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# CHAMBER NEWS

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## 2006 AGM A TERRIFIC SUCCESS

The 2006 Port Colborne Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting was held on February 11, at the St. Jean de Brebeuf hall.

This AGM had the best attendance for a long time with 124 members, nominees, and guests turning out for the occasion. A less formal approach was so well received and went so well that we hope to do it again next year.

The hall was decorated in the theme selected for this year, "Going for the Gold", celebrating the Olympics and the businesses within our community, who always strive for the gold.

Complimentary memento photographs were taken of guests on their arrival as a courtesy, to provide a lasting memory of the evening.

After dinner, the presentations began with the introduction of the Executive Board for 2006.

This was followed by the annual Awards of Excellence, this year breaking with tradition and using a new format which acknowledged the efforts of *all* nominees, rather than just the winners in each category. All nominees were invited to attend and this made for an Oscars night buzz of excitement as nobody but the Executive knew who had won each category until the presentations began. Each nominee also received honorable mention in both the program and the welcome video which ran throughout the course of the evening.

Our congratulations to the winners of the Chamber Annual Awards for Excellence:

**Youth Citizen of the Year, April Bannerman**  
**Business of the Year, The Hard Rock Group**  
**Citizen of the year, Mieke Van Es**



The winners are pictured above, L to R, flanked by Thane Mackenzie of Grant Thornton and Chamber President David Barrick.

With so many nominees, it was difficult for the Executive to choose a single winner. In our eyes, they are all winners, and all certainly personify the gold in our joint communities

Congratulations to all, and thanks from your Chamber and your community!

We were fortunate to have all levels of government represented that evening.

John Maloney MP, Tim Hudak MPP, Bob Saracino regional councillor, and Mayor Ron Bodner. All presented the award recipients with certificates from their representative offices.

Thank you to all our guest presenters, and to Grant Thornton for sponsoring the awards.

After the awards there was much dancing from young and old alike into the early hours, to good music provided by local band White Frost.

The AGM Committee would like to thank all who attended for helping make it such a memorable evening, those who donated prizes for our draws that evening, and Railroad Gardens for supplying the beautiful tulips for the tables and for the nominees. Thanks to those who ran around and helped to decorate the hall that afternoon - Precious LaPlante, Donna Panetta, Carl Green and Greg and Rosemari Poisson.

Thanks to the volunteers that helped work the ticket table: CG and Lynn Swanson, Domenic Ursini, Donna Martens Gamm; and Edith Wagner for putting in the extra hours. Thanks to Precious for the pictures here as well as the Mementos, and Glenn Skrubbeltrang for the 50-50 draw. We pulled together and pulled it off.



What's the bottom line?

A good time was had by all and the Chamber fundraiser was a terrific success.

Time now to start working on *next* years AGM.

**See you next year...**



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## Lobster & Laughs

**PLANS ARE UNFOLDING FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL LOBSTER & LAUGHS, TO BE HELD FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD AT NICKEL BEACH.**

