



## Our Mission

*To nurture, support  
and sustain  
the business  
community of  
Trent Hills.*



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## President's message

A recent newspaper article has prompted the chamber to send a response to council to clarify a few points on the chamber's role in community-based events. As you are well aware, the change to representing Trent Hills has prompted the board of directors to go through a necessary strategic planning process to redefine our mandate, a mandate to serve the expanded membership catchment. We have based our decisions on our mission: to nurture, support and sustain the business community of Trent Hills.

With the increased services we have provided since the transition to Trent Hills—the partnership with Chambers Northumberland, the addition of a Membership Directory and Breakfast Seminars, an expanded newsletter, and member profiles—and add to that the increase in responsibilities with the municipal tourism agreement, it is no longer feasible to continue to organize Campbellford-specific events that are not part of the tourism agreement or our mandate. The chamber has been seeking other organizations to take on these events, and the municipality was contacted regarding the civic awards.

Our renewed focus on the business community has provided the opportunity to revamp the business awards and the response has been overwhelming. Congratulations to all the nominees (listed on page 4), the Celebration of Excellence on February 4, at Island Park Retirement Suites, will be an exciting night that you won't want to miss. The Annual General Meeting is at 5:30 p.m., prior to the awards ceremony. There is no cost to attend the AGM, but please let us know if you will be attending so that we can make seating arrangements. Call the chamber at 653-1551 to order your tickets for the Celebration of Business Excellence, which includes a wine and cheese reception, hors d'oeuvres buffet and of course the awards ceremony. Musical entertainment is provided by "Then Jazz—Matt Heidt, Mike Archer, Nick Wowk" a trio that has sprung forth from the highly acclaimed CDHS Jazz Ensemble.

The Shop Local Shop Smart shopping habits survey ends on January 20. If you are participating in this program, please encourage your customers to complete a survey for a chance to win a \$1,000 Trent Hills Shopping Spree. It's not too late to become a participating business, call the chamber for details.

—Doreen Sharpe, *President*

### Board of Directors a group of dedicated volunteers

Over the past year the board of directors has volunteered their time and effort to serving the needs of the membership. It has been a pleasure working with each of them, and they have brought a wealth of information and experience to the chamber. On page 2 and 3 we have profiled each board member, please take a moment to learn a little bit more about these dedicated volunteers that work so hard on behalf of the membership. — Nancy Allanson, *Executive Director*

Doreen Sharpe

A physiotherapist and director/part-owner of Therapacc Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation for 18 years and clinical director of the Campbellford clinic for 10 years, Doreen has made a commitment to improving the quality of life for our community. She is a founding member of the More Able Than Disabled and the Venutre Van assisting the disabled in our community for 25 years. Doreen's experience with volunteer boards and committees includes Campbellford/ Seymour Recreation, Trent Hills Advisory committee for Accessibility and Ferris Park. She is also very active with the Canadian Physiotherapy Association. A successful business person with broad based community involvement and knowledge, Doreen's enthusiasm, commitment and willingness to help make her an asset to the board. She has been a board member for eight years and is the current president.

George Gordon

Karen Gainor is the owner and operator of ZAZU Boutique, and up-market women's fashion boutique, located in downtown Campbellford. Karen has more than 20 years of fashion industry experience ranging from coordinating and commenting fashion shows for shopping malls and trade/consumers shows in Toronto, to styling fashion layouts and advertisements in Canadian fashion magazines, to hosting Toronto fashion award shows, to publishing. Karen was also the producer and host of CHEX TV's "fashion fix" segment and a fashion columnist for several newspapers in Ontario. Now back in her home town, Karen is the current vice-president of the chamber, a member of the Trent Hills Economic Development Committee and a board member of the Campbellford BIA. Karen is dedicated to improving and promoting the dynamic and unique community that Trent Hills offers its residents and visitors.

Charlie Thompson

Eric Dickinson

Eric is the owner/operator of Washland Laundromat and Car Wash and Dickinson Appliance. Eric is a director on the board and currently chairs the renewable energy committee. Eric is very dedicated and passionate in his efforts to provide clean energy, and is very quick to offer advice and information to interested individuals. Eric has been a chamber board member

for X years, volunteering on the various committees. He also contributes his volunteer time to XXXXX.

Eric is a licensed xxxxx and has

Neil Graham

Neil is the owner of two retail stores: Stone House Gardens and metaphorhome, in Warkworth. Neil has lived in Trent Hills for eight years (having 'done his time' in Toronto). As a visual creative Director for many large retailers he has broad experience in all areas of marketing, visuals and creative. During the past few years Neil has become an accomplished Landscape Designer and as such as leant his talents to the Warkworth Business Association in their Main Street revitalization project. He is also an instructor with the Loyalist College Trent Hills campus. A successful businessperson with broad-based community knowledge and involvement, Neil provides strong leadership and a confident voice for the Chamber. His enthusiasm, commitment and often outspoken nature make him a great addition to the chamber.

Sue Locke

Tanya Orr

Tanya is the co-owner of Styles by Tanya and Jennifer, a full-service

hair salon. Tanya has been in the business for four years, and has been on the board of directors of the chamber for three years. As a young entrepreneur, Tanya is also a member on the senior steering committee of the CSCF Youth Action Committee. Tanya is a member of the chamber's tourism committee as well as chairing the Celebration of Business Excellence committee. T

he has taken an active role in the renewably energy fair, showcase of lights, and the Santa Claus parade committee. In 2003 he received the "Service Business Award".

