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For further information on any of the Chatham-Kent Chamber of  
Commerce Affinity Programs, contact the Chamber off TODAY!

**New!**  
**CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT...**

**Business After Hours  
Complimentary Annual Card**

*How it works...It's easy - and it's included!*

You or an employee of the member business will bring the Business After Hours Card each month to receive one complimentary admission. We encourage you to take advantage of this great opportunity to network, socialize and meet your community business partners as a perk of membership!

With your paid membership renewal you will receive our THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT and your **Business After Hours Complimentary Annual Card!**

*Also...*

Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce Members...The Business After Hours Card will be available to purchase if you would like additional cards for your employees, business partners or clients.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS AFTER HOURS CARD**  
**Includes: Admission to 10 Business After Hours Events**  
**Cost: \$45 (HST Incl.) (That's a 10% savings & no expiry date!)**

If you would like to purchase a Business After Hours Card,  
please contact the Chamber TODAY!



CHATHAM-KENT  
CHAMBER of  
COMMERCE

Newsletter  
February 2016



**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

February might best be kicked off with a look at the etymology of the month's moniker. The word February is born from the Latin word Februarius, from Latin februare meaning to "purify" or "expiate."

In ancient Rome, Februarius was the "Month of Purification" and festivities were held to re-establish the empire's focus on "righteous living".

To me, this idea of devoting a month to the process of purification is invigorating. The hustle-bustle of the holidays is left behind and February finally sees many of us getting our first breath of fresh air. And, by this time of year the pressure of New Year's resolutions is either incorporated into healthier habits or banished to the wayside.

February is a transitional month, and so Februarys meaning and symbolism will have a transitional feel too. February 25th the John Bradley Centre is host to the CK Chambers 128th Annual General Meeting where I am excited to share with you specific details on success from 2015, how we will lead change in 2016 and introduce new Directors of the Board.

February being the shortest month of the year leaves us little time to waste putting into action a number of important priorities to be identified through our strategic planning session.

In conversation with the CK Chamber Diversity Committee Chair, Damien de Roux, General Manager, OLG in Dresden, provided his insight on the newly established committee. "Creating a focus on diversity in the business community is directly aligned with the Chamber's vision that includes enhancing economic prosperity and the quality of life in Chatham Kent." he said.

I asked Damien what diversity meant to him and what strategic priorities does he envision for the Chamber and Chatham-Kent. "Diversity is not so much about treating everyone the same, more accurately, it is about recognizing our differences. At its very best, diversity is about celebrating our differences, where necessary, accommodating those differences and leveraging our differences to achieve an advantage that supports a more dynamic work place, fosters innovation and leads change in the years to come. Trends will see workplaces become smaller yet have a farther global reach. Our new workplaces will require that diversity to meet the ever changing demographic shift. The CK Chamber is committed to achieving a Board of Directors that will accurately reflect its working community and membership."

The current priorities for the committee are to establish a program to showcase through recognition the diversity within our business community and to create an "Award of Distinction" that acknowledges those that work to advance Diversity & Inclusion within Chatham-Kent.

**Visionaries are often not the ones with the greatest ideas. Visionaries are the ones that communicate them most effectively...**



Christopher June  
Chair

**Chamber Members...LOOKING FOR  
ADVERTISING & MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES?**

Take advantage of the Chamber Monthly Newsletter Inserts!

**MONTHLY CHAMBER NEWSLETTER**

Available to Chamber members to promote their business. Members provide 500 copies of their insert on or before the 20th of the preceding month of delivery.

Page is based on an average weight 8 1/2 x 11 page or smaller. Advance reservations are recommended as a limited number of inserts are allowed per month.

**PLUS - RECEIVE ADDITIONAL PROMOTION OF  
YOUR CHAMBER NEWSLETTER INSERT...**

In conjunction with delivery date, your flyer will be added to the Chamber Facebook Page.



**\$85.00 (+HST) / ISSUE \***  
RESERVATIONS FILL QUICKLY EACH MONTH,  
CONTACT THE CHAMBER OFFICE TODAY!

**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016**

HOST:



**NETWORKING,  
APPETIZERS,  
PRIZES**

**LOCATION: WILLOW RIDGE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB  
439 CHATHAM STREET SOUTH, BLENHEIM**

**TIME: 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. | COST: \$5.00 AT THE DOOR**

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## 128TH BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

THURSDAY, MARCH 31ST, 2016

CLUB LENTINAS  
250 NATIONAL ROAD, CHATHAM

AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION WITH THE...

