

Summer Socials are HOT!

May Social at Salon Salon & Lizzie McCormick's

Our May event will be held on **Wednesday, May 31** from 5:30–7:00PM at Lizzie McCormick's and Salon Salon on North Orange Avenue. The event is being sponsored by Salon Salon and City Beverages. Salon Salon has been in business since 1985 offering clients only the finest products and services. Salon Salon has three locations in the greater Orlando area—SW Orlando, MetroWest and Downtown Orlando. For a style or a manicure be sure to look them up at www.salonsalohair.com!

July Social at the Lodge

Our July Networking Event is being held at The Lodge on **Thursday, July 27** from 5:30–7PM. Located on North Orange Ave, The Lodge makes you feel like you are in the tucked away in a cabin in the woods even though you are in the heart of Downtown Orlando. You will certainly enjoy the atmosphere inside... AND, there could even be a surprise or two at this event! So, be on the lookout for the invitation with more details.

A special thanks to Condo Connection, LLC and City Beverages for sponsoring this event. Condo Connection, LLC specializes in the sales and marketing of condominiums for third party builders, developers and brokers. The company's unique approach combines traditional strategies with innovative technological advances to connect buyers and sellers.

August Social at the Beacon

On **Thursday, August 24** from 5:30–7PM, our networking happy hour will be hosted in a new upscale restaurant/lounge, which, without a doubt, will be one of downtown Orlando's hottest HOT SPOTS! The Beacon, which will be located on the first floor of The Sanctuary, has created an early buzz among downtowners. The Beacon Catering Group will serve food, and Countrywide Home Loans and City Beverages will be sponsoring the event.

The August Social is being sponsored by Countrywide Home Loans. Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., a national leader in residential finance, has a local branch dedicated to providing affordable mortgage financing. Widely recognized as an innovator of financial products and services, Countrywide has served residential mortgage financing needs for more than 30 years. For more information on Countrywide, please contact Melissa Barry at 407-657-6261, ext 221. Last but not least, the biggest THANK YOU we could give would be to CITY BEVERAGES for their continuous support of our events. ALWAYS there to help out. THANK YOU CITY BEVERAGES!

April Social at 23 a HUGE Success!

THANK YOU, 23! On April 27 DOP held our monthly social at 23 on Church Street. If you did not attend, then you missed experiencing one of downtown's new social headquarters. The Oakroom, nestled within the walls of 23, provides a quiet retreat for those important, yet private, conversations. The Oakroom is an intimate lounge and conference area that features a 50-inch plasma screen with satellite connection, wireless Internet, cigar humidors, and personal wine cabinets.

Thank you CondoHQ for sponsoring our April event. CondoHQ is a specialty residential real estate brokerage company focused solely on condominium sales in Downtown Orlando and surrounding neighborhoods. The company exclusively represents new construction projects and condominium conversions. For more information contact the CondoHQ Sales Studio at 407-835-0110 or visit www.CondoHQ.com.

Also a special thanks goes to our co-sponsor, 55 West, soon to be Orlando's most prestigious address. This new condominium community will feature everything a person could ever need within walking distance, as well as the finest amenities. Now under construction, 55 West will boast 405 units with various floor plans including studio, one, two, and three bedroom units to suit every lifestyle. For the more discriminating buyer, premium penthouse units are located on the 32nd floor of the tower and offer breathtaking views of downtown Orlando. The 32-story tower is scheduled to be completed in 2008. For more information about 55 West, visit www.fiftyfivewest.com or call the Sales Gallery at 407-841-5583.

2005 Golden Brick Awards

Close to 300 people packed the downtown Orlando Embassy Suites for the Downtown Orlando Partnership's 2005 Golden Brick Awards Ceremony on April 20, 2006. More than 30 entries were received and awards were given to projects that help impact the Downtown Development District and contribute significantly to the quality of life making Downtown a more exciting, interesting and desirable place to work, shop and play.

