

BUSINESS VOICE

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QUESNEL & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber Celebrates 99th Annual Elections

We are inviting nominations for our 2009 Board of Directors

Who are Directors?

People like yourself, who have a keen interest in creating a welcoming business climate in Quesnel. People who believe that business has a responsibility to the community as a whole and that as individuals, through membership in the Chamber of Commerce, they can make a difference. People who want to intensify their involvement by being part of a team that actively works for their community.

What Do Directors Do?

Almost anything that will assist the business community in improving itself. There are ongoing projects and of course the management of your Chamber-goal setting, planning, finances, etc.

When Do Directors Meet?

The board meets on the third Wednesday of the month from 12-1:30 pm at the Chamber office.

Why Should You Be A Director?

If you care about supporting business in Quesnel, if you care about community values and stability, if you want to see things get done, then you should be a

Director. If you have energy and ideals, you should be a Director. If you see a problem that needs a solution or an issue that needs attention, there is sure to be a place for you on the Chamber Board.

We Invite You To Make A Difference!

Elections take place on January 28th, 2009 from 12-1 at the Royal Canadian Legion.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Coralee at the office at 747-0125.

Business Excellence Awards

The gala event of the year is fast approaching—the annual Business Excellence Awards. This year's theme is "Putting on the Ritz" and will be an exciting evening out of great food, entertainment and of course acknowl-

edgement of those who have excelled in our community over the last year.

The event will be taking place January 31st at St. Anne's Hall. Cost for tickets are \$40 and can

be purchased at the Quesnel Visitor Centre.

Tickets are limited so stop by and pick up your tickets available after January 7th.

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Special points of interest:

The Chamber will be attending the Premier's Northern Economic Summit January 22 and 23 in Prince George. We have several items which we would like to present, including support of Phase II of the College and improved transportation infrastructure to name a few.

And the Nominees are...

Retailer of the Year

Archibald Clarke & Defieux
 West Side Liquor Store
 Quesnel AG Parts and Supplies
 Quesnel Info Book
 Spa Rivier
 City Furniture
 Babcon Industries
 Rocky Peak Adventures
 C & R Video

Tourism Excellence Award

Barkerville Heritage Trust
 Billy Barker Days Society
 South Quesnel Business Association
 Sandman Hotels Inns & Suites
 Pine Meadows Guest Ranch
 Cariboo Rivers
 Rocky Mountaineer Vacations
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Employee of the Year

Cheryl Norquay – Quesnel Downtown Association
 Tanya Turner - City of Quesnel
 Lorraine Hamel – Northland Mortgages Quesnel Ltd.
 Ron Potter – Canada Post
 Mona Olsen – Super Suds Laundromat & Drycleaners
 Simon Turner – Royal Bank
 Kim Beedle; Front Office Manager – Sandman Hotel Quesnel
 Patty Morgan - Quesnel Visitor Centre

Home based Business

Koster Farms @ Farmers Market
 Snippidy Clippits Hair Studio

Mountain Top Meats Ltd.
 South Hill Graphics
 Lumina Manufacturing

Customer Service

Circle "S" Western Wear
 Best All Goods and Service
 OK Tire & Auto Service
 Extra Food – Pharmacy
 Eagle Building Supplies Ltd.
 Cycle Logic
 Tre-Spa
 BK Two Way Radio
 Kim Beedle; Front Office Manager, Sandman Hotel
 Pine Meadows Guest Ranch
 Wright Choice Automotive
 Liquidation World
 Kal Tire
 One Minute Muffler
 Ray Blackmore –Realtor
 Centerline Collision

Community Spirit Nominees

Big Brothers & Big Sisters
 Miss Quesnel Self Development
 Sunrise Rotary
 Legion Ladies Auxiliary
 Granvilles Coffee
 Quesnel Partnership for Student Nutrition (QPSN)
 Integris Credit Union
 West Park Mall
 Spirit of BC Community Committee
 Quesnel Handi-Dart Transit System
 Y.E.S. (Youth Entertainment for Service, or the Yellow Ribbon Kids)

And the Nominees are...

Farmers' Market
Royal Bank of Canada
Quesnel Youth Action Group

Business Person of the Year

Teresa Smith – Circle "S" Western Wear
Greg Andrews – Greg Andrews Insurance
Sandra Lewis – Archibald Clarke and Defieux
Darcy DeSutter – Canadian Tire
Vic Robinson – Shell
Rob Moutray – Sandman Hotel
Brian Bartels – Babcon Industries Ltd.
Cindy Hall - Extra Foods Gas bar
Ken Richardson - 1 Minute Muffler
Heather Hartridge – Personal Fitness Training

Go Green Award Nominees

Travel Lodge
Wal-Mart
Northern Flowers Greenhouses
Sandman Hotel Quesnel
Pinnacle Stoves

Young Entrepreneur Nominees

Tineke Ziemer- Northern Persona
Amy Quarry – The Front Room
Dave Craigmyle - Ruff Times Professional Dog Training
Rocky Mountain Peak – John Courtney
Rev Bowling - Tracy Mero
Sober Dwarf Kevin Lavoie

"Putting on the Ritz"

Business Excellence Awards

Tickets are on sale starting
January 8th at the Visitor Centre.

Call 250-992-8716 for further
information.

Cost: \$40

Date: January 31st

Happy New Year

It's hard to say "**Happy New Year**" while facing the national economic forecast so I want to end 2008 and begin the new year with my personal perspective toward the economy:

"Focus on what you can control, not what you can't control."

You and I have no control over the fear mongering and the national news stories facing our country but, we do have something to say locally. It's time for each of us to count the jobs and businesses that are doing well in our community.

For those businesses that are

facing difficult times it is important for each of us to continue our patronage and support.

Please continue to shop local—this will have a profound impact.

Happy New Year!!

Serving the Business Community Since 1910

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JobWave

What are your New Year's resolutions for 2009? If you're hoping to increase sales productivity, you may want to grow your team. In that case, JobWave can connect you with job-ready, qualified candidates who have the skills and motivation you're looking for. As one of Canada's most successful employment programs for income assistance recipients, JobWave has helped fill over 61,000 job openings to date!

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