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MEET THE 2006 ADNA BOARD

The new year has begun, and with it the ADNA Board has elected a talented, energetic slate of officers to serve the neighborhood. 2006 promises to be an exciting year for Downtown, with the Aquarium an overwhelming success and new restaurants and businesses opening up.

The 2006 Board members are as follows:

Jay Tribby - President
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The 2006 board is here to serve you. Please send your comments, questions, notices and events to the appropriate VP as listed above.

ADNA Monthly Newsletter

BOARD MEMBERS IN THEIR OWN WORDS: CAMILLE SMITH As told to Deb Day

Each month this year we will bring you an interview with a specific ADNA Board member, so that you can get to know your representatives.

This month, we feature **Camille Smith** of Museum Tower. Camille is new to the Board this year, and is an enthusiastic and welcome addition:

Although I am a native New Yorker, I have lived in Georgia for many years. I am a clinical social worker and for the past 10 years have been employed by the City of Atlanta department of Corrections. My current position is that of Client Services Manager. Over the years, I have served on the boards of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) and the Council on Battered Women. I am presently on the Maintenance Committee of my Homeowners Association.

I have lived downtown since 1995 and at Museum Tower since 2003. I also lived in Atlanta's West End neighborhood for 12 years and actively participated in the neighborhood activities of WEND. I both support and appreciate in-town communities. I especially treasure Centennial Olympic Park. I came to the Park daily during the '96 Olympics. I reclaimed the Park immediately after the bombings.

As a new ADNA board member, I have chosen to become a part of the Communications Committee. I believe that my people skills and sense of humor will serve me well in this capacity as well as allow me the opportunity to become better acquainted with my fellow board members. Perception is reality for most people. My perception of the 2005 board was

one of inclusion and unity, both elements of a strong sense of commitment and partnership. I attribute much of this to Jay Tribby. His leadership has allowed me to see the uniqueness, enthusiasm and talent of individuals who can come together to speak in a collective voice. I am inspired and energized by this achievement.

C.S. Lewis on Stage

Theatrical Outfit, our neighborhood theater, is welcoming Downtowners to a special production of **C.S. Lewis on Stage**. This one-man show featuring Tom Key will be presented in a limited run January 11-22. **Downtowners** can receive a 2-for-1 discount on Tuesday, January 17th and pay only \$14.04 to see this wonderful production that captures the personality and fiction of C.S. Lewis as revealed in his autobiography, letters and other writings.

Contact Theatrical Outfit's box office 678-528-1500.

The last chance to purchase an annual pass to the Georgia Aquarium will be January 15th at 6:00 PM. According to Jeff Swanagan, Executive Director of the Georgia Aquarium (and a Downtown resident!), annual passes will not be available again until this fall. Annual memberships are \$55.09 for adults and \$40.05 for each child. Purchase online at www.georgiaaquarium.org. Don't miss out!

NEWS FOR THE FEB NEWSLETTER? SEND NOTICES TO DEB DAY, VP COMMUNICATIONS, BY FEB 7. You're Invited: Meet Neighbors, Learn About Two Local Firms

WHAT: Meet & Greet -
Brief Discussion of Investment &
Tax Strategies
WHERE: Museum Tower -
Club Room - Plaza Level - 6th
Floor
WHEN: Wednesday,
February 1, 2006 from 7:00 pm -
8:00 pm

Two firms based downtown,
Ciovacco Capital Management,
LLC, & The Jackson Group, PC,
CPAs, are hosting an informal
meet & greet followed by a brief
discussion of 2006 investment
and tax strategies.

From 7:00 to 7:30 pm, we'll have
some social time with beer, wine,
and light hors d'oeuvres. From
7:30 to 8:00 pm, Chris Ciovacco,
of Ciovacco Capital Management,
and Stuart Jackson, of The
Jackson Group, CPAs, will discuss
investment and tax strategies for
2006. Ciovacco will outline the
five major investment themes
that will affect us all in the
coming decade. Jackson will
cover some recent changes to the
tax code that affect your return.

For directions and more details
visit www.ciovaccocapital.com
and use the Meet & Greet link or
call Chris at (678) 362-7698.
Please let us know how many
plan to attend via email
cciovacco@ciovaccocapital.com.
All are welcome.



**Wednesday, January 25:
Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of
PEDS, Pedestrians Educating
Drivers about Safety. Enjoy food,
friends, and music. See our new
office. Elect board members.
Toast the next 10 years! The
Historic Healey Building, 57
Forsyth Street.**

**Free for PEDS members; others
\$10**

RSVP by January 19 and let us
know how many people are in your
party.

Blink your eye and something is
different than the day before.

That's how fast things are
changing in Downtown Atlanta.

And that's why quarterly
CAP/ADID Town Hall meetings are
designed to keep you up to speed
on a variety of topics that are
fine-tuned to provide maximum
information in a minimum of time.

Commercial and residential
growth, economic incentives,
parks and plans for the future.
You will get a complete menu of
the information you need to keep
you in the know.

**Central Atlanta Progress
Atlanta Downtown
Improvement District Town
Hall Meeting - Thursday
January 26, 2005 - Omni Hotel
at CNN Center, 7:30 -9:00 a.m.
please RSVP to
richorr@centralatlantaprogress.org
January 23.**

Peachtree Athletic Club has
agreed to offer ADNA members
the "corporate rate" of \$71 per
month instead of \$90. For more
info, contact the Club.

Opinion

Deb Day, VP Communications

The Nokia Sugar Bowl Parade on
December 31st was, in a word,
brief. The Parade and the Sugar
Bowl were moved to New Orleans
in the aftermath of Hurricane
Katrina. This was the only Sugar
Bowl ever played in Atlanta and
only the second time one of the
major bowls was played away
from home.

The floats were lovely and the
bands and clowns were good but
the Parade was over in less than
an hour. Where were the local
bands? I wondered. I met my
neighbors on my way home. I
asked, "Where are you all
going?" "To the Parade," they
replied. "Well," I said, "It's
already over!"

President's Corner

On a blustery Saturday afternoon
in December, 13 of your
neighbors came together for a
facilitated retreat in the Rotunda
of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of
Commerce. It was the first of its
kind in the history of the ADNA as
the 2005 Board passed the baton
of leadership to the 2006 Board.

For at least one of your neighbors
who has lived and/or worked
Downtown every day since
arriving in Atlanta in 1998 (that
would be me) it was a quietly
moving experience.

Over three hours, we downloaded
wisdom, shared our hopes for the
neighborhood, and entertained
ideas for the ADNA year to come.
Georgia State Senator Sam
Zamarippa stopped by to talk
about how his years with the
Inman Park Neighborhood
Association shaped his
commitment to public service.

If you've ever been in the
Chamber's Rotunda, then you
know that Board members did
something else a lot that
afternoon: we looked out the
windows and, from that amazing
prospect, our eyes took in huge
swaths of the neighborhood that
we call home.

While thousands of new visitors,
especially families with
youngsters, were streaming into
our neighborhood in those 3
hours to take in the exotic views
afforded by the Georgia
Aquarium, the 2005 Board was
able to offer 5 new members to
the Board quite a view of their
own: Downtown itself.

As we start a new year, full of
possibility, here's a resolution
that all members of the 2006
Board will retain a sense of
wonder and optimism about
Downtown.

Of course, it all depends on you!
We're in your service, and thank
you for the privilege.

Jay Tribby
2006 President
ADNA