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ROGER BROWN'S CELEBRATES 10th ANNIVERSARY

Roger Brown's features indoor and outdoor dining, banquet facilities and catering services

the purchase and resale of the **Governor Dinwiddie Hotel** just two blocks away, the **Victory Crossing** retail complex, or any of the GPDC's other property acquisitions which promised to serve as "spark plugs" for further development. All told, the **GPDC** has been a tremendous success story whose properties have, through 2009, produced over **1,000 Portsmouth jobs** and **\$12,000,000 in tax revenue**. Its 501 c 3 tax status continues to provide the financial leverage and tax advantages necessary to attract new investment to our city.

WHEN THE **PORTSMOUTH PARTNERSHIP** purchased the former Woolworth's building in the 300 block of High Street in 1997, plans for the ultimate "highest and best use" of the property were vague – but hopes were high. No one could have foreseen the following year's formation of the **Greater Portsmouth Development Corporation** with the City of Portsmouth and the Housing Authority, the sale of the Woolworth building to former **NFL star Roger Brown**, the



10th Anniversary celebrants Roger Brown, Betty Jo Gwaltney, Don Comer

TODAY, ROGER BROWN'S is an established Olde Towne landmark with a menu that satisfies all tastes – from seafood to "South of the Border" to ribs and salads. The restaurant also frequently serves as a live music venue – as it did during the **PortsEvents** organization's **Schooner Days** weekend last October.

THE RESTAURANT is a founding member of **PIRA**, the newly-formed **Portsmouth Independent Restaurant Association** (www.eatinportsmouthva.com), and plans to fully participate in the association's future **Restaurant Week** and **Pub Crawl** events. The Partnership wishes continued success to owners Roger Brown and Curtis Lyons.

Partnership Mourns Loss Of Randy Vaughan

Partnership member, devoted husband, energetic volunteer, educator, boater, musician and founder of Ambassador Enterprises was lost to us on December 23, 2010. Our hearts and prayers are with his wife, Mary, daughter Jennifer, and son Tyler. We will miss his energy and his contagious, positive attitude.



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