

Covington Today

Newsletter of the **Friends of Covington**

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2009 Covington Award Honors David Herriman



The Metropolitan Club was the site of this year's Covington Award. David Herriman, the recipient, was honored by many outstanding citizens for his many accomplishments, including those in Covington and personal ones, when he helped a lot of people become successful. The menu was a gourmet's delight, with foods chosen by renowned caterer, Jeff Thomas. The trophy, designed by our own Fred Hollis is a shining example of crystal. Julie Boudousquie chaired the event and coordinated all speakers, publicity, and decorations.

Among those honoring Mr. Herriman with wonderful stories and words of praise were Rick Robertson as the Master of Ceremony, Covington Commissioner Jerry Stricker, Kenton



County Judge Executive Ralph Drees, Kentucky Commonwealth Representative Arnold Simpson, Mr. Herriman's Administrative Assistant Shirley Jansen, Cincinnati Ballet CEO Victoria Morgan, Caterer and longtime friend Jeff Thomas, Bartlett & Co Chairman Jim Miller, Cincinnati City Council Member Roxanne Qualls and Jay Kalagayan, Founder of the Know Theatre. It was splendidly done, showing Covington at its best.



Photos by Ron Einhaus

President's Corner

Talking with a Friend

I was recently traveling and had the opportunity to share many and varied conversations with newly acquainted friends. Some could really wind a tale. It was fascinating to hear of the cities and towns from where these people traveled. I am as much a listener as talker but when I had the opportunity to talk about my town, I offered my limited version of Covington, KY-101.

It was easy to start. I told them mine was a city of neighborhoods. I told them that within the boundaries of this nearly 200 year old burg, there are almost 20 individually identifiable neighborhoods; that among the neighborhoods there are 17 active neighborhood organizations made up of residents and businesses alike; that each has a demonstrated track-record of improving its quality of life and thereby improving the overall image and quality of life throughout Covington. I gave them a nutshell on many of the neighborhoods.

As I was winding down, it occurred to me that I had not yet illustrated why Covington is so special. Indeed we have our neighborhoods, but it is actually the neighbors within them. It is a people thing. It is the simple matter of looking out for one another, and not looking the other way. It is the caring demonstrated by the people who tend to those in need; the longstanding organizations and agencies that clothe, nurture, and sustenance.. It is the individuals banding together that make Covington live, breathe, and grow. That is where we can find and talk with a friend.

Congratulations to The Center for Great Neighborhoods for another successful and fun *Covington Quest*. The Friends of Covington sponsored a team—the Fleet-Footed Friends of Covington. While we did not ‘finish in the money’, the team persevered and acquitted itself well. Our thanks to team members Dave Thuene-man, Nate Roedig, and Michelle Westermeyer,

The Friends would also like to congratulate Mr. Larry Klein on his appointment to the position of Covington City Manager. Larry has always proven himself attentive, hard-working, and determined. *Congratulations Larry!*

John Flesch

Editor's Corner

As much as I plan a deadline in my head, I don't quite ever meet that date. So this is a June-July newsletter, and maybe I should plan them as two month editions instead of focusing in on one month. At any rate, the Reds aren't doing so well. At first, they had pitching and no hitting. Now that has reversed! I am their eternal optimist, having moved to this area in the days of The Big Red Machine. Marge Schott did have one bang-up year, but most of it has gone downhill since. With every ensuing season, from the first pitch, my hopes are high that this might be THE YEAR.

So summer is in full glory. There are numerous festivals all around us, and you can follow them in the Enquirer. Gardens are prolific, with multicolored blooms which are the profusions that only this season offers. Among the things to admire are the large urns on any street corners, maintained by nearby neighbors and shop owners who should be thanked for their efforts, another example of beautifying Covington. Speaking of that, the entry form for the Beautification Awards is in this newsletter. Please enter soon and often. This is one of the many ways the Friends of Covington applaud and encourage people to make the city a more inviting place to live and work.

Mary Anne Anderson

Restaurants of Covington Revisited

Second and third trips to Otto's were as good as the first. The Riverside Korean restaurant has expanded, a necessity because of its popularity, and one continues to have delicious food, attractively served. Many people from Cincinnati come to dine there due to the unique cuisine. Wertheim's and Keystone grill remain good staples. Sad to say, almost right after the first article, which featured Ollie's Trolley, that particular place closed. There were many unhappy customers because the ribs were really good, and Marvin Smith gave a lot to the city. The WORST disappointment has been the departure of Master Chef Jean Robert de Cavel from The Greenup Café and Chalk. Sadly, both have gone downhill, as the managers and most of the staffs in both restaurants have left. Word is that Pastry Chef Jean Phillippe Solnom has a place at Findley Mar-

ket, a great gain for shoppers across the river, but a terrible loss for Covington. There is always hope that Chef Jean Robert will open a new restaurant here, where his superb presentations and excellent dishes will find an appreciative group of diners.

Renew Your Friends of Covington Membership

As a member of the Friends of Covington, your support has created and sustained many notable beautification efforts which make Covington one of the most desirable locations to live, work, and play.

Friends of Covington
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FRIENDS OF COVINGTON 2009 BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

ENTRY RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Property nominated must be in Covington
2. Photos would help
3. Nominations can include homes, businesses, gardens, community projects, or parks.
4. A written paragraph describing why the property merits an award must accompany the entry.
5. All entries must be received no later than 5p.m., Saturday, August 1st, 2009
6. Entries will be judged by a panel of Friends of Covington members who can select as many as 20 or as few as 0.
7. Winners will receive a complimentary invitation to the awards and reception, October, 2009, a banner to display, a framed certificate, and congratulations from Mayor Denny Bowman.

Complete the following entry form and send it to FRIENDS OF COVINGTON, P.O. BOX 1243, COVINGTON, KY. 41012, or hand deliver during business hours to CENTER FOR GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS, 1650 RUSSELL STREET, COVINGTON, KY. 41011

2009 Friends of Covington Beautification Award Nomination Form

Address of nominated property : _____

Resident/Owner: : _____

Telephone number of above : _____

Nominator's name (if different than above) : _____

Nominator's telephone number : _____

Is the nominee willing to display the Award banner if selected?

(circle) YES NO

Remember to enclose pictures, if available, and a paragraph stating why the property deserves an award
Mail nominations to Friends of Covington, P.O. B. 1243, Covington, 41012 or Center for Great Neighborhoods,
1650 Russell Street, Covington, 41011

2009 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

(Renewals are due in January)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

Email _____ FAX _____

Type of Membership:

_____ \$15 Individual _____ \$25 Family _____ \$50 Business

_____ \$150 Individual Lifetime _____ \$250 Family Lifetime _____ \$500 Business Lifetime

Additional donation \$ _____

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of Friends of Covington is to bring together residents, workers, organizations and other enthusiastic supporters of Covington. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life in the community through communication, activities and projects designed to foster pride and encourage

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