

### Holywood Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to a Charity Lunch

with guest speaker

The Lord Mayor of Belfast, Cllr Naomi Long, MLA

## Royal Belfast Golf Club 12.30 pm sharp, Friday 29 January 2010

Dear Member/Guest

Holywood Chamber of Commerce and Bangor & Holywood Town Centres Ltd are pleased to announce that **The Lord Mayor of Belfast, Clir Naomi Long, MLA** will join us at Royal Belfast Golf Club, at 12.30 pm on Friday 29 January 2010 to talk about:

"The Regeneration of Belfast – the story continues"

We will be donating to
The charities supported by the Mayor of North Down , Cllr Tony Hill
Action Cancer, St Vincent de Paul and Homestart

Please come along to Royal Belfast to meet The Lord Mayor of Belfast, the Mayor of North Down and our local Chamber President, Trudy Arthurs, fellow members and guests. It's a great opportunity to make new contacts – so don't forget to bring your business card!

Yours faithfully

Trudy Arthurs

President, Holywood Chamber of Commerce

The Northern Ireland Chambers of Commerce make a significant contribution to the local economy and by being a member of Holywood Chamber of Commerce you have access to broader networking opportunities and potentially new business opportunities. Your local Chamber of Commerce acts as a pressure group, influencing local and central government on matters that concern you.

# BOOKING FORM – PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO HOLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, C/O 65B MAIN STREET, BANGOR, BT20 5AF TOGETHER WITH YOUR PAYMENT.

Please reserve places @	£12.00 each (to include one-course lunch including tea/coffee/biscuits).
I enclose a cheque for £	payable to Holywood Chamber of Commerce
Guest Name(s) in CAPITALS	<del></del>
Company	
Tel: E-ı	mail:

OR alternatively confirm your reservation via e-mail: <a href="mailto:tcm@bangorholywoodtcm.co.uk">tcm@bangorholywoodtcm.co.uk</a>. All bookings to be made by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Cancellations require 24 hours notice.

DRESS CODE: LOUNGE SUIT & TIE (NO JEANS)

#### THE LORD MAYOR OF BELFAST, COUNCILLOR NAOMI LONG, MLA



Councillor Naomi Long is the current Lord Mayor of Belfast. She was elected on 1 June 2009 and her term of office will end in June 2010. Councillor Long is a member of the Alliance Party and she represents the Victoria area of Belfast. She is a member of several boards and committees including Road Safety, Community Safety, DDP and local community group committees including Dee Street, Inverary and Knocknagoney.

Before her election as Lord Mayor, Councillor Long was chair of the council's Good Relations Partnership. Her personal commitment to community relations is reflected in her theme for her year in office - 'Belfast Without Barriers'.

Councillor Long was born in east Belfast in 1971 and grew up in the area. She attended Mersey Street Primary School and later studied civil engineering at Queen's University, Belfast. She joined the Alliance Party in 1994 and was first elected as a Councillor in 2001. Councillor Long is also a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly and deputy leader of the Alliance Party.

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#### The Mayor of North Down's charities this year include:

**Action Cancer** is a Northern Ireland cancer charity, established in 1973. Action Cancer works right across Northern Ireland providing: Early detection services for the Northern Ireland community; counselling and support services for cancer patients and their families; research at local universities; cancer prevention and health promotion.

With cancer set to become the biggest killer early this new millennium and Northern Ireland suffering from one of the highest incidences of the disease, Action Cancer is committed to leading the fight for freedom from cancer in our community.

By donating money or your time as a volunteer you will be helping us to fight cancer, save lives and help people living with cancer in Northern Ireland. All the funds raised by Action Cancer are spent on services and research here.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul has been helping to alleviate poverty in the north of Ireland for 162 years since 1848. Its 1,950 active members and auxiliaries work on a voluntary basis through 182 branches (conferences) spread throughout Northern Ireland. Home visitation is the cornerstone of its work offering friendship, support, advice and practical help. Around 2,700 visits are made to families, pensioners and individuals each week. Examples of the type of help offered includes; cash assistance, food and clothing, fuel, debt relief, furniture and electrical items, toys and holidays.

Homestart increase the confidence and independence of families by: visiting families in their own homes to offer support, friendship and practical assistance; reassuring parents that their childcare problems are not unusual or unique; encouraging parents' strengths and emotional well-being for the ultimate benefit of their children and trying to get the fun back into family life. Homestart volunteers, who have parenting experience themselves, can offer: precious time for listening and talking; help with the children; a break for parents; practical help and reassurance; network with other parents in the same position and support to use local services and resources.