

RCC holds 34th annual Business Excellence Awards



RiverRock Casino was the backdrop for this year's Gala. Congratulations to all of our Business Excellence Awards 2011 finalists and recipients.

On Wednesday, Nov. 23, the Richmond Chamber of Commerce recognized the best businesses over the previous year in Richmond, handing out eleven awards at its 34th annual Business Excellence Awards Gala.

Lisa Wong, RCC Chair said "This year's Business Excellence Awards, were truly a celebration of the phenomenal businesses we have, right here, in Richmond community. These businesses are Richmond's "best of the best". They are diverse, innovative, entrepreneurial and truly giving companies that contribute to the fabric of our

community well beyond simply providing jobs.

All of finalists are the stars that continue to shine brightly, not just here in Richmond, but internationally," Wong continued.

In addition to the eleven awards, the Rick Hansen Foundation was selected as the Global Newsmaker of the Year and Boston Pizza International received the Richmond Chamber of Commerce *Hall of Fame Award*.

The 34th annual Business Excellence Awards took place in the River Rock Casino Resort and, with over 370 guests, this event is gaining popularity every year.

Upcoming Events

December

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Business After 5 and Holiday Celebration

Join us for a great "Members Only" Networking experience with our hosts Signarama Richmond, 145 - 13988 Maycrest Way 5-8:pm

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7

Strictly Networking Breakfast 2011

Richmond Country Club, 9100 Steveston Hwy. Registration & Breakfast 7 - 7:30am Networking 7:30 - 9am Tickets: Members \$15+HST Non-Members \$25+HST

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

First Annual Christmas Drive Thru!

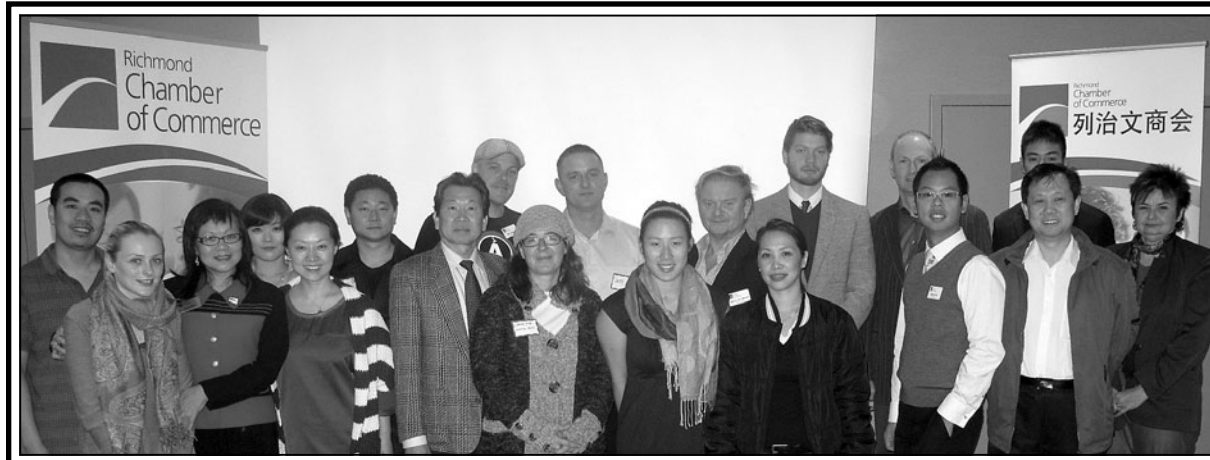
Add a little holiday cheer to your morning commute by taking part in the first ever Richmond Christmas Fund drive-thru event. From 6-9am on Thursday, Dec. 8. Volunteers will be on hand at the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel accepting donations for the Richmond Christmas Fund. Drop off cash, new toys, books or gift cards and receive free coffee and a muffin and value meal coupon, courtesy of McDonald's.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Bring your staff and join the fun. Entertainment, prizes, great networking & delicious turkey dinner. Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel, 7551 Westminster Hwy. Tickets \$38 + HST.

NOTE: Reservations are required for all Chamber events.



