Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Beat

MARCH 2010

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March 2010 Calendar of Events

5-6 -Senior Bonspiel
Cold Lake Golf & Winter Club

6– Women's Conference
MFRC 780-594-6006

7– Jamboree
Kin Hall Elaine 780-639-2172

12-13 -Business Bonspiel
Cold Lake Golf & Winter Club

15– St Paddy's Swim
JJ Parr Julia 780-840-8000 x 7111

18– Chamber Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

19– Welcome to Spring Pool Dance JJ Parr Julia 780-840-8000 x 7111

19-20 Scrappers Connections
MFRC 780-594-6006

26-28 Mixed Bonspiel
Cold Lake Golf & Winter Club

27- Family Easter Egg Hunt
JJ Parr Julia 780-840-8000 x 7111

30– Chamber of Commerce AGM

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Director's Message

Ajaz Quraishi—Director

14th Annual Chamber Of Commerce Business of the Year Awards It was a Wonderful Turnout and record breaking crowd.

We congratulate all of the winners, runners up and nominees.

Category 1 -9 Employees & Under

Runners Up

- Sears
- Cold Lake Chiropractic & Wellness

Winner: 95.3 K-Rock

Category 2 –10 Employees & Over

Runner Up

- JD Collision

Winner: ATB Financial

Category 3 –New Business of the Year

Runners Up

- Zenful Spas 2 Go
- Andrea's Nails

Winner: Cold Lake Dental Centre

We would like to thank the following:

Award Sponsors: Lakeland Credit Union, Community Futures, Scotia Bank.

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Planning Committee: Ajaz Quraishi, Sherri Bohme, Chantelle Leydier

Selection Committee: Mayor Copeland, Tom Stoukas– Cold Lake Sun, Susie O'Connor– Images Studios, Hilary Weston– Hilary Weston Massage Therapy, Belinda Boothby– Flint Energy.

Special Thanks to Cenovus Energy for sponsoring the Meal and the Legacy Award

Finally we would like Chris Gill and Cheryl Hunter for the tremendous job as the emcee for the evening.

WELCOME New Members:

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Edgar Simard 780-573-0130
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Lakeland Industry & Community Association 780-812-2182

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Canada Wide

Employment Insurance extension to self-employed Canadians comes into effect: Represents one of the most significant enhancements to the EI program in a decade

OTTAWA, ONTARIO, February 1, 2010—As of January 31, self-employed Canadians are able to register for the Employment Insurance (EI) program, which will extend to them maternity, parental, sickness and compassionate care benefits, collectively called special benefits.

The Honourable Rob Moore, Minister of State (Small Business and Tourism), on behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, made the announcement today at the office of the Canadian Real Estate Association in Ottawa.

"Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, our government expanded the Employment Insurance program to give self-employed Canadians access to special benefits because it was the fair and right thing to do," said Minister of State Moore. "Families are the foundation of our great country. Our government believes that self-employed Canadians should not have to choose between their family and their business responsibilities."

The *Fairness for the Self-Employed Act* extends EI special benefits to self-employed Canadians. This measure responds to the Government's 2008 pledge to help provide improved economic security and support for all those who are self-employed. With these changes, self-employed Canadians will be able to voluntarily opt into the EI program and receive special benefits. Overall, the special benefits for self-employed individuals mirror those currently available to salaried employees under the EI program.

"From coast to coast to coast, a large majority of our members are self-employed," said Mr. Pierre Beauchamp, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Real Estate Association. "This initiative levels the Employment Insurance playing field for REALTORS®, and by extension, improves family life, strengthens communities and gives piece of mind to the thousands of real estate professionals who help make home ownership a reality for millions of Canadians."

Self-employed Canadians can register for access to the EI program online as of January 31, and will be able to register in person at a Service Canada Centre beginning February 1. Those who choose to take advantage of EI special benefits will be required to register at least one year prior to claiming benefits. However, as a transitional measure in this first year, those who register on or before April 1, 2010, will be able to make a claim for benefits as early as January 1, 2011.

Self-employed residents of Quebec will continue to receive maternity and parental benefits through the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan provided by the Government of Quebec. In addition, they will now be eligible to take advantage of sickness and compassionate care benefits offered by the Government of Canada through the EI program.

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This measure is part of the Government's commitment to make responsive and responsible choices to support Canadians through the EI program.

"Our government is helping Canadians who have previously had little or no income protection to cope with major life events. Our government has listened and has delivered results for self-employed Canadians who are an integral part of our economy and economic recovery," said Minister of State Moore.

EI for the self-employed is the latest in a series of improvements that the Government has made to the program. In November, the Government extended the length of time long-tenured workers can receive regular EI benefits.

To help those hardest hit by the economic downturn, the Government has undertaken other measures through Canada's Economic Action Plan, including providing longer EI benefits, more efficient service and support for training, and protecting jobs through Work-Sharing agreements. The Government has also frozen EI premiums for 2010 at the same rate as 2009.

For more information, visit www.servicecanada.gc.ca/self_employed_workers.

