



**6th Avenue District**  
**"Tacoma's Eclectic Destination"**  
**News of "The Ave" Published Monthly by the**  
**Sixth Avenue Merchants Association**

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Over 200 great businesses  
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**January 7, 2010**

**Next Meeting Tuesday, January 12**

All business people in the Sixth Avenue Business District are invited to the next meeting of the Association at Shakabrah Java, Sixth Avenue and Oakes, 8 to 9 a.m. next Tuesday.

**6th Avenue  
Business District**

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, Shakabrah Java, 8 a.m. 6th Avenue & Oakes

**Agenda for January 12 Meeting**

- Welcome and Self- Introduction
- Thank-you to Shakabrah for continuing to host Monthly Meetings
- Approval of minutes from December meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- CLO report
- Landlord/Tenants Meeting Report
- Guest Speaker on Entrepreneurship: Dr. CA Horne
- City Council member(s) report
- City Dept. of Economic Development report
- Discussion of website review meeting / social networking meetings
- Other
- Announcements of upcoming scheduled events

**Upcoming Date**

- ◆ **District Board Meeting**, Tuesday, January 26, 6:30 p.m. Northwest Costume

*To make 2010 a fantastic year on The Ave, you can be part of the progress by attending meetings, offer your ideas, serving on a committee!*

**New Officers Elected  
At December Meeting**

Elected at the December 8 meeting to guide the Sixth Avenue Merchants Association through 2010 were:  
President: David Printz  
Vice President: John Toler  
Treasurer: John Loesch  
Secretary: Dave Parker

**Meet Your New President**

Not only a successful entrepreneur and an active Tacoma citizen, but a man who has a vision of helping make



Sixth Avenue bigger, better and hotter for businesses and customers are words one might use to describe our new President, David Printz, owner of The Gurus.

David is a recent new member but he says about Sixth Avenue, "the hottest business district in Tacoma — one of the hot spots that make Tacoma a very attractive destination. We as an Association are going to promote our district and capitalize on the fantastic assets we have."

"The Gurus" is an information technology (IT) company that is an association of subcontractors in vertical niches who help small businesses develop electronic means of interactive information flow to help those businesses be better managed. David runs his business out of his home in

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**Officers:**

**David Printz  
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**We want to Publish  
Your News Too!**

Let us know about your special events, promotional successes, whatever, by the first of each month. Contact: [secy@on6thAve.com](mailto:secy@on6thAve.com) or phone 370-6208. Newsletter circulation: 300 to District businesses and community friends.

## *Let Lind Make Your Home a Bug-Free Zone!*

Probably not the world's most glamorous business, yet a success in their nine years on the Ave is Lind Pest Control and Inspection Services Inc. at 3922 Sixth Avenue.

Randy Lind, who owns and operates the business with his wife, Beth, is continuing a lifelong interest in bugs and critters that started when he was a kid growing up in University Place. There the abundant swamps and tiny wildlife intrigued him. At Narrows View Elementary, his fourth grade teacher, Mr. Michaels, taught a lot of biology, which spurred his interest. Finally, in 2001 he and Beth opened the business in the 3100 block of The Ave. They later moved to near 6th and Madison, and then to the present location where they recently constructed a large addition on the property. Five people plus the Linds are the staff.

Principal business of Lind is pest elimination. In addition, they will inspect homes and business buildings for pests, rot and conditions that cause rot.

Randy and Beth are especially proud of the way they run their business. "We run a professional business. When you call, you talk immediately and live to someone who knows the business and understands your problem. When we come to you, our people are absolutely on time, in uniform, in nicely decorated trucks, with the latest equipment," Randy says. "We are fully licensed and bonded."

The Linds don't just wait for business — they do lots of things to make new business happen. Advertising in Yellow Pages in all the

directories in Pierce, South King and Kitsap counties results in lots of business in those counties plus Mason County, North Thurston and the Enumclaw Plateau.

In addition, they buy into Best of Tacoma and Best of Gig Harbor Coupon books.

For a comprehensive story of Lind's services, see their web site at [www.lindpestcontrol.com](http://www.lindpestcontrol.com).

They also actively create good will by sponsoring community events and supporting benevolent causes.

