

Covington Today

Newsletter of the **Friends of Covington**

March 2009

2009 Covington Award Recipient - David C. Herriman

This years' recipient, David C. Herriman, is a true entrepreneur. His past history includes a B.A. from Indiana University, after which he became an Air Force pilot, flying bombers and fighters and ending with the rank of Captain. He joined the family business until it was sold. Next was employment at a consulting firm, before moving to England. There, he was employed as co-manager of a company which rented holiday villas in Italy and was instrumental in the development of a condominium in Telleraro, a fishing village on the Golfo di la Spezia. Upon his return to the States, he developed an industrial park in Florence and a residential area in Edgewood. At the same time, he became a shareholder in the Covington Trust Bank, and, subsequently, its President. After this, he and a group bought the Palace Theatre in Cincinnati which has been razed some years ago to make space for a modern office building. He has developed several historical areas in Covington. He is a founder



of CURE, a Covington Urban Redevelopment Effort now known as the Covington Business Council. He won a competition with his plan for the residential portions east of the Roebling Suspension Bridge, which are appropriately named Riverside Terrace and Riverside Plaza and which contain eighty eight condos with breathtaking views. Mr. Herriman continues to have real estate interests in both Indiana and Northern Kentucky. Despite all his business activities, Mr. Herriman spends a lot of time traveling, with his favorite destination being New York City. He has visited over fifty countries and all continents. His community activities include memberships on the boards of the Playhouse in the Park, the Cincinnati Ballet, and the Contemporary Arts Center. He is a founding member of the Northern Kentucky University Foundation, Equality, (a human rights organization), and the Cincinnati Horticultural Society.

COMING EVENTS

CENTER FOR GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS

January 24-April 11-Free tax preparation, 10am-1pm, Monday-Saturday. Also some Sundays. Call Peg @ 866-7575

DEVOU PARK

March 28- Bike Trails Construction, 9:30am-2:30pm Help wanted.
April 11- 2pm Easter Egg Hunt, children 3- 12, grouped by age Prizes! Bring your own Easter basket. Visit with the Easter Bunny

BEHRINGER-CRAWFORD MUSEUM

Tot Tuesdays, every month, activities for preschoolers

BAKER HUNT ART AND CULTURAL CENTER

Northern Kentucky History, Art and Culture lecture series
April 19, 2pm- Frank Duveneck, Cincinnati Art and Artists
May 17, 2pm A Century of Historic Architecture, Covington 1814-1914
June 14, 2pm- "The Green Line". The Cincinnati, Newport, and Covington Railway. Series continues in September
\$7 at the door, free tours after the lecture

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

April 25- Starting point, Goebel Park, 9am
Neighborhood trash collections by residents
Snacks, drinks and tee shirts for participants

COVINGTON AWARD

May 20, The Metropolitan Club, 6pm, with dinner

COVINGTON AFTER HOURS

Second Wednesday, every month, 5pm-7pm
April 8- Covington Business Council
May 13- Mainstrasse Village Association
June 10- Latonia Business Council

ROEBLINGFEST

June 14, 11 am-4pm
Tours of the murals, statues, bridge and harbor available
Tickets, \$2 per person, \$5 per family
Harbor tours last 45 minutes, can accommodate 10 adults and children per tour

COVINGTON 'PAINT IT FORWARD'

May 30- June 27 (Saturdays), with make up dates in July
Five houses to be painted
Tickets at \$2 for raffle items to raise funds for supplies
Sponsored by the Code Enforcement Department
Call Teresa to volunteer @ 859-292-2323

President's Corner

Quick, get out your maps of northern Kentucky, point to Covington, run your finger around its perimeter. Did your finger go south of the I-275 loop? If not, you missed the vibrant and ever-growing neighborhood of South Covington. We naturally identify Covington with its historic neighborhoods. After all, we are already approaching our own bicentennial to be celebrated in 2015. But Covington's diversity of population and housing is flourishing on its suburban flanks. The Friends of Covington is pleased to recognize the vitality of such a growing community and we welcome the opportunity to more strongly integrate and grow with all the neighborhoods of Covington.

While South Covington anchors our southern border, with this publication the Friends of Covington is proud to recognize an integral figure in the revitalization and rejuvenation of 'old' Covington. The Friends have selected Mr. David Herriman as the recipient of the 2009 Covington Award. Mr. Herriman pioneered the redevelopment along Covington's riverfront. *Thanks Mr. Herriman for all of your contributions.*

Do you feel it in the air? Even with the occasional lapse into the frigid temperatures, Spring is upon us and brings its promises of a blooming revitalized Covington. We all must continue to realize that those things we behold are not born of a vacuum. It takes continued and labored effort to keep our city what we want it to be. The Friends is proud to support efforts that have been sustained through the years to keep Covington beautiful. It is more than dogwoods and daylilies that beautify Covington. We invite all to join the efforts throughout the city on April 25th for the Great American Cleanup (see www.greatneighborhoods.org, www.covingtonky.com). In the meantime, let the Spring fragrances fill your senses, dig into that fresh furrow, and let the season lighten your stride.

