Uxbridge & Area

NETWORKING GROUP

For Small and Home Based Businesses

"Together, We Prosper!"

BEFORE THE HOLIDAY SEASON BEGINS…..

Join us for breakfast this Tuesday November 12th 8:15 to 9:30am at Scrambles at Foxbridge Golf Club. Durham MPP John O'Toole will be joining us at the networking breakfast as well.
Learn about **"Bookkeeping Tips for Small Business Owners" from our speaker Lisa Ritchie, CGA.** Lisa is a professional accountant dedicated to meeting the accounting and bookkeeping needs of small and medium sized businesses. Lisa will work with you to ensure that your accounting records are accurate and up-to-date for both better decision making and to meet government compliance requirements. Lisa is committed to building strong relationships and excellent communication with every client. Find out more about Lisa Ritchie at www.lisaritchie.ca, or call 905.862.4166.

This year's Uxbridge Santa Claus Parade is fast approaching on Saturday November 30th. We have only three weeks left to prepare for the Uxbridge Networking Group float, and 1200 gift bags to be given away along the parade route. Networking Group members are encouraged to contribute items to the gift bags, and help preparing for this year's Networking Group float. Thank you for the generosity of our Networking Group member Marg Elliot of Marg's Costumes for allowing us to use her 14 foot trailer for the Uxbridge Networking Group float. This year's parade theme is "Christmas Fun". We also appreciate the generosity from our Corporate Sponsor, Randy Hickey of BDO Canada LLP, for using his truck to pull the Networking Group float this year.

WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

New and excited to be in Uxbridge, **Leigha Saunders is a naturopathic doctor** who is passionate about providing patients with healthcare options and solutions targeting the cause of their concerns. Leigha's goal is to work with patients to uncover the underlying cause of

their health issues, so they can understand why they are not feeling well. Leigha has a special interest in treating children with autism spectrum disorders and ADHD, but believes everyone can benefit from naturopathic medicine. She treats a wide variety of acute and chronic health concerns, providing integrative and empowering patient care.

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Leigha offers her practice in Uxbridge at the following locations:

Today's Natural Solutions
307 Toronto St, Unit 7
Uxbridge, ON

Sunshine Learning Centre, Inc
58 Brock St W, Suite 204
Uxbridge, ON

**** Leigha Saunders will be offering a 15 minutes Free Consultation on Tuesday November 12th between 10am and 12 noon at ABS Abacus Brain Study at 92 Brock St. W., during the information session on "How to Optimize Brain Health Info Session".**

UXBRIDGE NETWORKING GROUP FLOAT
UXBRDIGE SANTA CLAUS PARADE
Saturday Nov. 30, 2013….11:00am

Downtown Uxbridge (Starts at Brock St. & Centre Road, along Brock St. going east to Franklin St.)

TIMELINE for UXBRIDGE NETWORKING GROUP PREPARATIONS:

Saturday November 16 – Please inform Annie on the size of your gift items for the 1200 gift bags as space is limited.

Saturday November 23 – Last day to drop off 1200 gift items (at ABS office at 92 Brock Street West in Uxbridge) to be inserted into the Uxbridge Networking Group gift bags.

Sunday November 24 – Stuffing gift items into gift bags from 2:30pm – 5:00pm at ABS Abacus office at 92 Brock Street W. in Uxbridge.
Thursday November 28 – Build/Decorate the Uxbridge Networking Group float.
Saturday November 30 – Line up for the Uxbridge Santa Claus parade by 10am at Centre Road (by the Uxbridge Arena).

It's a great opportunity to network with other members and promoting your business at the same time. **To participate, please sign-up at the Networking Group breakfast meeting on November 12th, or reply to this e-mail.**

Watch how much fun our members had preparing for the Uxbridge Networking Group Float in the 2011 Uxbridge Santa Claus Parade:
Photo Album: http://uxbridge.com/PhotoAlbums/2011_parade_preparations/
YouTube Video: http://youtu.be/g4lll8704Wc

Uxbridge Networking Group
2013 CHRISTMAS LUNCH SOCIAL GATHERING

Date: Friday, December 13th 2013
Time: 11:30am – 2:30pm
Location: South Ballroom at Mill Run Golf Club
R.R. #1, 269 Durham Road 8, Uxbridge On L9P 1R1
11:30am to 12:30pm – Social Networking
12:30pm – 2:00pm -- Lunch & Draw Prizes
Open Cash Bar

Cost (taxes, gratuity, and coffee/tea are all included):
$37 (paid by Friday Nov. 30th, 2013)
$40 (after Nov. 30, 2013)
Reservations must be made by Tuesday, December 6, 2013.
Cash/Cheque/E-Interac payable to "Uxbridge Networking Group".
Cancellation: No refund after December 9th, 2012. Please find someone to attend the function if you have to cancel after the deadline.
Please request for special meal arrangement by Nov. 30th, 2013.

Friends and families are welcome to join us for the Christmas gathering. Please feel free to invite your business associates, and clients to this social, fun and entertaining event. Non-members are welcome.

