

The Link to Let's Do Lunch

A monthly newsletter for members and friends of Let's Do Lunch

March 2011



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Let's Do Lunch—Share A Little Magic!



A big thank you to all who shared **Let's Do Lunch—Share a Little Magic!** What a fabulous day! The snowy start to the day didn't stop the excitement of those in attendance and guests enjoyed networking and meeting other local business owners. The buzz was in the room! We were pleased to share our 20th luncheon with our guests and want to thank Lance Brown from CTV Toronto News for taking the time to share it with us. Your words of inspiration and dedication to the Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies touched us all.



Lance was kind enough to share the following after the luncheon, "I was very impressed with how organized and informal your lunch the other day was...it looks like a great way to network with people and be with friends at the same time. I was exceptionally impressed by the food, too!



I find while we might look for results in the children we mentor or are Big Brothers and Big Sisters to, we often find the most easily discernable results are in ourselves. It's the sense of good that comes from helping, I presume, yet I'm certain that these children help me more than I ever could them. They give me my youth, my optimism, my perspective back. And as Margie can surely attest, I need all the perspective I can get, sometimes".— Lance Brown, CTV Toronto News



Special thanks to Carol, Chef Eng and the team at Royal Ashburn for an outstanding luncheon and service! The Death by Chocolate dessert was good to the last delicious drop The morning goodies were absolutely delicious and artfully displayed, thank you to Elizabeth and Christine you make a fabulous team! We look forward to the next lunch to see what goodies you will create for us then.

We welcomed new **Let's Do Lunch** members and guests to their first luncheon and are pleased to share the following quotes:

"**Let's Do Lunch—Share A Little Magic** was excellent in terms of the venue & food. They also helped raise awareness on special charities & organizations in Durham. I met some wonderful people, I'm still energized from it and looking forward to the next luncheon!"

— Annie Henderson, News Advertiser

"My **Let's do Lunch** day was terrific! It was an outstanding opportunity for networking and I met some truly amazing people. There was much energy in the room! I really enjoyed learning about Big Brothers and Sisters and was happy to contribute to such a wonderful organization. I'm already looking forward to the next luncheon".—Marty Britton, Britton Management Profiles Inc.



Also wonderful to have in attendance was Ted Seath and Tina Grant from Durham College. Durham College has been instrumental to the success of **Let's Do Lunch** from the very beginning and we were so glad they were able to celebrate this 20th luncheon with us. Sam, High School Co-op Student for Sue Pitchforth, Room For Change attended her first luncheon and did a wonderful job showcasing her decorating/staging company in our **Let's Do Business** area.

It was a wonderful experience to work together with the Big Brothers Big Sisters Agencies from across the Durham Region to raise awareness and funds for this deserving charity. We were able to raise 1550.00 towards in school mentoring programs Go Girl and Game On. Special thanks to our corporate donation and funds raised through Let's Do Lunch members Michele, Cartridge World Oshawa and John & Marilyn Garry, Once Upon A Child.

Waiting lists exist in Durham for a mentor, if you or someone you know are interested in learning more please contact your local branch or visit the website at:



www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca



Let's Do Lunch—Have A Heart—Friday May 27th, 2011

As one luncheon ends another is in the works. Over the next couple of months we will be working closely with Laura Celsie, founder of Wyatt's Warriors and charity for our next luncheon to be held Friday, May 27th at Royal Ashburn Golf Course. We hope you will join us for **Let's Do Lunch—Have A Heart!**

Laura founded Wyatt's Warriors after the death of her nephew Wyatt (April 27th 2007—May 16th 2009) to Congenital Heart Defects. Since his death she has worked tirelessly to raise awareness to this number 1 birth defect in the world.

We are excited to be working with Laura to bring you **Have A Heart** and are planning another exciting luncheon with loads of fun. We hope you will come help us support the littlest warriors of all.

Watch for more on Laura and Wyatt's Warriors in our next newsletter and on our website.

Contact Wyatt's Warriors

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Wishing A Very Happy Birthday To Let's Do Lunch Members

- Leanne Paty—March 1st
- Carrie Makins—March 3rd
- Helene Wright—March 8th
- Noreen Nasu-Howes—March 23rd
- Donna Wiggers—March 30th

Have A Happy Day!

Welcome To New Let's Do Lunch Members:



Marty Britton—Britton Management Profiles Inc.

<http://www.letsdolunch.info/author/martybritton/>

Laura Martin—Balance Bookkeeping Services

<http://www.letsdolunch.info/author/lmbalance/>

Sharon Vanderven—Epicure Selections

<http://www.letsdolunch.info/author/shari-v/>

Zsuzanna Porter—Royal Lepage Connect Realty Brokerage

<http://www.letsdolunch.info/author/zsuzannaporter/>

Have you checked your LinkedIn Account Settings Recently?



On February 15th, 2011 LinkedIn announced the launch of a simplified LinkedIn Account and Settings which just recently appeared for myself.

Although LinkedIn claims member settings/defaults have not been changed if you haven't updated your LinkedIn account settings recently, I urge you to take a few minutes now. Most people I offer fast track LinkedIn Training to tell me they didn't even notice the options were there!

To see the settings link click on the small arrow to the right of your name (top right of your LinkedIn home page) and click on "Settings".

For more articles on Social Networking visit Sue's website at: www.awebthatworks.com.