- *Business of the Year*
- *Industry of the Year*
- *Corporate Citizen of the Year*
- *Citizen of the Year*
- *Business Professional of the Year*
- *Youth Entrepreneur of the Year*
- *Entrepreneur of the Year*
- *Youth Entrepreneur / Professional of the year*

RECEPTION: 6:00 PM

DINNER & PRESENTATION: 7:00 PM

TICKETS: \$85 (+HST) | TABLE OF 8=\$680 (+HST)

Tickets available by contacting the Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce.  
No ticket sales after Thursday, March 24th, 2016.  
No refunds/cancellations after March 24th, 2016. Substitutions permitted.

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## 128th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2016

LOCATION:  
CHATHAM-KENT JOHN D. BRADLEY CONVENTION CENTRE

TIME: 8:00 a.m. - Breakfast | COST: \$15 (H.S.T. incl.)  
For reservations, please contact the Chamber office.

## MUNICIPAL UPDATE & ADDRESS WITH MAYOR RANDY HOPE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH, 2016

RETRO SUITES HOTEL- 2 KING STREET W, CHATHAM



In co-operation with:



### BREAKFAST:

8:00 a.m. - Presentation to follow

### TICKETS:

\$25 (HST included)

No refunds/cancellations after May 18th, substitutions permitted.

To order tickets, please contact the Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce office.



## Mark Your Calendars!

The Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament is:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016

WILLOW RIDGE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

439 Chatham Street South, Blenheim

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016

HOST:



### LOCATION:

ROSSINI'S RESTAURANT

634 GRAND AVENUE EAST, CHATHAM

TIME: 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. | COST: \$5.00 AT THE DOOR

Networking | Appetizers | Prizes

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## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS WEDNESDAY, JAN.20, 2016

HOST:



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## THANKS to our Not-For-Profit Organizations...

Adult Language & Learning  
Canadian Association of Gift Planners  
Chatham-Kent Crime Stoppers  
Chatham-Kent Hospice  
Chatham-Kent Local Immigration Partnership  
Chatham-Kent Real Estate Board  
Chatham-Kent Workforce Planning Board  
Children's Treatment Centre  
Foundation of Chatham-Kent  
Community Living Chatham-Kent  
Epilepsy Support Centre  
Foundation of Chatham-Kent Health Alliance

Goodwill Career Centre  
Historic Downtown Chatham BIA  
Job Match  
Ontario SPCA – Kent County Branch  
Prosperity Roundtable and Chatham-Kent Nonprofit Network  
Restorative Justice Chatham-Kent  
Salvation Army  
St. Andrew's Residence  
UCB Canada 89.3FM  
Victorian Order Nurses  
YMCA Chatham-Kent

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## THE CHATHAM-KENT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFERS... PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLANS FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS

### Think of the benefits...

- No worries of a membership renewal
- Improve your cash flow, budget your membership payments over 12 months directly through your bank account.
- Reduce administration through credit card option

Contact the Chamber office for more information, or fill out enclosed sign up form.

## Preferred Pricing for Chamber Members...

VISA/MASTERCARD MERCHANT SERVICES AFFINITY PROGRAM WITH FIRST DATA



Full Suite of Products, Ecommerce, Wired & Wireless Terminals, First Data Mobile Pay, Gift Cards Solutions, TeleCheck Electronic Cheque Acceptance

### PREFERRED CHAMBER PRICING

VISA 1.49%  
MASTERCARD 1.49%  
DISCOVER 1.60%  
CARD BRAND 0.15%  
NQA 0.21%  
INTERAC DEBIT \$0.05/TRANSACTION  
ASK US ABOUT AMEX MONTHLY ACCOUNT FEE \$5.00  
\*ADDITIONAL PROCESSING FEES MAY APPLY

For sign up information, please contact the Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce office.

## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR OFFICE SPACE?

### The Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce has Office Space for Lease!

- 1,000 sq. ft.
- Adjacent to Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce, in the heart of downtown

For more information, check out the enclosed flyer.