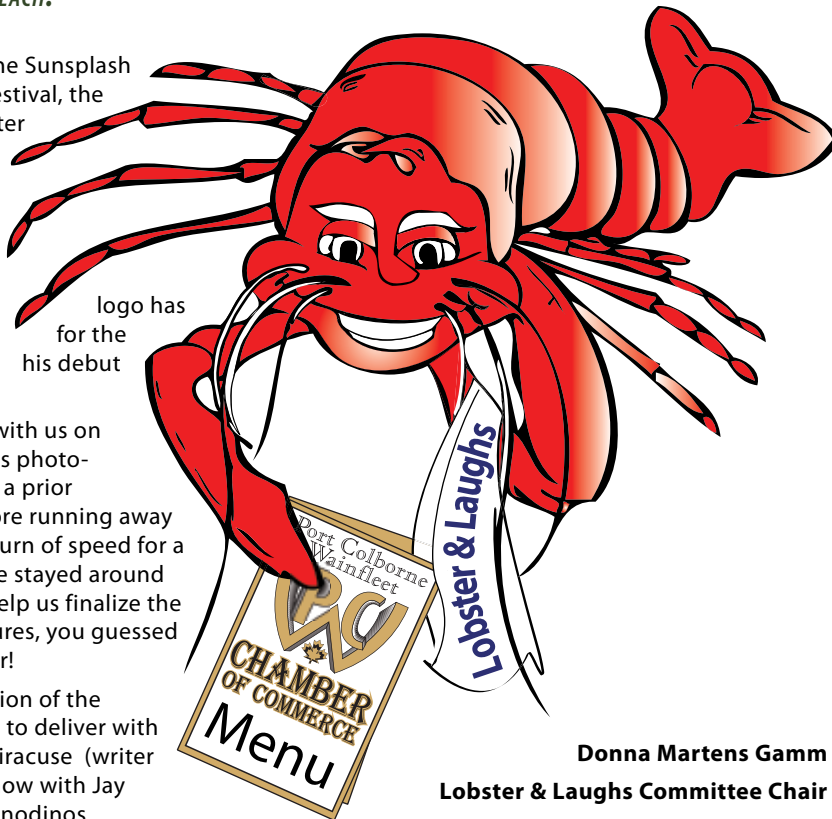
Partnering with the Sunsplash Beach Volleyball Festival, the Friday night Lobster & Laughs event will officially kick off the weekend long festival at Nickel Beach.

A brand new logo has been established for the event, making his debut here.

"Lou" will not be with us on the night. After his photo-shoot he pleaded a prior engagement before running away at an impressive turn of speed for a crustacean, but he stayed around long enough to help us finalize the menu which features, you guessed it...Steak & Lobster!

The "Laughs" portion of the evening promises to deliver with comedians Nick Syracuse (writer for the Tonight Show with Jay Leno) and Marc Sinodinos.

Ticket prices will remain at \$50 pp and will be on sale April 12th at the Chamber Office. Mark June 23rd on your calendar, bring your Lobster crackers and we'll see you there!



**Donna Martens Gamm**  
Lobster & Laughs Committee Chair

## Big Bike

The Big Bike 2006 is gaining speed...

Our initial email generated a lot of interest in this unique event. Anybody that missed it can be brought up to speed on request, but in brief the Chamber of Commerce is fielding a team, and we are hoping that each seat will be occupied by a Chamber Member, in the joint interests of charity and great PR. The event will be promoted on Giant FM.

A 30 seat monster bike with the Chamber name emblazoned on it will be running stop signs and making grown men cry on Friday 28th April, at 6:00pm.

We are pleased to recognize the following members who have already come on board and pledged to occupy a seat in support of the Chamber team. In alphabetical order:

**Alfie D'Uva (D'Uva Travel)**  
**Alfred Kiers (Railroad Gardens)**  
**Carl Green (Gyst 4 Fun)**  
**Edith Wagner (Chamber Office Manager)**  
**Luigi Salvatore (Niagara Acc. & Bookkeeping)**  
**Precious LaPlante (P. LaPlante Photography)**  
**Stephanie Mizzi (Giant FM)**

Seats are filling up quickly. We have 22 to go. With 170+ members to fill them, we hope your name will be on the next update.

The 6:00 pm start will hopefully give time for members to close their doors and don their bicycle clips. The more the merrier, all members are welcome to join the Chamber team for an afternoon of fun. All you need is minimum \$50 sponsorship to take your seat for the 20 minute ride of your life. You can also participate without riding by making a donation to the Chamber team online [HERE](#). That link only works in the online version of the Chamber News! Please come on down, even if just to cheer, or throw vegetables. Pledge forms are now available at the Chamber office, where Edith will be only too glad to sign you up for the Chamber team.

If you have any questions about the event please direct them in the first instance through the Chamber office on (905) 834 9765 or [office@pcwchamber.com](mailto:office@pcwchamber.com)

Proceeds to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.



