

Chamber CHATTER

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THE AYLMEER AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

MISSION STATEMENT

Our chamber is a forum of agricultural and commercial businesses with a vision of growth and development. We seek to promote networking and community involvement and to influence public policy when necessary.

SWEET Corn fest 2009



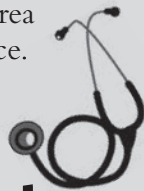
Join us for SWEET Corn Fest 2009 on August 28th and 29th! The Aylmer & Area Chamber of Commerce has partnered with MainStreet Aylmer to make the Annual event bigger and better than previous years. Both organizations have created a committee and have met to brainstorm ideas and put together a schedule of events. If you have a great idea or would like to participate, please contact the Chamber office. We welcome ideas of how you can participate. We will add your activity to our growing list of events. SWEET!

Economic Development

The Chamber continues to put a priority on Economic Development. Monthly meetings are held to discuss current activity in our area including making plans for future events such as Corn fest, Horseshoe Tournament and the

International Plowing Match. The Economic Development Liaison Committee has met with a representative for the Plowing Match, the Town of Aylmer and the Town's economic development consultant. Attendance at the local Economic Summit hosted by Joe Preston and Steve Peters was made a priority with 6 members of the board attending that event. The Executive have met under the direction of Harvey Tribe, chairperson Economic Development Liaison committee and Rob Perry, President, Aylmer & Area Chamber of Commerce.

Doctor Recruitment



As most are aware, there is a growing concern for many small communities to find family practitioners to practice in their area. The Town is hosting an event for doctor recruitment and the Chamber is pleased to support. A small incentive gift certificate was given to prospective doctors on behalf of the Aylmer & Area Chamber of Commerce members.

It's BIG BIKE time again!

Join the Chamber BIG BIKE for Heart & Stroke! Since many of our businesses locally are smaller, that doesn't mean you can't participate in some GREAT ways! The Chamber has booked the BIG BIKE for another year and are recruiting riders. You simply have to raise \$35.00 to have a seat on the big bike. We need your support. Contact Nicole at the Chamber office to receive your Rider Details. It is a great deal of fun, laughter and you raise money for a great cause at the same time. The Chamber BIKE is scheduled for flight at 5:00pm on Friday, June 19th, 2009! Don't delay, book your seat today!

Don't forget to purchase your **Aylmer Performing Arts Council** tickets for the new season. They are selling quickly! Call Kevin at 519.765.1616 or check them out online at www.artsinaylmer.com

Upcoming Social

Mark your calendar now! Wednesday, May 20th, Jeff Smith who is the new owner of Law Enforcement Training and Supplies is hosting our May Chamber social. Join us May 20th from 5:00pm-6:30 pm for networking, check out the new store and meet Jeff. The store is located in the back municipal parking lot off of John Street South and Sydenham. Everyone welcome, please invite your staff to attend as well.

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Aunt Kelly's Deli
Avon Feed Mills
Aylmer Community Services
Aylmer Area Community Foundation
Aylmer & District Museum
Aylmer & East Elgin Agricultural Society
The Aylmer Express Ltd.
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Aylmer Glass & Mirror
Aylmer Paint & Wallpaper
Aylmer Performing Arts Council
Aylmer Sales Arena
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Curves for Women
The Corporation of the Town of Aylmer
Crime Stoppers of St. Thomas Inc.
Dan Axford Opticians
Den Harder McNames Button, CGAs
Desjardins Credit Union
Duff's Garage
Dundee Private Investors Inc.
Mr. Don Durkee
Durkee's Ltd.
East Elgin Community Complex
Edward Jones (Paul Bode)
Elgin Community Living
Elgin Business Resource
Elgin St. Thomas United Way
Erie Thames Powerlines
Eureka Family Counseling
Farmington Mechanical Inc.
Family & Children Services of Elgin
First Impressions
Fitness to the Max

The Flower Fountain
Dr. Johan Gall
Gary Winters, Financial Planning
Gastech Solutions
Gloin Hall & Shields
G. Taylor & Associates Insurance
Goodwill's Used Cars
Graham Scott Enns Chartered Accountants
Guenther Homes
H.A. Kebbel Funeral Home
H. Broer Equipment Sales & Service Inc.
Hamilton, Ward & Cathers Insurance
Harms Handcrafted Cabinetry
Helder Auto Body Ltd.
Hills Pharmacy Ltd.
IGPC
In Storage
Koolen Electric
Kreative Karts
Law Enforcement Training & Supplies Ltd.
Leisure Fun Pools
Luke Palmer Drywall Services
(Tillsonburg, Ont.)
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Martin's Lift Truck Service

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WHO'S UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

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April 27, 2009

Dear Aylmer Chamber of Commerce Members:

Are you interested in participating in a fun and worthwhile cause benefiting you, your employees, and the community?

Fitness to the Max and the St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital are looking for your assistance in a fundraising initiative in support of the STEGH.

The *Reduce Waist* Program is an 8 week "Boot-Camp" like exercise program that will engage your employees with exciting and interactive workouts.

The concepts of the *Reduce Waist* Program are:

- Friendly competition against other organizations in a weight loss challenge
- Employees training together as a group
- Companies will donate a dollar amount equivalent to the total weight loss in pounds
- FTTM will donate 10% of each employee's fee to STEGH

This program will provide an excellent opportunity for team-building. Research has proven that employees who exercise use less sick days, have more energy at work, deal better with stress, and have better relationships and attitudes at work.

The *Reduce Waist* Program includes:

- Weekly weigh-ins and measurements
- A body composite analysis
- Nutritional analysis/food journals
- Weekly group training sessions with a Personal Trainer
- Scheduled exercise programs per week

Cost: \$199.00 for 8 weeks.

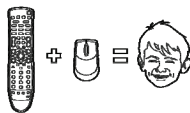
As the Executive Director for the Chamber and a small business owner, I am challenging all businesses out there to get up and Reduce Waist! The Angela Cole Creative Agency is challenging you to motivate your staff, motivate yourself and call Fitness to the Max today to start. I have personally challenged Kevin Morrell from Minerva Art Gallery who has accepted the challenge! What a great way to do something good for your staff, yourself, your community and have it all done by bathing suit weather! You do not need a membership to participate, simply call the gym today and they will go over the details with you. See you at the gym!



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