

## January Business Voice Celebrating our Centennial Year!

### 100 Years in Quesnel

The Quesnel & District Chamber of Commerce is greatly anticipating the events of 2010. It marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Chamber and in order to celebrate our past achievements we have partnered with the Observer to showcase Quesnel's growth in the community. Chamber employee Holly Durocher will be writing a weekly column that will appear in the Observer; the column delves deep into the Chamber's history and will be an interesting and informative way to learn not only about the Chamber of Commerce, but also about Quesnel and how it has developed into what we see today.

### Date to Remember:

The Chamber of Commerce is holding their Annual General Meeting and Election on January 27, 2010. The event will consist of a wine and cheese and scavenger hunt and is an excellent networking opportunity. The event will be held at the Quesnel Museum from 7-9 pm.



### Approaching Olympics

The 2010 Olympics are also fast approaching. Having the Olympics in British Columbia is going to be superb for the province, and the Chamber is looking forward to being able to showcase our wonderful communities. Check out: [www.gamestown2010.com](http://www.gamestown2010.com) and vote for your favorite community. The winner will receive \$100,000 for the community. Poles are closing on January 4<sup>th</sup> so make sure to get your votes in soon!

## Kicking off the New Year



The Chamber of Commerce is looking forward to kicking off the New Year. 2009 was eventful, and with the Olympics and the Chamber's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fast approaching, 2010 is bound to be action-packed as well. Some of the events of 2009 took a modern focus and revamping the Chamber of Commerce begun. In order to modernize the Chambers image, a new logo, stationary and community entrance signs are being designed that celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are also in the process of creating a book detailing what we have done to aid in the development of the Quesnel community since our beginning in 1910.

Twitter became a new tool for the Quesnel businesses. The Chamber ran informative workshops introducing people to the use of Twitter and how it can promote your local corporation. Many companies have also expanded and used Facebook as an advertising tool. These are both great methods and are available at no cost to the subscriber.

## Noah's Wish Disaster Response Training

### **Become part of a skilled and professional animal disaster response team!**

Exciting information on: Animal Sheltering, Search and Rescue Techniques, Infection Animal Shelter Diseases, Pocket Pets and Reptiles, Safety in the Disaster Environment, Disaster Information on Hurricanes and Earthquakes, Volunteering, Animal Intake Process, Disaster Psychology and a whole lot more!

Come camp out with the class for a whole weekend and see how this realistic training simulates what disaster training is all about!

Pre registration is required and space is limited! Registration needs to be completed by the end of January, and training will take place June 5-6<sup>th</sup> in Quesnel.

Cost is \$125 for new volunteers and \$85 for students, seniors or return volunteers.

For more information about Noah's Wish or this exciting training visit

[www.noahswish.info](http://www.noahswish.info)

Or call: 916-939-9474

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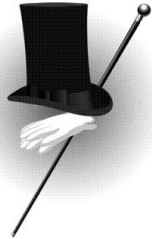
The Quesnel Info Book is collecting  
information and/or photographs  
from local artists  
to be considered for inclusion  
in our upcoming edition.  
Please contact Denise Lybeck at  
the Quesnel Info Book  
For more information.  
The deadline is January 31, 2010.  
454 Juniper Rd, Quesnel BC, V2J 4C6  
Phone: 250-747-2391  
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## *Putting on the Ritz*



### **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Excellence Awards**

Saturday January 23, 2009

St Ann's Hall 6:00 pm

Tickets - \$50.00 / Each. Come out and help us celebrate Quesnel & District Chamber of Commerce 100th Anniversary and the winners of the Business Excellence Awards. Tickets are going fast and are available at the Visitor Centre. For more information call Patty at 250-992-8716

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Northern Persona Photography

Sandman Hotel Inns and Suites

## **Women's Business**

Goal Setting for 2010

Women's Business

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

8:15 am – 9:30 am

Best Western Tower Inn

Guest Speaker –

Kiley Sales Compass Life Designs

Come out and hear some great tips on setting achievable goals for 2010. Find out why it is important to have goals and how to go about setting realistic goals.

The Women's Business is a networking organization bringing women together for professional networking & reconnecting.



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## Business Excellence Awards Nominees 2009

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January 23, 2010

St Ann's Hall

Tickets \$50.00/ each- Available Now

### **RETAILER OF THE YEAR**

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Canadian Tire

Cariboo Ford

Chemo RV

Discovery Computers

Season'd Restaurant & Take Out

Staples Business Depot

Wal-Mart

West-Can Auto Parts Plus

Westside Liquor Store

Willis Harper Hardware & Furniture

### **TOURISM EXCELLENCE AWARD**

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Barkerville

Cariboo Rivers

Rocky Mountaineer Vacations

### **EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

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April Cheng – Quesnel Community Economic Development Corporation

Autumn McDonald – Quesnel Cariboo Observer

Beth Lawson – Total Pet

Katlin Hornfelt - Wal-Mart

Deanna McCulloch – Spa Rivier

Dennis Baptiste - City of Quesnel

## **EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR (CONTINUED)**

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Dianna Metivier – West Side Liquor Store

DonDee Foley – PMG Communications

Jason Carter – Quesnel Honda

Kim Beedle; Front Office Manager – Sandman Hotels Inns & Suites - Quesnel

Laura Norie – Service BC

Lorraine Hamel – Northland Mortgages Quesnel Ltd.

