

June 2023

Community Futures Peace Country



LEMONADE DAY JUNE 17TH



Growing entrepreneurs one lemonade stand at a time

Mark your calendars for June 17th and be sure to get out and support local elementary students who will have lemonade stands set up at businesses in the town of Peace River and in Berwyn. This provincial initiative hosted by Community Futures Peace Country and sponsored by Northern Sunrise County in partnership with the Peace River & District Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Berwyn teaches youth how to start, own and operate their own business. All the Peace River and Berwyn stands will be shown on an interpretive map at <https://lemonadeday.org/northern-alberta/stands-map>. Thank you to Ramona Thoma from the Peace River Chamber and Kate Gustafson and Lynn Florence from Northern Sunrise County (pictured here) who helped Sherry facilitate the training for our young entrepreneurs. They were all very impressed with their engagement, attention and enthusiasm. The mission of Lemonade Day is to help today's youth become the business leaders, social advocates, community volunteers and forward-thinking citizens of tomorrow.....one lemonade stand at a time.

Women in the North Conference wraps up road trip to five communities

➤➤➤ ROAD TRIP 2.0 A SUCCESS

The 15th annual Women in the North Conference is all wrapped up from a six-week road trip to Fairview, Spirit River, Valleyview, Manning, and Peace River that took place during the months of April and May.

The day-long conferences included a keynote on generational gaps in the workplace followed by a working session where participants created mission vision statements.

**Thank you
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The afternoon included a networking session and a live talk show featuring local inspiring ladies. We are very appreciative for the support and involvement of our sponsors, local businesses and organizations, Advisory Committee members, guests, and the Government of Alberta who have been pivotal in making this event happen.

Check out the Women in the North Facebook page for more photos.



CLIENT FEATURE

Little Denise Foods

Little Denise Foods is an asian infused eatery located at 911 2nd avenue in Hines Creek. The family business is owned and operated by Lourdes Florendo, with help from her husband, daughter and staff.



Little Denise Foods Ltd. started in the Philippines in 1997 as a canteen concessioner in a garment factory with one thousand employees over a span of five years. After that, they operated as a canteen at the Coca Cola Plant and Cagayan Electric Company where they also catered. In 2016, Lourdes was granted a caregiver visa in Canada, so she brought her company with her and began with selling beef bones to Filipino stores in the peace region. She eventually starting processing foods such as bbq skewers and other Filipino delicacies. In October of 2020, she decided to build a commercial kitchen in an existing building in Hines Creek that she owns, and now offers Asian cuisine in a "food to go" service with the capacity to continue processing Filipino delicacies. Little Denise Foods Ltd. offers food to go such as pork skewers, spring rolls, pork dumplings, shrimp dumplings, shumai and other Philippine cooked foods which they distribute to Filipino stores around the Peace Region such as Grimshaw Co-op, Tatay's Variety Store, Maylene's Kitchen, GPinoy Market place, Asian Variety Store, Tambayan AND Lucky 97 Supermarket in Chinatown in Edmonton. Little Denise Foods won the Rising Star Award in 2022 at the Fairview & District Chamber of Commerce Awards.



"Delicious food, friendly service!"

"If you haven't tried Little Denise's - you should"

Amazing sushi, so happy and pleased with the food and service. This is exactly what our area needed."

Team updates

CFPC welcomes Carolyn Kolebaba and Judy Pepler to the team



Carolyn Kolebaba joined the CFPC board in January and is representing Sub Region #2, Peace River and area. Carolyn brings a wealth of experience and knowledge. Her passion for community growth is an asset to the board and CFPC team.



Join us in welcoming Judy Pepler to the CFPC team. Judy recently started her part-time role as the Office Administrator. Her wide range of skillsets and her warm personality are sure to be valuable to the CFPC office and community. Welcome, Judy!



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Save the Date - Community Futures Peace Country Annual General Meeting

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CLIENT CELEBRATION!

*Monday, June 19th
5:30pm - 8:30pm*

Peace Valley Inns Emerald Room
9609-101 st. Peace River

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for a delicious meal, highlights of our year, and wonderful musical entertainment by **George Brothers!**

Meet our newest Board members and enjoy an evening out on us!
You deserve it!

PLEASE RSVP on or before **June 14th** if you plan to attend - email Sherry at ba@cfpeacecountry.com or call 780-624-1161
We would love to see you there!

>>> MONDAY JUNE 19TH

Don't forget to RSVP for our always fun and entertaining Annual General Meeting on Monday June 19th. Not only will you get some info on who we are and what we do, you'll meet our new Board & staff members, have a delicious meal and be treated to some great tunes by George Brothers. Enjoy a Monday night out on us!

Please call 624-1161 or email ba@cfpeacecountry.com to grab your seat.

About Community Futures

Community Futures Peace Country is a community driven, non-profit organization staffed by business professionals and guided by a volunteer Board of Directors. We provide a wide range of small business services and business management tools for people wanting to start, expand, franchise or sell a business. We also run a number of specialized business programs, organize exciting business events, and actively work with community and business leaders to foster rural economic growth.

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OUR REGION



POPULATION: 50,000
50 COMMUNITIES
26 MUNICIPALITIES
4 FIRST NATIONS
122,000 SQUARE KMS

We help entrepreneurs and small business owners throughout the Peace region, including:

Bay Tree, Berwyn, Blueberry Mountain, Bluesky, Bonanza, Brownvale, Cadotte Lake Calais, Carcajou, Cherry Point, Chinook Valley Cleardale, Crooked Creek, Deadwood, DeBolt Dixonville, Donnelly, Dunvegan, Eaglesham Eureka River, Fairview, Falher, Girouxville Gordondale, Grimshaw, Guy, Hines Creek Hotchkiss, Jean Cote, Kathleen, Manning Marie-Reine, McLennan, Nampa, North Star Notikewin, Peace River, Rycroft, Spirit River Tangent, Valleyview, Wanham and Worsley. Including Woodland Cree, Duncan, Sturgeon and the Lubicon Lake First Nation communities.

Our ultimate goal is to help our area grow and thrive through economic diversification. We help companies across all industries, with a strong history of helping those in the retail, oilfield, construction, restaurant and recreation sectors.