On Nov. 17, RCC held its special New Members Welcome Breakfast, sponsored by the Best Western Abercorn Inn Hotel. This complimentary event offered new members the opportunity to meet with leading members of the Richmond Chamber including representatives from our board of directors, our ambassadors and staff, as well as benefit partners. Welcome to all our new members and we look forward to working with you in the future.



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The Richmond Chamber of Commerce has been "Proudly serving our community for since 1925". In partnership with the *Richmond Review* the Chamber produces *Business Report* once per month. The statements and views expressed in this monthly publication are not necessarily those of the publisher. This publication's intent is to keep Chamber members and prospective members informed on important information, events and educational items. The Richmond Chamber of Commerce is located at Suite 101 - South Tower - 5811 Cooney, Road, Richmond, BC, V6X 3M1.

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Terracotta Warriors Arts Project comes to Richmond

The Richmond Chambers of Commerce is proud to be a sponsor of the Terracotta Warriors arts project.

Produced by the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities, this project will be displayed throughout Richmond and Vancouver and all proceeds will go towards funding the Lions Society's Easter Seal Camps and Houses. Richmond will be filled with beautiful art sculptures celebrating the best of Asian culture. The project will produce its own special map that will allow tourists to follow the map and get their photos taken with the Warriors. What better way to bring tourists to your front door? Businesses can get involved by sponsoring an artist along with the sculpture to be placed in Richmond in 2012.

For information on being a sponsor/patron of a Terracotta Warrior please contact Stephen Miller at smiller@lionsbc.ca or visit www.terracottawarriors.com.



Auditor General set to transform local governments

Richmond Chamber of Commerce welcomed the announcement that the Auditor General for Local Government will be created in British Columbia.

Lisa Wong, Chair of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce stated "RCC applauds the BC Government for making this bold move to ensure that our municipalities are accountable and provide services in a competitive and cost effective way".

The BC Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate the Provincial Government for tabling this important legislation. "The legislation of this new

office has the potential to fundamentally change the way municipalities in BC operate," said John Winter, President and CEO of the BC Chamber of Commerce.

The concept for a Local Government Auditor General office in BC was developed in a 2010 policy paper by the BC Chamber of Commerce, which focused on creating equity in the property tax system and bringing transparency to local government. Chambers of Commerce recognize that many local governments face challenges providing services with limited financial means.

Full press release available at richmondchamber.ca.

Chamber welcomes two new Affinity Partners

The Richmond Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the addition of two new Affinity Partners to our Members Benefit Program, Staples Advantage and Ashton Service Group.

Added benefits to membership!

Your membership investment yields dividends through opportunities such as our Member Discount Programs, which use group buying to achieve discounts on business products and services.

Why offer member discount programs?

The Chamber exists to ensure the success of our member businesses and, at the same time, return a dividend on membership investment. We use our resources to find the best products and services available. In some cases, our Member Discount Programs offer members a way to recoup the cost of their original investment in the Chamber.

What products are available through the Chamber?

From office supplies to recruitment advertising and shipping services, the Chamber researches products and services and provides enhanced quality

and member discounts.

How can I take advantage of member discount programs, including Chamber Group Insurance?

By becoming a paid member with the Chamber, you can participate in these programs, including Chamber Group Insurance Plan.



Advantage

Special Richmond Chamber of Commerce Members Program

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For more information on many other benefits and our Affinity Partner Program, visit http://www.richmondchamber.ca/member_benefits.aspx

Member to Family Challenge announced

Everyone deserves to share in the magic of the holiday season, but unfortunately, not everyone can. There are those among us who can't afford a special holiday meal, or don't have the financial means to put gifts under the tree. That's where the Richmond Christmas Fund comes in.

A program of Volunteer Richmond Information Services, the Richmond Christmas Fund distributes grocery vouchers to

over 2,000 low-income residents each year, and provides nearly 1,000 children with toys, games, and books. This is all made possible thanks to generous donations from the community.

100 Businesses. \$500 Each.

The Richmond Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Richmond Christmas Fund to present the first ever Member to Family Challenge. The goal is

simple: to have 100 businesses each donate \$500 to the program.

