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# DHP Welcomes the New Year with Ideas, Passion and Commitment

As a civic organization, Downtown Huntington Partners is supportive of any actions that improve our community, whether it is Downtown or elsewhere. Accordingly, like everyone in Huntington and the region we support the new city administration as it moves to improve the environment and the economy. We expect great things from Mayor Steve Williams and his administration as it attempts to deal with many problems built up from the past.

It is well accepted that in the beginning Huntington

grew and prospered, but then for many reasons declined in economic importance and population. Many cities have faced



Huntington City Hall, 1919

the same process and either progressed or regressed. DHP members

believe that things are "a-changing" and DHP wants to be part of that change.

In this newsletter we will detail a few of the items on our "change" agenda. DHP has been and continues to be a spearhead and motivator for downtown recovery and rebirth. We recognize that there are many individuals and organizations that make up our manufacturing and service economy, and as the Mayor and his administration strive to balance these and various fiscal issues, DHP stands behind them.

## President's Corner, by Paul Davis



Starting with this edition, the Downtown Huntington Partners newsletter is back on track. We have a new look, new content and most importantly a new editor. Dale Shook (Karen Shook's partner in crime) is our editor. As you may recall Karen and Dale own Crumpets & Tea on 4th Avenue in the same space as

Adell's Antiques and Jenks Custom Framing. Before I leave this subject, I want to thank Dale for agreeing to help us with our newsletter, which is an important tool in keeping our members involved in the happenings in Downtown.

In addition to our newsletter, I would like to update you on other happenings at DHP. DHP is looking into a gift card program for Downtown. This program would be very much like the program at the Mall. In fact, at our last meeting our guest speaker was Duane Tho-

mas from Marshall University. Mr. Thomas provided an informative discussion on how we might implement a gift card program for Huntington. Veronica Hordubay, Sherry Houvarous, Terri Priddy and I serve on this committee.

In other news, do not forget to use Etromay on your smart phones. Amy Ward reports that the "Etromay App" is growing in popularity and now has had over 1030 downloads. If you want to know what is happening in downtown, then go to Etromay.



The Keith Albee Theater

## Upcoming Events

**There are a number of upcoming events that DHP is part of that will help continue the Downtown progress planned for 2013.**

One event that has already been a galvanizer for the Downtown is the Progressive Dinner, a concept de-

veloped through DHP and various quality restaurants in the downtown. DHP member Karen Shook, co-owner of Crumpets & Tea points out that this and other similar events have been important not only for getting more people interested in our downtown restaurants but it also creates collegiality among residents that might not otherwise happen. The Progressive Dinner features various courses at different loca-

tions, providing an exciting and interesting venue for an evening. Another progressive dinner is planned for April, after tax season, so put it on your calendar. Last time it was filled to capacity and with a waiting list of almost 100.

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## Member Spotlight: Jim McClelland

The name Jim McClelland brings up visions of many years of service to Huntington. Accordingly, what could be more appropriate than a column devoted to someone who has done as much as anyone else for the City in Huntington's history.

As the parks director for over 35 years Jim was the visionary for the wonderful parks system we have today. Our parks and waterfront are the envy of virtually every city on the Ohio River, and there is no

doubt that without them the city would be in far less advantageous position to confront the future.

Little could we imagine that a boy from Pittsburgh and Wooster College could do so much for another place and time.

Jim has been the treasurer of DHP, serves on the Board of Directors, is the President of Rotary, and he is a member of a well-known barbershop group.

Jim now spends more time thinking about Jacksonian

and other historical subjects than he used to do. He also spends more time with his grandchildren and an occasional lunch at Crumpets & tea with his wife Sue or one of his daughters or grand daughters or great granddaughters. We all wish him the best and issue a hearty thank you for everything he has done for Huntington.

## DHP and the Future of Huntington

**This is a recovery year for the State and the Nation, so DHP seeks to add new members and new projects such as the cleanup effort and the general area recovery. Specifically, it is DHP's goal to help the city administration put Huntington on the map in new and different ways. Whether**

**tourism is the only way to grow any economy remains debateable, but it is clear that diversification of any economy is the better way to proceed. If we are to win any competition, input resources are critical, and while some resources may be found in grants, the day of virtually total dependence**

**on government support due to the various fiscal issues we face indicate that the easy grant era is over. Civic and private sector input will in the future become much more important as we strive to upgrade the regional and downtown economic base.**

