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## **From the Chairman**

These continue to be very exciting times for our Foundation. We have considerable activity in many areas and, quite frankly, need your help. The magnitude of our current projects has overloaded the board members and stretched their talents and capacities to the breaking point. I would ask that through our *Quarterlys*, newsletters, and word-of-mouth, you become familiar with all our undertakings and join us in carrying them out. They are all very worthwhile and lots of fun.

A hearty congratulations to our Director, Diane Ellis, for her work in getting the grant to restore the facade at the Hundley Building. We received word August 24 that our request for approximately \$23,000 had been approved. I might add that there were substantial complimentary comments, which should go directly to Diane, concerning the completeness and form of our application. These funds will be of great assistance to our Hundley Building Task Force as it concludes its plan for a stable operation of the facility.

As you remember, the Hundley Building is to be the permanent home of our Foundation. At the end of August, we relocated our office from its temporary site at Whitesburg Drive and Airport Road to our new home on South Side Square. The move required a change in our telephone number; it is now 539-0097. We are, for the moment, operating in space on the first floor while the renovation upstairs is done in what will be our permanent office. When you're downtown, drop by and visit.

Another of our current objectives is to increase our membership, particularly among the younger people in the community. Like so many other groups, the mean age of our membership is steadily creeping upward. While I do love older people, especially since I am becoming one of them, the future of our Foundation will depend on its appeal to the next generation and the one that follows it as well. I ask you to encourage all the younger adults that you know to give us their consideration. Gift memberships are always nice.

**Ben Walker**