



# E\*News

ABOUT US

Friday, February 25, 2011

- Since 1908, the Renfrew & area Chamber of Commerce has been an active and progressive non-profit voluntary organization promoting the civic, commercial, industrial and tourist development progress of this great community.
- The Chamber is a catalyst and a volunteer organization where business and professional people work together for the common good.
- Year-round promotion of Renfrew and the area as a destination for tourist and business is a priority.

## SPOTLIGHT ON... **CO-OP STUDENTS**

Kaitlynd Hartwick—Co-Op Student

Hi, I'm Kaitlynd and I'm a Co-Op student from St. Joseph's high school. I will be job shadowing Tammy at the Renfrew Chamber of Commerce until June. As a part of my first week, Tammy asked me to write a little about co-op students, and why we could be an asset to your business.

For those who have never heard of a high school Co-Op student, we're the kids who want to spend anywhere from 3 hours to a full day (for an entire school semester) working for your businesses, instead of sitting in a classroom. You've probably come in contact with more Co-Op students than you realize. There could be one of us writing for the paper, scheduling your hair appointments, working in the restaurant you ate lunch, or assisting your mechanic while they change your oil and put on your summer tires. If you have a family member in a local retirement home, they've probably had contact with a Co-Op student. When you call St. Josephs High School, more than likely the first person you talk to is a Co-Op student learning about office administration.

Why would businesses benefit from a Co-Op student? Think of us as legal free labour. Kidding! Kind of! Yes, it is true that you don't pay us, and the only salary we receive is high school credits, but that isn't the best reason to get involved and ask for a student of your own. From a finances point of view it's like a trial run for new employees (part-time, seasonal, or full time). If you like what you see through Co-Op, hire them! You can immediately hire a new employee without all the wasted time of training. From the student point of view, we bring our best ideas and our best work to prove to ourselves that we **can** do this when we graduate and we get an insight into whether we are actually on the correct career path. We get to know upfront if we're applying for the best program at the right college or university. We try our best for your business because it's not just another job, or another class, its what we want to spend the rest of our lives doing.

I encourage every business to get out and contact their local high school about being available to Co-Op students – there is a student waiting just for you. For more information contact RCI-(613) 432-4858 and St. Josephs at (613) 432-5846

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**THE**  
**2011 Home and Leisure Show**  
**Renfrew Armouries**  
**MARCH 25, 26, 27 2011**



# Mardi Gras party

with

## Cougars Conquering Cancer

Saturday, February 26th @

**COCO JARRY'S RESTAURANT**

314 Raglan Street South, Renfrew

Cocktail Hour @ 5:00PM ~ Dinner Served @ 6PM



**LIVE MUSIC  
FEATURING:**

# Mumbo Jumbo Voodoo Combo

**Tickets**  
**\$25.00 ea.**  
Includes Dinner  
& Entertainment

**Prize for  
Best Mask!**

Authentic  
**Cajun Menu:**  
Mardi Gras Salad

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Jambalaya,  
Louisiana Catfish,  
or Blackened Chicken

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Burbon St. Bananas



**Ticket  
Locations**

**Coco Jarry's Restaurant**  
(314 Raglan St.S.)

**Renfrew County Window & Door**  
(125 Plaunt St.S.)

**Royal Bank ~ Renfrew Branch**  
(182 Raglan St.S.)

Proceeds from this event support the Cougar's Team Fundraising Campaign for our Annual **60KM Walk** in the Shoppers Drug Mart Weekend To End Women's Cancers, benefiting the Ottawa Regional Cancer Foundation & the **Renfrew Victoria Hospital's Digital Mammography Program!**

# Festival of Trees

**Renfrew County Child Poverty Action Network (CPAN)** and **Renfrew County United Way** are expanding their partnership to stamp out child poverty in Renfrew County.

As part of this effort, we are pleased to announce the re-birth of **Festival of Trees** – an annual celebration of hope, love and sharing that will take place each year prior to Christmas. **Festival of Trees** will allow us and those who will join our partnership the opportunity to draw attention to the problem of child poverty, and to raise some of the necessary resources to do something constructive in the battle against this social cancer. **We invite you to join us on this important journey.** A short description of the event planned is attached.

Our motivation is simple. One in nine children here in Renfrew County lives in poverty. This means that many are going to school without adequate food and inappropriate clothing, many live in unsafe and unhealthy home environments. Generally they are ostracized and excluded from activities, which children need in order to develop a well rounded life. Most importantly, most are denied hope that can lead to a fulfilling role as an adult. In a wealthy country and province such as Canada and Ontario, this is an intolerable and shameful situation.

As a caring community, we must take steps now to eliminate poverty and its impacts on our children. Children are our future and while many of us glibly parrot what has unfortunately become a cliché, the sad fact remains that very little has been done to seriously address problems that are literally robbing these children of their human dignity and the opportunity to play a positive role in our communities as they grow older.

**This will be a huge undertaking so we need your help to:**

Secure donations of new artificial Christmas trees of all sizes, tree decorations, lights etc.

We need catering and/or caterers

We will need people with, skills in communications, decorating, carpentry, electrical etc.

We require vendors of Christmas baking, handicrafts and other related activities.

We also need volunteers of all descriptions, interest levels, and skill sets to help organize and carry out this mammoth undertaking.

**Also, if you know of people who helped with Festival of Trees in the past, please let us know (or ask them to contact us)** as we would like to draw on their experience and insights.

**Please forward this e-mail and attachment to your membership or to anyone you feel might be interested in contributing and partnering.**

Thank you for your attention.

Lyn Smith, Coordinator

Renfrew County Child Poverty Action Network (CPAN)

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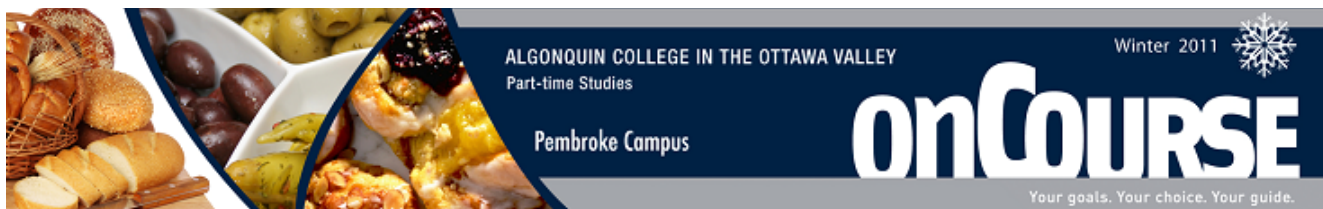


# HIKE FOR HOSPICE



## MAY 1st 2011

*If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please contact Helen McGregor at Hospice Renfrew 613-433-3993 or email [helen@hospicerenfrew.ca](mailto:helen@hospicerenfrew.ca) or Jo-Anne Dowdall-Brown 613-432-8080*



## COLLEGE NIGHT CLASSES STILL AVAILABLE THIS WINTER

**Courses and workshops are still available this winter through Continuing Education at Algonquin College's Pembroke Campus.**

Watch for our new spring/summer line-up available online effective March 15 at <http://extraweb.algonquincollege.com/pembroke/>

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Renfrew, Ontario  
K7V 1T6

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OWNERS**

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- Supplies
- Who has to register
- Your obligations, entitlements
- Books and records
- How to complete your GST/HST return
- Special situations
- Where to get help

To register please contact David Wybou  
Small Business Consultant  
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## FREE GST / HST SEMINAR

Friday March 4, 2011  
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
Marguerite Centre

700 MacKay Street  
Pembroke, ON



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