In 2009 they held their annual community event, with Coldwell Banker, in University Place. Lind's staff carve up a large sup-



Kids fun at Lind Halloween Event in Univ. Place

ply of pumpkins which they use at the Halloween kids' event.

Supporting the annual United Way Back to School program, they provide a backpack, school supplies, clothing and uniforms. In 2009 they took care of four children with these necessities.

Other 2009 activities included sponsoring a "hole" in the American Cancer Society Golf Tournament and completely sponsoring a golf tournament for the Tacoma Executives Association.

## **City Arts Magazine Calls For Calendar Submission**

City Arts Magazine calls monthly for your information to print in their new and improved calendar section called NOW. The redesign allows greater space to promote your art related event. Here is one more opportunity to publicize the District and your business.

The deadline for February submissions is Thursday, January 7th, no later than 4 p.m.

Please provide:

1. Name of event
2. Short description
3. Event Date(s) -- including the end date if the event is an exhibit
4. Location, address and phone

Selected highlights will run with expanded text and a photo. If you have a great image, please include.

Send to Virginia Bunker, City Arts Magazine Associate Editor, Tacoma.  
[VirginiaB@CityArtsMagazine.com](mailto:VirginiaB@CityArtsMagazine.com)  
253-779-0572



Left: Randy carving pumpkin for Halloween Event. Right: staff carving.

## Enjoy Our Restaurants & Bars

Sixth Avenue has one of the greatest assortments of restaurants and bars in the city — something for every taste and atmosphere. Invite your friends or coworkers to join you for a happy hour, an evening of entertainment or a fine dinner. Let them know what's on The Ave.

To find out more about a place you haven't been, Google (no quotes) "Restaurants on Sixth Avenue, Tacoma WA" or "Bars on Sixth Avenue, Tacoma WA". You can find the story about most and links to their sites.

## The Santa Walk, Dec. 12

"The best Santa Walk I've been on, and I've been on all three," were Bill Connolly's comments after this year's Santa Walk.

Their first stop was the Jason Lee Hot Shop where they visited the students and the glass customers of the Glass Sale, gave them candy and wished them a Merry Christmas from the Sixth Avenue District.

From Jason Lee, they walked west on the Ave, visiting stores, their customers and folks on the street, passing out more candy and giving greetings of the season to all.

They also exchanged greetings with many passing cars, honking and waving.

Below: The Sixth Avenue Santas on the steps of Jason Lee. L to r: Carla Hall, David Printz, John Loesch, Ed Trugter, Bill Connolly. The "elf" in the foreground is Tom Johnson. Right top: Scene in the Jason Lee Hot Shop at the Glass Sale. Lower right: Jason Lee Band/Orchestra members entertain at Studio 6 Ballroom at the end of the Walk. (Photos by Tom Johnson)



## New President *(continued from page 1)*

the North Slope area and also has a location elsewhere in the city for his servers. David started this business eight years ago, responding to calls from small businesses and professional offices who needed IT support. His company is unique in its field as it is not focused solely on technology but on the business needs of clients. This focus results in a high retention rate of clients.

David's other interests include Love Tacoma, which features and promotes new businesses in the hospitality industry; Tacoma Pierce County Chamber of Commerce; A sponsor of the Tacoma Angel Network, a forum that puts angel investors together with people looking for investors; and he is a volunteer with the LeMay Car Museum.

David was born and raised in Colorado but has lived in many other areas. He moved to Seattle sixteen years ago but then to Tacoma four years later because its "culturally diverse society and labor force" appealed to him.

In his travels he has studied at a number of colleges and universities but completed his degree in Interdisciplinary Arts and Science at University of Washington Tacoma.

***Lets all, officers and members, look forward to a great 2010 in the Sixth Avenue Business District!***



**Editorial by Dave Parker**  
**It's 2010 — Time to Renew Your Membership, or Sign Up New!**

We appreciate every one of the 138 individuals or businesses that became paid-up members in the Sixth Avenue Merchants Association during 2009. We hope that you have seen value from your membership in the organization that has played a major role in the rejuvenation of the Ave from the “dirt, crime, drugs, boarded-up stores” that were hallmarks here of the 80’s and early 90’s.

