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Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce "18th Annual Dinner & Auction"

Thursday, November 23rd, 2006

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm – Cocktails & Viewing
6:30 pm – Great Dinner Buffet & Silent, Live Auction
Lethbridge Lodge Hotel & Conference Centre
\$35.00 per person – Tables of 8 reserved @ \$280.00
(prices include GST)



Auctioneer: Keith Erdmann

Master of Ceremonies: Jim Castelli, J.R. Matthew Experience

Casual Dress is a must for this informal evening of fun and socializing!

REGISTRATION FORM Please fax completed form to the
Chamber: 327-1001

Chamber's "18th Annual Dinner & Auction"

NAME: _____ COMPANY: _____

Please reserve: seats @ \$35.00 Reserved table/s of 8 people @ \$280.00
Payment by: Cheque please invoice me Total amount: _____

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Yes, I will donate: _____ approx. value: _____
(Chamber will arrange pick-up)

I don't have a product/service but will donate \$75.00 towards the purchase of "Holiday Packages" to be auctioned

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2006 Business Awards

(Continued)



Spirit of Lethbridge Award
Recipient: EXHIBITION PARK
Award Sponsor: East Side Mario's
Rudy Friesen (Exhibition Park) accepts award from Craig Milner (East Side Marios)



Young Entrepreneur Award
Recipient: WE CARE HOME HEALTH SERVICES
Award Sponsor: Young, Parkyn, McNab LLP
George Virtue (Young Parkyn McNab, LLP) congratulates Cyndi Malitowski (We Care Home Health Services) on her award.



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Great Turnout for Lethbridge – 2006 “Business of the Year Awards” Breakfast

Over 500 people came out to honour nominees and award recipients, at the Lethbridge – 2006 “Business of the Year Awards” breakfast.

During the event, all nominees were recognized and congratulated on their successful nomination.

The Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce and the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) congratulate the Lethbridge 2006 – Business of the Year Award Recipients.



Bruce Milne, Chamber President and Grant Kvemshagen, BDC Branch Manager – MC's of the Awards Breakfast



Business Leadership Award
Recipient: RICHARD DAVIDSON, Davidson & Williams, LLP
Award Sponsor: Scotiabank
Richard Davidson (Davidson Williams law firm) receives award from Dennis Opinko (Scotiabank)



Business Legacy Award
Recipient: RAE PEPPER
Award Sponsor: The Switzer Group
Mark Switzer (The Switzer Group) congratulates Rae Pepper on his award



Change and Innovation Award
Recipient: INTEGRA AIR
Award Sponsor: Faculty of Management, University of Lethbridge
Brent Gateman (Integra Air) is congratulated by Dr. Murray Lindsay (U of L Faculty of Management)



Dalton Jordan Award for Business Excellence
Recipient: MEYERS NORRIS PENNY, LLP
Award Sponsor: Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce & Business Development Bank of Canada
Bob Jacobson (Meyers, Norris, Penny) receives award from Bruce Milne (Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce) and Grant Kvemshagen (BDC)



Estelle Botfield Memorial Award for Customer Service Excellence:
Recipient: THE GUESTHOUSE RESTAURANT
Award Sponsor: Lethbridge Lodge Hotel & Conference Centre
Rob Aldred (Lethbridge Lodge Hotel & Conference Centre) presents award to AI Scherer (Guesthouse Restaurant)



New Venture/New Business Award
Recipient: NERDS ON SITE
Award Sponsor: Economic Development Lethbridge
Chris Polis (Nerds on Site) accepts award from Cheryl Dick (EDL)



Small Business of the Year Award
Recipient: ELEMENTS PHYSICAL THERAPY & ACUPUNCTURE
Award Sponsor: Runner's Soul
Darlene Sinclair (on behalf of Ron Bain of Runner's Soul) congratulates Wendy Takeda (Elements Physical Therapy and Acupuncture)



Adopting a Citizen of Tomorrow

The Adopting a Citizen of tomorrow Program is coordinated by the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce and the Business and Education Committee.

Several Chamber business members have partnered with various schools and grades, to recognize students for:

- acts of citizenship in the school and community
- positive attitude
- attendance

Some examples of the awards presented to students at St. Francis School for their “Citizen of the Month”:

- **Shanna Magwood**, a grade 7 student was nominated for the overall positive effort put forth in her class and for being a role model for others. The award was presented to Shanna from the **Ramada Hotel & Suites**.
- Grade 8 student **Hannah Gruber** was nominated for her many kindnesses and for her great ability to make all others around her feel important. **Apex A.V.S.I.** presented Hannah her award.
- **Christina Shepley**, who is in grade 9, was nominated for doing such a great job when she was “Paws” mascot and for trying to include everyone during the assembly activities! **Canadian Tire North** presented the award to Christina.