DRAW PRIZES

As part of the Uxbridge Networking Group Christmas tradition, members are welcome to give out draw prizes as part of their business promotions. So make it a

fun event and chance to promote your services/products by bringing your draw prize to the party on December 13th.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Music by Kathy Normandeau, keyboard
Cynthia Nidd, violin

Kathy Normandeau has been living in Uxbridge for 20 years. She is married with two teenage children. In that time she has taught piano lessons, tuned and repaired pianos and owned a music store. Music is a part of her life as is food and she believes that music is in every one of us. Music is a tool for emotional release, artistic beauty, and personal satisfaction. She has her Associateship with the Royal Conservatory of Music for piano pedagogy, her certificate in Piano Technology, is a member of the Ontario Registered Music Association and the Ontario Guild of Piano Technicians. She spends her spare time on the board of the Uxbridge Music Scholarship Trust committee organizing benefit concerts for post secondary music study. Kathy enjoys writing articles and promoting music in Uxbridge. She has served as an accompanist on many occasions in many performing groups.

2013-14 UXBRIDGE NETWORKING GROUP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Anyone interested in being a speaker at one of the Uxbridge Networking Group meetings in 2014 (no meetings in July and August), please contact Networking Group Events Coordinator, Chris Auger, at 905-862-0452, or e-mail chris@direconsultinginc.com.

All meetings are held at Scrambles at the Foxbridge Golf Club (South Course), 274 Reach St. Uxbridge

BREAKFAST
Tuesday, November 12th 2013 8:15am – 9:30am at Scrambles
Speaker: **Lisa Ritchie, CGA**
Topic: **Bookkeeping Tips for Small Business Owners**

Having accurate and up-to-date bookkeeping allows you to make better business decisions, file your tax and HST returns on time, plan for cash flow ups and downs, and hopefully leads to increased business success.
Lisa will share many tips to help small business owners stay on top of their bookkeeping and avoid costly errors.

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Lisa will work with you to ensure that your accounting records are accurate and up-to-date for both better decision making and to meet government compliance requirements. Lisa is committed to building strong relationships and excellent communication with every client.

Saturday November 30, 2013 -- Networking Group Float at the Uxbridge Santa Claus Parade in downtown Uxbridge (Brock St.)
1200 Uxbridge Networking Group Family Gift Bags will be given away along the parade route!
So watch for the Uxbridge Networking Group float coming by.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON SOCIAL
Friday, December 13th 2013, 11:30am – 2:30pm
South Ballroom at Mill Run Golf Club

BREAKFAST
Tuesday, January 14th 2014 8:15am – 9:30am

LUNCH
Friday, February 14th 2014 12Noon – 1:30pm

BREAKFAST
Tuesday, March 11th 2014 8:15am – 9:30am

LUNCH
Friday, April 11th 2014 12Noon – 1:30pm

BREAKFAST
Tuesday, May 13th 2014 8:15am – 9:30am

LUNCH
Friday, June 13th 2013 12Noon – 1:30pm

MEMBERS' NEWS

Can Networking Be Beautiful?

By Averie Thorn-Smith

I am so happy to announce I have launched my Professional Women's Portfolio. The Portfolio is a great way for me to showcase my work and provide Networking opportunities for my clients and Local Professionals!

If you are a Professional Woman interested in being featured, I provide you with a complimentary make-over and take after photos. The best make-over photo is added to my Portfolio along with your Business Bio. Not only will the Photo and Bio be in my Portfolio which I bring with me to appointments, it will also appear on my business Facebook Page as my "Professional Women's Portfolio Spotlight". I can also add the links to promote your Business Website or Facebook Page.

I am getting positive feedback and, during the first week, I have already added two wonderful and hardworking local professional women to it!

I would love to feature all of the fabulous women of the Uxbridge Networking Group - some of you I have already had the pleasure of meeting and the others I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

For more information, I can be reached at (647) 999-0138 or at BeautyBeginsNow@gmail.com

Thank you and I hope to have you join my Portfolio!
Averie Thorn-Smith, Independent Beauty Consultant
Mary Kay Cosmetics Canada
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ABS Abacus Brain Study

Free Abacus Trials and Information Sessions

Seniors (age 60+): Tuesday November 12th, 2013 from 10am to 12 Noon.
Free 15 minutes consultation with naturopathic doctor Leigha Saunders.
Children (age 4-11): Wednesday November 13th, 2013 from 4-5pm.
Register online at www.AbacusUxbridge.com, or call 905-852-6677
** Enroll before December 21st, 2013 and receive the