#### Mimi Silk

An RBC Royal Bank employee for the last 29 years, Mimi came to Trent Hills in the late summer of 2003 to service the business financial needs of RBC's clients where RBC Royal Bank has been a member of our Chamber for several years. Mimi continues to be the chair of the membership committee and draws on nine years of experience with board membership of not-for-profit organizations. Her other volunteer duties including board membership with Community Living Campbellford/Brighton and she will soon be transferring her Rotary membership from Campbellford to Cobourg. Mimi enjoys her role as a representative from the corporate sector where she continues to advocate on behalf of small business and the many challenges they face.

#### Sarah Wellman

Sarah is the special events manager of The Windswept Group for the past six years, specializing in hospitality through accommodations, catering with local products and organization of special events to Trent Hills and tourists to the area. Sarah is a graduate of Hotel and Resort Management, Georgian College. Human Resources Manager for Connor Homes for four years, and is a Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Instructor for CPI for the past 3 years. Sarah has just completed her first year as a director on the chamber board and is a member of the tourism and celebration of business excellence committee.

I am Councillor of Ward 3,

Village of Hastings in the Municipality of Trent Hills and is one of the municipal representatives on the Board. I have been a Chamber member for 2 years and on the Board for 8 months. I am the owner/operator of a small resort on the Trent River called Hi-Lo Lodge which has been in business for 8 years. I am active in the community and sit on various committees in my role as Councillor. I am also active on the Parent School Council, Volunteer Advisory Committee for the Early Years, participate in the breakfast program at the Hastings Public School, Vice-President of the Thursday Night Ladies' Bowling league and Secretary of the Hastings Five Pin Bowling League.

Rosemary Kelleher-MacLennan

#### Brian Redden

Brian has operated a business in the Town of Campbellford since 1965, when he received a license from the Canadian Board of Broadcast Governors to establish a cable Television System. Although he sold Redden's Cable TV Limited in 2001 he continues to operate Redden's Internet which offers wireless internet services to Campbellford and the surrounding area. Brian is a founding member of the Campbellford BIA, past president of the Campbellford-Seymour Agricultural Society, and a lifetime member of the Tri-County Amateur Radio Club. He assists many local events and celebrations by providing sound systems and chaired the Canada Day Committee for 12 years. Brian also served as a member of the Ontario Cable Television Association executive for two terms and was named a member of the "Canadian Cable Pioneer Club" in 2000. Since the joining the chamber board of directors in 2001,

**Dates to remember:**

**Friday, January 20, 5 p.m.**

Contest closes—shopping local survey

**Thursday, January 26, 7 p.m.,** at Chamber office

Board Meeting

**Saturday, February 4, 5:30 p.m.** at Island Park Retirement Suites,

Trent Dr., Campbellford

Annual General Meeting—Reports on the annual business will be presented and a board of directors elected.

**Saturday, February 4,** Celebration of Business Excellence, Island Park Retirement Suites

**6:30** Wine and cheese reception

**7:00** Hors d'oeuvres buffet

**7:30** Awards ceremony

Tickets \$21.40 for members, \$26.75 for non-members. Call 653-1551 to reserve.



*2006*  
**Celebration of  
BUSINESS EXCELLENCE**

**Saturday,  
February 4  
Island Park  
Retirement Suites**

***Congratulations to the award nominees:***

***Tony Edwards Memorial Award***

Chris Luzzi, Luzzi's Valumart

Meirion Jones, Baxter's B & B

Neil Graham, Stone House Gardens

Hank St. Onge, Duratron

Kim MacNeil-Gundersen, Eclectic Mix

Sue Locke, Cottage Country

***Entrepreneurial Spirit, 3 years or less***

Mr. G's Backyard Restaurant

Warkworth Diner

Metaphorhome

Darolex Décor

Island Park Retirement Suites

Star Treatment

ZAZU Boutique

***Entrepreneurial Spirit, more than 3 years***

Stone House Gardens

Ambrosia Gifts & Organics

Weaver's Family Funeral Home

Campbellford/Brighton Community Living

Giant Tiger

***Customer First***

Therapacc Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Inc.

English Line Veterinary

Sharpe's IGA

Giant Tiger

Bill's No Frills

Phoenix Ultramar

***Hospitality/Tourism***

Doddsy's Suds and Spuds

Jeannine's Café

Warkworth Maple Syrup

***Commercial Restoration/Renovation***

Shelley Jackson Antiques

Paul Portelli Gallery

Mr. G's Backyard Restaurant

Townsend Gallery

Frantic Farms

***Green Award***

Church-Key Brewing

***Micro-business***

Yvonne Small, Financial Advisor

Orange Cap Design

***Business Communications***

Stone House Gardens

Metaphorhome

Bennett's Home Furnishings

***Retail***

Stone House Gardens

Darolex Décor

ZAZU Boutique

Sharpe's IGA

***Health and Wellness***

Trent Hills Health Centre

Curves for Women

Sisters Pace Express

***Manufacturing***

Church-Key Brewing

Dart Cup



***Together We Can Make It Happen***