The Department of Economic Development is currently assessing the progress and status of the sixteen neighborhood business districts in Tacoma. We are pleased to report to you that it finds Sixth Avenue passing with “flying colors”, while some districts do not pass.

But it is no time to rest only on past accomplishments, as good as many of them are, but to look to the future of an even better Sixth Avenue Business District.

When I joined the Association in the spring of 1999 there were about ten paid members, struggling to create an event that would begin to put the Ave on the map. That became the first Art on the Ave, from Pine to Fife. We got some artists, we got some music and other performers and 1500 people came out to enjoy a summer day. Now, 15,000 to 20,000 annually come, learn more about the great businesses here and are potential customers of your business the year around.

Every business benefits from the popularity and success of the District. But that success and popularity arose out of the energy and sweat of the dozens of volunteers who have worked to clean up the Ave, un-board the empty stores, de-fuse the crime and drugs, create attractive events and promote the district.

The future of the Ave belongs to ALL of us who honor the work of those who have gone before by continuing to not only be members, but to be *active members* — attending the meetings, taking part in the planning and execution of events and highlights that will multiply the popularity of the Ave and the viability of all the businesses in it. And to those who are not currently members, this is your invitation to join.

The power and success of the future is in organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring. **Be a part!**



Left: Vivian Spencer being presented with the Sixth Avenue Business District “Broomie” award by District Manger Bill Connolly at the December District meeting. Six ft-four Bill is being funny to get down to Vivian’s height. The award is presented every month or so to someone seen by or reported to Manager Bill as a person who is keeping the district and neighborhood clean. Vivian was “caught” cleaning around the outside of the Epworth LeSourd Church.

**Keeping an**  **on The Ave**

**John Loesch**, owner of Neighborhood Market at 3002 Sixth Avenue, says he has finally received all the necessary city permits for the remodeling in his building. He expects work to proceed immediately and his new tenant, Mexican restaurant Taqueria El Guadalajara will probably be opening in February with a bar and restaurant on two floors.

**Lynnette Claire**, assistant professor at UPS will be completing her sabbatical soon and we look forward again to her ideas and support as 2010 gets going.

**“Paper Boy” or “Paper Girl”** needed. Your monthly newsletter is distributed by hand by three people. Dave Parker delivers from Alder Street west, Tom Johnson delivers Fife Street east, but we need a new person to deliver between Alder Street and Fife Street. There are about 75 stops and as they are close together, should take only a little over an hour the Thursday before each monthly meeting. Pay is zilch, but the rewards are pleasant, meeting and sometimes visiting the store owners and personnel. It really is a great way to get acquainted. **If you can take on this project, see Dave Parker at the next meeting, or phone him at 370-6208.**



## ***A Variety of City Services To Help You and Your Business!***

If you are a new or existing business in Tacoma, be sure to check out the following services offered by the City of Tacoma's Community and Economic Development Department.

**ECONOMIC GARDENING PROGRAM:** The City's Economic Gardening program seeks to grow our local businesses by providing them information and training to be successful in today's marketplace. We offer market research, mailing lists and website diagnostics for your business. In addition, we host free business workshops throughout the year to improve your business skills. Contact Christine Clifford at 253.573.2435 or [cclifford@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:cclifford@cityoftacoma.org).

**BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM:** The City of Tacoma offers several loan programs to assist small and medium sized businesses. Loans of \$25,000 to \$2 million are available for real estate acquisition, improvements, equipment and working capital. Interest rates for each loan differ, but are typically at or below conventional bank loans. Standard underwriting criteria applies. Borrowers are required to meet federal regulations as they relate to the program, including capacity to repay the debt, adequate collateral and job creation. Contact Genal Gavaldon at 253.591.5213 or [g.gavaldon@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:g.gavaldon@cityoftacoma.org).

**BUSINESS TAX CREDITS:** B&O Tax Credit: A Tacoma business may take a credit against its City B&O taxes for every new, permanent, family-wage job created. The credit is \$500 per year for five years for a total savings of \$2,500. Contact the City's Tax & License Department at 253.591.5252. Renewal Community Credits and Deductions: A Tacoma business or property owner located within the federally designated Renewal Community zone may be eligible for Federal tax credits and deductions through 2009. Contact Debbie Bingham at 253.591.5117 or [debbie.bingham@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:debbie.bingham@cityoftacoma.org).

**NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT PROGRAM:** The City of Tacoma established the Neighborhood Business District Program to assist in creating healthy and vibrant neighborhood business districts

throughout the City. There are several programs specifically designed to assist businesses located in our neighborhood districts. In addition, the City helps to support the districts by providing staff assistance and funds for streetscape projects and events. Contact Kala Dralle at 253.573.2523 or [kdralle@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:kdralle@cityoftacoma.org).

**BUILDING FACADE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** Commercial property owners within Tacoma's Neighborhood Business Districts are eligible to receive free design assistance from a professional architect. In exchange for these services, the property owner agrees to finance the actual construction costs, including permits and licensing requirements. Contact Kala Dralle at 253.573.2523 or [kdralle@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:kdralle@cityoftacoma.org).

**SECRET SHOPPER PROGRAM:** The "Secret Shopper" program assists businesses with marketing and improving their customers' shopping experience. Eligible businesses must be located within one of Tacoma's Neighborhood Business Districts. Contact Tina Janni at 253.680.7219 or [tjanni@bates.ctc.edu](mailto:tjanni@bates.ctc.edu).

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## **Il Fiasco Closed, Fixtures Being Auctioned OnLine**

**From Tacoma News Tribune, C.R. Roberts on 12/31/09**

Tacoma auctioneer Randy Ehli, head of the reconstituted Ehli Auctions, said today that his firm will next week conduct an online sale of the fixtures and fundamentals of Il Fiasco Italian Resturant.

The restaurant, located at 2717 6th Ave., will close this week, Ehli said. There was no one to comment at Il Fiasco Thursday afternoon and the news of closure had not been posted at their Web site.

Ehli said the auction will be conducted entirely online, with opening bids taken beginning on Tuesday and running a week, through 2 p.m. on Jan. 12.

Among the items up for sale are coolers, a freezer, sinks, a stove, tables, chairs, stools, chandeliers, a wine rack and more. More information and the auction itself may be accessed at [www.cyberauctions.com](http://www.cyberauctions.com).



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### "Buy Local" from your Sixth Ave. Association Members

#### A

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#### B

##### BUSINESS SERVICES

- Advanced Digital Solutions**  
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- Jheny Enterprises, Cary Nilson**  
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- Kimberly Castrilli Merchant Services**  
752-7213
- Pierce County Community Newspaper Group**  
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- The Gurus**  
David Printz, 761-4848
- Weekly Volcano**  
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##### CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, BUSINESS & SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Agape Foundation**  
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- Epworth LeSourd United Methodist Church**  
Dave Parker, 710 So. Anderson, 370-6208
- First Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Philip Nesvig, Pastor, 524 So. I, 272-1538
- Grant Center for the Expressive Arts**  
Mary Boone, Emily Seaholm, 1018 No. Prospect 272-0165
- Greater Tacoma Convention & Trade Center**  
1500 Broadway, 1st floor, 830-6600
- Joseph Warren Lodge #235**  
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- North Slope Historic District**  
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- Sixth Avenue Farmers Market**  
Cayenne D. Chonette, 971-645-1659
- Zion Lutheran Church**  
3410 Sixth Ave., 752-1264

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- Origin 23<sup>o</sup> Coffee Roasters**  
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- Satellite Coffee**  
2811 Sixth Ave.
- Shakabrah Java**  
Caesar Kalinowski, 2618 Sixth Ave., 572-2787
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#### COMPUTERS, ELECTRONICS

- Last Stop Computer**  
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- Gray Lumber Co.**  
Steve Gray, 3800 Sixth Ave., 752-7000
- M.R. Construction**  
Matt Rock, 2910 Sixth Ave., 627-7510
- Tacoma Window**  
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##### EDUCATION

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- Educational Programs**  
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- Tacoma Opera**  
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##### FINANCIAL SERVICES

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- Laugh Masters**  
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- Northwest Costume**  
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##### GIFTS, UNIQUE PRODUCTS

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- Crescent Moon Gifts**  
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- Laughing Lotus**  
Claire, Amir, Amy, 3013 Sixth Ave., 627-0522
- Magical Garden**  
Virgina Ferguson, 2407 Sixth Ave., 627-5417