The awards were based on contribution to downtown, excellence in design and economic contribution. Four types of awards were distributed including Honorable Mention, Golden Brick Award and Award of Excellence, which is the most prestigious award, given to only 1-2 projects each year. The "Hang Time" Award, which was presented to Central City Market, is given to a downtown venue with an atmosphere that encourages gathering. Entry categories and awards were given as follows:

Interior Projects

Honorable Mention—*Knight Images, Miller/Maines Residence at the Sanctuary, Studio 3 Designs, United Heritage Bank Downtown Branch Lobby*

Golden Brick Award—*PUSH Corporate Office, HuntonBrady Architects Corporate Headquarters*

Office Building Projects

Honorable Mention—*Terracon Consultants Inc.*

Golden Brick Award—*CNL Centre II, Cornerstone, Triangle Reprographics*

Public & Private Projects

Honorable Mention—*St. James Cathedral School Playground & Playfield*

Golden Brick Award—*Sunday Eola Market, Orange County Library System - Main Library*

Award of Excellence—*UCF School of Film & Digital Media Florida Interactive Academy*

Public Art

Golden Brick Award—*ParkSmart Art Tiles, CNL Centre II*

Special Events/Entertainment

Honorable Mention—*The Florida Swing: Golf In The Sunshine State, Fun Friday Event, Holiday Lights Orlando at City Hall Plaza, Midsummer Pour, Rum Fest 2005*

Golden Brick Award—*98.9 WMMO Downtown Concert Series, Florida Music Festival, The Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Starring the Rockettes*

Residential Multi Family

Golden Brick Award—*Eola South Condominiums, Osceola Brownstones Condominiums*

Award of Excellence—*The Sanctuary Downtown*

A special thanks to the Title Sponsor, Tom Cook Commercial, and Gold Sponsors, Historic Creations and Turner Construction, for their support. Silver Sponsors included Condo Connection, LLC, CNL Financial Group, and CondoHQ.

New Member Spotlight: Condo Connection, LLC

Condo Connection, LLC specializes in the sales and marketing of condominiums for third party builders, developers and brokers. The company's energetic team of talented, driven sales associates is unified in its focus on producing results through dedication to building strong relationships and by capitalizing upon its extensive, proprietary database system. This technological innovation provides powerful tools that streamline the sales process and allows buyers and sellers alike to get connected and stay connected.

La Costa Brava. Tara Oaks. Lakeside at Delaney. From the beginning, Robert Smith, managing member and broker of Condo Connection, LLC has guided clients through the many facets of the multi-family housing industry through his commercial brokerage firm, Smith Equities Corporation. A leader in multi-family housing brokerage throughout the state of Florida, Smith Equities Corporation delivered many of the first condo conversion projects in Central and North Florida and is responsible for over one billion dollars of apartment sales. The creation of Condo Connection, LLC in 2005 was a natural extension of the services Smith and his team have provided for the past 16 years.

Since 1984, Robert Smith has been on the forefront of Downtown Orlando development and historic preservation in the heart of the Thornton Park neighborhood as both a homeowner and as the owner of Lake Lawsona Apartments. Smith was the leader in securing several important neighborhood projects including bricking streets and completing the installation of a sidewalk and historic lights around Lake Lawsona. He has made significant personal investments in preserving the historic character of the neighborhood. Smith's commitment is further evident in his business operations which have been located downtown since inception and will be moved in August to a new location at 350 E. Pine Street. Additional information and future updates can be viewed on the company's web site: condo-connect.com.

Market Street Café Opens Downtown

Market Street Café, Orlando's newest downtown eatery located right on Lake Eola, officially opened its doors on May 3, 2006. Restaurant Partners, Inc., an Orlando-based restaurant operations and consulting company, manages the restaurant. Selecting downtown Orlando for this location of Market Street Café was an easy decision, said Dave Manuchia, President of Restaurant Partners, Inc. Orlando is our hometown and we believe that Market Street Café could become the city's newest hot spot for a power breakfast and power lunch because of the easy walk from the city's political and business center. It is also the best outdoor dining location in Central Florida right on Lake Eola.