Service Canada

Service Canada's ROE Web is a fast, efficient, and secure method of producing Records of Employment via the Internet. This online reporting method is free to use and will save businesses time and money. ROE Web contains built-in edits which will help businesses provide accurate Record of Employment information with less follow-up from Service Canada.

For more information on ROE Web visit our web site at:

servicecanada.gc.ca/roeweb

For information on how to register: Toll Free, 1-800-770-7910 or email, BAT-ROEWEB-RE@servicecanada.gc.ca

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Chamber Happenings

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We've Moved!

Whether you're looking for Chamber related information or Tourist Information, we can help. We've officially moved into the Tourist Information Centre located at 4009 –50th Street. Cold Lake.

Come join us on March 30,2010 for our official grand opening and AGM

Coming Soon!

AGM.....

March 30, 2010

11:30am-1:00pm

Cost: $10.00

Pre registration is required.

780-594-4497/780-594-4747

Home & Leisure Trade Show
April 16,17,18, 2010

Booth space is running out.

Call the Chamber office for more information

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SHOW YOUR CARD AND SAVE.....MEMBER TO MEMBER BENEFITS

Action Plus Flooring - 10% discount on all products and services. Contact: 780-594-0013

Andrea's Nails - 10% discount on all products and services. Contact: 780-594-2230

Cold Lake Golf and Winter Club - Military rates on green fees Contact: 780-594-5341

Divided Fashions - 10% discount on all regular priced merchandise.
Contact: 780-594-4989

Kia Cold Lake/Budget Rent A Car - 10% discount for daily rentals on time and mileage. Valid only and Kia Cold Lake location on in stick vehicles. Contact: 780-594-6200

Furniture Galaxy - 10% discount on regular priced appliances and electronics. 15% discount on regular priced
furniture and mattresses. *No payment, no interest for 6 months O.A.C.
Contact: 780-594-3602

Renegade Recreation - 20% discount on all parts and accessories. Cost plus 4% on all whole goods. Contact: 306-236-3210

Piece O Cake Event Planning - 10% discount on total cost of any event
Contact: 780-639-1417

Hilary Weston Massage Therapy 10% discount on treatments of 30 minutes or longer. Some restrictions apply. Contact: 780-815-5789 or hilary.massage@yahoo.com

Zenful Spas 2 Go 10% Discount on all services over $25.00. Cannot be combined with any other offer or package pricing. Contact: 780-573-6161 or zenfulspas@gmail.com

Promote Your Business @ www.coldlakechamber.ca

The Chamber website is a marketing tool that can make the difference for your business.
The promotions page is available to all Chamber members and can be used to let the community know about special sales and services.
Look to the Chamber of Commerce website for information, resources, and updates on the business community.

Did you know.....

The Chamber has several items that you can rent for your next function.
Some of the items we currently have available include:

- 100 cup Coffee Pot
- 30 cup Coffee Pot
- Room Dividers
- Sandwich Board
- White Pedestals
- Aisle Markers
- Draw Barrels

NO SHOW/PAYMENT POLICY

Remember:
When registering for a Chamber event, payment should be received at the time of registration unless prior arrangement has been made. Members who sign up for, but do not show up for an event, will be billed. Please give 48 hrs notice of cancellation as meals are often purchased according to the number of attendees.

As a Chamber member, your business…

- Is a part of an organization that represents over 300 local businesses and over 22, 000 provincially.
- Benefits from business referrals that non-members do not receive.
- Develops instant credibility through the Chamber Seal of Trust.
- Is positioned to access and communicate with all levels of government on issues that affect business
- Will learn about rising government issues that affect business and your voice is heard on these issues.
- Benefits from great networking opportunities.
- Receives a monthly copy of the Chamber Beat newsletter, keeping you informed.
- Gains access to information on workshops and seminars that will keep you on the cutting edge of business.
- Can be showcased at a Grand Opening event.
- Reduces costs through Chamber discounts on all activities and events.
- Receive substantial savings by taking advantage of the Alberta Chambers of Commerce and Cold Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce's discounts available to you and your staff.
- Is eligible for Group Insurance - medical, dental, and disability.
- You can be a part of the Chamber member discount program when you offer discounts to local members in exchange for advertising.
- Can deduct membership fees on your income tax.

2010 Membership Investment

# of Employees	Membership Fee	GST	Total
1-5	$165.00	$8.25	$173.25
6-15	$275.00	$13.75	$288.75
16-50	$400.00	$20.00	$420.00
Over 50	$500.00	$25.00	$525.00
Non Profit	$61.00	$3.05	$64.05
2nd Business	$30.00	$1.50	$31.50

Core Chamber Activities:

- Building a successful environment for a business
- Membership services
- Lobbying
- Economic development
- Member to member benefits
- Networking/Promotions
- Information services

Chamber of Commerce 2009 Board of Directors	
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FREE JOB POSTINGS

If you are in a labor crunch, email the position details to;
admin@coldlakechamber.ca

Make sure to include:

- business name & contact information
- position title/work description
- wage & deadline to apply