#### H

##### HEALTH CARE

- Austin Chiropractic**  
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Robert Binger, 2709 Sixth Ave., 627-7777
- Brilliant Life Chiropractic**  
Laelle & Paul Martin, 2610 Sixth Ave., 383-0577
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- Lawn Equipment Repair of Tacoma**  
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- Posh Home**  
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- Recognition Plus**  
Cory Dean, 3018 Sixth Ave., 383-4910
- Rector's Antiques & Collectibles**  
Jim Rector, 312 Sixth Ave., 683-9012
- Security Lock, Safe & Alarm, Inc.**  
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- Sixth Avenue Neighborhood Market**  
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- SolaRichard**  
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### INSURANCE

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- Diane Hagen State Farm Agency**  
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- Johnson, Paul F. Insurance**  
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- Randy Asbjornsen Insurance**  
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### PERSONAL SERVICES

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Jeffery Scarbrough, 4318 Sixth Ave., Suite 2, 761-0117
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- House of Tattoo**  
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- Jewell Day Spa**  
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- Pedicure Room**  
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- Serenity Massage**  
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- 6th Avenue Barber Shop**  
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- Cork! A Wine Bar**  
Nick Coughran, 3012 Sixth Ave., 212-1492
- Crown Bar**  
Jacqueline Platner, 2705 Sixth Ave., 272-4177
- DelBrocco's Pizza, Steak & Hoagie**  
3908-B Sixth Ave., 756-7445
- Engine House No. 9**  
Craig Dickens, 611 No. Pine, 272-3435
- Farrell's Wood Fire Pizza**  
Michael Rutledge, 3518 Sixth Ave., 759-1999
- Gateway to India**  
C.J. Singh, 2603 Sixth Ave., 552-5022
- Gayle Orth Catering**  
Gayle & David Orth, 3837 Sixth Ave., 761-9019
- Jazzbones**  
2803 Sixth Avenue, 396-9169
- Little Caesar Pizza**  
Justin Vautrin, 628 So. Sprague, 572-1800
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John Xitco, 2811 Sixth Ave., 254-0560

- MSM Deli**  
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- Old Milwaukee Café & Dessert Company**  
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- North China Garden**  
Andy & Jenni Yee, 2303 Sixth Ave., 572-5106
- Primo Grill**  
Charlie McManus, 601 So. Pine, 383-7000
- Quizno's**  
Jeety Sandhu, 3602 Sixth Ave., #101, 761-4044
- Sax Restaurant & Lounge**  
Jenni & Andy Yee, 2309 Sixth Ave., 572-0588
- Six Olives**  
Eve Adams, 2708 Sixth Ave., 272-5574
- Southern Kitchen**  
Glوريا Martin, 1716 Sixth Ave., 627-4212
- The Red Hot**  
Chris Miller, 2914 Sixth Ave, Suite B, 779-0229
- West End Pub & Grill**  
Jason Lindquist, 3840 Sixth Ave., 759-2896
- Wild Orchid**  
Lin Po An, 3023 Sixth Ave., 627-5889

### Recent New Members

- Motion of Life Video Productions**  
Anthony Giorduno, 2603 Sixth Ave. Suite 203, 777-3553
- Annette B**  
Doreen Jensen and Boris Kogan, 2711 Sixth Ave., 761-0984
- Nick Fediay**  
Property Owner, 3013 Sixth Ave Bldg. 360-507-7001
- Ryan Berg**  
Property Owner, 253-444-7140
- Silk Thai Restaurant**  
Sukie Sookchow, 3401 Sixth Ave., 756-1737

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The Economic Development liaison personnel are working on assessments of the neighborhood business districts and will find out how we match up with the ordinance. She said the assessment information will be shared if wanted. She said "design" is currently targeting waste receptacles in the district as some have become "trash" themselves. Staff is looking at solar compactors, receptacles etc where the needs are. She said a representative from Sixth Avenue is needed to be on this committee. There will be two more meetings to decide needs. She added they are working on operational funding for 2010 and applications are due by February 5, 2010.

