



Fort New Salem Foundation

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FORT NEW SALEM FOUNDATION, INC.

Passionately preserving our
Appalachian legacy...

As a new year begins, please consider 200 Club

Thank You

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The Clarksburg-Harrison Cultural Foundation has once again funded Fort New Salem

The **volunteers** who made Spirit of Christmas in the Mountains 2007 a huge success

Salem Rifle and Pistol Club built a beautiful porch on the front of the Basketry

2007 was a great year for the Fort New Salem Foundation. Much was accomplished. Now that we are in the midst of winter we must now focus our attention on fundraising. To continue renovations, to provide educational programming and to expand our facility, we must raise funds. We have been moderately successful to this point, but as we accomplish more and more physically, we increase our needs fiscally.

The bedrock of our future fundraising efforts is The 200 Club. Fort New Salem is projecting an annual working budget of \$200,000. With that in mind, The 200 Club was established to guarantee that The Fort has the working capital necessary to move forward. The concept is simple, 200 people pledging at least \$1000 per year for three years.

Members of The 200 Club

will be recognized in our newsletter, as well as in some permanent way on the grounds of Fort New Salem. Solidifying The 200 Club is vital because once we have our working budget taken care of we can use other monies raised for major projects and facilities renovations.

Becoming a member is simple. Just clip the registration coupon on page two of this newsletter and mail it with your tax deductible donation to:

**Fort New Salem Foundation
PO Box 186
Salem, WV 26426**

The Fort New Salem Foundation has been the recipient of a great deal of community support as we strive to renovate and re-open. For this we are extremely grateful. However, we still need your help. To ensure continued progress in 2008, we need your financial support.



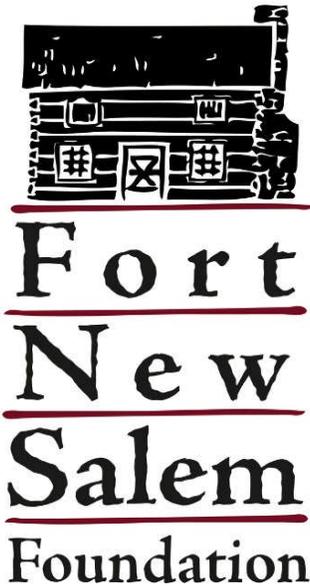
200 Club

Quick Facts

- Envisioned as the bedrock of the Foundation
- Covers operational budget
- Donation is tax deductible
- Three payment plans
- Members will be recognized on-site

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A new look for the Board of Directors

2008 dawns with a fresh look for our Board of Directors. Not only did the Fort New Salem Foundation elect new officer, but we also welcomed three new members.

Our new Foundation Chair is Kevin Fluharty, whose bio you will find on the facing page. The new Vice Chair is Rev. Dale Thorngate. Fluharty and Thorngate replace Bob Fulton and Dr. Joseph Audia, respectively.

Although no longer Chair and Vice Chair, Fulton and Dr. Audia remain with the Foundation as general

Board members. Also remaining on the Board for another three year term is Salem native and Harrison County businessman H. David Cutlip.

Our Board voted to expand our rolls and take in new members in 2008. New members of the Fort New Salem Foundation Board of Directors are Scott Rogers, David Conway, Stephen Kelley and Steve Turner. We are delighted to welcome these four gentlemen to our organization and look forward their collective leadership.

While we are excited with our new look, we also must take a moment to recognize an outgoing member of our Board. Dr. Helen Jones decided to leave our organization in the waning months of 2007. Helen's impact on our organization will not be forgotten, and the new members have big shoes to fill. Helen is active with the Open Door in Clarksburg, an organization providing food and shelter for homeless individuals. She made the decision to focus more of her energy on that venture. We wish her nothing but the best and hope to see her at the Fort in the future.

200 Club Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____



Preferred Payment (check one) Annual Six Month Quarterly

Please clip and mail with your first payment

From The Director

As we continue to renovate physically, we can't stress enough that we have financial needs, as well. The work that we're doing, not to mention some of the programs we hope to bring you, cost money.

You'll notice the front page story in this newsletter concerning our 200 Club. I would encourage anyone that is interest in joining to clip the registration coupon above and send it in with your first installment.

I am reminded daily of why I took this job with the Foundation. Every time I step foot on the Fort grounds I am in awe of the hard work that not only went into the creation of our representative settlement, but also the determination and spirit that it took from our forefathers to carve out a life in this wilderness country.

It is this same relentless spirit with

which we pursue the rehabilitation of Fort New Salem. It is with this same dogged determination that we seek funds for not only our renovation, but our future preservation.

Please join us. There is nothing less than our history at stake.

Tim Brady
Executive Director

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Board Spotlight: Kevin Fluharty

Kevin Fluharty was elected Chairman of the Fort New Salem Foundation, Inc at the Foundation's annual meeting in January. Kevin replaces Bob Fulton in this important position.

