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Seasons' Greetings

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Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party – Buffet Dinner & Dance

A Holiday Party is planned for Saturday, December 4th at the Shawville Lions Hall. A buffet dinner will be served – cash bar available.

Cocktails are between 6-7 pm with the Buffet Dinner being served at 7 pm.

Tickets are limited – order early!

The evening will include live music by Upstream Dave and a Silent Auction. Come and learn more about the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce, everyone is welcome!

The perfect opportunity for small business owners to have a holiday party for their employees.

Please contact Nancy at 819-647-5563 or bizdev@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca to purchase tickets.

Silent Auction

A Silent Auction is planned during the Holiday Party. All proceeds will go toward the chamber.

We are looking for donations for the Silent Auction. If you or your business would like to donate an item for the auction, please contact Nancy at 819-647-5563 or bizdev@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca

Events

Chamber Holiday Party Saturday, December 4, 2010 Shawville Lions Hall

Cocktails 6-7 pm – Buffet Dinner 7 pm
Cost includes a buffet dinner, live music and silent auction – cash bar available.

Come and share in the holiday spirit!

Tickets Limited – Order Early!

Tickets: bizdev@pontiacchamberofcommerce.ca

Come and learn more about the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce, all businesses welcome!

Monthly SADC Business Breakfast First Wednesday of Month

7:30 am – \$2.50

SADC Office – Campbell's Bay

The SADC Pontiac Business Breakfasts will be postponed for December & January and will resume their regular monthly schedule on February 2, 2011

If you have a business event you would like advertised, please contact the chamber.



Cave Dweller Syndrome

This is where a business owner gets up each morning in a large cave called their home. They get into a little cave with four wheels and drive to another cave with computers called their office. At the end of the day they get back into the little four wheeled cave and drive back to their home cave. Then they wonder why no one is referring customers to them.

Do you generally have lunch with other than your business partner or team? Are you a member of a business association? Do you belong to a club that tends to refer business to you? Do you get together with members of the local chamber of commerce? Do you know anyone that can refer customers to you?

All of the above are pleasant and are business building activities. If you are weak in any of them, get out of your cave and go get 'em!

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Comparing Merchant Program Benefits

There are two programs offered exclusively to chamber members – TD Merchant Services & First Data (offered through the Canadian Chamber of Commerce) and Global Payments (offered through the Quebec Chamber of Commerce).

Check the chamber web site for more details. It is the responsibility of the chamber member to contact TD Merchant or Global Payments to obtain the savings. They will confirm membership in the chamber.

If you have any questions on these programs, please contact the chamber.

TD Merchant Services & First Data

Chamber members can benefit with preferred pricing from TD Merchant.

- Preferential credit and debit card transaction rates (currently 1.68% VISA; 1.79% MasterCard and \$0.09 per debit transaction).
- Deposit funds to any bank account
- Send deposits directly to a TD Canada Trust business account
- Pay no application fee
- Support by telephone 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Get on-site technical support within four hours
- Process transactions through secure point-of-sale terminals
- Process American Express Card transactions
- Build customer loyalty with gift card programs
- Save time by processing transactions through the Internet
- Manage your business effectively with Online Reporting
- Access an experienced sales team to help you meet your payment processing needs
- Free comparative cost analysis to ensure you're receiving the best value for your processing services

To apply: download the application form from the chamber web site or contact Ian Hunter at 613-769-2439 or ian.hunter@td.com.

Global Payments

Chamber members can benefit from Global Payments preferred rates for Visa, MasterCard and Interac Direct Payment, a low equipment rental fee, plus a number of free services.

- Preferred Visa and MasterCard pricing (current rates Visa and MasterCard transactions = 1.63%; Interac = 0.06\$)
- Free set up of your Visa and MasterCard accounts – a \$100 savings
- Visa, MasterCard and Interac Direct Payment sales deposits free to your bank account of choice

Additional benefits include:

- A wide variety of feature rich, state-of-the-art point of sale terminals – including short and long range wireless, high speed IP and dial – available for purchase, lease or rental
- Access to online reporting, payment and transaction information through Global Access Advantage
- Accumulated daily discount billed at month end

To apply: download an information sheet and application form from the chamber web site or contact Zaid Galzim at 1-800-361-8170 Ext 1-76044 or zaid.galzim@globalpay.com

Welcome to the Chamber!

Businesses who have joined the chamber or renewed their membership since the last newsletter.

- Billy T's Pizza
- Norway Bay Golf Club
- Primerica Financial Services

Check the chamber web site for links to these businesses.

Support your local businesses!

Would Like to Join the Chamber?

Membership fee of \$100 entitles you to all chamber benefits. Membership valid from April 1st to March 31st.

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Chamber Benefits

Being a member of the Pontiac Chamber of Commerce means that you are also affiliated with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce (CCC) – www.chamber.ca and the Quebec Chamber of Commerce (FCCQ) – www.fccq.ca

You and your business can take advantage of benefits listed on their web sites.



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Support Those Who Support You
Small Businesses Make Small Towns Work!**

**Consider this when you're buying ...
As business operators, our actions shape our communities.**

News, article suggestions and letters to the editor are welcomed and encouraged. Content will be edited to fit the space available. We welcome press releases and news from our local business community to be published free of charge.

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