

President's Message

by Vickie Hungate, OUC—The Reliable One

More Good Things to Come ...



The past year has been one of change — both for downtown Orlando and for the Downtown Orlando Partnership. These changes have signaled a new beginning as people have continue to flock to the shops, restaurants, public spaces and special events that make downtown Orlando such an amazing place to live, work and play.

At the DOP, our board has been reinvigorated with new members, new energy and a renewed focus on showcasing the best our town has to offer. I believe we have stepped up to the challenge, and the pay off has been significant. DOP events throughout the year drew record numbers; in fact many events sold out well in advance including the Golden Brick Awards, the Burnham Institute Hot Topic luncheon, the Middy

Mixer featuring new DDB Executive Director Thomas C. Chatmon, Jr. and the DOP's annual Taste of Downtown held at City Hall. I cannot emphasize enough how this success can be attributed to the continued support and hard work of our Executive Director, Buffie Paulauski, and everyone on the DOP board.

Downtown Orlando continues to flourish. Even as much anticipated neighbors like the Plaza, the Federal Courthouse, Star Tower, and others have opened their doors, new retail, arts, sports and entertainment venues are in the works. This truly is an exciting time to play a part in the renewed vitality of the City Beautiful.

As we begin planning 2008, I am confident that our in-coming President, Tony Gregory, will continue to build on DOP's accomplishments. I thank each of you for helping make the Downtown Orlando Partnership the success it is.

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Enjoy the Luxury of Vintage Lounge at September Social

Join us on Thursday, September 27th from 5:30-7PM for our networking happy hour at Vintage Lounge, located at 114 South Orange Avenue. Admission is \$2 for DOP members and \$6 for non-members; reservations are not necessary.



Vintage Lounge combines the comfort and exclusivity of a luxury lounge with the excitement and energy of one of the City's hottest gathering spots for music and happy hour. For more information about Vintage Lounge, call (407) 649-9982 or visit www.vintagelounge.biz.

THANK YOU to SYN Premium Vodka for sponsoring the September event. Distilled five times from only the finest grains, SYN Premium Vodka is produced under the highest standards delivering a smooth and uninterrupted taste. Whether it's "on the rocks" or simply chilled & shaken to perfection, SYN Premium Vodka gives you optimum results every time. For more information, visit www.synvodka.com.

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State of Downtown Address Luncheon Slated for October 4

Baker and Hostetler and the Downtown Orlando Partnership are proud to present the 2007 State of Downtown Address featuring the Honorable Mayor Buddy Dyer on Thursday, October 4 at the Ballroom at Church Street.

Baker Hostetler
Counsel to Market Leaders

Traditionally one of downtown's most popular and well-attended civic events, the DOP is working with the City on a new program highlighting all the exciting things happening downtown. Now, with the Community Venues approved by both The City and Orange County, 2007's State of Downtown is sure to be even more exciting and enlightening!

Special thanks to our sponsors 55 West, 801 North Orange, LLC, CNL, Consensus Communications, FAIRWINDS Credit Union, Florida Hospital, Florida's Blood Centers, KuykendallGardner, Orlando Magic, OUC - The *Reliable One*, PCL Construction Services, Inc., Skanska USA Building, TLC Engineering for Architecture, Tom Cook Commercial, University of Central Florida and ZOM Florida, Inc.

This year's luncheon – which is sure to sell out – will take place at the Ballroom at Church Street, with registration beginning at 11:15AM. Reservations are \$50 per person for DOP members and \$65 for non-members. Corporate tables of eight are available for \$650 for DOP members and \$750 for non-members. To make a reservation, please send an e-mail to downtownorlando@bellsouth.net or call 407-228-3891.

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MEMBER PROFILE: Ingenuity Engineers, Inc.

Formed in February 2005, Ingenuity Engineers, Inc. was founded by David F. Green, Jr., President/CEO, and Brian S. Hessinger, P.E., Principal. The downtown Orlando firm specializes in Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Fire Protection professional design engineering services for clients such as architects, development groups, and governmental entities throughout the United States and the Caribbean.

Ingenuity's strategy is to empower the entire construction and design team through "Proactive Engineering Solutions." This concept allows the team to act rather than react.

The company currently employs 35 full time engineering and technical positions. "We wanted to create a work environment where the employees know they are number one," said Mr. Green. "The employees are the life line of the company and the ambassadors of the Ingenuity mission. With constant communication, unprecedented customer relations and a completely empowered staff, Ingenuity takes on a very proactive approach to service."

Ingenuity Engineers has performed engineering services on many Downtown Orlando projects, such as 101 Eola and 217 Eola, as well as several projects at Valdosta State University, East Carolina University, University of Central Florida and West Point Military Academy.

"We have a lot to offer our clients; our goal is to consistently provide an engineering 'benefit,' which is passed on to the owner. Every time we are chosen for a project, we feel it is an honor," Mr. Hessinger said.

For more information about Ingenuity Engineers and its projects, please visit www.ingenuityengineers.com or call 407-398-6007.

DOP Golf Tourney on Par for Oct. 19 Tee Off

Calling all duffers, chippers and sandbaggers, it's almost time for the funnest golf event in all of Orlando – the Downtown Orlando Partnership's Annual Golf Tournament scheduled for Friday, October 19th at MetroWest Golf Club. With numerous door prizes and a killer silent action, this year's tournament is sure to be a hole-in-one!

