

Friends of the Hilltop

Celebrating Eight Years of Service to the Hilltop Community

PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT ISSUE FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE

Members are challenged to match the donations of the officers.

At the May monthly board meeting, Gary L. Baker, II, president, and John Lowry, vice president, issued a challenge to the Friends membership: both men made a commitment to donate \$25 to Friends of the Hilltop and challenged each member to make a donation, matching the \$25 if possible.

The goal of the President/Vice President Challenge is to raise money for on-going projects and to avoid multiple fundraising projects throughout the year.

Said President Baker, "We would

love to see 100% participation in this year's President's/Vice President's Challenge. If every member gave just \$1, the donations would meet our project needs."

Please rise to the challenge by placing your donation in the mail today! Just write "President's Challenge" in the memo of your check and send to Friends of the Hilltop, Attn: President's Challenge, Post Office Box 44435, Columbus, Ohio 43204.

Friends of the Hilltop is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization, so your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

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BEAN DINNER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The table is reserved. Now we need you to help staff it!

Friends of the Hilltop has reserved a booth at the 2004 **Hilltop Business Association** Historic Bean Dinner. The Bean Dinner is June

26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Westgate Park.

Please contact Diane Wendel Baker at 279-9120 to volunteer to work the table for an hour or two that day.



PARTNERSHIP PROVIDES POTS, PLANTS

*Schoedinger's
donation makes
planter project
grow.*

Friends has partnered with **Schoedinger Hilltop Chapel** and the **Greater Hilltop Resource Center** to place planters along West Broad Street.

Two planters were placed on May 16, and each filled with a dwarf Alberta spruce and annuals.

Three additional planters are on order and will be put in place along West Broad Street in early summer.

This year's project was made possible through a generous contribution from **Schoedinger Hilltop Chapel**.

The goal of the project is to add planters each year, until the planters range the whole length of the Hilltop along West Broad Street.

The planters help to promote community by providing a unified look to the Hilltop, as well as volunteering opportunities for residents.

If you would like to support the planters project, please participate in the President's Challenge (see story on page 1) or contact Beautification Chair John Lowry (276-1894) to volunteer to water and weed the containers.

YOU ARE INVITED!

The next meeting of Friends of the Hilltop is June 10 at 7 p.m. at the Hilltop Library.

Friends meetings are open board meeting, meaning YOU are invited and welcome to attend.

All current members also have the right to make motions, discuss

motions, and vote on motions at the meeting, so you can fully participate if you choose.

Friends meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Hilltop Library. We do not meet in January, July and December.

Important Dates

June 10	Open Board Meeting (7 p.m., Library)
June 26	Bean Dinner (10-4, Westgate Park)
July 4	Beautification Award Nominations Due
July 8	NO Board Meeting
Aug. 1	Beautification Awards Ceremony
Aug. 12	Open Board Meeting (7 p.m., Library)
Nov. 11	Election of 2005 Board and Officers

ARE YOUR DUES DUE?

Please check your mailing label to see when your membership dues are due. If your membership has expired, please renew.

Membership levels are as follows: Individual (\$10), Family (\$15), Organization (\$15), and Company (\$25).

With your membership, you gain voting privileges at all Friends meetings,

so you can have a say in Friends' projects.

Membership dues can be brought to a monthly open board meeting or mailed to Friends of the Hilltop, Attn: Membership Chair, Post Office Box 44435, Columbus, Ohio 43204.

Thank you for being a member of Friends of the Hilltop!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather. As spring arrived Friends kicked off another season of activities aimed at beautifying our special community – Hilltop, USA.

May 16 saw a successful clean up and beautification event. We planted the raised flower bed in the Hilltop Neighborhood Park and started a new partnership with **Schoedinger Hilltop Chapel**. We placed two new planters on West Broad Street and will place a total of five before the end of the season thanks to a generous contribution from **Schoedinger**.

We are also excited about the upcoming beautification awards. Hundreds of gardens have been recognized by these awards over the

past seven years.

Friends of the Hilltop will participate in the historic Hilltop Bean Dinner again this year. Plan to stop by our booth on June 26 to nominate a resident or business for a beautification award.

2004 is another exciting year for Friends. After the successful dedication of the new Hilltop Neighborhood Park last year, we are ready to take on new projects.

Please feel free to share project ideas when you visit us at the Bean Dinner.

Thanks for your ongoing participation. We are making a difference.

Gary L. Baker, II
President

Our Mission:
"The purpose of Friends of the Hilltop is to foster a sense of community, thereby encouraging reinvestment in the community, and ultimately in the re-emergence of the Hilltop as a respected, powerful part of the great city of Columbus, Ohio."

NOMINATIONS DUE JULY 4 FOR BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

Nominations for the 2004 Friends of the Hilltop Beautification Awards are due July 4.

The annual beautification awards honor residents and businesses that are making the Hilltop a better place to live by beautifully maintaining their landscaping.

This year, prizes will be awarded for nominees in three categories: Commercial, Residential – Color Scheme, and Residential – Design.

Properties in the Greater Hilltop Area

can be nominated at the Friends table at the Bean Dinner held at Westgate Park on June 26.

Nominations also can be mailed to Friends of the Hilltop, Attn: Beautification Chair, Post Office Box 44435, Columbus, Ohio 43204.

Nominees and award recipients will be honored at a ceremony to be held on August 1. They will also be recognized in the **Westside Messenger**.

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ANNUAL PLANT-A-PARK A SUCCESS

On May 16, Friends of the Hilltop members and volunteers gathered at the Hilltop Neighborhood Park for the second annual Plant-A-Park.

The Hilltop Neighborhood Park is located at 2105 West Broad Street (the corner of West Broad Street and Whitethorne Avenue).

During the gorgeous Sunday afternoon, the park's raised bed was thoroughly weeded (no easy task after this spring's plentiful rains!) and top soil was added.

The volunteers planted annuals, including red, white, and pink geraniums and others. Perennials planted included purple coneflowers and lilies.

The perennials and shrubs planted

last year continue to thrive. They include daylilies, creeping phlox, decorative grasses, hostas, and mums.

Keep Columbus Beautiful provided gloves, trash bags, and tools for the event.

Annuals and perennials for the second annual Plant-A-Park were donated by members and friends with additional plants purchased out of the Friends general fund.

Additional space is available for flowers at the park. Please contact Beautification Chair John Lowry (276-1894) if you have plants that you would like to donate.

As the season progresses, please feel free to stop by the park to enjoy the beauty of the flowers ... and to pick up any trash that may have blown in.

*Volunteers planted
 annuals and
 perennials during
 the Plant-A-Park.*