Market Street Café, which is located on Central Boulevard in the heart of downtown Orlando's chic Thornton Park district, will serve a menu that features classic home-style breakfast, lunch and dinner items like homemade five-egg omelets, burgers, freshly made soups and sandwiches as well as signature items such as teriyaki grilled salmon and grilled chicken alfredo.

Guests can expect breakfast to be served all day at the restaurant, which will be open from 7AM–10PM Sunday through Thursday and 7AM–11PM Friday and Saturday. The restaurant does offer take-out, which can be ordered by calling 407-770-2030. Market Street Café will also validate parking for guests who park in the garage on the corner of Central Blvd. and Osceola Ave. Stop by to meet Operating Partner Bill Young and his staff at Market Street Café. Coming soon— Restaurant Partners' newest concept City Events at Lake Eola for all your meeting, convention and event needs.

Westin Grand Bohemian Hosts June Midday Mixer

You won't want to miss our next **Midday Mixer**: Tuesday, June 13, at **The Westin Grand Bohemian**. Our guest is **Rich Maladecki**, President of the **Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA)**. The tourism industry plays a part in many aspects of downtown Orlando's economic health. We're hearing about increased hotel development downtown and seeing new hotel condos appearing on the horizon. Now, with the recently announced plans to raise the hotel tax and send a portion of those funds to help in renovating the aging Citrus Bowl, as well as building a new arena and performing arts center, the backing of such tourism industry leaders like Rich Maladecki become even more "front and center." The CFHLA has a voice in governmental, social, cultural and charitable entities in our community and touches a vast amount of different industries. Plan on attending!

Special thanks to our host: The Westin Grand Bohemian will be showcasing a delicious buffet! Combining plush comfort and hallmark service in a setting of sheer beauty, this AAA Four Diamond luxurious downtown hotel blends the best in art, music, food and hospitality. Be sure to stop by the Grand Bohemian Gallery where the featured artwork of Jean Claude Roy will be on display.

Special thanks to our sponsor June sponsor: Primary Capital Advisors LC—Primary Capital Advisors is a nationwide real estate finance company with a full-service production office in Orlando that closes more than \$2 billion in business annually. They operate PRIMARILY throughout the Southeast with a PRIMARY focus on income property finance debt and equity, commercial and multi-family brokerage, residential mortgage and construction lending. The Orlando office, led by Todd F. Cohen, ranks as one of the top commercial mortgage banking operations in the Central Florida area. Thanks, Todd!

View an updated list of DOP events online!
www.downtownorlandopartnership.com

calendar

May

- 31** May After Hours Social
5:30–7:00 pm
Salon Salon & Lizzie McCormick's

June

- 2** Eola Classics After Dark
8:30 pm
Featured Movie "Key Largo"
- 8** Taste of Downtown
5:30–7:30 pm
City Hall Rotunda
- 9** Eola Classics After Dark
8:30 pm
Featured Movie
"North by Northwest"
- 13** June Midday Mixer
11:30 am–1:00 pm
Westin Grand Bohemian

July

- 27** July After Hours Social
5:30 pm–7:00 pm
The Lodge

August

- 24** August After Hours Social
5:30 pm–7:00 pm
The Beacon

August Midday Mixer Set

August's Midday Mixer is also going to be a networking event you'll want to put on your calendar. Scheduled for Tuesday, August 8, at **Embassy Suites Hotel Orlando Downtown**, with special guest and newly elected **2006 President of the Central Florida Commercial Real Estate Society, Thomas E. Hankins, CCIM SIOR**. Tom is a recognized leader in commercial real estate, with over 20 years of experience in commercial brokerage, consulting, development and asset management. Previously, Hankins was the General Manager for one of Central Florida's largest private land holdings, and excelled in a 13-year career with Burroughs Corporation. He is now President of **Realty Capital Hankins Group**. We're excited to hear Tom speak on industry news. Thank you!

We'd like to thank our host—Embassy Suites Hotel -Downtown, with a lively indoor atrium, it's the only all suites hotel in the heart of downtown.

