

Clareville Area Chamber of Commerce

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*The Clareville Area
Chamber of Commerce
is pleased to welcome our
most recent members:
Short's Backhoe &
Trucking Ltd
Dr. Harold Crewe, PMC
Dr. Alan O'Reilly, PMC*

**The Clareville Area
Chamber of Commerce will
be hosting its Annual
Christmas Party on Dec. 7th at
St. Jude Hotel
at 6:00 pm.
Please contact the Chamber
Office if you plan to attend.**



The Clareville Area Chamber of Commerce (CACC) continues to showcase a design of a local talented artist on the Newfoundland and Labrador Christmas Ornament. The fundraising project allows the CACC to be one of a few Chambers in the province to reach self-sufficiency. In our 13th year, the CACC is pleased to feature "Outport Caroling" designed by Odell Archibald from Kippens. Odell's inspiration comes from everyday life and childhood memories of Newfoundland and Labrador. The pewter ornament is available in retail stores all over the province. Please call 1-866-466-5800 for a retail store near you.

General Membership Luncheons

The Chamber hosted the following Membership Luncheons:

- June, 2011 featuring guest speaker Frazer Russell, Deputy Mayor and Chair of Public Works with the Town of Clareville.
- September, 2011 featuring guest speaker Leo Bonnell from the Random Age-Friendly Association.

On October 18, 2011 the Small Business Week Luncheon took place with guest speakers from the Business Community. There were approximately 65 local businesses in attendance.

Craft and Home Trade Show

The Clareville Area Chamber of Commerce hosted its 7th Annual Craft and Home Trade Show on October 14 & 15, 2011 at the Clareville Events Centre. The event was a great success with 56 exhibitors and an increase of public participation. We look forward to next year's event.

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Physician Recruitment Committee
Wilderness Camp



The “Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee” was formed several years ago to identify ways to attract physicians to live and work in the Clareville area. The committee is a partnership comprised of the Town of Clareville, Clareville Area Chamber of Commerce, Clareville Medical Arts, Family Medical Clinic, Dr. David Brentnall, and Eastern Health. Medical students were approached for suggestions and they expressed interest in being exposed to situations that occur prior to patients coming into a hospital setting. They wanted a fun relaxing weekend where they could still learn but not in a classroom. Thus, the idea of a Wilderness Camp was born.

Camp Nor’ West, a Boy Scout camp approximately 20 minutes outside of Clareville became the site of boating, car, airplane, camping and quad accident scenarios. The medical students arrived in the pouring rain on Friday, October 14 to spend a very wet weekend in the woods. That did not deter them!

The scenarios involved real vehicles and real people in accident type situations whereby the medical students were evaluated on how they dealt with and managed the accident scene and the accident victims.

Brian Avery, Chair of the committee stated: “Many volunteers were required to be actors in the accident scenarios. Over 25 adults and high school students volunteered and travelled to the camp without hesitation from Heritage Collegiate, Lethbridge;

Clareville High School, and the College of the North Atlantic. It was great to see such community support. The medical students were able to meet many people from the area that could potentially be their neighbours and patients”.

Gordon Stockwell, representative for the second year Family Medicine medical students said: “I just wanted you all to know that the weekend has been the talk of the medical school. Everyone was talking about it...I do not anticipate attendance being an issue next year with such rave reviews!”

Other comments from the Medical Students:

“I would like to thanks the community of Clareville for hosting a wonderful Wilderness Weekend this past week. As an out-of-province student this experience provided me the opportunity to see a region of this province that I might otherwise never have gotten to know. The event provided both exciting wilderness medicine as well as a chance to relax and take in the natural beauty of the area.”

“I just wanted to say thanks so much for making the wilderness weekend possible. I knew it would be fun but I was shockingly surprised at how valuable of a skill building exercise it turned out to be. My confidence in out-of-clinic medical emergencies has skyrocketed and I can't even begin to describe how much of a fantastic impact I feel this weekend has had on my clinical training.”

Rodney Drover, Certified Wilderness Camp instructor spent many hours preparing the accident scenarios and evaluated the medical students during the camp. He said: “The volunteer students, adults and medical students I met were extremely confident, energetic, kind, personable, fun and compassionate...I hope to see more of this type of interaction between rural Newfoundland and Labrador and the medical school. Ms. Caroline Bungay (Clareville High School) and her art club created the visual artistry necessary to bring it all together”.

The Provincial Recruitment Office - Newfoundland and Labrador Health Boards Association, Clareville Medical Arts, and Bights and Sounds financially supported the camp. The Town of Clareville, Clareville Area Chamber of Commerce, and Bights and Sounds Limited provided prizes and gifts for the event.