Sue enjoys **Share A Little Magic** games and displays her winnings!



Member Profile—Britton Management Profiles



Don't try to hide any secrets from new **Let's Do Lunch** member Marty Britton. Guided by the principals of integrity, quality and timeliness Britton Management Profiles is a full



service employment screening company that assists organizations in making informed hiring decisions. Since its inception in 1974, the company has evolved to a full service background checking company. Our services include reference checks, education and employment verification, criminal and credit checks, drivers abstract and social media checks. Marty's team of experts and valuable resources are evidence of their commitment to excellence. They will work directly with your organization to create a valuable pre-employment screening program suited to your specific needs.



Marty also heads up the Company of Woman Durham Chapter. Company of Women is a catalyst bringing women together to help build relationships and foster connections



between them, both on a business and personal level. Company of Women connects women personally, professionally, profoundly! **Let's Do Lunch** and Company Of Women compliment each other I think, says Marty "and I look forward to working together with Sue & Debbie to see how we can assist each other."

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Member Profile—Balance Bookkeeping Service



BALANCE

It's important to maintain a balance between your work life and your family life. There are 24 hours in a day. Why aren't you working 12 hours every day?

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Have you filed your taxes yet? Looking for someone to help you reconcile those accounts? Meet **Let's Do Lunch** member Laura Martin, owner of Balance Bookkeeping Service located in the Municipality of Clarington. A graduate from Durham College Business Administrations Accounting 3 yr Diploma Program and on the Dean's list you can be sure Laura has excellent accounting knowledge! "I believe that with good organization, reliability and a strong work ethic anything can be accomplished." Laura says. "and as the owner of Balance Bookkeeping Services, I understand the importance of reliable and trustworthy bookkeeping."

While Laura is missing playing/coaching for Courtice Parks & Recreation right now, she is excited about becoming an in school mentor for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Clarington and is anxious to get the program started. While she would like to be more active in the community right now she's not sure which direction that will lead. Joining **Let's Do Lunch** will allow the opportunity to learn about other organizations and charities so perhaps Laura will find that path with us.

Laura explains hearing about **Let's Do Lunch**, "I was speaking with one of my previous professors at Durham College about the challenges when starting your own business and he suggested joining **Let's Do Lunch** to help with networking locally and meeting other women who might have experienced some of the same difficulties as I've been facing. So here I am!" To connect with Laura, learn more about her services or send her some business tips contact her at:

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Member News

Reminder:
Send Your **Member News** or Events before the 15th of Each month to have advertised in the following month's newsletter.
Email: anne@letsdolunch.info



Silent Auction Items Wanted

If you can help support the Performing Arts Program at DDSB by donating a Silent Auction item or purchasing Advertising space for their upcoming Motor City Jazz Night "Souled Out" featuring the talented O'Neil Jazz Bands, OJ1, OJ2 & OJ3 it would be most appreciated!
Ad space is available starting at \$50.00. Deadline for ads is Thursday March 10th.

Motor City Jazz is the primary source of fundraising to support the music program for very talented Performing Arts Students at O'Neil High School.
If you can help please email Anne Clements at akclements@sympatico.ca
Thank You!



March Break Camp at Heartland Equestrian

March 14 - March 18, 2011

9 AM to 3 PM Mon. to Thurs. and 9 AM to Noon on Friday.
Horse Show on Friday for all parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. The kids prepare for it all week and it is really exciting!!
Space is very limited, reserve today!
Learn about horses, horsemanship, interact with our equine friends, and enjoy using our indoor and out door facilities. Whether a beginner or experienced rider, you'll have a great experience at Heartland.



Call 905 655 8968 or email: debbie@heartlandequestrian.ca

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HOME & GARDEN SHOW Spring 2011
Sponsored by Beachcomber Hot Tubs

Fri., March 11 1 pm - 9 pm
Sat., March 12 10 am - 6 pm
Sun., March 13 10 am - 5 pm

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This ticket is good for 2 adult admissions to the Oshawa This Week Spring Home and Garden Show. Value \$10.00

Please join me at the Home Show! I will be hosting a seminar on Sunday March 13th, 1:30 General Motors Centre and I would love to see you there!
The topic will be "Outdoor Rooms, Garden & Decor Ideas" You could be the winner of an Inspiration Package!
Please contact me for your complimentary ticket at: roomforchange@hotmail.ca
Hope you are able to attend!
Sue Pitchforth—Room For Change

Real Estate Information Session

Ashley Stevens, a Sales Representative with Keller Williams Energy will be providing valuable information on the current trends in the real estate market. Ashley will also be speaking about what to look for when selecting a realtor.

Sue Pitchforth, Decorator/Stager and owner of Room for Change will present "Designed to Sell" a staging program on how to stage a home prior to listing it for sale to get the most money in the least amount of time.

- Date:** Sunday March 27, 2011
RSVP to Ashley by March 21, 2011
- Location:** Keller Williams Energy Real Estate Brokerage
www.ashleystevens.ca
360 King St W. Unit 101
Oshawa, ON L1J 2K9
905-556-2158
- Time:** 1:00pm. - 3:00pm.
- Cost:** Free - including refreshments
- Speakers:** Ashley Stevens, Sales Representative, KW
Sue Pitchforth, Owner, Room for Change



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