NORTH BAY & DISTRICT Chamber of Commerce

November 1, 2017 Chamber News Update

Business After Hours 2017 Mark your calendar!

Thursday, November 23, 2017

Chartwell Barclay House Retirement Residence

600 Chippewa Street West North Bay, ON 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

The Chamber office will be closed between Saturday, December 23, 2017 to Monday, January 1, 2018 inclusive.

> Thursday, January 25, 2018 co-hosted by



The Kennedy Building

222 McIntyre Street West North Bay, ON 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm





As I started to write the column for this week's Chamber news, it had the appearance of a completely different tone and substance, given some previous letters of opinion and articles circulating at the end of last week. Non issues become issues; "fake news" becomes real news. Time and distance is always a good thing, especially in these days of instant gratification, which the electronic age has provided to anyone with a smart phone or computer.

Some might argue that the access to information on the internet/ electronic highway, has made a difference in how we communicate and they would not be wrong. But that in my opinion is a double edged sword. Not only is the access to information easier for all of us, but it can also allow opinions to become "gospel truth's" for those that read it whether it be news, opinions and or comments regarding many so called, news worthy items.

As the North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce has moved from the traditional operating board to a governance board model, one of the clear directions from the Board is that we speak as a unified voice in public. Whether or not board members agree or disagree on any proposal put forward, once the discussion is complete, votes are taken and the Board follows the democratic process. Win or lose on a vote, the topic is over and the Board moves on, together.

We are fortunate to have the right to speak freely in this country and that is especially important that we keep this in mind each and every day. Remembrance Day is right around the corner and many of our relatives fought and died for those rights, but with those rights, also

come responsibilities. Those of us that choose to speak or write publicly, need to probably every once and a while, step back and ask ourselves, whether or not we are being fair.

Going back to my earlier comments, instant gratification via media, internet or any public domain, cannot and should not be utilized to demean individuals or groups that we may not agree with or share the same opinions. I believe it was Mark Twain who once said "never let the truth get in the way of a good story, unless you can think of something better". I think Mr. Twain probably had great insight into what our world, was going to evolve into.

If we are going to move our City and district forward, we have to do a better job in communicating and even more so, in a positive manner. We cannot continue to fight each other and expect the outside world not to notice. When we look at successful communities that are progressive, innovative and thriving, there is always discourse and disagreement, but the overriding theme is always positive. It's time for us to remember this and particularly before we press the "enter or send" buttons. A kinder and gentler society is probably not a bad option.

Peter Chirico is the President & CEO of the North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce.

Call for Nominations for the 2018/2019 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce (NBDCC) is made up of twelve (12) Directors and one (1) Young Professional Director.

Chamber members elect six (6) Director Positions and one Young Professional Director on a yearly basis. Regular director positions are for a two (2) year term.

Here are the guidelines for your nominations:

- Nominations close at 4:00pm Thursday, November 9, 2017.
- Nominees must be in good standing with membership dues/fees

• Nominees must be the voting member of the member business/organization

If you are interested in being nominated or if you know someone in the membership that you would like to nominate, please <u>CLICK HERE</u> to send Patti a message and we will ensure that your name or the name of your nominee goes forward for ratification at the November 9th board meeting. Following the board meeting, on the Friday, nominees will receive a qualification notice that they can agree/or not to let their name stand on the election ballot.



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THE SHINE GALA

Friday, November 17th **The Grande Event Centre** 300 Wyld St., North Bay, ON

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Cocktail Hour at 6pm Dinner served at 7pm \$85/person \$150/couple \$650/table

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This event is a charitable fundraiser to raise funds and awareness for Cystic Fibrosis Canada in conjunction with Shinerama

The Nipissing University Student Union (NUSU) is delighted to invite you to our 2nd **SHINE GALA** which is being held on **Friday, November 17th** at the **Grande Event Centre** (300 Wyld Street, North Bay).

The purpose of the event is to raise proceeds and awareness for **Cystic Fibrosis Canada**. The event will build on the recent success of Shinerama, and presents an opportunity for the community of North Bay to unite and raise funds for this important cause.

This event will include live music, a silent auction, and a 3 course meal.

We look forward to welcoming you and your guests at what promises to be an evening to remember. Further information regarding the event is provided in the flyer attached.

Tickets can be purchased through EventBrite here: <u>nusushinegala.eventbrite.ca</u>, and seating at the venue can also be chosen.

The RSVP date is November 9th, 2017. Please email any dietary restrictions or allergies to <u>gala@nusu.com</u>.

Should you have any specific questions regarding the gala please email <u>gala@nusu.com</u> or contact our VP Services, J'aime Brunet at <u>705.474.3450 x4409</u>.

NUSU is a student union which represents the interests of approximately 5,000 full and part-time undergraduate and graduate students of Nipissing University. We are a separate registered not-for-profit organization, distinct from, but strongly affiliated with Nipissing University.

NUSU organizes and delivers a range of services, events, clubs, activities, campaigns and initiatives on behalf of the Nipissing University Student Union. For further information regarding NUSU and our role at the centre of student life, please refer to our website <u>nusu.com</u>, or social media pages.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5:00 PM	OPEN INFORMATION BOOTHS AND NETWORKING BLITZ
5:30 PM	WORDS OF WELCOME AND ORGANIZERS CALL TO ACTION
5:45 PM	LOCAL BUSINESS CHAMPION: A PRESENTATION BY JENNIFER TWIGG
6:00 PM	OUR LEADERS AND FUNDERS SHARE OPPORTUNITIES AND INITIATIVES
7:00 PM	LAUNCH OF IGNITE NORTH BAY 1

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The Salvation Army's



Friday November 17th, 2017 12:00 p.m. to 1 p.m. at North Bay & District Chamber of Commerce 205 Main St. E.

Please R.S.V.P. by November 13th to Lyndsey Whyte at Lyndsey_whyte@can.salvationarmy.org or call (705) 474-7859 Jack Lockhart



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