## President's Message



**CHAMBER PRESIDENT**  
**DAVID BARRICK**

"I would like to welcome the 2006 Board of Directors and thank them for stepping up for an ambitious year that we have all planned. All possible positions have been filled at the Board level for the first time anyone can remember and attendance at meetings has been great. Thank you. There are, however, openings on the committee level that all members are encouraged to participate in. Please contact the Chamber office for further details. I would also like to thank Past President Glenn Skrubbeltrang for all his hard work over the last few years and in many ways setting the template for future Boards.

We are only a quarter of the way into the year and yet have had tremendous success in our endeavors. As you can see by the information provided in this newsletter we have had fantastic turnouts at our AGM, Business after 5's, and Mayor's Breakfast. Thank you for your attendance and I hope to see you at our upcoming events; such as the Speaker Series and Lobster and Laughs.

On the regional front, your Chamber will be taking the lead on getting the Niagara Chambers to speak with one voice on persuading the Provincial government to pursue the Niagara-GTA Corridor, thus opening economic growth opportunities for South Niagara. Furthermore, do not forget to periodically check the Chamber website and give us your opinions. From time to time your Chamber is asked to support issues such as Family Health Teams, Hwy. 406 extension and the Port Colborne Community Fund. Your opinion is *vital* so feel free to use our forums on the website (where the issues will be presented and/or you can present an issue) or e-mail the Chamber office.

Finally, a spring 'Shop Locally' Campaign, which will be held in conjunction the Downtown BIA, is slated to begin in April and end in May. If you would like to participate please stop by the Chamber office to pick up posters and buttons. Also, find out about the advertising opportunities available during the Campaign.

Thank you for all of your support so far as we look forward to a successful year."

David Barrick - Chamber President



## Newsletter Ad Rates

The rates for advertising in this newsletter are still held over from 2004 and are the best bang-for-the-buck value to be found for B2B. Prices are going to rise in the 2006 season, so now is a great time to take advantage and lock your advert price in advance for the whole year at 2004 prices.

Though you do not have to be a member to advertise, please note that Chamber members receive preferential discounts on advertising rates, in addition to a host of other benefits.

	Members	Non Members
1/2 Business Card	\$25	\$30
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**Tourism & Retail** - To respond to issues and legislation which affect retail and tourism businesses  
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**Industry & Education** - To support the ongoing development and implementation of education and training opportunities for the industrial communities  
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**Newsletter & Website** - To present the news and views of the Chamber and promote local business  
Email [newsletter@pcwchamber.com](mailto:newsletter@pcwchamber.com)

**Membership** - To organise materials and events for the purpose of promoting the Chamber and it's members  
Email [membership@pcwchamber.com](mailto:membership@pcwchamber.com)

## Meet the 2006 Board



BACK L TO R: CARL GREEN (3RD VICE PRES.), RAY CHARETTE, PAUL ZARITSKY, DONNA MARTENS GAMM, DOMENIC URSINI, GLENN SKRUBBELTRANG (PAST PRESIDENT), DR. CHRISTIAN PROULX

FRONT L TO R: PRECIOUS LAPLANTE, GREG POISSON (1ST VICE PRES.), DAVID BARRICK (PRESIDENT), MORGAN WHELAN, SHERRIE FULBROOK, TRACY MACLEOD.

ABSENT: ALFRED KIERS (2ND VICE PRES.), PAUL FAVERO (TREASURER), GARY GRAVES, BARBARA HENDERSON, FRANK DIBARTOLOMEO, BOB SARACINO, ROBERT COTTERILL, PATTI STIRLING

BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL CHAMBER MEMBERS. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO ATTEND AND GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CHAMBER, REPRESENTING YOU, YOUR BUSINESS AND YOUR COMMUNITY.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

## Business of the 1/4

Congratulations to @ Twenty-Seven, the first Chamber Business of the Quarter of 2006.

During almost 2 years in Port Colborne, Chamber member @ Twenty-Seven have taken an active part in community charitable activities and events. This year will see them host their second annual "Cook for The Cure" fundraiser for Breast Cancer, which last year raised over \$1000 for this good cause.

They will also be hosting their second annual Martini Night in support of the United Way.

@Twenty-Seven donate to and support local charities and schools year round, and were recently featured on CHCH TV channel 11 as "Niagara's best culinary secret" by Lynn Ogrzlo, Niagara/Hamiltons well known food and wine expert.

