

OUR NOVEMBER 26TH DINNER MEETING

Once again, an overflow crowd of 62 members and guests enjoyed an excellent evening.

We had many guests and prospective members in attendance, including...

- ✓ ✓ Two reps from the Muskoka Home Builders
- ✓ Keith Secord (former member) now with Edward Jones-Full Service Brokerage
- ✓ Dave Brooks - Electrician
- ✓ Peter Wedel - Ajax Design (Lifting Systems)
- ✓ Sean Baxter - Williams Lock and Key
- ✓ Tom Kayser - who spoke briefly about small business insurance coverage.

Our very informative presentation was by MPDBA member Jerome Sidley (Homeplace Inspection Services) who gave us a very practical outline of energy audits, methods of energy savings and government rebates for improving home energy efficiency.

- "Keeping the Health" is a useful manual available from the Department of Energy Efficiency. Complete details of this program are available from Jerome at 322-3888.

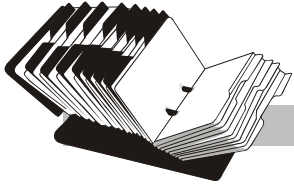
Door prizes were generously donated by Glenn Gourlie of Don Wright Motors, Jurgen Pape of Topline Paints, Jeff Hodges of Muskoka Windows and Doors, and Muskoka Clothing Co.

The 50/50 draw (\$112) was won by mystery consultant Don Bryant. Dave Templeton is our outstanding ticket "Salesman of the Month". Thanks Dave!

We were treated to a wonderful display by your "Decorating Touch" members, which, we are happy to say, drew much interest and clearly served its purpose of creating an awareness of the outstanding products and services that are available in our own membership. Participants were:

Always Kasha	Web site design and Digital Photography	Kasha	528-0437
Create your Space With Emmie	Whole house makeovers	Emmie Huizinga	527-6344
Painting by Hart	Interior and Exterior Paint Treatments		733-4303
Blair Window Fashions	Draperies and Blinds Bed & Bath Accessories, etc.	Cindy Blair	526-0500
Oja Handcrafted Furniture	Custom Furniture and Kitchens	Steve Oja	549-3233
The Lighthouse Store	Unique Nautical Gifts and Accessories	Sandy Templeton	527-4012
Topline Paint and Colour	Paint and Decorating Centre	Jurgen Pape	526-7563
Anderson's Shop at Home Carpet	Floor Sales and Installation	Marlene Anderson	549-0103
Watercolours by Yvonne Bush	Watercolour Commissions and Instruction	Yvonne Bush	533-0931

All these companies and services are just a phone call away. When you, or someone you know, is looking for quality products and services, our "Decorating Touch" pros are eager to help! A Special MPDBA Thank You! to Yvonne Bush for orchestrating this impressive event.



MEMBERSHIP INFO

- ☞ **Sunsport Graphics and Signs** has just joined our ever growing membership. We welcome **Rick Winger** who is the company representative to the MPDBA. Sunsport has just opened up a new facilities and shop at 206 Fourth Street in Midland offering full services in signage. SunSport can be reached at 527-7543 or by email at info@sunsportsigns.ca
- ☞ **Jason Vanderkooy** operates as an independent contractor specializing in trim and fine carpentry. We invite you to contact new member Jason at 526-2444 or cell phone 721-321-5835. to discuss all your carpentry needs. Welcome to the MPDBA, Jason, and continued success in your business.

Any MPDBA member is entitled to buy ad space (business card size) in this newsletter for \$100 for one year - 12 issues. We urge both current and future advertisers to ensure that your text and graphics are clear and photo-ready. We look forward to hearing from you in this regard. Call 526-6907 to participate.

UPDATE: Andrew Mae is the new member rep for law firm Hacker Gignac Rice

Recent renewals include the following firms:

NAME	CONTACT	PHONE	RENEWING FOR
Oja's Handcrafted Furniture	Steve Oja	549-3233	2 nd year
LA Concrete	Cyrille Charlebois	533-3366	10 th year
Atlas Block	Bruce Witheridge	534-7219	11 th year

Don't forget! As a member you can insert your own one-page promotional flyer in this newsletter for one of our monthly mailings. Not only do we mail to our 74 members but also to some 55 others who are in some way related to the building industry.

Call Austin at 526-6907 for details.

ABILITY WILL NOT KEEP UP WITH THE DEMAND FOR IT

MPDBA CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE AND PARTY

THAT WAS GREAT! Thanks, Dave and Sandy Templeton for all the hard work! Both prize tables (door prizes and dance prizes) were full to add to the festive occasion. We are most grateful to these donors for their continuing generosity:

Midland Home Building Centre
Rona Building Centre
Huron Steel Sales
Timbr Mart

Ed Garraway Electric
Connie Weatherall
Wyevale Concrete Products

Aim Chimney and Hearth
Teresa Giffin
Deb Grise

We augmented these excellent donations with items purchased locally (mostly from our members).

DESIGNERS WALK

What an eye opener! Our bus-load journeyed to Toronto on November 20th for a most interesting day. The 5 buildings are all within easy walking distance and are absolutely packed full of show rooms, ideas and dreams. Designers Walk has a website which can be visited at www.designerswalk.com.

Should there be sufficient interest in a spring visitation to Designers Walk, your association would be prepared to organize such an outing.

HOME AND LEISURE SHOW

Don Bryant of our Board of Directors is the point man on booth space and display concepts for this trade show which takes place April 23-24-25, 2004. Don has arranged for 10 booths for members of our association. This volume purchase allows you to get a full 10 x 10 space for around \$200 vs. over \$300 if you went in on your own (or less if you want to share a space with another member). Since these booths are in a block we will be able to staff your display on times when you can't make it.

Get involved now by calling Don at 534-7024. We can provide some suggestions if you think this is a good idea, but you are unsure of how to proceed. Stay tuned for further details.