



# the Downtown News

A Monthly Update from the Kent Downtown Partnership

## Libby Seidel...you'll be missed!

For the last 8 years, Libby Seidel has graciously volunteered her time at the Kent Downtown Partnership to help us with bookkeeping and so much more. For the last 2 years, she's taken on the additional task of chairing Wine, Women, Wow.

After 8 years of hard work and dedication, Libby is moving onto other endeavors, so we want to thank her for all of her hard work. Barb Smith offers her appreciation:

"Change is good and nobody deserves it more than Libby. I am sure that when Libby talked with Rick, KDP's Treasurer, he was deeply saddened to hear she is taking her volunteerism to the City of Kent Police Department and, at the same time, happy that she gets to do something she has always wanted to do.

"Replacing Libby is impossible. Finding someone with her skills and dedication is not going to be easy, if not impossible. Libby was a huge help to me when I first

started. Libby was the only person in the office that had the long history with KDP. She knew every business by name, the owners, the history of each business. She knew all the procedures in the office. How do you replace all that? In one year I still have lots to learn and now I get to do it without her guidance.

"I and all the board will miss Libby and we wish her the best in her future endeavors."



## Annual KDP Dinner Auction—June 26

**Do you have your tickets yet for the Annual KDP Awards Dinner & Auction?**

If not, there's still time to get them. Tickets are \$60/each or you can buy a table of 8 for \$480 and choose your table's theme! Stop by KDP at 1st and Gowe in downtown Kent or call 253-813-6976 to order your tickets NOW! 14 tables have been sold already (as of 6/2)!



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### June dates to remember:

*(see inside for more)*

*Farmer's Market kicks off—  
June 5 (9 am—2 pm)*

*Kent International Festival—  
June 26 (10 am—6 pm)*

*KDP Annual Awards Dinner  
and Auction—June 26 (5:30—9  
pm)*

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## Welcome New Members

### **Robert Cannon & Jeanette Harem New York Life**

1851 Central Place, South, Ste 110  
Kent, 98030  
253-854-7374  
<http://www.rcannon.net>

Robert has been with New York Life since 1981. His desire is to help individuals, families and businesses remain in their own world and to help them carry on in the event of the death or disability of the spouse or partner.

### **Halo Network Foundation**

Mychal Boiser, president  
124 Fourth Ave. S., Ste. 180  
Kent, WA 98032  
253-859-5662  
<http://www.halonetWORKfoundation.org>

Our mission is to reduce homelessness in our community. By partnering with individuals and other organizations, we raise awareness to implement support and promote change for the less fortunate. We are proactive in the eradication of homelessness by providing resources that change lives one individual at a time.

### **Cold Fire Paint**

Residential & Light Commercial Interior/Exterior  
206-929-2949  
[carol@coldfirepaint.com](mailto:carol@coldfirepaint.com)

Newly formed mother/son paint company. Son has several years of experience in all aspects of residential and light commercial painting. Free estimates. All work guaranteed; licensed, bonded and insured.

## Board Updates

**Janie Sacco, Washington Business Bank** was voted in by our membership as the newest member of our KDP Board. For years, Janie has been the "behind the scenes" fundraiser for many of the events that happen in downtown Kent. It was wonderful to see that our members recognized her value as well.

**Dana Neuts of Virtually Yourz and iLoveKent.net** joins the board, replacing Jim Bell. We are very excited to have Dana on board as she works with several of our downtown businesses and will be a great spokesperson for them and our other members.

**Chad Gleason, Retail Realty Services**, was appointed to replace Doug Scharnhorst who had to step down from the board, as his office, Olsen Law Firm, moved their office to Puyallup. Chad is someone who has been working behind the scenes to offer support to KDP by answering a number of commercial real estate questions and has helped Barb in our KDP office with research, such as demographics for downtown, etc. Another good example of bringing someone on board with expertise that will help us do a better job for our downtown businesses. He is responsible for a number of the businesses who are opening up in downtown Kent. You go, Chad!!!

