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Abina Kenneally, from Chamber Christmas lunch.

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THE recent cold snap had
faused the postponement of the
fork Chamber Christma
the resilient nature of Cold
businesses in the past year, the
usid ways after the original
ata.O'Callaghan sporting seasonal red
and black. Also included at the table
were Greg Canty. Deirdre Waldron
and Doreen O'Mahony from Fuzion
communications who recently celeb-
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Run in association with the Market-ing Institute Southern Region, it is one of the highlights of the Cork Chamber calendar and generally heralds the start of Christmas for the business community, albeit slightly delayed this vear

year: Sponsored by **Control** Group for the second year, it took place at the Mary-borough Hotel, where a packed foyer satured together discussing inevitable topics such as the Budget — but also exchanging Christmas greetings. Inside the main function room I was seated alongside the Radisson Hotel's financial controller **Eugene Harring-ton** and marketing manager **Colette**

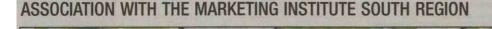
and president Ger O'Mahoney. Ger addressed those gathered, ex-pressing gratitude for the fact that "we are all here and have businesses that we all here and have businesses that one of the spoke about how here is now €14 billion more in sav-ngs than there was in the days of the SIA and that he hopes consumers will be given the confidence to unlock some other consumers to the source of the the confidence to unlock some other consumers that the the source of the more consum one more. Mentored Guiller chairman Alf Smiddy, who acknowledged that it had been a difficult year for business, not

helped by the arctic weather conditions which adversely affected retail over a two-week period. He said because of the recession, the survival instinct was for businesses to slash their marketing budgets, something he sees reversing in the future as brands will once again seek to gain the trust of consumers. There-fore he is urging young people to study

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Michael O'Keeffe and Mary Murphy, from ISS.

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Brian McCarthy, Vodafone, Der O'Mahony, TCH, and John Herbert, Vodafone Picture: Gerard McCa



Rory Cogan, Ulster Bank, John Byrne, CHK, and Dan Kelleher, Ulster Bank.



Doreen O'Mahony, Fuzion PR, at the Chamber lunch. Picture: Gerard McCa

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from William O'Brien Plant Hire in

Bishopstown. Chamber board member Gillian Keating from JW O'Donovan Solicit-ors was there with her sister Amy Jane Keating from the Atrium Busi-ness Centre in Blackpool, while also in strendence was here. Lunch of II

Killarney was there, while also from The Kindom came Linda Hanley of the Brehon Hotel. Guest speaker was successful tailor and businessman Louis Copeland who left school at the age of 14 but who now has eight stores around the coun-try

And PRO John Lotty, along with rorman Process and marketing manager at the SilverSprings Moran Hotel. Also spotted were Cathy Dwyer of Career Training Internships, Edel Claney from Musgraves, Sam Beamish from Ulster Bank, Fergal Keniry from Whisper Marketing Consultancy, Mark Exshaw from Nat Ross, Patier Training Internships, Edel Claney from Whisper Marketing Consultancy, Mark Exshaw from Nat Ross, Patier Marketing and photographer Neil Danton. New Chamber member Angela O'Sullivan from Arwen Consulting in



Linda Kiely, VoxPro, Angela O'Sullivan, Arwen Consulting, and Tina Costigan, Mail Maker 123.

See Friday's Social Diary for Wardrobe Wishes hosted in Ballincollig in aid of the Make A Wish Foundation