

January, 2006

# The Downtowner

*A Newsletter of the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership*

## Calendar of Events

### Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

- ★ Organization Committee, TEC 7:30am

### Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup>

- ★ First Thursday Art Walk, Downtown Kennewick 6pm

### Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

- ★ General Membership Meeting, Clover Island Inn, 8:00am

### Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

- ★ Promotion Committee, TEC 6pm

### Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

- ★ ER Committee, TEC 7:30am

### Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

- ★ Design Committee, TEC 5:30pm

### Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

- ★ Board of Directors Meeting, TEC 7:30am

## Board of Directors:

### Gary Hall

President  
Hall Engineering

### Harvey Faurholt

Vice President  
Attorney at Law

### Paul Scharold

Treasurer  
Scharold Enterprises, Inc

### Joetta Rupert

Secretary  
Kennewick Irrigation District

### Jo Harrington

Past President  
Harrington Home Medical

### Mayor Jim Beaver

City of Kennewick  
Beaver Furniture Sales

### Gary Earp

Windermere Real Estate

### Lee Williams

Lee Williams & Associates

### Chuck Scribner

Player Sports Bar and Grill

### Mark Blotz

Clover Island Inn

### Don Lambert

*The Mission of the Historic Downtown Kennewick partnership is to enhance the prosperity of the downtown and preserve its History*

## The 2005 Tax Season Is Rapidly Approaching And Are You Ready?

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership is proud to present Ms. Kathleen M. Corboy-Rigby, CPA of Marple and Marple, Inc., P.S. speaking about tax issues for the 2005 tax seasons.

Ms. Corboy-Rigby is a graduate of San Diego University with a Bachelors of Science in Accounting. Kathleen has over 20 years of practice in public and private accounting. She is a member of the Washington State Society of Certified Public Accountants and is an active speaker for the Society in our local high schools. Kathleen specializes in accounting and tax work for small businesses and is a certified as a QuickBooks ProAdvisor.

**Friday, January 6, 2006**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Clover Island Inn**

## HDKP Gets New Board Members and Officers

In December, the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership announced the results of the 2006 Board Elections. The General Membership re-elected Harvey Faurholt, (Attorney at Law) and voted to elected Joetta Rupert, (Kennewick Irrigation District) and Mark Blotz, (Clover Island Inn) to serve three year terms on the board. A special board meeting of the 2006 Board of Directors was held in December with the express purpose to appoint one more board member, the 2006 Board of Directors appointed Lee Williams (Lee Williams and Associates) to serve a one year term on the Board of Directors.

The 2006 Board of Directors: President - Gary Hall (Hall Engineering); Vice President - Harvey Faurholt (Attorney at Law); Secretary - Joetta Rupert (Kennewick Irrigation District); Treasurer - Paul Scharold (Scharold Enterprises, Inc.); Mayor James Beaver (Beaver Furniture); Jo Harrington (Harrington Home Medical); Mark Blotz, (Clover Island Inn); Chuck Scribner (Players Sports Bar and Grill); Lee Williams (Lee Williams and Associates); Gary Earp (Windermere Realty); and Don Lambert



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## Representative Bill Grant Nominated for National Main Street Leadership Award

16<sup>th</sup> District Representative Bill Grant (D) has been nominated for the National Main Street Leadership Award for his work on passage of the Downtown Revitalization B&O Tax Credit earlier this year.

The Main Street Leadership Awards will be presented by the National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Trust Main Street Center during the National Main Streets Conference in New Orleans. "The National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual Main Street Leadership Awards program identifies and recognizes three key leaders in the commercial district revitalization movement. These leaders are individuals, businesses, civic organizations and elected officials who demonstrate a commitment to preservation-based revitalization of traditional and historic commercial areas" according to Camille Inez, the awards program coordinator with the National Trust Main Street Center in Washington DC.

Representative Grant was nominated by a coalition of Downtown revitalization program managers in recognition of his efforts to pass the Main Street Bill during the 2005 legislative session. This legislation authorizes a 75% B&O Tax credit for businesses making a contribution to a designated local downtown or neighborhood commercial district revitalization program. The Bill also establishes the Washington State Main Street Trust Fund and

allows businesses making a donation to this fund to receive a 50% B&O Tax credit for their donation.

Both the original Bill HB1273 and its Senate companion Bill died in committee during the legislative session. Representative Grant worked with the leadership on both sides of the House and was able to reintroduce the text of the Bill as part of the House Budget Bill HB2314 which was passed by both the House and the Senate.



"The Main Street B&O Tax credit created a valuable avenue for communities trying to revitalize their Downtowns" noted Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership President Joanna Harrington. "Whether they're communities that are just trying to start a revitalization effort or communities like Kennewick with an established and successful program in place, the B&O tax credit provides an opportunity to leverage important local investment in the revitalization effort."

Representative Grant worked with Downtown revitalization leaders from communities across the state including Auburn, Bainbridge Island, Kennewick, Kent, Port Townsend, Port Angeles Puyallup, Walla Walla, and Wenatchee to pass this legislation.

## ABCD's Multi-Media Gives to Mid-Columbia Library

In a brief ceremony on December 3, 2005, ABCD's Multi-Media donated \$8,000 of DVD movies and music to Mid-Columbia Library System. ABCD's is entering their 10<sup>th</sup> year in business in Kennewick and as part of its continuing evolution as a specialty entertainment retailer will no longer offer DVDs to its customer. Its owner, Scott Spence, said "the community has supported our locally owned business for nearly 10 years and this donation is

another means by which we can thank a broad segment of the community for their continued patronage".

ABCD's Multi-Media is a retail store offering compact disc music, karaoke music and equipment, stage lighting, pro sound equipment band instrument rentals and accessories, sheet music, iPod styled MP3 players and now available satellite radio.