

A Message From Mayor Buddy Dyer:

Public Safety – Together: Protecting Orlando's Citizens

Public safety is the top priority of this administration and the entire Orlando City Council, and we are dedicating substantial additional public resources to protect and serve our citizens.

Together with Chief McCoy and the Orlando Police Department, we are addressing crime from all angles. The City has dedicated more than one hundred million dollars to a multi-year Public Safety Initiative, putting 75 additional officers on our streets with new police substations. In addition, we have targeted crime "hot spots" in the City, deploying three tactical units that are aggressively and effectively addressing violent crimes. In partnership with community leaders and organizations, we have launched an Illegal Gun Bounty program to get illegal firearms off the streets and out of the hands of criminals and have established the Safe Orlando Task Force to make recommendations on preventing crime from happening and stop repeat offenders.

The City will continue to dedicate every available resource to ensure the safety of our citizens, but this issue cannot solely rest on the shoulders of the fine men and women of our police department. We need citizens to get engaged, provide crime-related information and stand up for our community. For more information on how you can become involved, visit cityoforlando.net or call 407.246.2461

– Mayor Buddy Dyer

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Golden Brick Awards Luncheon Close to Sold Out; Reserve Your Seat Today!

With over 32 entries being judged, the 2006 Golden Brick Awards luncheon is sure to sell out. Orlando Sentinel Columnist, Scott Maxwell is this year's Master of Ceremonies and Tom Cook Commercial is the presenting sponsor. Email your reservation to downtownorlando@bellsouth.net as soon as possible!

Here are the details:

Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2006

Time: 11:15AM – 1PM

Location: The Ballroom at Church Street

Costs: Corporate Tables of eight – \$500,
Individual Seats – \$40

Reservations: downtownorlando@bellsouth.net
or 407.228.3891

In addition to Tom Cook Commercial, who has stepped up as presenting sponsor for the past three years (thanks, Tom!), our other GBA sponsors include: OUC – The Reliable One, Kuykendall Gardner, Turner Construction Company, CondoHQ, Nemours, 101 Eola, Brasfield & Gorrie, Baker Barrios Architects, Orlando National Bank and Stirling Sotheby's International Realty.



Learn More About The Burnham Institute at DOP's Next HOT TOPIC Luncheon

The Burnham Institute for Medical Research (The Burnham), a California-based, non-profit medical research institute is in the process of establishing a major research facility in the Lake Nona development in Orlando, Florida, which will provide the organization with bicoastal operations. The Burnham will develop its Central Florida site through a unique partnership with the State of Florida, Orange County, the City of Orlando, the University of Central Florida, the University of Florida, the Tavistock Group, and Florida's philanthropic community.

The Downtown Orlando Partnership is privileged to host a Hot Topic lunch featuring Karin Eastham, the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of The Burnham, to be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, 11:30AM at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Don't miss the opportunity to hear first hand the vision of The Burnham for its new operation, including its impact on our community.

Admission is \$20 for DOP members and \$25 for non-members. Pay for your reservation in advance and receive a \$2 discount. Special thanks to Shutts & Bowen and Nemours for sponsoring DOP's April Hot Topics event.

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The Beacon Hosts March 22 Social

Join us Thursday, March 22 from 5:30 – 7PM for our networking happy hour at **The Beacon** – the upscale restaurant/lounge bringing a unique fusion of nightlife and great food to Downtown Orlando.

The Beacon is located on the first floor of The Sanctuary at 100 South Eola Drive. Admission is \$2 for DOP members and \$6 for non-members; reservations are not necessary.

Thank you to **PCL Construction Services, Inc., 55 West & City Beverages** for sponsoring the March event.

PCL is one of North America's largest and most experienced construction firms. Established in 1906, PCL's vast project portfolio reflects an impressive range of construction experience and services, including preconstruction, general contracting, construction management and design-build within many market sectors.

Also sponsoring is 55 West, downtown's newest residential high-rise. 55 West is now under construction and will be changing the skyline with style. With 405 residences priced from the \$300,000's to more than \$4 million, 55 West will feature 75,000 square feet of trendsetting restaurants, neighborhood shops and professional services. For more information, call 407.841.5583 or visit www.fiftyfivewest.com.

As always, a special thanks to City Beverages for their continuous support of our events!