John Flesch

Editor's Corner

Spring is upon us and daffodils are sprouting their greenery and buds as you read. Warm weather is on the way!!

Some congratulations are in order. First, may I say how pleased we are to honor the 2009 Covington Award recipient David Herriman, a charming man who has done great work on both sides of the river, as well as in Indiana. Then, a word about our first scholarship recipient, Emily Sturgeon, who is maintaining a GPA anyone would admire and who wrote a beautiful letter to the FOC board to report on her activities. The Board is hoping to continue awarding more scholarships in future years. Lastly, I want to thank Joyce Callery for lending her talented husband, Butch, to our Board. We are enriched by his presence and know-how.

I would like to remind everyone to send in dues! It's a bargain. Not only do you receive this newsletter but also invitations to the after hours monthly get-togethers, and other activities, such as the Beautification Awards, the Covington Award, and a vote for the officers you want to continue the work which is done by the FOC Board to enable the beautification of Covington.

A heartfelt thanks for the years of service Arlene Gibeau has given to the Friends of Covington. This lovely and gracious lady is already missed, and we wish her the best of life's adventures. We will also miss Board members Gary Keller, who has a huge job as Executive Director of the Covington Business Council, and Marvin Wischer, a very busy businessman, with lots of commitments.

Mary Anne Anderson

A New Neighborhood Putting Down Deep Roots

Contributed by Nancy Ray, President, SCCAA

The neighborhood of South Covington is often referred to as Covington's "red headed step child." It lies south of I-275 and encompasses four-thousand acres south of the Latonia neighborhood. South Covington was successfully annexed by Covington in 1976 and has approximately 2500 homes.

The largest housing boom in South Covington occurred during the 1990's when 463 homes were added in the development of three additional subdivisions. This neighborhood is compromised primarily of subdivisions that are not physically connected to one another.

The South Covington Community Action Association (SCCAA) is the very active neighborhood association that meets every second Thursday at the Hands Pike Fire House (Company 5) at 7 p.m. The association has guest speakers

at each meeting that has included Judges, State, County and City elected officials, city department directors, and the Kenton County Jailer among others.

The association accomplishments include: adding lights to Hands Pike Park next to the Fire House, adopting Hands Pike in the "Adopt a Highway" Clean -Up Program, to name just a few. The group also is represented in the Covington Neighborhood Collaborative and numerous city and community committees.

Construction of the new Kenton County Jail will be in South Covington and the area anticipates continued growth in this hidden Covington neighborhood.

Restaurants of Covington

CHALK FOOD + WINE



Photo by Ron Einhaus

Located at 318 Greenup Street, this restaurant features paintings by local artists Chris Hennig and Brett Schulte, all of which have a food and drink theme, and create an

atmosphere of warmth and vivid color. The seating capacity is for 110, with additional room outside, weather permitting, on a walled courtyard, and patio tables on the sidewalk for another 40 guests. Opening was January 15, 2008., with amazing Jean Robert de Cavel at the helm of the cuisine. He has since left, but remains a mentor and teacher. The current Chef is Jared Whalen. Along with imaginative Pastry Chef Summer Genetti, the dishes are beautifully presented in perfect proportions. There are 33 employees, and it is hard to imagine any better qualified or more attentive people anywhere. Bryant Phillips is the manager, a young, sophisticated and dedicated gentleman

with a soft voice and an awareness of details as he quietly goes about the business of seeing that everything runs smoothly. The menu is unique, brief and amusing. Choices are limited which is a refreshing change from the multiple pages one deals with in many eateries. Restaurant owners are Marilyn and Martin Wade, a well-known couple who have given new meaning to sophisticated dining. Dress ranges from casual to formal, depending on the occasion, and separate rooms are available for any parties or celebrations, naturally reserved in advance.

Favorite dishes include scallops, any way they are prepared, and the duck Sloppy Joes.

On street parking is offered as well as space in a lot behind the restaurant.

Price range: \$8- \$24, with beverages, sides and desserts extra. Menus change according to seasons, with local fresh ingredients stressed.. Full dinners and drinks for two are in the \$80 area.

Hours: Drinks, 4:30- close, food, 5:30 – between 9:30 and 11pm, depending on guests and unless the chef has run out of food, with the possible addition of a “bartenders brunch” in the spring.

Phone: 859-643-1234

Reservations are not necessary but are recommended, especially for any special requests.

Renew Your Friends of Covington Membership for 2009!

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.

The Friends of Covington is committed to improving the future of the City of Covington and continues to support *The Great American Cleanup*, neighborhood beautification, Roebingfest, and many other projects designed to enhance the image and quality of life in Covington. We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support in 2009!

Please fill in the form below and return with your check to:

Friends of Covington
P.O. Box 1243
Covington, KY. 41012

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(Renewals are due in January)

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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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