Please join us in welcoming Janie, Dana and Chad to our KDP board of directors!

Visit our blog for news, events, photos & more: <http://kentdowntown.blogspot.com>

## Mike Hanis & Barb Smith attend 'downtown' training

Incoming board president Mike Hanis of Hanis, Irvine and Prothero and KDP executive director Barb Smith recently attended the 24th Annual Downtown Revitalization Training Institute in Port Townsend. During the three-day training session, they heard national speakers, met state government officials and politicians, and received extensive training on Main Street and historic downtown issues.

Mike was impressed with the experience and how dedicated the Training Institute is in helping historic

downtowns to be successful, "...the Institute emphasized good business practices and was especially focused on ways to make our locally owned retail businesses in our Downtown prosperous and vibrant. They cannot only compete but can surpass their national-brand competition in their special role as the real heart of the business community, and with their ability to provide customer service, locally-flavored products, and responsiveness to their customer base."



## Roger Gouin receives Golden Paint Brush from Kent Police Department

As part of Kent Graffiti Removal program, the Kent Downtown Partnership has adopted the downtown area and committed to keeping it graffiti-free. An instrumental person in this effort is **Roger Gouin**. On June 1, Kent Police Chief Strachan recognized Roger for his hard work in removing graffiti across the downtown area during the Kent City Council meeting.

Roger engages property and business owners in removing graffiti that lands on their property. He also tracks graffiti and is estimated to have removed and painted over 100 graffiti tags. His efforts have improved livability and overall community appearance in our downtown.



In appreciation for his work, he was given the 2nd ever "Golden Paint Brush" award from the Kent Police Department. Thank you, Roger, and our community partners for helping keep our downtown graffiti-free.

~ Contributed by Sara Wood, Kent PD

## Your B&O contributions are needed

KDP is thrilled to have supportive businesses like these who have pledged donations to KDP in 2010, in exchange for a B&O tax credit.

For more information, call KDP at 253-813-6976 or visit our website at <http://kentdowntown.org>.

- Curran Law Firm
- Ditco, Inc.
- Hanis, Irvine & Prothero

- Heartbeat Healing Arts
- Pacific Metallurgical
- Management Valuation System
- Roland & Company
- Virtually Yourz
- Tarragon
- Valley Bank

**Grand total = approx. \$17,000**

### Important Dates to Remember:

Saturdays (9 am—2 pm): Kent Farmers Market

June 26: Kent International Festival (10-6) &

June 26: Annual KDP Dinner Auction (5:30—9 pm)

July 8-11: Kent Cornucopia Days

Aug. 3: KDP Membership Picnic

## Member Renewals — Thank you for supporting KDP!

### KDP MEMBERS

- Pacific Metallurgical
- Kent Youth & Family Services
- Stafford Suites
- Greater Kent Historical Society
- Farrington Court
- ShoWare Event Center
- Heartbeat Healing Arts

### FRIENDS OF KDP

- Fred Satterstrom



Did you know that in the last year KDP has significantly ramped up its efforts to promote downtown businesses and events? We have added these outlets to our promotional efforts:

- KDP branding
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Weekly e-mail blasts
- KDP blogs





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Promote a  
Vibrant  
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**Featured Businesses  
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Each month KDP will feature local businesses who are KDP members that could benefit from a little extra support. Please visit these businesses, talk to the owners, learn what they do, or buy a beverage. They will appreciate your time and attention and will be happy to return the favor when YOUR business is featured. Together we can revitalize downtown!

**AAA Pest Control**

304 First Ave. S.  
Kent, WA 98032  
253-854-7117  
www.aaapest.com

**Custom Signs**

220 Railroad Ave. N.  
Kent, WA 98032  
253-335-0227

**Fairwood Chiropractic**

14410 Petrovitsky Rd. SE  
Renton, WA  
425-226-1856  
http://docryan.com

**Pat's Bar & Grill**

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