

## Michael Calvert President Operation New Birmingham

For 26 years Michael Calvert has led Operation New Birmingham (ONB), the public-private partnership that focuses on urban planning and economic development in Birmingham's City Center.

ONB is a partnership between the business community, the City of Birmingham and Jefferson County. ONB is governed by a Board of Directors currently chaired by Gerald Johnson of the Alabama Power Company. Vice Chair is UAB President Dr. Carol Garrison. Its mission is implementation of the City Center Master Plan for the area between the Red Mountain Expressway and I-65, the BJCC and Five Points South.

Michael Calvert came to Birmingham in 1982 from Baltimore where he had been Chief Planner and actively involved in urban renewal in the Inner Harbor and neighborhoods near John Hopkins hospital for 12 years. He also worked as a consultant to the federal government to advise cities on economic development programs across the country.

In the 1980s, ONB pioneered loft apartments and urban living in the City Center, expanded the City's parking decks to support additional office development, and coordinated acquisition of the site of the Kirklín Clinic. ONB also initiated a number of financial incentives for developers and businesses to encourage private investment and new and renovated buildings in the City Center. Federal Historic Tax Credits were made available through ONB to encourage preservation of historic buildings such as the John Hand Building, the Tutwiler Hotel, and many other buildings that are part of Birmingham's rich architectural heritage.

Last year ONB partnered with the Mayor and City Council to develop a new short-term, low-interest loan program. Three projects have already been approved and they will soon be generating taxes and creating jobs.

In the 90s, ONB spearheaded an effort to create the highly successful CAP Program through State Legislation. ONB also obtained approval of TIF financing which funded the repaving of downtown streets that is currently underway.

ONB worked closely with the Birmingham Housing Authority and the City to replace the Metropolitan Gardens Public Housing Project with the new mixed-income Park Place development. With the assistance of our Congressmen and Senators, ONB advocated successfully for new federal buildings for the Social Security Administration, the FBI, and other federal agencies in privately developed buildings that generate millions of dollars through the City, County and Board of Education.

Michael Calvert is married to Susan Matlock, President of the Innovation Depot. They have three grown children and three grandchildren.

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### BOARD ACTION

The following new members were approved for publication at the February board of directors meeting. All questions and comments should be received in the Kiwanis club office by Tuesday March 3, 2009.

#### Michael Harbin

Position: Executive Director of External Affairs - AT&T  
Sponsors: Neal Berte, Mike Calvert and Don Boomershine

#### Philip Hodges

Position: Managing Partner - Redmont Venture Partners  
Sponsors: William Nicrosi, Chris Corts and Scott Berte

#### Carrie Kurlander

Position: Assistant to the President, Alabama Power Company  
Sponsors: Charles McCrary, Neal Berte and Ann Florie

#### Harlan M. Sands

Position: Associate Provost for Administration & Finance, UAB  
Sponsors: Eli Capilouto, Hugh Gainer and Shirley Kahn

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President / EGS Commercial Real Estate

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Sims & Freeman

## 2008-2009 Directors

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CPA-Partner / Dixon Hughes, PLLC

**Harry B. "Buck" Brock, III**

VP Business Affairs / Samford University

**Jennifer Chandler**

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**Al Denson**

Executive Dir / Birmingham Airport Authority

**William F. "Bill" Denson**

Sr. VP Retired - Vulcan Materials Company

**Frank S. James**

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Caldwell & Berkowitz

**Thomas C. "Tom" Moxley**

1<sup>st</sup> VP / Morgan Stanley

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& Gale, PC

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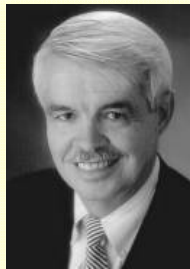
Executive V. P. / Bayer Properties, Inc.

**Forest W. Whatley**

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### Next Tuesday's Program February 24, 2009—12:00



### Upcoming Programs

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| <b>March 03</b> | <b>William Taylor, CEO</b><br>Mercedes-Benz of Alabama  |
| <b>March 10</b> | <b>2009 ROTC Scholarship Awards</b><br>Major General A.C. Blalock<br>Adjutant General Alabama Nat'l Guard |
| <b>March 17</b> | <b>Dr. Richard Arrington</b><br>Former Mayor, City of Birmingham  |
| <b>March 24</b> | <b>Dr. Amin Tarzi</b><br>Director of Middle East Studies<br>Marine Corp University                        |

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