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**THE
Exchange Club
of Nashville
MEETS EVERY
TUESDAY AT
NOON
IN THE
SOMMET
CENTER**

***UPCOMING
DATES TO
REMEMBER***

March 4

**Veronica T. Uribe-Payne
"Spanish in Business"**

March 11

Mayor Karl Dean

March 18

NO MEETING

March 25

**Dan Gaudette,
United Way of Metro
Nashville**

THE EXCHANGE CLUB OF NASHVILLE BULLETIN

**Please join us Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at 12:00
Noon in the Suite Level Club at the Sommet Center.**

Our Special Guest Speaker will be:

**Bill Abraham,
Operations Manager,
Nashville Downtown Partnership**

The Nashville Downtown Partnership is a non-profit management organization whose core purpose is "to make downtown Nashville the compelling urban center in the Southeast in which to live, work, play and invest." Bill Abraham started with the Partnership in June of 2007. Previously, he spent over 25 years in the hospitality industry as a Regional Operations Manager for Arby's.

Mr. Abraham's first initiative with the Partnership was the implementation of the "Please Help Don't Give" campaign to address the growing problem of panhandling in downtown Nashville. As well as distributing materials to numerous businesses, a training session was developed to inform residents and workers in downtown area how to address panhandlers and transients. This initiative was developed as the #1 issue of concern to those participating in a downtown business survey and was identified as having a growing negative effect on the perception of downtown Nashville. Over 12,000 people have been touched by the campaign.

Mr. Abraham's presentation will be an abbreviated version of his training session addressing these concerns. Feel free to ask questions and hopefully any concerns will be addressed.

Over the past year, the Nashville Downtown Partnership focused on these other products:

- Implement remote shuttle program
- Increase on-street parking
- Improve access to the existing downtown parking system
- Change negative perceptions of downtown that create barriers to development
- Fill the vacant commercial space
- Increase the residential base, and
- Renew the Central Business Improvement District (CBID)

Through annual assessments of privately owned properties within the CBID, at least \$600,000 is added to downtown revitalization. The Partnership administers all CBID services, including additional clean and safe programs. In June, 2002, the Metro Council extended the CBID term through 2007, in response to petitions from 54% of the total property owners

INVOCATION: Bill LaFollette



**Welcome New Member,
Rick Bryant!**

Rick will be introduced to the membership next Tuesday, February 26, by his sponsor Steve Ezell.

**Frederick "Rick" L. Bryant
Principal,
Bryant Capital Management
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TWO PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

**Susan R. Ney,
Pinnacle Financial Partners
Classification: Mortgage Banking
Sponsors: Bill DeCamp and Jim Hunt**

**Steve Kenagy,
SCI Real Estate Investments
Classification: Real Estate—Commercial
Sponsors: Celeste Patterson and Nancy Britt**

In the event no written objection is received by 12:00 noon, Thursday, February 28, 2008, these individuals will be approved for membership.

Save the Date - Exchange Club Family Center Event



Wednesday's Child Patron's Party

Mark your calendar for April 4, 2008 from 7-9 p.m. at the home of Sue and Michael Green, 31 Governor's Way in Brentwood! Patron's tickets are \$275 and include cocktails, dinner, listing on event programs and invitations, commemorative pin and priority seating at Wednesday's Child.

Wednesday's Child 2008 - "Through the Eyes of a Child"

Join us on April 23, 2008 from 6-9 p.m. at the AT&T Building, 333 Commerce Street, 27th Floor, for our 15th annual event. Individual tickets are \$125 and include cocktails, dinner, silent and live auctions. John Dwyer, Channel 2 News Anchor, will emcee the festivities and country music singer and songwriter, Lila McCann, will entertain.

A special thank you, and job well-done, go out to Exchangite Kevin Roddey for being so efficient and successful with the AGSN Raffle Ticket Sales. Exchangites purchased/sold a whopping 733 raffle tickets! GREAT JOB!!!



Thank you to everyone who volunteered to work the Antiques and Garden Show, purchased the ten advance show tickets, Preview Party tickets and raffle tickets! Your support and organization has helped this event be successful year after year.

Great job to our AGSN Board Members: Gus Puryear, Donald McKenzie, Clay Bright, John Hayworth, Les Coble, Joe Levi and Eric Satz.

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