

### Virden Community Chamber of Commerce Chamber Connection January 2017

### Happy New Year!

Once again, we welcome a new year and a new chapter. On behalf of the Virden Community Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and myself, I would like to thank all our members, sponsors and supporters and the community for their generosity and support over the past year; without you, everything we have accomplished would not have been possible.

Highlights from the last year include:

- RCMP Musical Ride brought to Virden for the first time since 1967!
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Business Awards Gala & Fundraiser celebrated local businesses, entrepreneurs and organizations by handing out 5 awards
- 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Daze street fair was another huge success
- Santa Claus parade and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual A Very Virden Christmas campaign
- 3 new directors joined our Board; Rosanne Day, Shanda Rolfe and Paula Brazil – welcome!

The Chamber is working hard to continuously build and grow the Chamber and its network for our members and the community we represent. If you would like to volunteer your time, join us as a member or a Director, or would simply like to learn more, contact Amanda at the Chamber office today!

Thank you for all of the memories from 2016, and we look forward to making more in 2017! -Amanda Isaac, Manager

Member Employment Opportunities

Are you a Chamber member? Are you looking to hire? You can now advertise current employment opportunities through the Chamber!

Contact the Chamber Manager today to start listing vacancies in your company.

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday 10am - 3pm

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Jan 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- Jan 18 Board of Directors Strategic Planning Review & Monthly Meeting
- Apr 20 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Business Awards Gala & Fundraiser Get your tickets today!

Be sure to check out our Community Events calendar for events happening around the Virden area! www.virdenchamber.ca

You can submit an event to <u>virdencc@mymts.net</u>



# CHECK THIS OUT!

### VIRDEN COMMUNITY 2016 AT A GLANCE CHAMBER COMMERCE 91% NEW MEMBERS **RETENTION RATE** HOSTED BY THE CHAMBER . . . **Business Awards** 127 Years in the **105 Monthly Newsletter** Presented Community **Email Recipients** $\triangle \triangle \triangle \triangle \triangle$ WWW.VIRDENCHAMBER.CA **8 DIRECTORS, 1 STAFF 365+ PAGE LIKES 18 MEMBERS-ONLY 186+ FOLLOWERS** DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Business Awards Gala & Fundraiser

Thursday, April 20 2017

Join us for an evening of celebration and recognition of our local member businesses, organizations, and entrepreneurs, while enjoying great food, delightful entertainment, and priceless networking.

NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED Deadline – February 1, 2017 https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLZBPR2

### Member of the Month



We are looking for our next Member of the Month And it could be YOU!

Our Member of The Month campaign helps bring awareness and attention to your business/service, and is only available to our Chamber members.

Our Member of the Month is featured in a number of places/ways, including: -Chamber Connection Newsletter column -Weekly Facebook & Twitter posts, which include links to your social media pages and/or website

-Signage in the Chamber office

### **SIGN UP TODAY – It's FREE!**

#### EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS



## IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

#### It's that time of year again!

Membership forms have been sent out and should be arriving shortly, if not already. If you did not receive one, please call us and we will be happy to send you one! Please advise the Chamber office if any of your contact information has changed ...don't miss a thing!

Not sure what your membership gets you, or how we can help? Contact the Chamber office today to schedule a meeting with our Manager, Amanda, who will help you make the most of your membership!

#### Today, employees expect group insurance benefits.

By providing your employees with affordable, flexible insurance options, unbeatable guarantees, and value-added benefits, you can attract and keep the best employees. Join more than 25,000 Canadian companies enjoying the Plan's financial strength, stable rates, and personal attention.



### **Partners & Affiliations**





### Looking for a service? Not sure where to start?



### Is your business not listed? Want referrals?

Become a member today to have your business listed, and to take advantage of the many other benefits of membership!

Small business, home-based business, Non-Profit, Self Employed; All welcome! www.virdenchamber.ca



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