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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Minto Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting
 Monday
 February 2, 2009
 Harriston Legion
 7:30 p.m.

Note: Feature Businesses are selected in alphabetical order.

Chamber Shopping Spree Winner!

On Monday December 15th the \$300 Minto Shopping Spree winner was drawn. This year's winner was Elizabeth Kuersten of Minto.

On Friday December 19th Elizabeth began her shopping spree by making a generous donation of \$100 worth of groceries to The Early Learning Centre. After this donation she enjoyed lunch and shopping at various locations throughout Minto.

Thank-you to Harriston Motors and Chamber Director John Caesar for providing the vehicle and driver for Elizabeth's shopping spree.

Special thank-you to Chamber Vice-President Glen Hall for all his hard work on organizing the 2008 Christmas Promotion.



Feature Businesses for January



Michael Chart Photography

Located at 140 Queen St.
 Mount Forest

Specializing in weddings, fine art, and commercial photography.

For more info please call 519-323-9995

Or visit

<http://web.me.com/mchart/photos/home.html>



Midwestern Communications

Located at 425 10th St.
 Hanover

Providing computer and office equipment for small and large companies. Microsoft certified technicians.

Open Monday - Friday
 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 - 4:00
 519-364-5752

THE MINTO EXPRESS

Minto Express
 Located at 171 William St.
 Palmerston

Outlet located at
 Harriston Floral & Gift

Local newspaper serving
 Clifford, Harriston and
 Palmerston

Call 519-343-2440

Or visit

www.mintoexpress.com



Minto Optimist Club

Call Sharon Greenwood
 at 519-343-3862 for
 more information.

Annual General Meeting Call for Directors

The Minto Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday February 2, 2009 at the Harriston Legion beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Come out and hear what was accomplished in 2008 and preliminary plans for 2009.

The Minto Chamber of Commerce is looking for new Board Members. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, please call the Chamber of Commerce at 519-327-9619. Representation from across Minto and all sectors is encouraged.

Refreshments provided.

2009 Membership Renewals

Watch for your 2009 Minto Chamber of Commerce Membership Renewal coming soon! Renewals will be available for pick-up at the AGM in February. Don't miss out on the many exciting activities happening in 2009.

Upcoming Seminars

The Guelph-Wellington Small Business Enterprise Centre offers numerous seminars throughout the year.

Pre-registration is required by calling 519-826-4701

Choose any 5 for \$105 or \$27 each

For a full list of seminars visit www.guelphbusiness.com

Marketing Materials that Work

Wednesday January 14, 2009 1:00 - 3:00

Wednesday March 25, 2009 1:00 - 3:00

Trudy Visentin, Trudezign Graphics & Marketing

Learn to create effective, attractive, cost-efficient marketing materials. This seminar will look at considerations such as copy, typography, layout and design, message requirements and graphics for a

variety of marketing materials including corporate identity and logo creation.

Effective Costing and Pricing

Wednesday January 21, 2009 1:00 - 3:00

Guelph-Wellington Business Enterprise Centre

Does your price account for all the costs

associated with your product/service

delivery? Is there more room for profit?

Discuss how to establish price based on cost.

Smart Selling for Successful Business

Thursday January 22, 2009 1:00 - 3:00

Guelph-Wellington Business Enterprise Centre

How to sell...Whether a product or a service, this

will take you through some of the techniques to

successfully sell your product or idea. How to

find out what your customer is really looking for.

How to close the sale. How to get return

customers.

Business Taxation Essentials

Tuesday January 27, 2009 1:00 - 3:00

Terry Delion, Canada Revenue Agency

Small Business Taxation issues are the focus of

this seminar. Topics will include claimable

expenses; record keeping requirements and issues

involved in filing your income tax.

Bring questions you may have on tax issues.

Chamber applies for Job Creation Partnership Grant to hire a Promotion Coordinator

The Minto Chamber of Commerce has taken a big step forward by applying for a Job Creation Partnership Grant (JCP). "JCP is an employment program that provides work experience to unemployed job seekers within projects that benefit the community or local economy. At the end of their participation, participants in the program will have recent work experience and additional skills to add to their resumes, increasing their chances of successful long-term employment". If the Chamber is successful with the application an office will be set up, providing increased exposure and services for Chamber members. Stay tuned for more details.