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“Minimum” or “Maximum” for Downtown?

Achieving the minimum in everything seems to make sense doesn't it? Does it not seem that we live in a world dominated by terrorists, lobbyists, football, small thinkers and even smaller doers. So, why do diminished academic standards, lobbyists and football have anything in common with a growing and progressive downtown Huntington? Why should we not just accept the new world and move on?

Well, maybe, just maybe, we need and want more than that. DHP, in adopting a different mode than some groups in the business community, strives for more, and we have shown we can do it.

You will not find in DHP the attitude of a retiring business group president who, in accepting accolades for what he has done, stated: that his organization succeed by doing lots of little things. That, most definitely, is not what we need today. We need some big and important changes, and that only happens in organizations

willing to think out-of-the box. We need “maximum” thinking in the downtown.

“Minimalism” is the same attitude you see in many business, public sector and union leaders who keep the member populace stirred up just so they can maintain their paycheck, not improve jobs and the economy.

The fact that Marshall University is on the edge of a fiscal cliff, federal and state funding is being reduced everywhere, with most citizens unfazed, supports the notion that “getting by” and doing the minimum is pervasive and deeply ingrained. DHP is one of the few organizations around that has responded with a resounding “no” to this attitude. DHP members have not “minimalized” their efforts for the Downtown because that is not the way we turn around the attitude that has put Huntington's downtown retail sales at one-half that of Barboursville's for many years.

How about another example of minimalization? It may be that 40 to 60 costly running and walking events per year that shut down the Downtown are considered important for the morale of individual organizations, but for anybody who follows the results it is clear that they add nothing to the long term growth of the Downtown or regional economies.

DHP members also do not accept the notion that somebody else has to pay for every project we undertake. Instead, DHP members are trying to achieve downtown change with new and pay-their-own-way programs and projects. Support what your DHP does to improve downtown communications, beauty, cleanliness and growth. Others may let you down on this issue, but DHP will not. Join in and be part of something that is anything but small meaningless “minimal” changes and is targeted toward the maximum benefit for the Downtown and beyond. ed.

Progressive Dinner

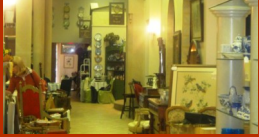
Downtown Huntington Partners just successfully finished their second Progressive Dinner on Thursday April 25, 2013. The participating restaurants numbered a dozen or more and all reported an excellent response to their culinary efforts on our behalf. We welcomed several veteran diners from our first dinner and many first-timers for our spring fund-raiser. All were impressed in a positive way and expressed their desire to be included in our fall meal tour of Huntington restaurants. We have developed quite a list of followers for this undertaking and all are on board with our efforts to light up the downtown using our trees and solar light-

ing. Benches and bike racks are also planned and all expressed their support of them. One of our goals in starting this was to develop and maintain an immediate identity with the public when Downtown Huntington Partners is mentioned-much like the association of Kiwanis with pancakes-much like the Lions Club with eyeglasses, etc. This undertaking of a twice yearly meal has increased the awareness of our existence and elevated the knowledge our good works within the Huntington community. Amy Ward has twice taken the lead of chairing this and we are all recipients of her management skills, organizational skills, and

... Eat, Shop, & Play in
Downtown Huntington

execution skills. Her involvement has resulted in two highly successful and profitable events. The most recent dinner included a novel item -a trolley ride from several of the more distant restaurants to and from the lobby of the Frederick-courtesy of TTA and our Chairman, Paul Davis. The continuing involvement of our core workers plus the integration of our members into the planning and execution of future events will guarantee a stellar reputation for Downtown Huntington Partners. Plan now to join your fellow members in becoming and remaining active in DHP!

Member Spotlight: Dave Coster



Adell's Antiques in the Antiques Mall,



Downtown Dave Coster, right, explains the dinner map to Assessor Irv and Linda Johnson as Downtown Huntington Partners hosts the second annual A Progressive Dinner event Thursday at the Frederick Building in Huntington. event on April 25.

"Huntington in Bloom"

Help Plant Huntington and Cabell County in Red, White and Blue.

"Growing Pride"



"Trains are more than a part of American history and success: they created American history and success"

Should anyone wonder why we might focus on "the Old Dude" as Dave is known to many folks. Dave brings a totally different dimension to DHP, amply demonstrated by the fact that he is the vice president of the organization and one of the real sparkplugs of DHP, his Church and other organizations.

