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EVERYTHING CLASSIC



Happy Holidays

On Behalf of

*President George Nelson, the
Board of Directors and myself,
We would like to wish each and
every one of our members a*

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

*We look forward to serving you in
2010*

Glenna Lohnes

Executive Director





Your patronage of a locally owned independent business does big things for Kensington & surrounding area— from impacting the local economy, to enhancing its character and appeal.

As consumers, we have the power to shape our community! Isn't that an amazing thought?

Every time we open our wallets to a business, we are saying, "I like what you do! Keep doing it." When we shop local, we are saying YES to a strong vibrant local economy that translates into a unique and interesting community.

Money Spent Local, Stays Local.

Several studies have shown that money spent at a locally owned business stays in the local economy and continues to strengthen the economic base of the community. These studies showed that for every \$100 in consumer spending locally yielded \$45. That is \$45.00 more that will impact the local economy.

Local Owners are Local Contributors.

There are other benefits to buying local as well. Research has shown that small local businesses make indispensable contributions to communities and neighborhoods. A study of businesses detailing charitable giving showed that when in-kind contributions were included, small firms gave an average of \$789 per employee, medium sized firms \$172, and large firms \$334. Additionally, large firms contribute primarily to the area where the corporation is headquartered, not necessarily where they do business.

Local Businesses Offer Stable Employment.

Small businesses account for the largest share of net new jobs generated each year, and locally based business provide some of the most stable employment opportunities in a community. For all their economic power, the number of jobs provided by global corporations relative to the world's workforce is small. The 200 largest corporations in the world employ less than 1 percent of the global workforce although they account for about 30 percent of global economic activity. Between 1983 and 1999 the number of people they employ grew by 14 percent while their profits grew over 360 percent. Most job growth comes from local independent businesses.

*Your are invited to the
KACC Christmas Social*

*Kensington & Area
Chamber of Commerce
would like to invite you to our
Christmas Social
Sponsored by the Kensington Club*

Date: Tuesday December 8

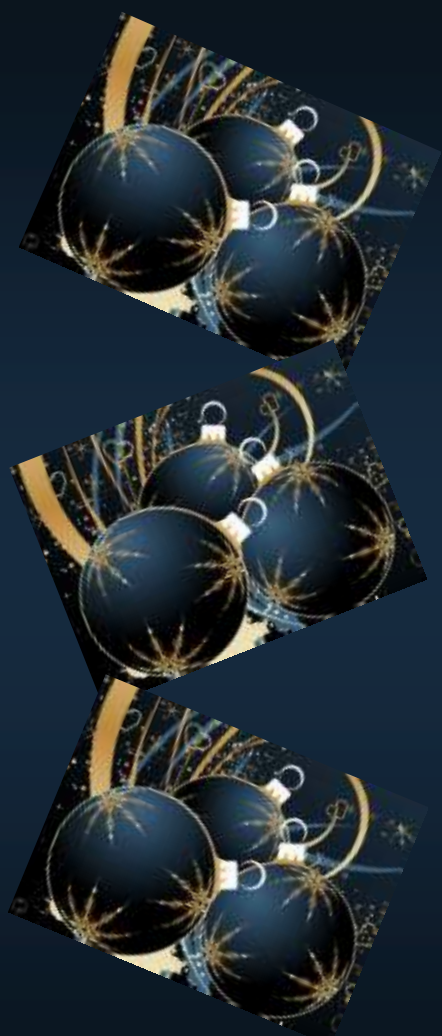
Time: 5:30—8:00 pm

Location: The Home of Ronda Bellefontaine

Civic # 446, Princetown Rd

Approximately half way between Kensington and Hunter River, turn north on Route 8 (Grahams Road). Travel 3.2 km; turn right on Princetown Road, last house on the right, just before the pavement ends.

*We would be delighted to have you share
this time with us.*



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New Members Welcome!



Advertise Your Business on PEI's Most Dynamic Business Directory!

Your membership includes a webpage within our website dedicated to your business. This website can include pictures, videos, map and much more for \$100.00 per year.

