

# Historic Petersburg FOUNDATION

## March 2013 Newsletter

### *A Letter From The President*



I am so pleased to advise that Preservation Petersburg, Inc., the new 501 c3 established to hold and manage significant historic sites with public access is now a legal entity. The new Board of Trustees responsible for initially guiding Preservation Petersburg has been established and had its first organizational meeting. In addition, Renaissance Petersburg, Inc. our new "for profit" is also a legal entity and poised to initiate the restoration of historic structures and neighborhood rebuilding by leveraging the financial benefits of State and Federal tax credits. This entity is lead by HPF Board of Trustee members Dave McCormack and Bobby Lynch, both of whom have earned valuable experience while establishing themselves as two of the best restoration redevelopers in Petersburg.

Despite the hard work of so many of our dedicated members, our very best volunteer efforts have not been able to reverse the negative and unsustainable cash flow we have experienced over the last four years. In response, your BOT is exploring the financial feasibility of establishing and recruiting for the position of Executive/Development Director. The intent is to introduce professional leadership with experience and new energy into our efforts to significantly improve and expand our fundraising capability. Many of you know that several similar efforts in the past have not achieved a positive outcome. Undaunted by those negative experiences, we intend for this new initiative to be informed, in a positive manner, from those experiences. We will also look to the positive and successful experiences of other organizations to provide guidance and direction as we move forward. Success in this initiative is critical to the sustainable financial future of HPF. If you would like to inform this process in any manner, please do so, your BOT welcomes your input.

Time flies when you are having fun. The past three years as your President have flown by and now it is time to pass the baton to your next President. As much as I have enjoyed being your President and would be willing to serve longer, I believe very strongly in Term Limits as a very positive and healthy gating factor that insures renewal for any organization. We have completed the organizational transformations we identified and agreed to accomplish together and so I leave with a strong sense of satisfaction, thanks to all your support and volunteer efforts in helping to achieve those goals. I also leave you with one of the strongest Boards of Trustees I believe we have benefitted from in a long time, and I look forward to continuing to serve HPF on our Board for the balance of my term. Thank you for a great and most rewarding experience.

Robert C. White

# 2013 Preservation Awards

It is time to accept nominations for the annual preservation awards. We welcome your input in recognizing achievements in historic preservation from this past year. The awards will be presented at the Forty-Sixth Annual Meeting, on Sunday, April 14, 2013. Submit your nominations by March 20th.

**Award Categories:**

**Preservation Volunteer Award** honors the member of Historic Petersburg Foundation, Inc. who has devoted great time and energy to the mission, goals and activities of HPF.

**Governmental/Public Servant Award** recognizes the public official or employee of the city, state or federal government who has been involved in their official capacity in the field of historic preservation in Petersburg.

**Craftsman/Artisan Award** honors the architects, contractors and craftsmen who demonstrate exceptional skill and dedication to the preservation and restoration of historic properties.

**Architectural Preservation & Restoration Award** honors the preservation of a commercial or residential structure in the city of Petersburg. This project should have been undertaken or completed within the last year.

**Petersburg Heritage Award** honors the individual who has made important contributions to the understanding of Petersburg's history and heritage through research, publication by any means, and/or organization of research and/or publication.

**Preservationist of the Year Award** honors the member of HPF who has made significant accomplishments in historic preservation during the past year.

**Charles J. DuBois Sustaining Preservationist Award** honors the individual, association, or corporation that has exemplified the ideals of historic preservation in Petersburg through his, her or its long –standing achievement, commitment, participation and dedication. Awarded only once to a single individual or entity.

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**Historic Petersburg Foundation, Inc. 2013 Preservation Award Nomination Form**

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ Preservation Volunteer Award
- \_\_\_\_\_ Governmental/Public Servant Award
- \_\_\_\_\_ Craftsman/Artisan Award
- \_\_\_\_\_ Architectural Preservation & Restoration Award
- \_\_\_\_\_ Petersburg Heritage Award
- \_\_\_\_\_ Preservationist of the Year Award
- \_\_\_\_\_ Charles J. DuBois Sustaining Preservationist Award

Comments/Description of project or achievement: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address of restoration: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Deadline: Wednesday, March 20, 2013.**

# Tenth Annual Ball in the 'Burg

On February 23rd we celebrated Hawaiian style at the Country Club of Petersburg for our tenth Ball in the 'Burg fundraiser. The Luau was great fun and the band Attraction was fantastic. Karen Becker won Best Female Costume and Joe Battiston won Best Male Costume. They will each receive a free ticket to the 2014 Ball in the 'Burg for their creative efforts. Thank you for supporting and participating in this event.



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## Historic Petersburg Foundation's Forty-Sixth Annual Meeting

We hope to see you on **Sunday, April 14, 2013** at the Union Train Station for our **46th Annual Membership Meeting**. Lewis Rogers, Superintendent of the Petersburg National Battlefield will be our keynote speaker.

At the annual meeting, we will recognize achievements in historic preservation over the past year, so please take a few minutes to review the preservation award categories inside this newsletter and submit your nominations by March 20th. We welcome your input.

If you were not able to attend the 10th **Ball in the 'Burg** last month, we missed you! Thanks to HPF Board member, John Rooney, Jr., you can see what fun we had at the luau. Check out page 3 inside this newsletter. We had a ball!