

DOWNTOWN OSHAWA BIZ CLUB

Recap of our first Downtown Biz Club Jan. 12/09 ~

You won't want to miss February's.....venue to be confirmed.



Being from the hospitality industry, I have no problem whatsoever of sashaying into a restaurant and grabbing a seat at the bar! Generally, bar conversation and the people at the bar are a lot more fun, interesting and definitely more chatty ~ last night was no exception at **19 On King** at our Downtown Biz Club event as I shared bar space with seven (count 'em ladies), *seven* interesting male businessmen that kept the conversation anything but dull!

Jarrod at 19 On King

Tony Vander Baaren our Vice-Chair graced us with his presence for just a half hour, but as usual Tony was full of good news stories from SNAP and even reminisced how he and Graziella used to organize their four kids when they were just pint sized ~ **all of this to enlighten David Tuley, proud father of his second child Samuel, born January 5/09.** Tony is the master mind behind our mixed media campaign, holding a seat on the Board as a Director, on behalf of Peter McGill, Murray Johnston.



Speaking of babies.....Dave Thomas (one of the 3 owners) from 19 On King is also a proud Daddy, having embraced the arrival of his little boy Christian, weighing in at 7lb. 14 oz. January 12/09.

Congrats to you and the wife Dave!

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THE CARTRIDGE REFILLERS Chris from Island Ink Jet showed up and I blurted out my confession before he even had a chance to take off his coat.....*I bought a cartridge for our printer at the Board office from L-e-x-m-a-r-k instead of calling Chris!* Not to worry though, I'm going to plug him later on this month, and I've taped his name and phone number to the printer for the next cartridge (905) 433-8048. We asked Chris how he came up with the name, and we learned that the first location started out on Vancouver Island ~ get it.....*Island?* Watch for more details about what Chris may be offering to downtown businesses in the near future ~ since Jenkins left, we need a place to pick up copier paper and office supplies and I did my best to convince him this is a win/win should he consider it! **Speaking of winning.....even though I messed up by ordering our cartridge from a competitor, Chris was kind enough to give me a voucher for a free ink-jet refill ~ the first one to email me back gets the free refill.**



Bob Malcolmson, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce showed up for a quick beverage. We chewed on the state of the economy for awhile and then we laughed about the Chamber's Corporate Challenge as Bob told us stories about past events. To see all the details of this fun-filled event, go to www.oshawachamber.com Register before Jan. 30th and save \$10.00. Deadline is Fri. Feb. 13/09. Pre-registration is required. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the Chamber 905-728-1683. **The Challenge is taking place Wed. March 4/09 at NEB's Fun World!** Sponsorships available.



Past Chair, Glen Gillett (Gillett Car Cleaning, Bond St. 905-435-1091), and I must say he was the most fun and the advice he gave me **must** be shared with everyone.....Glen is turning (*or has just turned*) the big "five-oh" and he is prepared to follow these three simple rules as he gracefully ages ~

- ***Never pass a bathroom***
- ***Never waste a you-know-what*** (Glen would be happy to tell you what this is)
- ***Never trust a fart***

Followed of course by his big laugh and his over the top positive attitude ~ ***thanks Glen and Happy Birthday!***

David Tuley was there of course ~ David is our Downtown Development Officer for the City in case you don't know him (and also sits on the Board). We shared some business chatter, some baby talk and conversed with Jarrod and Roger about wine and food. I lost David though at some point as he headed out the door ~ **thought he said he had to go home and have a bath with his wife, but after thinking about that I'm sure he must have said *his baby*.....** although having a bath with your wife is always very special David ~ don't forget about her in the midst of diaper changes and late night feedings!



Special thanks to those of you that did come out ~ **please join us again in February, and bring one other business person with you!** Thanks to Jarrod and Roger, the other two owners of 19 On King ~ their hospitality was most generous and their interest in our event was greatly appreciated. If you haven't visited their restaurant yet, please do ~ the food and wine selection is wonderful! Open for lunch and dinner.



Don't miss their January 23rd. event as they celebrate Scottish poet, Robbie Burns! Jarrod will be playing the bag pipes and there will be Highland dancers performing as well.

To find out more, call (905) 579-9335.



It was a pleasure hosting our first social ~ I look forward to seeing more of you come out to this casual, informal event as we motor on through 2009. Anyone wishing to make a suggestion for a theme or a guest speaker, or whatever you might think is fun and interesting can call me anytime!

Best regards,

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**Next Board Meeting January 21/09 6pm ~ 12 ½ Simcoe St. S.
(next door to Reeds, 2nd. floor) RSVP's requested**