Orlando Design Firm Proves Great Design Has No Limits

HuntonBrady Architects is a downtown architecture and interior design firm with a strong local presence specializing in healthcare, education, commercial and religious projects. Led by President Chuck Cole, AIA, the 59-year-old Orlando firm relocated its corporate headquarters last year to One Orlando Center at 800 N. Magnolia Avenue, Suite 600. Their distinctive design of the new, modern digs garnered the company the 2005 Gold Brick Award for Interiors Projects.

HuntonBrady is known for designing innovative places to work, learn and heal across Central Florida. Their downtown projects include the Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences, Florida Hospital Tower, Baldwin Pointe Office Building, Orlando Utilities Commission, and office interiors for Skanska. The firm employs 75 staff members, whose enthusiasm for the firm and its values resulted in a 2006 *Orlando Business Journal* Best Places to Work Award. For more information about the firm and its services visit www.huntonbrady.com or call Chuck Cole at (407) 839-0886 ext. 222.

OPD Update

The Orlando Police Department (OPD), under the direction of Chief Michael McCoy, is working to discourage panhandling in the Downtown area. This is an important priority and resources are being dedicated to address this issue and ensure the public safety of downtown residents and workers. Since the start of the year, there have been more than 255 panhandling-related arrests.

While OPD is working diligently to mitigate panhandling, we ask for your help in addressing this social challenge as well. Panhandling will continue as long as people give the panhandlers money. Do not assume the panhandler is homeless or will use the money for food. Many social agencies insist the only way to truly help the homeless or hungry is to donate to established charities or social agencies such as Coalition for the Homeless www.centralfloridahomeless.org, Orlando Union Rescue Mission www.ourm.org, or the Salvation Army www.salvationarmyorlando.com.

Again, we encourage you to help your police make a difference and provide any donations to an established social agency. For more information, call Lt. John Mina, Downtown Commander, OPD at 407-246-2351 or email him at john.mina@cityoforlando.net. Thank you for your continued support!

LIEUTENANT JOHN MINA
Downtown Commander
407-246-2351

Cultural Tourism for Locals

Developing more cultural awareness has been on Orlando's agenda for many years and Cassy Turiczek, Executive Director of the Downtown Arts District, addressed this at DOP's second **Midday Mixer** held at Wallstreet Enterprises' Slingapours on Tuesday, May 9. Cassy described many exciting developments in Orlando's art scene, the most notable being the public use space for arts and crafts projects (free of charge), art classes, as well as brand new meeting and event facilities. Quite a number of packets, including floor plans for the CityArts Factory were handed out and Cassy spoke with several people interested in space rental. CityArts Factory will have four new galleries opening next month (naming opportunities are still available at many levels!) and the second floor performance and event space will be opening later in the fall. Contact information: Downtown Arts District, Inc. 424 E Central Blvd. #362 Orlando, Fla. 32801 407-648-7060. Check out their website at www.dadorlando.com to see what D.A.D. means for Orlando!

Special thanks to our hosts for a great luncheon and for their continued support: **Wallstreet Enterprises** and **Slingapours** and to our sponsors **Tom Cook Commercial** and **Ustler Development Inc.** You help make downtown great!

Hot Topics Breakfast

Please join us on Thursday, September 7, for the first "Hot Topics" breakfast of the year, which will focus on our region and the topic of "How Shall We Grow?" With nearly 70,000 adults moving to Central Florida each year, many of us are interested in and perhaps concerned about the challenges that our region will face as we continue to grow. Shelley Lauten, Project Director for myregion.org will talk about the "How Shall We Grow?" campaign and share the vision and goals for our region. The event will begin at 7:30AM and will be held at The Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Orlando.

Myregion.org is an organization of citizens and leaders from public, private and institutional sectors who have launched a program to prepare the Central Florida Region to compete more effectively in the 21st century while enhancing the quality of life of its citizenry.