The Chamber's Adopting a Citizen of Tomorrow Program is also an official partner of Alberta's Promise – a provincial government project that recognizes our youth – www.albertaspromise.org

In the spring, the Chamber will be expanding this program to additional schools and business partners. Anyone interested in more information, please call the Chamber at 327-1586.



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24 Chamber Members are now offering special benefits/discounts for products/services at their businesses.

Chamber members are eligible to receive M2M Benefit cards for all of their employees, to use at participating M2M businesses.

* To see all M2M business participants and their special discounts go to: www.lethbridgechamber.com and click on the “Members” button for Member Benefits.

“The M2M Program has had a positive impact in regards to increasing the Lethbridge business community's awareness of the services Pro Plant Care provides for their clients. Thanks to last month's newsletter, with the M2M insertion, I had a lady call wanting me to quote on “looking after their plants and designing a more impressive plantscape that would enhance their entry”. I did and she eagerly displayed her Chamber Member to Member card which gave them a reduced rate for being a Chamber Member. We now have another great client – all thanks to the Chamber's Program!”

Lesley Colburn-Swartz
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 at
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Wednesday, December 6, 2006
 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

WELCOME NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS
 (months of September to October, 2006)

The Chamber Welcomes These New Members and Their Participation

<p>HIRE STANDARD #18, 515 - 7 St. South Lethbridge, AB T1J 2G8 Phone: 308-1701 Representative: Ms. Emma Goerzen Sine Type of Business: Research</p>	<p>EYE APPEAL VISION 335 Columbia Blvd. West Lethbridge, AB T1K 5Y8 Phone: 394-2020 Representative: Mr. Jon Pack Type of Business: Optometrists</p>
<p>ANDRUS OIL INC. Rr8, Site 14, Comp 4 Lethbridge, AB T1J 4P4 Phone: 328-9020 (Fax: 394-2201) Representative: Ms. Tara Andrus Type of Business: Batteries - Oil & Gas</p>	<p>THE CYPRESS GROUP 2830 - 12 Ave. North Lethbridge, AB T1H 5J9 Phone: 327-8500 Representative: Mr. John Himel Type of Business: Sales & Service of Office Equipment</p>
<p>LETHBRIDGE REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION 960 - 19 St. South Lethbridge, AB T1J 1W5 Phone: 388-6504 (Fax: 388-6604) Representative: Mr. Mike King Type of Business: Fundraising</p>	<p>BEARING & TRANSMISSION 915 - 36 St. North Lethbridge, AB T1H 6L5 Phone: 952-2192 (Fax: 320-5681) Representative: Ms. Marj. Schafer Type of Business: Agriculture / Farming</p>
<p>THE GOLDWORKS LTD. 412 - 13 St. North Lethbridge, AB T1H 2S2 Phone: 320-0846 (Fax: 380-4018) Representative: Mr. Dave Mereski Type of Business: Jewellers</p>	<p>FILE SOLUTIONS LTD. 200 Stubb Ross Road Lethbridge, AB T1K 7N3 Phone: 381-3424 (381-3425) Representative: Mr. Bruce Nilsson Type of Business: Business Services</p>

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 Mr. Jim Campbell
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Member Profile
 Economic Development Lethbridge
 National Award Recipient

Economic Development Lethbridge was the proud recipient of three awards during the month of October. At the national Economic Development Association of Canada conference in Thunder Bay, the organization was recognized with the award for Best Website in the organizational funding category. Then, two weeks later at the provincial Economic Development Association of Alberta conference in Lethbridge, EDL won two awards - Best Multimedia for the website and Best General Purpose Publication for the 'You Belong Here' Job Opportunity Profile.

Cheryl Dick, CEO of EDL, said, "The awards are a nice reinforcement that the activities we're undertaking are fitting with the best economic practices in Canada and Alberta. It's important that what we do meets our communities needs and if we can do that in a way that profiles Lethbridge in a competitive, positive fashion, we can grow our opportunities for success."

The strength of the website, www.chooselethbridge.ca, and the Job Opportunity Profile are built primarily around the success of the launch of the 'You Belong Here' Labour Force Initiative, which continues to move forward. The success of Phase One in elevating the reputation of Lethbridge as a destination for qualified employees has driven an increase of 450% in website traffic since January 2006. The online Job Projection Inventory is now being updated for 2007 and work continues on attracting and retaining workers in the local economy. The initiative has now moved into a second phase where the focus will be on supporting aboriginal employment initiatives and the development of immigration strategies for specific industry sectors with the highest demand and challenge in filling positions.

EDL is a member of the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber congratulates EDL on their success and recognition.

**If you are a member of the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce and your company or an employee has received an award or special recognition for an achievement, please contact Jody Nilsson at office@lethbridgechamber.com*

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