Due to their enormous success they will be expanding in May with the addition of extra customer seating, and their already wonderful menu will be replaced with the exciting spring/summer menu in the next two weeks.



**MIKE SLOAT OF BOQ @ TWENTY SEVEN ACCEPTS THE AWARD FROM ROB HESP OF RBC DOMINION SECURITIES, NF**

*Photo courtesy of the Tribune*

## Speaker Series

"The Speaker's Series is well underway. We are presently in the process of finalizing our first speaker with advertising and promotion to follow. All of the partners are working diligently to ensure the success of this series. We urge all Chamber members to assist us in selling tickets. The first engagement is tentatively scheduled for either April 19th or 26th. The format will be a wine and cheese to be held at Roselawn. As we continue with our planning and discussions, we are continually looking for new ideas so if you have any feel free to bring them to my attention or to Chamber president Dave Barrick. Hope to see everyone at the events."

Domenic Ursini  
Industry and Education Committee Chair

## Community Bus

The Port Colborne Community Bus has just completed its 5th week.

The Bus is co-ordinated by PORT CARES in partnership with The Province of Ontario, the City of Port Colborne and Laidlaw Transportation.

The fully Wheelchair accessible vehicle operates Mon to Fri, 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

The service will operate as close to the schedule as possible, taking into account traffic and weather. The fare is \$2.00 per ride. Econo Passes are available: 20 rides for Adults are \$38.00, Seniors/Students \$36.00. Children under 12 riding with an adult ride for FREE.

Econo Passes can be obtained at PORT CARES, 92 Charlotte Street; and at Community Living, 100 McRae Street, both in Port Colborne.

Three separate routes cover all areas of the city with each route being covered four times throughout the day.

For copies of the Bus Routes or for further info call Port CARES on 905-834-3629.

*"We appreciate the support we have received to date from individual businesses in the community and welcome the support of others. It is through the efforts of all that we will see the success of the Port Colborne Community Bus which is making Port Colborne a better place to live, work, shop and play."*

*- Pam Swick Janjac, Project Coordinator*

## Business After 5

In a change of format we will in future list upcoming BA5's rather than previous ones.

Thanks to The Spa, Port Colborne for the Feb. BA5, sorry we couldn't review you!

Please put the following dates in your diary. We hope to see you...

### MARCH 29TH

Precious LaPlante Photography  
264 West Street, PC 5 to 7 pm

**Collect your AGM Keepsake photos!**

### APRIL 26TH

Dr. Christian Proulx  
Family Health & Emergency hysician  
250 Killaly Street W, PC 5 to 7 pm

### MAY 31ST

The Hard Rock Group  
198 Welland Street, PC 5 to 7 pm

**50th Anniversary celebration!**

### JUNE 28TH

**Fibreline Truck Caps**  
**40225 Forks Road, Wainfleet** 5 to 7 pm

## In the best attended Mayors Breakfast on record, Porta Romana brings home the bacon

Sorry about the pun, couldn't resist. But with 56 guests for breakfast it was justified, as it was almost standing room only at this event as the pictures here show.



The food was, as would be expected, good, with a running buffet and free flowing coffee.

David Barrick chaired the event, and after calling the meeting to order introduced the mayors who spoke on matters provincial, regional and municipal, as follows:

## Mayor Harry, Wainfleet:

### LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

*Library construction commences March 20th. Thanks for the support of the Trillium Foundation. Utilizing internal staff to complete the renovations (Anthony Mallowany), work is expected to take from 4 to 6 weeks. Following construction work the Library will close for 2 weeks to paint and install carpeting, set and reshelv all material – books, DVD's etc.*

*The planned changes include:*

- *work areas and circulation desk for staff*
- *computer area with upgraded equipment*
- *reworked kitchen and meeting facilities*
- *Children's area with comfortable, age appropriate furnishings, to facilitate learning and a love of reading in the young*
- *Study and reading area with comfortable furniture (study tables and comfy chairs)*

### MARSHVILLE HERITAGE SOCIETY LEASE AGREEMENT

*March 14, 2006. Township entered into a ten year lease agreement with Marshville Heritage Society, effective from Jan. 1, 2006. The lease provides assurances for the long term development and upkeep of the Heritage Village, in accordance with the Heritage Society's five*



## Quarterly Mayors Breakfast

Year Plan, and recognizes that the Heritage Village is a permanent and separate facility managed by the Heritage Society.