Donation Instructions

Chamber members can make a \$500 cash donation to the Richmond Christmas Fund by visiting christmasfund.volunteerrichmond.ca (type "Chamber Challenge" as the dedication message) or by calling 604-279-7020. In addition to receiving a tax receipt, businesses

who donate will have their logo added to a special Member to Family Challenge webpage acknowledging their contribution. Logos can be e-mailed to info@volunteerrichmond.ca.

For additional information on the Richmond Christmas Fund, including the many community events being held in support of the program, please visit www.volunteerrichmond.ca or call 604-279-7020.

DRIVE-THRU EVENT

DONATE: Cash - New Toys - Books - Gift Cards

Thursday, December 8, 2011

DELTA VANCOUVER AIRPORT HOTEL

EVENT: 6:00AM - 9:00AM
DONATIONS: ACCEPTED ALL DAY

DONORS WILL RECEIVE FREE COFFEE AND A MCDONALD'S MUFFIN

EVENT PARTNER: SIGNATURE SUPPORTER:

KEY SUPPORTERS:

DIRECTIONS

To the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel (3500 Cessna Drive)

Travelling West on Bridgeport Road

- 1) Keep in left lane on Airport Connector Bridge, then take ramp right toward Cessna Drive
- 2) Bear right onto Cessna Drive
- 3) Turn left into the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel

Travelling North on Russ Baker Way

- 1) Turn right on Cessna Drive (At BCIT Aerospace Technology Campus)
- 2) Take Cessna Drive for 0.7 km
- 3) Turn right into the Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel

Visit www.volunteerrichmond.ca for more information on the Richmond Christmas Fund Drive-Thru Event

Welcome New Members

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Richmond, BC V6X 3G9
Phone: (778) 588-1219
Contact: Steven Liu

Pinetree Quantum Synergy Corp
205 - 9808 King George Hwy
South Surrey, BC V3T 2V6
Phone: (604) 716-4530
Contact: Sammy Oh

Playful Paws Doggy Daycare Ltd.
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Contact: Lama Pike

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Surrey, BC V4N 6K6
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Building Sustainable Communities conference is just around the corner! Check out the Program at a Glance, list of speakers (that's growing weekly), online registration, and sponsorship package to see how you can be involved in this must-attend event that will feature more than 250 speakers and industry experts! The deadline for early bird registration is Dec. 1. www.freshoutlookfoundation.org/events/bsc/2012

Canadian Blood Services — Richmond residents are encouraged to book an appointment to give blood Thursday, Dec. 2 at St. Paul's School Gymnasium located at 8251 St. Alban's Road. Clinic Hours

are 12:30 - 7 pm. Please visit donateblood.ca or call 1-888-2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283) to book an appointment to give. Visit www.blood.ca for more information on blood donation.

Richmond Art Gallery — Richard Ibgby and Marilou Lemmens, The lights constellating one's internal sky Opening Thursday, Nov. 17, 7-9pm. Nov. 18 to Jan 15, 2012 visit www.richmondartgallery.org/ibgby-lemmens.php

Master Michael Lok of Lok's Hapkido School would like to invite you to join them for their Grand Re-Opening of their new location on Dec 11, 2011 Sunday. Dinner Banquet. Address: 120 - 5726 Minoru Blvd. Time: 1 pm Lion Dance

(VIP arrives) Hapkido Demonstration: 1:30-3:30 pm: Dinner Reception: 6 pm, \$18. Location: Stage One Academy (across the parking lot on Minoru Blvd.) Address: 170-5731 Minoru Blvd, Richmond. For more information call 604-307-8683.

The Community Arts Council of Richmond announces the date for their annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting for 2011 will take place Friday, December 9th at the music division space of the Steveston Arts Connection #160 - 3900 Steveston Hwy, Richmond. This is in Minato Village at #1 Road and Steveston Hwy. For further information contact: cacrinformation@shaw.ca

BEST BUY - Correction Notice

NEWSPAPER RETRACTION FOR THE BEST BUY NOVEMBER 25 CORPORATE FLYER
On the November 25 flyer, page 8, please be advised that the fine print for the iPod touch Trade-in Promotion was advertised with an incorrect trade-in value. The maximum trade-in value is in fact \$30 per transaction, NOT \$40. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our valued customers.

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