

## Chamber News – August 23, 2010

1. **New Moon Festival Meeting** – Wednesday, August 25 at noon in the Chamber of Commerce Board Room (upstairs, 204 Campbell Avenue). Planning for this event is well underway and we are seeking involvement from all our members. The festival will take place on Saturday, Sept.25 starting at 11am and will have a comedy theme this year. We are actively planning entertainment and activities throughout the downtown core and would love to have your ideas and input as well. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send someone in your place, or email me with comments, etc. that can be presented at the meeting.
2. **Revelstoke Vacation Guide** – After many years of releasing new editions of our Vacation Guide in the spring, we are planning for a January release of our newest edition (2011). This is being done in order to align our publication with the release dates of regional and provincial publications. Greg Lister, our Sales & Marketing Coordinator will begin getting in touch with you next month to book your space. Never fear, invoicing will be done in January so you won't be billed twice in the same year! Contact Greg for further questions.
3. **Business Excellence Awards Banquet** – Preparations are underway for the 2010 Business Excellence Awards Banquet set to take place on Saturday, November 6. Tickets will go on sale in September. As well, we will be seeking proposals for food service and decoration service.

Last year's Live Auction Travel Package was a smash success. We assembled stay and play packages from many local operators which we were able to trade with Chambers of Commerce from around the province in order to market our members. We have already received several expressions of interest from communities throughout BC looking to trade stay and play packages with us. If you are interested in donating room nights, gift certificates, activity vouchers or more, please contact John at the Chamber as soon as possible.

Additionally, we will be bringing back our popular silent auction this year. All of you have been very generous with donations in the past, and we invite you to participate once again. Please contact John or Lise at the Chamber if you have a good or service you would like to provide for our silent auction.

4. **More HST Resources** – Please find attached a PDF listing all the different goods and services where HST currently applies.
5. **BC Chamber August Newsletter** – Here is a link to the BC Chamber of Commerce (as a member of the Revelstoke Chamber you are automatically a

member of the BC Chamber) August Newsletter.

<http://www.bcchamber.org/news/express/august2010.html>

6. **Who says Tourism doesn't benefit our community?** – We recently received this kind email from a couple visiting our community. As you can see from their comments, tourism benefits Revelstoke businesses in many ways, not just those most obvious.

*"We just got back to our Hotel after the downtown concert tonight – Andrew Allen was almost as great as your venue. We used to just get gas in Revelstoke on our way through but now we break up our trips by staying a night, enjoying the area and of course enjoying a concert. Thought that you might be interested to know that while we were here we have purchased groceries, shoes, bike parts, a wedding gift and I even got a haircut. Anyhow, congratulations and thank you for sponsoring these nightly concerts and we look forward to another trip to Revelstoke and I'm hoping we can stay longer next time!*

*Paul and Karen Edwards  
White Rock, BC"*

Happy Monday!

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