

DINNER MEETING - APRIL 27, 2005

An excellent crowd on that date enjoyed one of the best buffets offered by the Best Western staff - they do look after us very well!

Chris Oke of Andersen Windows provided an excellent "Windows 101" seminar which was full of information presented in layman's terms. This allowed everyone to understand the sophistication of window, door and glass technologies. Thanks to Jeff Hodges for arranging the program.

Our World Famous Chinese Auction prizes were won by Dave Templeton and Pat Watson. 50/50 tickets were sold by Charles Wenneker with the split of \$100 going to Dave Brooks. Jill Richards won two of the back-up prizes!

As always, we really do appreciate the generosity and thoughtfulness of our members who add to our door prize assortment, in this case, Jeff Hodges of Muskoka Windows and Doors and Jerome Sidley of Direct Energy.

SOME QUOTES BY YOGI BERRA - FORMER YANKEE GREAT

"Baseball is 90 per cent mental. The other half is physical."

"You can observe a lot by watching."

"Never answer an anonymous letter."

"When you come to a fork in the road, take it."

"The future ain't what it used to be."

NEW MEMBERS OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS ARE:

Brooks Electric	Dave Brooks	526-6066
Ernie Sharp Carpentry Excavating Renovations Snowplowing		549-4276

We are delighted that you have chosen to join the MPDBA

"Be a member - support a member"

THANKS FOR RENEWING

Rona Building Center	Larry Cowan	526-3748
Rona Rent-all	Jack Bertram	526-2297
G.P. Masonry & Landscaping Supply	Dale Franks	726-2321
Muskoka Window & Door Centre	Jeff Hodges	1-800-461-5495
Mortgage Intelligence	Tim Dunlop	528-1727
Belanger Aluminum	Heather Gonneau	526-6836
J.D. Do-it-all	David Giffin	526-4607
Spray it Blue	Marc Asselin	534-4345
Home & Cottage Centre	Grant Ivens	549-2710
Gilkon Construction	Antero Kontkanen	526-3364

GOLF - 2005

Our sold out golf tournament of July 8 is well into the planning stages - and here's where you can help:

Dave Giffin (526-4607) is in charge of our sponsorship program. Sponsorships start at \$100 and are the only source of funding that we have to support our annual John Weel Memorial Scholarship and other donations to community organizations. We need more sponsors to participate. Please call Dave if you wish to support this cause - your construction site sign will be prominently displayed on golf day. Here are our sponsorship heroes to date:

GOLD:	Atlas Block Huronian Alarms Muskoka Window & Door Centre	SILVER:	Huronian Steel Sales Wenneker Woodworks On Site Septic Solutions
BRONZE:	Carriere Ready Mix Home & Cottage Centre Cy Gignac Excavating A&R Carpentry Rob Marchand Construction Chique Antiques Herb Mellish Land Surveyor Georgian Kitchen Centre GPL Homes		Guy Brunelle Construction Spray it Blue Al Sant Developments Stonetree Inc. Contractor Rental Supply Anderson Shop at Home Carpets Aim Chimney & Hearth Apex Countertops

We are stepping up our search for unique and attractive items for our Silent Auction. Think of us if you have event tickets, artwork, tools, services, etc. We need contributions!

Golf invoices have been issued so consider this a gentle reminder if your golf account is not yet paid.

Genuine thanks to all who have supported, or will be supporting this cause.

In 2005, as in previous years, your MPDBA will be making a scholarship award presentation to selected students from each of the five area High Schools.

CONGRATULATIONS AND A TIP OF THE OLD BUILDERS

HARD HAT TO THESE MEMBERS...

SunSport Signs: Rick Winger and Mike Cillis were proud to accept the North Simcoe CFDC's Entrepreneurs of the Year Award on behalf of SunSport Signs. SunSport is located in Midland at the corner of Fourth and Bay and can respond to all your signage needs. Call 527-7543 for information and quotes.

The Dunlop Team: Mortgage Intelligence (Tim Dunlop) and W Parker Bookkeeping (Marie Dobson-Dunlop) had the grand opening of Team Dunlop's new facilities on May 6th. Team Dunlop is located at 338 King Street in Midland. Anyone requiring residential or commercial mortgages, investment consultation, bookkeeping or tax advice and preparation may call 528-1727 or 528-0864.

ANNUAL SHRINERS HOME SHOW

...was held April 22, 23 and 24th. The inclement weather was a boon for attendance and it seems from conversation with our participating members that it was the best show yet in terms of both traffic and viable leads.

Special thanks from our members to Don Bryant, who was the MPDBA point man for this trade show - helping out wherever required! Don, we appreciate.

Upcoming MPDBA Events and Dates

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| Wed. May 18 th | Builders Board of Directors
295 Hanly Street
Midland 7:00 p.m. |
| Wed. May 25 th | MPDBA May Dinner Meeting
Best Western Highland Inn
From 6:00 p.m. |
| Wed. June 29 th | Our World Famous Builders BarBQ
At Wenneker Woodworks
9000 Co. Rd. 93, Midland
from 5:00 p.m.
Stay tuned for more info and registration details |
| Fri. July 8 th | MPDBA 16 th Annual Golf Tourney
Brooklea Golf and Country Club |

...And finally, with my other hat on - a word about the YMCA's \$4 million campaign. We have received some very significant early support from some of our generous and community spirited members. We have reached 75% of our goal, and are optimistic that with pledged contributions (over 3-5 years) our goal will be met and exceeded. Permanent recognition for ALL donors will be provided in the completed YMCA lobby.

Please welcome our volunteer canvassers when they call. Thanks for keeping a great thing going and growing.

We appreciate!!! See you next Wednesday - Austin...