We are in the beginning stages of creating this website with our official launch on

July 1, 2010.

For more information how you can advertise your business to the world through our user friendly site contact Matt Sullivan @ 902-894-6288 or by mail: matt@whatisonpei.com



Island gift baskets will design and create gift baskets and arrangements for any occasion you can think of, including: Convention delegate gifts, staff appreciation gifts, Christmas, Get Well, anniversary, congratulations. JUST TO NAME A FEW!

They have inventory on hand from over 20 PEI Suppliers and pride themselves on offering something PEI made in every arrangement.

Gift baskets can be purchased on line at www.islandgiftbaskets.ca

For more information contact Dorithy Boschma-Campbell at 436-8322 or 388-1775 or email: contact@islandgiftbaskets.ca



Contact: Sue Urquhart,
Executive Director
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The Atlantic Presenters Association (APA) is a non-profit regional arts presenters' organization for four Atlantic Provinces. We support the efforts of our members to enhance, promote and facilitate diverse, high quality live arts performances in a variety of disciplines throughout our region as a means of integrating the arts as a vibrant and essential contributor to Atlantic Canada's quality of life.

Mayor and Councillors Elected for the Town of Kensington



Front—Mayor Gordon Coffin; Back left to right—Mack MacLean, Rowan Caseley, Marvin Mill, Gary Gallant, Paul Chessman and Jeff Spencer

Upcoming Events

Christmas Social -

Sponsored by the Kensington Club

Date: December 8

Location: Home of Ronda Bellefontaine

Time: 5:30pm—8pm

Annual General Meeting -

Guest Speaker: Mayor of Kensington

Hon. Gordon Coffin

Date: January 25, 2010

Location: Kensington Presbyterian Church
Event Room

Time: 12 noon function

Ticket Price: \$18.00

RSVP by January 20, 2010

Annual Dinner & Silent Dinner Auction

Guest Speaker: To be announced

Date: February 15, 2010

Location: Lotus Gardens Restaurant

Time: 6:30 pm reception, 7:00 pm dinner

Ticket Price: \$30.00

RSVP by February 11, 2010

Special Thanks to Island Stone Pub for
hosting our November Business Mixer.

Island Stone gift certificate winner is

JD Runnels

Call for Nominations Officers and Board of Directors 2010—Kensington & Area Chamber of Commerce

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Kensington & Area Chamber of Commerce is to serve its members, to act as a reputable voice of business dedicated to the development of economic prosperity in Kensington and area, the region, and the province.

Nomination Guidelines

- Nominees must be members in good standing of the Kensington & Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Officer nominees (Vice-President and Treasurer) must come from past or present Board members.
- Nominees must be willing to serve a one-year term beginning immediately following the January 2010 Annual General Meeting.
- Nominations must be made by a KACC member in good standing and the reasons for the nomination must be stated in the nomination email.
- Individual members may nominate themselves.

Nomination Procedures

If you are nominating someone besides yourself, contact each person you wish to nominate to obtain his or her consent and collect any information you will need to complete your nomination. Please do not send a nomination until you have contacted the nominee personally and secured his or her agreement to be nominated.

Prepare a nomination email message specifying your reasons for the nomination, including the following information about the nominee or (yourself)

- * present professional position
- * demonstrated interest in supporting and promoting the mission of KACC
- * commitment to serve and fulfill the duties of the KACC Board of Directors

Send your nomination via email, no later than January 20, 2010 to kacc@pei.aibn.com



**Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Prince Edward Island**

Bowl for Kids March 6&7, 2010

Theme: Super Heroes

Held at seven bowling lanes across PEI

For more information on entering a team

Contact 1-877-411-3729



Winner of the Dream Cottage
2009 Gordie McEachern

Big Brothers Big Sisters of PEI receives funding from general donations including Dream Cottage campaign, Bowl for Kids Sake and Casual Day donors. Money raised is to recruit and professionally screen all volunteers and children, as well as support the special

friendships made between volunteer mentors and children.

We cannot do this without your generous support!