We are pleased to announce that our perennial supporter – Colliers Arnold Commercial Real Estate Services – is once again graciously taking the lead as our title sponsor.

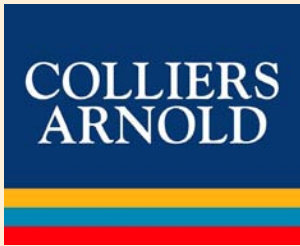
THANK YOU to our hole sponsors, who keep our tourney "in the green" with prizes and contests on each hole. This year's sponsors include City Beverages, 55 West, Baker Barrios Architects Inc., Ingenuity Engineers Inc., CitiSpace Orlando, Collis Roofing, Inc., FAIRWINDS Credit Union, LAN WAN Network Management, OUC - The Reliable One, PCL Construction Services, Inc., R.L. Haines Construction, RBC Centura Bank, REALTY CAPITAL, R. J. Griffin & Company, Service Painting Corporation, Turner Construction Company and Workplace Resource.

The tournament begins at 8:00AM with each player receiving continental breakfast, practice balls before tee-off and lunch during the awards ceremony. Player slots are still available for \$125 or \$500 for a foursome. To register for the event, call 407-228-3891 or send an e-mail to downtownorlandopartnership@bellsouth.net.

From The Halls of OPD...

Did you know that the Orlando Police Department's Crime Prevention Division offers a wide variety of free crime prevention services, including business safety presentations and security checks? There are several different programs that are available to you, the business owner. One is a presentation geared to your personal safety and that of your employee's as well. This includes everything from workplace violence to how every employee can act as a "security guard" for their own workplace by being vigilant and alert to potential predators. There is also training on how to handle yourself if you become a witness to or victim of a crime.

A second component of business security encompasses the physical aspects of the building you work in. A certified Crime Prevention Officer visits your business at no cost and completes a security survey which reviews landscaping, lighting, individual access, cameras, secure areas, safes, locking desks, emergency exits, etc. This can be a very involved and time-consuming process depending on the type of building, number of employees, etc., but O.P.D. is glad to assist. If you are interested, please contact Officer Jim Young at 407-246-2489, or any of the other certified officers in the O.P.D. Crime Prevention Division at 407-246-2461.



October's Social 'Goes Clubbing' at The Clubhouse



Join us on Thursday, October 25th from 5:30-7PM for our networking happy hour at The Clubhouse, located at 100 East Pine Street. Admission is \$2 for DOP members and \$6 for non-members; reservations are not necessary.

Whether you're an active sports fan or just a spectator, it's a sure win when you visit The Clubhouse! Boasting numerous TVs, as well as an impressive food and bar menu, The Clubhouse is the place for downtowners who are ready to unwind. For more information about The Clubhouse, call 407-447-5225.

THANK YOU to Eventivity and SYN Premium Vodka (again!) for co-sponsoring the October event. Eventivity is Orlando-based events company that partners with Fortune 500 businesses to plan and execute corporate sales meetings, as well as internal incentives. To learn more about Eventivity, visit www.eventivity.com.

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

November Social Boasts Urban Appeal!



Don't miss our last networking happy hour of the year scheduled for Thursday, November 15th from 5:30-7PM at Urban Flats, located in The Plaza at 183 South Orange Avenue. Admission is \$2 for DOP members and \$6 for non-members; reservations are not necessary.

Located in the heart of Downtown Orlando, Urban Flats is an innovative casual dining concept, boasting more than 24 wines by the glass and numerous flatbreads. Urban Flats is widely known as a great place to unwind after work! For more information, call 321-332-6889 or visit www.urbanflats.net.

THANK YOU to PayPerPost and City Beverages for sponsoring the November event. PayPerPost is the world's largest Consumer-Generated Advertising Network connecting advertisers and consumer content creators to deliver compelling marketing messages. The marketplace is fueled by bloggers, videographers, photographers, podcasters and participants in social networks. PayPerPost is easier to use than paid-search or display advertising and provides more powerful features. Visit www.PayPerPost.com for more information.

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Event calendar

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Vintage Lounge
5:30 - 7:00PM

October

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The Ballroom at Church Street
11:15AM - 1:15PM

19 DOP Golf Tournament
MetroWest Golf Club
8:30AM Tee Off

25 DOP October Social
The Clubhouse
5:30 - 7:00PM

November

16 DOP November Social
Urban Flats
5:30 - 7:00PM

"DIG FOR DIAMONDS"

*Sponsored by Swalstead Jewelers and
American Diabetes Association*

CURE ... CARE ... COMMITMENT

What: Swalstead Jewelers has "salted its mine" with diamonds and other gemstones. Lucky participants are invited to donate \$1 and get one shovel of sand to see if they can DIG UP A DIAMOND!

When: Thursday and Friday
Nov. 15 and 16
10:00AM to 4:00PM

Why: ALL proceeds to benefit the American Diabetes Association

Where: In front of Swalstead Jewelers
255 S. Orange Avenue
Downtown Orlando
(1/2 block south of Church St.)

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