Luanne Ruotsalainen – United Aboriginal Housing Society

Matt Wood - City of Quesnel

Susan Smith – Quesnel Advisor

Terry White – Northern Industrial Sales Ltd.

Wendy Wasstrom – Sandman Hotels Inns & Suites - Quesnel

## **HOME BASED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

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123 Bartending

Stampin' Up / Pampered Chef

Compass Life Designs

Cristy's Devine Design and Décor

Edgewood Farms

Magnetic Creations & Gemstones

Northern Scrubs

Quesnel Driving School

Stepping Stones Life Coaching

## **CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD**

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Advanced Aesthetics & Skin Spa

Booster Juice

Cariboo Ford

Circle "S" Western Wear

Fraserview Pharmacy

Green Tree Health & Wellness

Johnston Meier Insurance Agencies Group

Just Ann's

Quesnel Advisor

South-hill Shell

Super Save Gas

West-Can Auto Parts Plus

Willis Harper Hardware & Furniture

## **COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD**

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Auxiliary to GR Baker Memorial  
Hospital  
CHAAPS  
Quesnel Cariboo Observer  
Quesnel Community Economic  
Development Corporation  
Quesnel Lions Club  
Quesnel Rodeo Club

Quesnel Tillicum Society  
Salvation Army  
Shiraoi Twinning Society  
Staples Business Depot  
The Good Food Box  
Triple J Ranch  
Wal-Mart

## ***BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR***

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Audrey Steinbach – Super Save Gas  
Dave Forster - Cariboo Ford  
Denise Mufford – Quesnel Hotel, West Quesnel Liquor Store and Savala's  
Denton Delaney – Dengarry Professional Services  
Gillian Ethier – Front Street Barber & Styling  
Harpal Aulakh – Key Life Financial  
JoAnne Ward – Stepping Stones Life Coaching  
Marilyn Allin - Green Tree Health & Wellness  
Marilyn Remple - A Page In Time Scrapbooking  
Wendy Courtice – Advanced Aesthetics & Skin Spa

## **GO GREEN AWARD**

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Dragon Mountain Farm  
Green Tree Health & Wellness  
Northern Recycling  
Richbar Golf & Gardens  
Staples Business Depot  
Wal-Mart

## **YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARD**

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Kiley Sales - Compass Life Designs  
Nicole England – Booster Juice  
Taryn Takenaka – Shoppers Drug Mart Pharmacy

## **Benefits of a Membership with the Chamber**

The Chamber of Commerce Membership is a valuable asset to businesses in Quesnel. It offers tangible benefits to Members, such as special Chamber network rates available for Visa and MasterCard processing fees, Group Insurance, and many other business services. We also work hard at keeping our Members abreast of changes affecting the welfare of their businesses. Everything from government legislation to demographic trends, from marketing to new opportunities, we stay up to date in order to provide our members with the best information.

**The Quesnel & District Chamber of Commerce is the voice of business, dedicated to a prosperous community.**

250-747-0125  
[www.quesnelchamber.com](http://www.quesnelchamber.com)

## **The Quesnel Visitor Center**



Need help finding the perfect BC getaways and attractions?

What about help booking a ferry?

Come on down to the Quesnel Visitor Center. We will help you with all your vacation planning needs. Our services range from providing local directions, making hotel reservations and booking a ferry, to finding the perfect spa. So before you plan your next BC vacation, give us a call or stop by and see us at the Center where we will be happy to help you plan your perfect BC getaway.

250-992-8716  
[www.northercariboo.com](http://www.northercariboo.com)

## January 2010 Events

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| Jan 02 | Noah's Wish Disaster Response Training- Sign up Begins            |
| Jan 05 | Jesus Christ Superstar on CN Stage                                |
| Jan 13 | Women in Business: Setting Your Goals for 2010                    |
| Jan 22 | 18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Gold Rush Trail Dog Sled Mail Run         |
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| Jan 25 | Kersley Musical Theatre Presents Li'l Abner                       |
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| Jan 27 | Kersley Musical Theatre Presents Li'l Abner                       |
| Jan 27 | Chamber of Commerce 100 <sup>th</sup> Election- Wine and Cheese   |
| Jan 28 | Kersley Musical Theatre Presents Li'l Abner                       |
| Jan 29 | Torch Relay   |
| Jan 29 | Quesnel Ladies Curling Club 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bonspiel |
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| Jan 30 | Kersley Musical Theatre Presents Li'l Abner                       |
| Jan 30 | Noah's Wish Disaster Response Training- Final day for Sign up     |
| Jan 31 | Quesnel Ladies Curling Club 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bonspiel |
| Jan 31 | Kersley Musical Theatre Presents Li'l Abner                       |

**For more information on any of these topics visit the Quesnel  
& Districts Chamber of Commerce website at  
[www.quesnelchamber.com](http://www.quesnelchamber.com)**