Kevin was born in Salem. He is the son of lifetime Salem residents Henry and Carole Fluharty.

Kevin's family has been in the grocery business for decades. His father, Henry, was employed by Kroger Company. This resulted in moves all over the Mountain State. When Henry retired from Kroger,

the family moved back to Salem.

It was at this time that the Fluharty family became involved in Salem business. Henry opened his own store downtown. The entire family worked long hours to make this business venture successful.

In 1987 a new store was built. As the business continued to grow, so did the staff. This success allowed Kevin and his family to become more involved in Salem civic groups and activities. In this way, according to Fluharty, the family was able to give something back to

the community that helped them to become successful.

Kevin is not only Chairman of the Fort New Salem Foundation, Inc., but is also Vice President of the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Salem Blueprint Community Team.

He lives in Salem with his wife, Rhonda, and son, Jordan. His daughter, Elizabeth, is a student at the University of Colorado Springs.



Kevin Fluharty (l) is presented with the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year Award. Presenting the award is Chamber President Dr. Joseph Audia (r)

Spirit of Christmas in the Mountains Recap

The Fort New Salem Foundation held their annual *Spirit of Christmas in the Mountains* celebration the weekend of December 15th and 16th, 2007.

While weather was not ideal for the event, attendance grew from the previous year. Attendees were treated to fireplace cooking demonstrations, lectures on the Fort's history, music and more.

The Foundation was able to suc-

cessfully open five cabins for interpretation and gift sales. Of particular interest was a fireplace cooking demonstration in the Old Kitchen by Deonna Crowe.

Children attending the event were visited by Belsnickle, played to perfection by volunteer Jay Mathey. The Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church and choir from Salem Elementary performed musical selections, despite what would become a driving snow.

Despite uncooperative weather, luminaries were lit both Saturday and Sunday. The tree lighting was much more successful on Saturday night, as Sunday's winds proved to be too much to overcome.

All in all, the weekend was a success. Patrons were impressed with the work accomplished in 2007. We look forward to exceeding expectations for *Spirit of Christmas in the Mountains 2008*.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who made Spirit of Christmas in the Mountains 2007 a huge success!

Cultural Foundation Grant Awarded

The Clarksburg-Harrison Cultural Foundation recently awarded the Fort New Salem Foundation a grant in the amount of \$500 for the 2008 Dulcimer Weekend. The money will go toward funding performers and workshop instructors for the weekend.

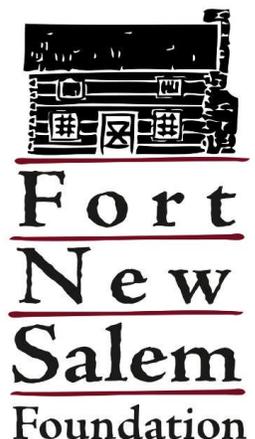
In addition to the \$500 grant, the

Cultural Foundation will be applying for a matching grant through the West Virginia Commission on the Arts Division of Culture and History. If successful, this will bring Fort New Salem's total 2008 award to \$1000.

The Clarksburg-Harrison Cultural Foundation, Inc. was formed in

1972 and was established to receive bequests, grants, gifts of money and other items of financial, cultural and historic value. It serves as the cultural conduit for the community and its arts organizations.

The Fort New Salem Foundation appreciates their support.



Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Update



Dates to Remember

March 17th Blueprint Town Hall Meeting

June 14th Spring Into Summer Dinner Dance

As a proud member of the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, the Fort New Salem Foundation is helping to keep folks informed of Chamber events. As an organization that seeks support from our community, the Foundation recognizes the importance of being good members of that community. Periodically in our newsletter you will find information on upcoming Chamber activities.

The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the 4th Annual *Spring into Summer Dinner Dance*. Several new items have been added to the year's fund raising event. In addition to the dinner and dance, a silent auction is also being planned. There will be live entertainment and door prizes. The dinner dance will be held on the Salem University campus in the gymnasium, Saturday, June 14, 2008. Tickets will go on sell at the Salem IGA starting April 1st, or you can call 304-782-3227 to reserve your ticket.

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a cash donation or donate something to the silent auction, please call the above number

or e-mail chamber@salemwv.com to make arrangements, or for more details. All proceeds are going to purchase new playground equipment for the city park. Your contribution and/or participation is greatly appreciated. With your help we can make this year's event a real success.

Also, please mark March 17th on your calendars. On that night, the Salem Blueprint Team, in cooperation with the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, will hold its next regularly scheduled town hall meeting. The meeting will be held in the Erickson Alumni Center on Main Street at 6:30 pm. Areas of discussion that night will include housing, the planned Fitness Trail at Salem Elementary and upgrades to Veterans Park, as well as City Park.

Also at the town hall meeting, Salem area residents will have the opportunity to voice their opinions on planned projects. And, more importantly, area residents will have the opportunity to volunteer to become a part of activities to make their community a better place.

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