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September, 2007

Business of the Month

Chancery Art Gallery - Owner and Art Director - Lena (Helen) Kolobow
Women in Business graduate 2006/2007 - Now open at 10 Chancery Lane,
Bracebridge! First show - "Role Play" - featured contemporary fine art by
Yevgenia Nayberg. Current show is "It's Up To You, New York..." Mikhail Gubin,
running until September 22, 2007. Chancery Art Gallery - 705-646-0514 -
www.ChanceryArt.com

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Thoughts and information from Carolyn Bray
Executive Director - YWCA of Muskoka

E-NEWS: Welcome to the first edition of YWCA E-NEWS! Each month we will send you program updates from YWCA Muskoka and a brief editorial relevant to our mission. Your feedback is welcome. We are happy to add people to our distribution list - just send us your e-mail! Conversely, if you have received this and you wish to be deleted from our contact list, we will be happy to unsubscribe you.

OCTOBER ELECTION REFERENDUM: You have recently received information in the mail from Elections Canada regarding the upcoming referendum on an alternative voting system. This referendum gives Ontario voters the opportunity to say yes to MMP, a revised electoral system in which 90 of the seats in the Ontario Legislature would still be elected in ridings as is the case now and a further 39 would be elected by proportional representations (PR). Each voter would get two votes - one for a local riding representative and one for their favourite party's list of candidates for the PR seats. The 39 PR seats would be determined based on the percentage of votes received by each party across the province. YWCA Muskoka encourages you to make an informed decision.

We invite you to an information meeting with Elections Canada representative David Moore here at the YWCA office in Bracebridge on September 14th, at 10 am.

Program Updates...

FALL PROGRAMMING: September often feels like the unofficial New Year. With the fall colours upon us, all hands are back on deck getting organized to launch our 2007-2008 programs. Welcome back to Lynda Hutt in our Women in Business program who has been working on her own upholstery business this past summer and Kim Irvine Albano who returns to Women in Business and our secondary school programming this fall. Hannah Lin and Cath Armstrong have recuperated from an excellent summer of programming and we are now preparing to launch Girls Unplugged in every public school in Muskoka in November and our Homework Club at Spruce Glen Public School, Bracebridge Public School and Gravenhurst Public School.

Women in Business

Women in Business - Next program begins in October 10, 2007.
Are you ready for a career or life change?
Do you have a business idea that you want to develop?
This is the program for you!

REGISTER TODAY at www.ywcamuskoka.com or 645-9827

Women in Business Luncheons - September, 2007

Topic - Panel of Women in Business Grads
Bracebridge - YWCA Office - 29 Manitoba Street
Friday September 28, 2007
Huntsville - Huntsville Civic Centre - Partner's Hall
Friday September 14, 2007
Gravenhurst - First Luncheon is in October
Details to Follow in next Newsletter

RSVP Required - 645-9827 or wib@ywcamuskoka.com

Women of Distinction - 2007

The 6th Annual Women of Distinction Award Gala and Silent Auction will be held at Taboo Resort, Thursday November 8, 2007. The Gala will publicly acknowledge women in Muskoka who have played a significant role in advancing the cause of women through their initiative, achievements, and commitment to their community. The nominee's involvement may be at a local, national or international level.

The Four award categories are:

- **Young Woman of Distinction**

A young woman who has made a significant contribution to the life of her community through her outstanding personal achievements and leadership.

- **Entrepreneurship**

A successful business woman who has employed herself and others with dignity for at least 3 years. In doing so she has earned the respect of her peers and serves as a role model for women.

- **Champion of the Environment**

A woman who has demonstrated commitment and contribution to the preservation and improvement of the environment locally, provincially, nationally or internationally.

- **Exceptional Achievement**

A woman to be honoured for achievements exceeding the scope represented by all other award categories. This woman will have either demonstrated capacity in several areas or tremendous capacity in one area. (An award may not be given every year.)

The deadline for nomination is Friday October 12th, 2007.

Youth Programs

Girlz Unplugged - Offering programs for girls in grade 4 through 8 at every public school in Muskoka! Do you know a girl that would benefit from a program that encourages self-confidence and self-esteem while participating in a variety of art and drama activities? Sessions start the week of November 5, 2007, meeting once a week over the lunch period for 20 weeks. More information is available through the Muskoka YWCA or at your child's school.

Homework Club - The YWCA is pleased to offer the Homework Club at Spruce Glen, Bracebridge and Gravenhurst Public Schools after school from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. The Homework Club is available for girls and boys in grades 4 through 8, and welcomes students from all schools in Muskoka. The Homework Club starts the week of September 27, 2007. Please contact the Muskoka YWCA for more information or to register.

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