



EXPLOITS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# CHAMBER VISION

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## Gentleman B Wins Business of the Year Award



*-Courtesy of The Advertiser*

*Kris Spurrell, Vice President of the Chamber presents the "Business of the Year Award" to Chris Clarke of Gentleman B*

On Thursday, February 20th, there may have been a raging storm outside, but members of the Exploits Regional Chamber of Commerce and guests gathered at the Royal Canadian Legion for a great meal and to celebrate the 15th Annual Business Excellence Awards & Hall of Fame Induction. This event has been increasing in the number of nominations and attendees each year. This year there were a total of 48 nominations for the nine Business Awards, along with 7 inductees into the Business Hall of Fame.

Mr. Steve Bartlett, Managing Editor of Transcontinental was our Guest Speaker, with Councilor Amy Coody-Davis bringing greetings on behalf of the communities, and Ashley MacDonald, Branch Manager of Royal Bank, representing and thanking the Corporate Sponsors. In his closing remarks, President Tom Boone thanked everyone for participating, congratulated the winners and nominees, and thanked Rogers for their cooperation.

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**MEETING NOTICE**

Board Meetings are tentatively the 3rd  
Thursday of the Month

Time: 12:00 noon  
Place: TBA

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mandate of the Exploits Regional Chamber of Commerce is to promote and improve trade and commerce, and the economic, civic, and social welfare of the Exploits Valley Region.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**April 10th, 2014**

The Chamber will be holding its Annual General Meeting & Election of Officers on April 10th, 2014. The Guest Speaker for this event will be Liberal Leader Dwight Ball.

**May 2nd & 3rd, 2014**

Our 20th Annual Trade Show is scheduled for May 2nd & 3rd at the Joe Byrne Memorial Stadium. This being the 20th Anniversary of our Trade Show, lets work together to show the people of this region that we have the products and services to meet their needs. Mr. Bruce Andrews is our Trade Show Coordinator this year and will be contacting you in the near future. Mark your calendars and start preparing, this is your event!

**Lunch & Learn Sessions**

The Chamber is planning a number of Lunch & Learn Sessions that will be taking place throughout the coming year. Dates will be posted on our website and via email to members.

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## THE CHAMBER POT

January saw the first edition of “*The Chamber Pot*” in local coffee shops from Grand Falls-Windsor to Botwood.

This newsletter consists of facts, laughs, events, general information and regional topics. This paper is designed to be light reading and informative.

Thank you to our sponsors, and look for “*The Chamber Pot*” bi-weekly in your local coffee shop.

## HONORING A COLLEAGUE



*-Courtesy of South & Central Health Foundation*

The Memory of the late Ron Aucoin, former Executive Director of the Exploits Regional Chamber of Commerce, was honored this past year. A donation to the South and Central Health Foundation was made by Chamber colleague, Boyd Cohen.

On hand for the presentation were: (L-R) Gerald Thompson, ERCC Executive Director; Brian Barry, Foundation President; Raelene White, Director of Development for the Foundations of Central Health; and Foundation Development Officer Wendy Houlihan.

## ANNUAL TRADE SHOW



At last year’s Trade Show hundreds of people showed up Saturday morning at Jumping Bean Coffee’s booth to sample their great waffles and blends of tea and coffee.

This year will be the 20th Anniversary of our Trade Show, and everything points to it being another great show, where local businesses can showcase their products and services.

## CONGRATULATIONS!



*-Courtesy of Grand Toyota*

Congratulations to Chris and Marg Murray for winning an all-expense paid trip to Florida for four people with Grand Toyota’s Snow & Sand Contest!

## NEW MEMBERS

The Classic Theater  
CareGivers

## 15th ANNUAL BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS



*-Courtesy of the Advertiser*

**Small Business Award:**

Morgan Printing

**Helping Hands Award:**

King's Transport

**Ambassador Award:**

Carriage House Inn

**Customer Service Award:**

Grand Toyota

**Business Growth Award:**

DSI

**Business Woman of the Year Award:**

Lesley Oake

**Personal Excellence Award:**

Bernice Walker

**Business of the Year Award:**

Gentleman B

**Desmond Kenny Achievement Award:**

John Connors

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

**Inducted into the Business Hall of Fame:**

E.I. Bishop Photography (Grand Falls-Windsor)

Bishop's Falls Stores (Josiah Whiteway)

Kearney's Men's Store (Patrick F. Kearney)

Harry J. Crowe (Botwood)

Exploits Valley Royal Stores

The Hampton Family (Bishop's Falls)

Hair Alive (Michelle Critch)

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