**President Christopher** said the Association needs a grant writer.

**Susan Kemp** said it is important that we put together a district program for the year so all will be planned out. A really tight organization will have committees to run things during the year. Good structure allows new people to come in and be active.

**Peggy Viney**, Krazy Kat Fiberhaus, said she and her husband are closing their store on 12/19 and will be in business on the web only. Fixtures will be for sale.

**District Manager Bill Connolly** presented the "Broomie" to **Vivian Spencer** of Epworth LeSourd Church. He "caught" her regularly cleaning up around the church and parking lot.

*Dave Parker, Secy*



## **Sixth Avenue Merchants Assn.**

### **Minutes of Meeting December 8, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 8:05 by President **Christopher List**. Introductions and treasurer's report followed. Treasurer's report showed \$3496.99 in General Fund and about \$3100 in the Art on the Ave Fund. President Christopher called for 1/2 minute of silence for the fallen Lakewood police officers.

**Tom Johnson** reported on the Landlord Tenant meeting. Eight were present. Time was spent discussing how to get people more active and requesting people to put up white lights on buildings for Christmas. One of the building owners expressed interest in flower baskets along the Ave. Shari Hart said we could get an innovative grant. Tom said the building owners are on board to help Sixth Avenue. A followup meeting is scheduled for 2/17/10.

**Hugh Messer** from the City of Tacoma and a "honcho" of the City Manager's Safe & Clean Initiative spoke. His section has adopted Sixth Avenue from Tacoma General Hospital west to clean up. The goal is to reduce residential crime which, he said, comes from alleys. As an example, he described a beautiful home in the district which had a ladder hanging on the back fence — an invitation to entry. He also said citizens don't like the City of Tacoma logo and they will be having a contest at Grant Elementary to design a new logo. He also distributed fliers that says Safe & Clean will be coming. They are to make businesses and residents aware that "They are out there to get you!". He thanked the District for supporting the program.

**Susan Kemp** from the Washington Main Street program spoke. Said that the Main Street program was started when cars allowed people to travel all over to shop, rather than in the town's Main Street. The outgrowth is the National Main Street Trust organization formed to revitalize communities. It is built on four "pillars", Organization, Promotion, Design, and Economic Restructuring and strives to pull people together to do these four things. The Design pillar deals with streetscape and architectural (building) elements; Economic Development calls for filling spaces with the right kind of businesses and helping existing businesses do better. In Washington there are 11 Main Street communities; the state organization helps provide the tools. The Spring Main Street Conference will be in Port Townsend in May.

The Nominating Committee presented the following candidates for 2010. No additional nominations were made from the floor. President, David Printz; Vice President, John Toler; Treasurer, John Loesch; Secretary, Dave Parker. All were elected unanimously.

**President Elect David Printz** spoke briefly. His business is The Gurus, a company that fills the needs of small businesses that do not have IT departments. He is active in Love Tacoma and GoLocal. He wants to drive people to Sixth Avenue, and can lend expertise and skills on promotion. He sees a need for businesses to have better websites. People that come here go first on line. Said web social media is burgeoning and we must figure out how to reach those who follow the social media.

City Councilperson Lauren Walker said the council had hosted Deputy Secretary Sims of HUD on a tour of Salishan and Pt. Ruston. Said the City Council had approved a \$56MM bond issue. Beneficiaries include \$25MM for Cheney Stadium, an amount for the dock on Ruston Way, 1% for art, plus more.

**City Councilman Jake Fey** said we would be remiss if we didn't say a few words about the police officers who have been gunned down. Said we take so many things for granted about the public safety officers who put their life on the line. Said we don't think much about the men and women in blue who have "a target on them". He asked that each of us take a couple minutes thinking about what these officers paid.

**City Manager Eric Anderson** also spoke and said he echoes Jake's words. He said we are clearly in a recession and the city is struggling to go through the year without reducing services or going after new taxes. He added the Council is not ignoring the issues and picked, through the bond issue, to keep the infrastructure intact and preserve what we have. He said the City will have to find different ways to finance street repair and reconstruction.

A motion was made and passed to appropriate \$700 for district advertising/promotion and \$400 for the fall social.

Shari Hart thanked those from the District who attended the Economic Gardening class on website building. She said operational funding for the District from the City comes under the tenets of the Main Street program of which the City is a member.