers and their children at **Hiatus House**, a local emergency shelter and crisis intervention service for women and their children experiencing domestic violence.

Valiant Machine & Tool Inc., in partnership with other corporate citizens, today announced its intention to lead a community wide fundraising effort on behalf of the **Children’s Rehabilitation Centre of Essex County**. The Centre is one of 20 provincially funded Children’s Treatment Centres in Ontario. In helping children with disabilities discover their own abilities and achieve their full potential, the Centre serves a much-needed role in our community.

Celebrating an anniversary or have some exciting news to share with the community?

E-mail your news to ctruong@windsorchamber.org or fax it to 519-966-0603

IN THE COMMUNITY

September is Arthritis Month, Big Brother/Big Sister Month, Prostate Cancer Awareness Week (September 15th–19th Canadian Cancer Society – 254-5116)

September 14

Stress Management relaxation Through Meditation – Classes for nine weeks at Oakwood and Forest Glade Community Centres. For more information and registration call 735-7957

September 17

4th Annual Steak Barbecue/dance – by the Community Living Windsor Includes a silent auction, prize balloon sales, and entertainment. All profit goes to provide medications

and medical aid to children with disabilities in Nicaragua. At the South Windsor Knights of Columbus Hall on South Cameron. Tickets: \$25. For tickets call Tony at 974-4221, ext. 231.

September 17

Annual Banquet – by the Windsor Women Working With Immigrant Women At the Caboto Club. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner starts at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$30 (\$20 for students) Guest speaker:

TBA. Silent Auction, Door prizes etc. To order tickets call 973-5588

September 18

Kids Day International – by the Community Chiropractic Services Fundraising to benefit the Rotary Children’s Safety Village. Focusing on safety, health and environment for children between the ages of 2-8 years. Free entertainment, prizes, activities, plus Awards to Community Sponsors. Starts at 3:00 p.m. at the

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Rotary Children's Safety Village on Lauzon Parkway. For more information call Dr. Todd Small at 735-7555

September 25 and 26

Doors Open – by Doors Open Amherstburg/ Windsor. More than 45 of the area's finest heritage buildings will open their doors for FREE public tours in Amherstburg (September 25) and Windsor (September 26). For more information visit www.doorsopenwindsor.ca or call 255-530.

September 26

Swing for the Fun of It – 9 Hole Golf Networking Event

Enjoy an afternoon of 9 holes of golf at our 2nd Annual Golf Networking Event. Mark your calendar and get ready for a day of a fun non-competitive, 9 hole golf outing with a networking dinner. For further details, contact Gloria Fiacco, Event Coordinator at 966-3696 ext. 21.

October 2-3

Oktoberfest – by the Teutonia Club of Windsor and the Bavarian Club of Windsor. Award winning 32-piece brass band from Bavaria Germany to play for OKTOBERFEST!

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Cover charge on October 2nd: \$7, October 3 Free. At the Teutonia Club, 55 Edinborough Street. For more information call 969-3815.

October 2-3

Lung Association's Fourth Annual 2-day Bike Trek

Cyclists will ride from Windsor along a designated scenic route to Leamington. This is a fundraiser for the Lung Association advocating biking as a health activity. Pre-registration is required. For further information call the Lung Association at 256-3433.

October 3

Arts Leadership Awards - by the Windsor Endowment for the Arts The Award Presentation Ceremony

and Reception: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Willistead Manor. For more information call Carolynne Rourke at 977-5898.

October 6

Fall Into Fashion – by Harmony in Action

This is the 9th Annual Charity Fashion Show and Silent Auction. At the Caboto Club. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Fashion Show 7:00 p.m. Silent Auction from 5-8 p.m. For more information and tickets, \$37.50, call 252-1207.

October 13

Charity Fashion Show & Dinner –

Fundraiser for Well-Come Centre/ Women's Shelter. Featuring fashions from the Village Boutique, Modrigal and Little Lords Little Ladies. At Beach Grove Golf & Country Club. Time: 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:15 p.m. Tickets: \$50, available at the Village Boutique or Modrigal. Call Joan Denomme at 944-8943 for more information.

October 19

Canada South Orientation

Institute – Leadership Windsor/Essex and partnership organizations provide a concise one and a half day orientation to the City and County. The Hiram Walker Brand Centre, 2072 riverside Drive East. Cost: \$125 by October 1, 2004. October 19th at 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., and October 20th at 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more information call Leadership Windsor/Essex at 258-1883.

October 20

Healthy Workplace Week Networking Luncheon

By the Heart Health Windsor and Essex and the Windsor Essex County Health Unit. Get connected with other workplaces that offer wellness programs to their employees. Guest speaker is Dr. Linda Duxbury, a leading expert in Work-Life Balance issues in

Canada. Registration cost is \$50. For more information, phone 258-2146 ext.3102 or email ksimison@wehealthunit.org.

October 26

Executive Breakfast Series -

Windsor Essex County Health Unit. This is the first in a series of breakfast events to feature how Workplace Wellness Programs make good business sense. Guest speaker is Allan Root, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Dofasco Inc. Registration cost is \$50 per person. For more information, phone 258-2146 ext.3102 or email ksimison@wehealthunit.org.

If you have an upcoming events that we can feature on our In The Community page, please send us the event details for the next issues of the Business Briefs no later than the 15th of every month for the following month's issue at isiljanoski@windsorchamber.org.

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