ABS Holiday Coloring Contest

Pickup a copy of the ABS holiday coloring contest page at ABS Abacus office at 92 Brock St. W. in downtown Uxbridge. Submit the coloring contest page with the name and age of the child written at the back of the coloring page on or before December 21st, 2013. All submitted coloring pages will be displayed on the window at 92 Brock St. W. Three gift baskets will be awarded to the winner in each of the following age groups: 5 and under, 6-8, and 9+.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WIN THIS SPACE contest had selected the top 30 contestants out of the 55 applicants who submitted their business ideas. The WIN THIS SPACE is initiated by the *Uxbridge BIA* in partner with *Durham Economic Development*, and *BACD (Business Advisory Centre Durham)*. The KICK-OFF launch event was held at the Uxbridge Music Hall on November 5th, 2013. As a selected candidate, they will also receive a FREE series of 3 Business Builder Coaching Workshops being hosted by the BACD (Business Advisory Centre Durham) during which they will create a Business Model Canvas for their proposed business. They will also receive numerous networking opportunities, mentoring support and much more…

The Uxbridge Networking Group is proud to be one of the sponsors for the WIN THIS SPACE contest. The top 5 WIN THIS SPACE contestants will each receive one year FREE annual membership from the Uxbridge Networking Group (value $85 each).

Visit http://uxbridgebia.ca for details.

One Voice Singers "Welcome Christmas" Concert

Begin your holiday season by attending the One Voice Singers Christmas Concert at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Toronto St. S. in Uxbridge on Friday December 6 at 7:30pm, or Friday December 8 at 3:00pm.

This year's guest is Port Perry High School Senior Chamber Choir. Advance tickets $18 can be purchased at Presents, Presents, Presents, or order through One Voice choir members (including me – Annie). Tickets at the door is $20.

Find out more information about One Voice Singers on the website at www.onevoicesingers.org, or check out the facebook page at www.facebook.com/onevoicesingers (please "Like" us).

Interested in Entrepreneurship? Then get involved with "**Do it in Durham**" today.

You'll learn what it takes to be an entrepreneur and why Durham is a great place to grow your business. There are contests with $7,000 in cash prizes, free and networking events! So don't just sit there, register now!
If you have your own business, or have ever thought of starting one, then "Do it in Durham" is for you. You'll meet like-minded people, have a lot of fun, and get inspired along the way.

For more information, visit www.doitindurham.org .

Attached is a copy of the Durham Tourism e-Newsletter and discover events happening in Durham for the holiday season.

Online Internet Professional and Business Network LinkedIn

Networking Group members are invited to join the **LinkedIn group "Uxbridge Networking Group" and the parent group "Uxbridge Ontario".** Some of the members have made comments on the discussion panel, posting events & news, and I hope the other members will do the same and share your opinions. Members who have not joined the LinkedIn Network can make a request to join the "Uxbridge Networking Group" at www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2711108 or accept the invitations that I sent to you through LinkedIn.

If you haven't join the **"Uxbridge Ontario" LinkedIn Group**, join the group now at http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2711052 to meet **over 280 local business professionals**, share your expertise and voice your opinion.

For members who want to explore LinkedIn features on their own, please visit the LinkedIn Learning Centre at http://learn.linkedin.com .

If you have any questions in regards the use of LinkedIn, please bring up questions during the Q&A period at any of our Uxbridge Networking Group meetings.

"Like" us on the Facebook Uxbridge & Area Networking Group Page at **www.facebook.com/uxbridge.networking** .

View videos of Uxbridge Networking Group activities on Uxbridge Online Youtube Channel at **www.youtube.com/uxbridgeonline** .

ANNUAL NETWORKING GROUP MEMBERSHIP FEE

Annual membership fee is due each year on the month that you join the Networking Group, except for members who join in March or September; their membership fees are due in February and August, respectively. This will ensure that the Networking Group brochure (publish in March and in September) has the most current memberships listing.

Membership Includes:

- Receive monthly Networking e-Newsletter.
- Membership listing on the bi-annual Networking Magazine (publish in March and September each year).
- Business listing on the Uxbridge Networking Group website at **www.uxbridge.com/networkinggroup** .
- Being promoted on the Uxbridge Networking Group Facebook Page at **www.facebook.com/uxbridge.networking** , and on the Uxbridge Online YouTube Channel at **www.youtube.com/uxbridgeonline** .

- Name being listed under "Uxbridge Networking Group Members" on the Uxbridge Online Business Directory at www.uxbridge.com/business (extra listings under alphabetical order and category are available for purchase through Uxbridge On-Line Inc.) .
- Participate in monthly breakfast and luncheon meetings.
- Participate at the Uxbridge Networking Group booth at the Uxbridge Fall Fair to promote their product and services.
- Being invited to join the internet online **Professional & Business Network LinkedIn Group**: **"Uxbridge Ontario"** and its sub-group **"Uxbridge Networking Group".**

Membership Fee:
$85 for the first year. For members who attend less than 6 Networking Group functions in a year, renewal rate would be increased from $85 to $125+HST a year.

Introductory Meetings for Potential New Members:
Entrepreneurs and business owners are welcome to join us for a maximum of two introductory Networking Group meetings (breakfast and luncheon). After such, they can decide whether to join the Uxbridge Networking Group as a member, or pay $8 per meeting on top the cost of their meal. Without officially joining as members, they will not have the privileges as stated in the Networking Group membership other than participating at the networking meetings.

Sincerely,

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