### LAMBERT ROAD SECONDARY PLAN

The Township Planning Department has initiated the development of a secondary plan for the Lambert Road area, covering approx. 3800 acres of farm, rural & residential land.

The Secondary Plan will address development issues to determine if and how development should proceed, while protecting significant agricultural and natural heritage areas.

A steering committee of 6 area land owners and 2 councilors is being established with its first meeting proposed in April.

It is hoped that the Secondary Plan will be completed in the early fall of this year.

### SEWER AND WATER

The Township expects to receive notification on the results of our COMRIF application in April.

### RENOVATIONS FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

A new roof and entrance improvements have been completed at the Municipal Office.

Upgrades to the interior of the Council Chambers are complete and an open house/ dedication ceremony is planned to coincide with Canada Day Celebrations scheduled for July 1st.

Interior renovations to the Municipal Office are underway to improve staff workspace and provide a more friendly atmosphere for residents conducting municipal business activities.

### BUDGET REVIEW

The tax levy is rising this year by 3.03%

Some projects in this years budget include Side Road #14, Garringer Road, Flanagan Road and Cement Road Reconstruction, the latter jointly with the City of Port Colborne

### EASTER SEALS PROPERTY

Bidding tenders have closed and the property will soon be offered for sale on the market.

Council and I have made several attempts to try and preserve this land by placing it in public ownership, but to no avail.

Letters have been despatched on behalf of the Township to several government officials, including two Ministers, regrettably all replies to which indicated that they have no funds to contribute to the acquisition of the Easter Seals Lakewood Camp property.

A tentative meeting has been scheduled with the Chairman of Easter Seals Society and the Niagara Region, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, and the Township to discuss other options.

### OTHER BUSINESS

4th Annual Wainfleet Mayor's Charity Golf Challenge: Wed. June 14, shotgun at 1 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre. The NPCC is an organization providing child and family-centred programs and services to children and adolescents requiring physiotherapy, occupational therapy, or speech-language pathology. Over 2,900 children each year from across Regional Niagara receive services from the Centre.

There are currently 77 Wainfleet children enrolled at the NPCC.

Those who are interested in participating are encouraged to contact the Township.

The Friendship Room opened March 1, 2006.

The room was designed to provide a permanent, exclusive facility to be used by the Wainfleet Senior's Drop-In Center.

We respect and admire the senior's contributions to our community. It is our sincerest hope that the Friendship Room will provide the Senior's Drop-in Center with the type of facility to promote creative and fellowship opportunities for their members.

As previously mentioned The Township of Wainfleet will be hosting a Canada Day Celebration scheduled to take place on Saturday, July 1st commencing at 1 p.m. A committee has been devised in organizing the event. In addition, an application will be submitted to the Department of Canadian Heritage, as they are awarding financial assistance to help support 'Celebrate Canada'. We hope to see you there!

## Mayor Bodner, Port:

### ANNUAL NIAGARA WEEK

The Niagara Region will be holding the Second Annual Niagara Week in Toronto on April 24 and 25. There will be discussion on the need to complete the 406 to East Main Street in Welland, and the request to rename Hwy. 140 to 406. I will be attending and meeting with the Ministers and government officials.

### TOP HAT CEREMONY

Thanks to everyone that attended the Top Hat Ceremony of Tuesday. It was nice to see so many people turn out on such a cold morning.

We honoured the tug and barge Petite Forte and St Marys Cement as the first downbound vessels.

### NHS

I am pleased to see that the NHS has reopened the Constant Care Unit in our hospital. I have been in close communications with the NHS on this and they had early on reassured me of its reopening. I attended a job fair that the NHS held to recruit nurses to the Niagara Region and it was met with great success.