The Hot Topics Committee focuses on events that affect our downtown community including the arts, health and growth/development. This will be a great opportunity for you or your company to sponsor one of our events. "Smart Growth" certainly is a hot topic in our community and this event should draw a large crowd.

If you are interested in joining the Committee or sponsoring this event, please contact Buffie Paulauski, Executive Director of DOP, at downtownorlando@bellsouth.net.

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Taste of Downtown Moves to City Hall Rotunda

Please join CONDO CONNECTION, LLC and the Downtown Orlando Partnership (DOP) on Thursday, June 8, 2006 for Downtown Orlando's Premier Culinary Celebration. The DOP is busy preparing for an exciting new Taste Event where local restaurants and caterers will showcase their culinary skills. This year's event will combine food and beverages from a variety of restaurants including Kres Chophouse & Lounge, HUE, Central City Market, Room 3 Nine, The Beacon, Houlihans, TooJay's Gourmet Deli, Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, Johnny's Fillin' Station, Urban Flats, Honeybaked Ham Company, Schokolad Chocolate Factory, Westin Grand Bohemian, Pearl Steakhouse, Market Street Café and Panera Bread. Plan on attending this fabulous new event from 5:30-7:30PM at its new location, The City Hall Rotunda, located at 400 S. Orange Avenue.

The Taste of Downtown is the perfect venue to meet new friends or network with business contacts while sampling an incredible array of food. **This year's event is expected to be a sell-out.** Advance reservations are available (and recommended) for \$20 for DOP members and \$25 for non-members. Or, you can pay at the door for an additional \$5 each. To make a reservation, please send an email to downtownorlando@bellsouth.net.

Special thanks to Condo Connection, LLC, our Title Sponsor; our Gold Sponsors, CNL Bank and Shutts & Bowen; and our Silver Sponsors, Interior Connections, Inc., Countrywide Home Loans, Urban Life Management and City Beverages.

CONDO CONNECTION, LLC

Eola Classics After Dark

Free Outdoor Movies in June

Mark your calendars! **Eola Classics After Dark**, presented by the Downtown Orlando Partnership, begins June 2. This enjoyable evening under the stars features two free movie classics (June 2 and June 9) as well as live entertainment designed to appeal to all ages. The movie begins each Friday at dusk at the Lake Eola Amphitheater, and entertainment starts at 8:30PM. On **Friday, June 2**, the featured movie selection is *Key Largo*, with Bogie and Bacall in a superior thriller set in 1940s "Old Florida."

You voted, and the ballots are in! On **Friday June 9**, Downtown Orlando Partnership's **Eola Classics After Dark** presents the viewers' choice movie *North by Northwest*. Starring Cary Grant, this film may be Alfred Hitchcock's sunniest and funniest thriller! You'll laugh till your sides ache with the hilarious antics of the Sak Comedy Lab Performers. With Roger Moore, our favorite film critic, as the master of ceremonies and SAK Comedy Lab providing warm-up comedy, you won't want to miss this event!

Special thanks to our sponsors for helping support **Eola Classics After Dark**. Orchestra Sponsors: RBC Centura Bank, OUC, *The Reliable One*, Beautiful Views-Phantom Screens, the Downtown Development Board and Publix Super Markets; Two-night balcony sponsors: Bitner/Hennessy Public Relations and Urban Life Management; One-night balcony sponsors: CondoHQ, SunTrust and Orlando Marriott Downtown.

Save the Date!

Mayor Dyer to Speak at Annual State of Downtown Address on October 4

Baker Hostetler and the Downtown Orlando Partnership are proud to present the 2006 State of Downtown Address on Wednesday, October 4th. The luncheon event will feature keynote speaker, The Honorable Mayor Buddy Dyer and Frank Billingsley, Executive Director of the Downtown Development Board and Community Redevelopment Agency. To inquire about sponsorship opportunities for this high profile event, please contact Vickie Hungate at 407-236-9608 or vhungate@ouc.com or Buffie at 407-228-3891 or downtownorlando@bellsouth.net. Watch your inbox for more details.

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