



Rhonda Johannson,
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Decor

Director Spotlight

Rhonda Johannson is an Owner/Manager of two thriving businesses in Warman, Patina Floor & Decor and True Life Holistic Counselling & Consulting. She is also an owner of Saskatoon Ceramic Tiles Floor Covering Division and a Sessional Lecturer at the First Nations University of Canada. As a Community Board Member for Correctional Service Canada, Rhonda regularly participates in National Incident Investigations as well. With her business and life partner, Davide Dazzan, they are the proud parents of six grown children and three grandchildren and their dog, Lola.

1. *Before your current position, what was the most unusual or interesting job you've had?*

I once took a job at a meat butchering plant and had to work on the kill floor. As the newbie, I was given one of the most unsavory jobs on the floor and after three days, I quit. Within a week, I was registered for University and went on to have a successful career. I now teach at the same university I was once a student at. I will always be grateful for that job.

2. *What are your hobbies/interests?*

I'm an avid traveler. I believe travelling gives you a clearer perspective of life that we often lose in our day to day comfort zone. Experiencing other cultures, immersing yourself in natural wonders and making memories with friends and family will broaden your worldview immensely! The best part is, you don't have to travel far or wide to experience it. We live in a province and country that is rich in cultural diversity, natural beauty and variety.

3. *What is your motto or personal mantra?*

If I woke up this morning with what I had thanked the universe for yesterday, what would I have today? This mantra reminds me everyday to be thankful for what I have, for my family and friends, my life and career. It reminds me daily to never take anything for granted, for everything is temporary. With gratitude comes abundance, live in the present and be thankful for all that is.

4. *What is the best thing about living/working in Warman?*

I really appreciate and value the sense of community, the friendly and caring people I encounter daily and the pace of life in Warman. People are upbeat, friendly and welcoming in Warman. Best of all, we have great amenities, shopping and local businesses to choose from!

5. *What has been the most important lesson you have learned as a business owner?*

The most important lesson I've learned is relationships are the key to your success, whether it be with your customers or clients, local business owners, government representatives or media. Be positive, friendly and helpful. Treat others how you yourself would like to be treated!

Fun Networking on The Green

Business members from both Saskatoon and Warman hit the greens for the 2nd Annual Warman Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament on Friday, August 7, 2015. The forecast wasn't looking like it was going to cooperate the entire week—but miraculously the rain stayed away for the event.

The 9-hole scramble tournament featured

special activities at some of the holes—like the ever popular marshmallow drive & rubber ducky putt. There was also two \$10,000 hole in one opportunities. A delicious steak supper followed golf along with some amazing prizes donated from various businesses throughout Warman and area.

Thank you to our event sponsor DDD+

Construction, all of our hole sponsors and businesses who so graciously donated prizes. We cannot wait to continue to build on this popular Chamber event.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

August 2015

- 19 Chamber on Tap
- 26 Wednesday Wake-Up Business Breakfast—"Marketing with Social Media" Jade Gulash, Wit & Whim Marketing & Event

September 2015

- 8 Chamber Board Meeting
- 16 Chamber on Tap
- 23 Wednesday Wake-Up Business Breakfast—"Importance of Office Ergonomic", Haylie Lashta, Warman Physiotherapy & Wellness
- 25/26 WOBE Trade Show

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At Tosh's Bar & Grill



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Exceptional Customer Service Recognized

"Polite, professional, and always ready to help..." was how one happy customer described the staff at the Warman Home Centre Contracts Desk. Deidra, Eric, Faith, Ashton & Chris (missing) were presented with the very first WCC Service with a Smile award at the beginning of July. Congratulations! What a fantastic achievement to be recognized for providing such excellent service.

We are encouraging all our members to participate in this campaign by simply displaying a Service with a Smile poster at your business. Poster and nomination forms are available [HERE](#). We will recognize businesses that go above

and beyond, providing what your customer sees as extraordinary service in an everyday situation. Nominations will be received from the general public and will be recognized in all WCC

monthly publications, the newspaper, and announced at our monthly Wednesday Wake-Up Business Breakfast the following month.



