

UPCOMING MIXERS

January 28 – EVENING MIXER

Customs Communications & Security
#104, 10001-100 Ave
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

February 11 – MORNING MIXER

Grande Prairie Inn
11633 – 100 Street
Rotary Room
7:30 am – 9:00 am

Links

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Visit and get up-to-date event information!

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Chamber Ball Tickets are Hot Items

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Have you got your Chamber Ball ticket yet? Why not book a table for your friends or business colleagues and help us welcome our new Chamber Chair Wade Doris.

Enjoy a champagne reception, an exclusive meal, great entertainment, mingling with old friends, meeting new people and a chance to win awards and prizes!

6:00 pm Champagne Member Reception
7:00 pm Dinner
8:00 pm Presentations & Awards
9:00 pm Live Entertainment with "Aura"
Member cost \$100
Non-member cost \$150

* One lucky guest will win a pair of 14 Karat Diamond Earrings courtesy of Curry's Jewellers.

To reserve your seat, for sponsorship information, or to donate door prizes, please call the Chamber at 780.532.5340.

Tickets going fast!

Growing the North Conference

Grow Your Business – Grow Your Region

What are the implications of economic development and transportation in northern communities?

Prominent speakers like Arlene Dickinson, best known as a judge on Dragon's Den, local panel discussions and the unveiling of a northern economic development toolkit are all reasons to be at this conference.

Alberta's north has never hosted such a significant event in economic development – don't delay, register today!

January 21 & 22, 2010
TEC Centre, Evergreen Park, Grande Prairie, Alberta.

For conference details and registration visit:
www.countygp.ab.ca.

The Grande Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the County of Grande Prairie No. 1, Northern Alberta Development Council, and Farm Credit Canada to bring this conference to our region.

Chamber Lunch and Learn 7 Simple Truths About Social Marketing

Guest speaker Jennifer Metituk - Authorized Duct Tape Marketing Coach - will present on why:

- Listening is the best way to develop strategy
- Nobody really wants to read another blog
- It's kind of a real estate game
- Sell awareness and the money will follow
- Networking hasn't really changed
- It makes your offline play stronger
- A system is the solution

Tuesday, February 2
11:45 am to 1:00 pm
Centre 2000
Member cost \$25
Non-member cost \$40

Using the Net to Grow Local Business

The Chamber is also partnering with **CRI** to bring in the Author of Duct Tape Marketing John Jantsch to conduct a presentation called **Using the Net to Grow Local Business**

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Watch for details on our website
www.grandeprairiechamber.com

Chamber Warns Members of Scam

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has warned us about a scam that is happening in some provinces.

An ISO is doing phone solicitation regarding merchant accounts saying that they have the support of the "XXX chamber of commerce" or "chamber group" and want to offer a better program etc. ... and in so doing is asking for merchant information that in no way should be shared with third parties.

While this has happened most recently in Ontario, this company may move elsewhere and try the same thing in Grande Prairie.

A reminder: do not provide information like this over the phone or submit any documents (merchant or bank statements) to an entity that is unknown to you.

Advocacy Survey Results

Watch next month for the results of our Advocacy Survey. Thanks to all of you who participated and for helping guide the priorities of the Chamber for the upcoming year.

Business Information on How to Help Haiti

The Minister of Foreign Affairs Office stresses that the fastest and most effective way to help those in Haiti is by donating money to the relief organizations that have the knowledge and infrastructure to deliver assistance where it's needed most.

A list of those organizations is available on the Department's web site at this address:
http://www.international.gc.ca/humanitarian-humanitaire/canadians_help-aide_canadien.aspx.

For its part, the federal government is earmarking up to \$50 million to match Canadians' donations to charities aiding relief efforts in Haiti.

At this point, the government is giving similar advice to businesses. While they may request contributions of specific goods or services in coming days, right now the fastest way a business can help is by donating to established humanitarian agencies.

Information prepared for businesses can be found here:
http://www.international.gc.ca/humanitarian-humanitaire/companies_help-aide_entreprises.aspx.

The site also provides companies with information regarding how they can advise the Canadian government of resources they have in disaster-stricken areas that could be of assistance, for example heavy equipment.

A number of Canadian businesses had employees in Haiti at the time of the earthquake. Friends and relatives in Canada seeking information on Canadian citizens believed to be in the affected area should contact Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada at 1-800-387-3124.

Get Your 2010 Arctic Winter Games Tickets

Get your tickets for the Opening Ceremonies, Closing Ceremonies, cultural galas and sporting events at the Crystal Centre Box Office.

Or just go online and order at:
www.awg2010.org