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The Downtown Walla Walla Foundation announces the appointment of three new members of the Board of Directors: Karie Brodhun-Rochester, Manager, Macy's of Walla Walla; Dr. David M. Camp, President and CEO of Key Technology; and Doug Bayne, Vice President, Marketing, Banner Bank.

Brodhun-Rochester has been employed by Macy's since graduating from WSU with a degree in Fashion Merchandising, and has been Manager of the Walla Walla store since January 2006. Previously Assistant Manager of the Macy's at Southcenter in Western Washington, she was seeking a lifestyle change when the position in Walla Walla became available.

Serving on the Foundation Board will be Brodhun-Rochester's first foray into Walla Walla community service. "I really needed to focus on getting to know the store before getting involved in Walla Walla," Rochester says. She has few complaints about downtown, although she sees "many opportunities to explore."

As a major retail anchor downtown, Macy's has been critical to the success of Downtown Walla Walla. In the mid-eighties, the management of what was then The Bon Marché decided against moving the store to the Blue Mountain Mall with Sears and J.C. Penney's. That decision was followed by the purchase and restoration of the Liberty Theater building, allowing for a significant store expansion that many consider a turning point in the revitalization of downtown.

David Camp was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of Key Technology in the fall of 2006, and was appointed to serve on the Company's Board of Directors shortly following. He leads Key with over 25 years of technology and manufacturing related experience ranging from small entrepreneurial companies to large corporations, including process control, capital equipment, and service businesses. His management roles have encompassed manufacturing operations, sales and marketing, and general management.

Born in Greensboro, North Carolina, David grew up in the small tobacco town of Marion, South Carolina. He is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology with Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in Chemical Engineering. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering at the University of South Carolina. David serves on the Research Advisory Board of the Department of Chemical Engineering at the University of South Carolina.

Key Technology counts the award-winning downtown as an excellent recruitment tool as they work to bring quality employees to Walla Walla.

“We have a rare treasure in our Walla Walla downtown and surrounding area,” says Camp. “This opportunity to serve on the DWWF board allows me to contribute in extending this treasure to our children and future generations.”

Doug Bayne was born in Walla Walla, and spent his childhood in Yakima. Although he went to college on the east coast, his heart was still in Eastern Washington, and Bayne returned to Walla Walla and Banner Bank, where he has worked for 20 years.

And his family has followed. Two of Bayne’s grown children have moved to Walla Walla to raise their families. “Economic growth and quality of life in Walla Walla has enticed my world-traveling kids to settle down here,” says Bayne. “Our downtown is a big part of that growth and quality of life.”

Banner Bank was the first local company to take advantage of the Main Street Bill, allowing businesses to make a contribution to a community-based revitalization organization and receive 75% of that amount as a credit toward their state B&O taxes. In 2006 Banner contributed \$133,333.33 to the Downtown Foundation, allowing them to receive a \$100,000 credit on their 2007 B&O tax bill. Banner Bank has pledged \$65,000 toward the Foundation for 2007.

The Downtown Walla Walla Foundation is a not-for-profit, membership-based organization promoting the history, commerce and culture of downtown Walla Walla. More information about the work of the Foundation is available by calling 529-8755, by emailing [info@downtownwallawalla.com](mailto:info@downtownwallawalla.com), or from the website [www.downtownwallawalla.com](http://www.downtownwallawalla.com).

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