### BUDGET

Council is in the middle of setting the 2006 Municipal Budget. So far residents face a preliminary increase of 4.74 per cent in the city's portion of the property tax bill. The next budget meeting is Thurs, March 30 at 6:30 p.m.

### COMMUNITY BUS

The Port Colborne Community Bus has become a reality. This is exciting news for the City of Port Colborne. This venture has been made possible by money from the Province through the Gas Tax, and a grant from Port Colborne Hydro Inc. Port Cares is the coordinator of this project and they need to be commended for making it all come together. Last week 75 people travelled on the bus. There is an opportunity to have your business name or logo on the side of this bus for a fee. This will help offset the cost of this service

### PROVINCIAL BUDGET

Finance Minister Dwight Duncan is bringing down a budget today. There will be money for transit as well as money for roads, etc.

I will be raising this during budget deliberations as I believe it vitally important to the future of our city. This plan is important not just to keep us focused on where we believe our community should be down the road, but to provide those interested in investing in our city with a clear understanding of what to expect in the future.

If accepted by council I believe that the South Niagara Community Futures Development Corporation would be the best choice to coordinate this plan. By tapping into their expertise and by partnering with different levels of government we will be able to leverage two for one dollars to complete this plan. The city portion will be \$5,000 or less.

This plan is about more than economics or economic development. It builds on a vision for the community in a wide range of areas.



Mayors Breakfast Photos courtesy of Newsletter Editor

## New Members, 1st Quarter

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email: morganw@niagara.com

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### DR. CHRISTIAN PROULX

250 Killaly Street, Port Colborne

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Broker/Owner – Barry Mills

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e-mail cdavis@bellnet.ca

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### JEFFS' LANDSCAPING & TREE SERVICES

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ajeffs@sympatico.ca

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- Chamber Group Insurance
- Representation to lobby all levels of government with a unified voice
- Quarterly Mayors Breakfast with City leaders providing municipal reports
- Invitation to Special Chamber events throughout the year including...
- Lobster and Laughs, Golf Tournament, The AGM Gala, Meet the Reps BBQ
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- Speaker Series

Members of the Port Colborne Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce receive all the many benefits listed on the left, but also have the opportunity to give something back. You can contribute as little or as much as you like to your business community and Chamber of Commerce, whether helping out as a volunteer at one of our regular events, or getting involved with one of our Standing committees.

You can contribute ideas and suggestions, and argue your points through the monthly board meetings at which all members are welcome.

Even if you cannot make the meetings you can contribute - through the web site. Email or use the Forums. Make your voice is heard no matter where you are, just by going to the web site and typing a few words.

Our Business After 5's are a great ice breaking way to meet new friends and business colleagues - local networking is a great benefit to us all and gets your business noticed.

New ideas and initiatives, achievement awards and social events are only part of the package. We are building a community and we need your help to make it stronger.

Please join us.

## Newsletter Chair Note

Well. We're off to a flying start.

The Spring 2006 Edition is jam packed with things the Chamber has done, is going to do or is about to get heavily involved in. We have brought forward several new initiatives and strengthened or reinvented some old ones, and are going from strength to strength. Watch this space.

We look forward to keeping the momentum going as the year progresses and will unveil even more exciting things at the appropriate times. Suffice to say, there is a lot to come and you literally ain't seen nothing yet.

The Chamber also welcomes another 9 members in this quarter alone. We are now over 170 strong and still growing. This can only be a good thing for the business community, and, since almost all of us live in either Port Colborne or Wainfleet, for the economic and social communities too.

A new year and a new start was what we wanted and it is most definitely what we got. Remember to check your next Edition for updates & latest news from the Chamber. Check your Chamber email too!

We have a lot to look forward to and a lot of work to do, but your Chamber is looking forward to the challenge.

Remember, space permitting, Charity events can be listed in this newsletter for free, and that advertising space is limited.

Carl Green

Newsletter and Website Chair

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
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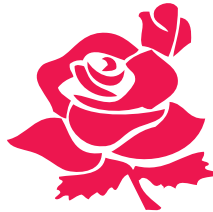
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