An example of Dave's contribution to DHP and the downtown is that you will find him somewhere in the middle or the head of virtually every major activity of the organization. Maybe he does not run as fast as he used to, but he certainly moves as fast as ever, and he is never at a loss for words or jokes

As everyone who matters in Huntington, he graduated from Marshall, but there the similarity ends. Dave has lived and worked in many places over the past few decades, including West Palm Beach, Florida. What did a Huntington kid do in West Palm Beach? As it turns out, a lot!

Anyway, as the owner of Adell's Antiques in the aptly named Antique's Mall, across from the Keith Albee, Dave is considered to be the Antiques Roadshow of Huntington. He knows about all there is to know about most categories of antiques, and has a eye for outstanding antiques. And, since he

knows everyone, he is part of almost every estate sale of any consequence.

Dave's local connection goes all the way back, with his Dad, Paul, a legend in the area insurance business and as a storyteller *par excellence*. Clearly, Dave comes by his abilities honestly.

Dave has been a major part of the downtown lighting program, the Progressive Dinner Program, the Mayor's recent downtown re-development programs, and others. Enough said!

Thanks Dave, and have a scotch on us!

EVENTS

A lot of good stuff is happening downtown over the next few weeks and months. Celebrate Downtown!!

Huntington in Bloom
Motto: "Growing Pride"

May 11—Tom Bell, Master Gardner at the Home Depot (Barboursville) demonstrating plant projects for Huntington in Bloom (Huntingtoninbloom.org)

May 14, Browns Food Service meetings

May 11, Marshall Graduation

May 11 National Train Day, 11am-4pm, CSX Station, 7th Ave.

May 17 Larry the Cable Guy

May 24-26, "Cruzin on the Plaza"

**DHP meetings:
First and third Thursday
of every month.**

Memorial Day Weekend
Car Show: 3d avenue, between 10th & 12th Sts.



National Train Day

Because trains are an instrumental part of our American story, Amtrak created National Train Day in 2008. National Train Day, an event that is a celebration of trains and the ways trains connect us all, has historically been celebrated in large cities like Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Chicago and Philadelphia.

Now, for the first time in six years, Amtrak has selected smaller cities for this honor.

Huntington is one of 23 cities nationwide chosen to host a National Train Day Event on Saturday, May 11, 11 a.m. -- 4 p.m. at the CSX Depot (935 7th Avenue). This event is free and open to the public.

CSX Transportation is the sponsor and host of this event. Mayor Steve Williams will open the festivities at 11 a.m. with the presentation of a proclamation to an Amtrak representative. Model railroad displays from Walders and the Appalachian Model Railroad Society, a Chug-

ginton Kids' Depot, historical railway displays, and Operation Lifesaver will be participating. The Huntington Harmonica Club is scheduled to perform from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The 1937 Flood will perform from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Free parking is available at the Cabell Huntington Health Department (703 7th Avenue). Seventh Avenue will also be open and available for parking.

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Huntington in Bloom

Huntington in Bloom, under Tom Bell's tutelage, has been making significant headway in the various cleanup and enhance activities. The motto for the program is noted at left: "Growing Pride", and the colors are red, white and blue. This is a total community effort and will provide the downtown, as well as the city, county and region, with an opportunity to begin to achieve the change in appearance and attitude that will prepare us for the long term efforts needed to make us once again a viable and competitive downtown.

To make it easier for DHP members to buy and utilize flowers and plants in the downtown area, The Home Depot is providing a 10% discount for red, white and blue flowers that will last through July 4, 2013. The America in Bloom judges will be here on July 11 and 12, so this should provide you with ample opportunity to beautify the downtown. Print off the coupon and take it with you on your next flower-hunting trip.



10% off coupon

Valid for up to \$250 in red, white
and/or blue flowers (\$25 max. discount)

Coupon must be presented at The Home Depot, 1050
Thundering Herd, Dr., Barboursville, WV, 25504.

Not valid after July 4, 2013

Tom Bell's Huntington in Bloom Demonstrations

On Saturday, May 11, from 10am to 12pm, at the Home Depot in Barboursville, Master Gardener Tom Bell will be providing demonstrations on how to build hanging flower baskets, flower towers and helpful ideas related to Huntington in Bloom.

If you have questions, ideas, etc., this is a perfect opportunity to talk directly with Tom and get some great ideas. This could also be an opportunity to meet with others who also are working to make this a successful venture for the community.

Join Tom at the Home Depot on Saturday and make the Huntington in Bloom program the most successful one in the nation.

Huntington in Bloom website is: www.huntingtoninbloom.org

