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## From the Chairman

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## From the Chairman:

Dear Foundation Members:

As you probably know, the Foundation has owned and operated Harrison Brothers Hardware for ten years. We believe that this is the only instance in the country where a preservation group has saved not only a structure, but the business housed in it. This could never have been accomplished without the volunteers who have staffed the store these ten years. As we approach the Christmas selling season, it is crucial that we have more volunteers to adequately staff this surviving business.

While our volunteers do not have many opportunities to have accolades lavished upon them, they do reap a few benefits by working at Harrison Brothers. Volunteers receive a ten percent discount during any month in which they work at least one four-hour shift. If a volunteer works three or more four-hour shifts during a month, a twenty percent discount is granted. In addition, volunteers are invited to attend a Christmas get-together and the yearly volunteer appreciation picnic. In addition, they are also afforded the opportunity to meet and welcome visitors to Huntsville who come here from all over the world. Perhaps the biggest benefit which the volunteers receive is the camaraderie which has built up among the volunteers themselves.

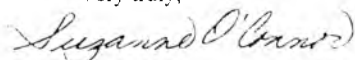
If you would like to help at the store, call either Aggie Carter or Wanda Carlen at 536-3631. You do not need to know how to operate a cash register or anything else for that matter! All we need is your presence to help continue the effort to keep Harrison Brothers in operation into the twenty-first century and beyond.

"Follies '94: Way Off Broadway" was a huge success. Thanks to all who helped as participants, attendees, or supporters. Without each and every one of you we could not have made Follies the truly joint project that it was with Alabama Constitution Village. Old Fashioned Trade Day was again blessed with perfect weather and a wonderful crowd. Gayle Milberger and Roger Nicholson and their committee members did a great job.

Other activities are in our future. The annual meeting of the Alabama Historical Commission is being held here October 21 - 23 and is being hosted by the Foundation and Alabama Constitution Village. We will then conclude this busy year with the annual membership tea at the Otey home in December. Spring will bring a benefit for the George Steele home owned by East Huntsville Baptist Church.

As you can see, there are many ways in which you can become **really involved** with the Foundation. Your help is needed to make **all** of these activities (and others in which we are involved) successes. We appreciate your membership but we also need YOU!!! Please call me at 539-8737 to volunteer and really put your membership to work!

Very truly,



Chairman