Neighbors

Local DAR presents Excellence in Historic Preservation Award

Captain Jacob Van Meter Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met March 21 at the Brown-Pusey House in Elizabethtown. Linda King, regent,

called the meeting to order.

Local businessman Kevin Addington spoke to the group on the revitalization and restoration efforts in downtown Elizabethtown. Addington is a partner of Elizabethtown Renaissance Associates that owns several properties in Elizabethtown.

Addington spoke on the various properties that have brought new life and vitality to downtown Elizabethtown including Vibe Coffee, Impellizzeri's Pizza and J.R. Neighbors Restaurant.

He spoke about the old buildings that have been restored with detail to historic preservation. The Stuart Opera House was restored for Impellizzeri's with original flooring and walls.

The J.J. Newberry building was not able to be saved, but the wood flooring was saved to be used in J.R. Neighbors and J.R. Neighbors Restaurant was named for the former saloon owner in Elizabethtown, who had a spat with temperance activist Carrie Nation, who came to town on the train in 1904 with the intention of using her hatchet on the saloon bar.

The beautifully restored Kerrick Home is the headquarters of the United Way of Central Kentucky.

Addington also spoke of restoration projects at Mulberry-Helm School, the Gregory Building and the Haycraft.

The most recent restoration is the Commodore Barney home at 201 N. Main St. This restoration involved a masonry artist, a search for period brick and a 3D scanner to reproduce the ornate metals on the roofing. This beautiful restoration will be the new home of Elizabethtown Tourism and Convention Bureau.

Addington explained his goal in development and restoration is to preserve the history and integrity of the building and yet have a building that is functional for the community with handicap ramps, adequate facilities and storage. Addington credits the city of Elizabethtown for its cooperation and collaboration in his projects.

Captain Jacob Van Meter Chapter presented Addington the DAR



Local businessman Kevin Addington speaks on the restoration and revitalization of Elizabethtown.



Kevin Addington, center, is presented with the DAR Excellence in Historic Preservation Award. He is pictured with Historic Preservation Committee member Joyce Miller, left, and Regent Linda King.

Excellence in Historic Preservation Award. This award recognizes an individual or group that have saved and/or preserved local history including restoration of buildings, monuments and other important artifacts. The chapter thanks Addington for his attention to historic preservation detail in the restoration of Elizabethtown's old buildings and the continued revitalization of the downtown.





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