Share Your Knowledge—Member Blog

Do you have unique business insights or expertise to share? Or may you are aware of new resources that would be useful to other Chamber members? If so, we'd love to hear from you!! "Share Your Knowledge" is a NEW feature we are adding to our newsletter. This is an opportunity for our members to share information on their area of expertise with the membership. Participating in the blog is one of the many marketing & visibility opportunities exclusively available to Chamber members. Contact our office for more information.

Our first Guest Blog is from Rob Spence with PR Accounting. He has graciously stepped forward to share the importance of bookkeeping.

Believe it or not, every business, big or small, needs to do some sort of bookkeeping. Bookkeeping is probably one of the most overlooked processes in a business as most business owners find it cumbersome and overwhelming. As a business owner you can either do the bookkeeping yourself or hire a bookkeeper. Either way you will need to have some sort of system in place. This will allow you to see how your business is performing throughout the year. Bookkeeping is a vital part of your business as you will need the information in order to file your income tax return. Whether you normally drop off a pile of receipts and information at your accountant's office, somebody ends up doing the bookkeeping.

There are many ways that you can

keep track of your income and expenses, or, *Do your books*. One way is by using an accounting program. QuickBooks or Sage (Simply Accounting) are the most popular but there are also others available. Some businesses also choose to use a spreadsheet or a journal book. Either way it is crucial to have a system in place.

If you are using a computer accounting program it will help track your income and expenses fairly easily. You can then use the information that has been entered to reconcile your bank and credit card accounts to ensure that you have captured all of these transactions. These programs will also allow you to invoice your customers for work that you have performed and you can also print cheques for your suppliers. Invoicing your customers and writing cheques in the program makes your job a lot easier as you do not have to hand-write or use an invoicing program for your business therefore saving you time and

it will make your business look more professional. You can also generate reports that will track the profitability and performance of your business. By using an accounting program your government remittances (GST, PST, and Payroll) are also available at the click of a button, so what could take hours now takes only seconds.

When it comes time to file your income tax return, you can just give your accountant a backup of your data and then they can utilize the information as they require. Most accounting and tax preparation firms will have these programs already in use in their offices. If they don't you can print off the appropriate reports that they require.

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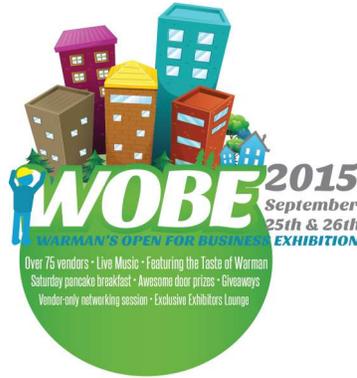
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For more information, to reserve your booth and to view the new "experiential layout" of WOBE please contact Josh Welz @ 306.933.1830 or joshw@warman.ca



WOBE—September 25-26, 2015

The 2015 WOBE is a little over a month away and the Warman Chamber of Commerce is excited to, once again, be hosting the Exhibitor Lounge. The lounge is conveniently located within close proximity to all the trade show action and features couches, chairs and tables in a lounge setting. We encourage exhibitors to use the lounge to take the time to catch up with other vendors over coffee and build relationships with

new contacts. It's also an area to learn more about the Warman Chamber of Commerce and membership value. We encourage all our members to participate in this trade show by reserving a booth or helping us out by volunteering some time working in the Chamber exhibitor lounge. Feel free to contact our office for more information.

Members in The News

Congratulations to Davide Dazzan & Rhonda Johansson, owners of Patina Floor & Décor on your one year anniversary and for being featured in the summer edition of the Fine Lifestyles magazine. Check out the article [HERE](#).

If your business is celebrating an anniversary, reached a milestone, or being recognized for a special achievement, let us know. We love to share the accomplishments of our members.

Warman Spends \$3.6 Million on Back-to-School Expenses a Year!



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\$222,384



Text books
\$409,354



Tuition
\$2,430,321



Courses & Lessons
\$506,906



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To learn more about the Program, please join us at our annual Business Mixer to be held on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at the NRC Plant Biotechnology Institute, 110 Gymnasium Place, Saskatoon, S7N 0W9.

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