DOP BOARD MEMBER PROFILE Cohen Real Estate Capital, LLC

Todd Cohen, a DOP Board Member since 2005, rang in the New Year with the opening of Cohen Real Estate Capital LLC, a commercial real estate mortgage and consulting company. Most recently, Todd headed the Florida operations for Atlanta-based Primary Capital Advisors, a position he held for the past seven years. His new company offers a very broad menu of real estate finance options, including acquisition, construction and permanent loans, conduit and bank financing, joint venture, mezzanine and equity financing, and developer due diligence and proforma analysis. Todd has financed close to \$1 billion in deals and has more than 15 years of commercial real estate experience. Todd can be reached at tcohen@cohenrecap.com and 407.928.5530.

Ooo, La, La! Fifi's Patisserie & Graze Restaurant Host April Social

Join the DOP on Thursday, April 26 from 5:30 – 7PM at two hot spots that are defining dining in downtown Orlando.

April's Social will be held at **Fifi's Patisserie** and **Graze Restaurant**, located on the ground floor of The Sanctuary at 100 South Eola Drive, Suites 104 & 105.

Admission is \$2 for DOP members and \$6 for non-members; reservations are not necessary. Fifi's Patisserie boasts a full menu for breakfast, lunch and dinner. From classical favorites to decadent deserts, the selections embody a cache of European and Mediterranean delights.

Graze Restaurant is set in an atmosphere of metropolitan sophistication offering "Globally Inspired American Cuisine." With unique dishes adapted from many cultures and historical eras of the world, dining at Graze is an experience in which you can customize your evening – allowing you to Taste, Share, Dine ...Graze.

Thank you to **R.L. Haines Construction** for sponsoring the April social. Established in 1991, R.L. Haines is a general contracting and construction management company specializing in the restorations and renovations of commercial and multi-family projects throughout the Southeast. For more information, visit www.rlhaines.com.

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Track Shack Foundation Gets Orlando Moving on April 19 with 5k Run/Walk

Central Florida's largest run/walk, the Insurance Office of America Corporate 5k, will be held Thursday evening, April 19 at the Florida Citrus Bowl Stadium. The Insurance Office of America Corporate 5k is a 3.1 mile run/walk event held for Florida's corporate community. Businesses and non-profit organizations form teams and participate in this annual event for camaraderie, friendly competition and partying with co-workers.

The Track Shack Foundation has selected Florida on the Move, a statewide grassroots weight management and healthy lifestyle program as one of the event beneficiaries. A food drive will also be held in association with the IOA Corporate 5k. Individuals coming to the race may bring non-perishable items for downtown Orlando's Christian Service Center.

Serving Central Florida, the Track Shack Foundation makes health and fitness opportunities available through community running and walking events, adult training programs and funding youth athletic programs. Visit www.Corporate5k.com for more info.

NEW MEMBER PROFILE:

Eola Eyes

Located in the heart of downtown Orlando, **Eola Eyes** serves the residents of greater Orlando and Central Florida. Doctors Kerry Giedd and Brigid Williams are Board-Certified Optometric Physicians working hard to ensure you experience courteous and expert care during your appointment. At Eola Eyes, their practice policy is based upon quality care and service for your vision. Drs. Giedd and Williams believe that regular eye exams will prolong good vision and can help diagnose potential problems before they become a crisis.

Open Monday – Friday and on Saturdays twice each month, Eola Eyes offers everything from fashionable frames to contact lenses, prescription sunwear and even eyewear accessories.

Eola Eyes will host a trunk show on Thursday, April 19 from 5 – 8PM. All Downtown Orlando Partnership members are invited to attend this event and view the latest in eyewear fashion and enjoy food and beverages. Plus, all attendees will leave the event with a special gift, courtesy of Eola Eyes. For more information about Eola Eyes or to RSVP for the trunk show, please call 407.447.7739 or visit www.eolaeyes.com.

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DOP MEMBER PROFILE: KuykendallGardner

KuykendallGardner is a full service insurance agency serving clients throughout the U.S. with primary emphasis in the state of Florida. Our office is located in Winter Park not far from downtown Orlando.

Our agency has over 60 years of combined experience in the insurance industry. KuykendallGardner specializes in Commercial Property/Casualty and Risk Management, Surety Bonds, Workers Compensation, Personal Lines (Auto, Home, Umbrella), Key Person Coverage, Group Employee Benefits, Group Pension and Retirement Plans and Individual Coverage (Life, Disability, Annuities, LTC). We offer a full service approach to handle your entire risk management program.

KuykendallGardner represents the top-rated insurance carriers in order to provide specific risk management solutions for our clients. It is our goal to become a valued business partner that acts as an advocate in the insurance marketplace. For more info call 407.894.5431.