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EDWARD "TED" AND PAT JONES

WILLIAMSBURG, MISSOURI

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones have created a towering legacy of contributions to Missouri's trails, parks, and natural spaces.

In 1948, Ted Jones moved to St. Louis to work for his father, Edward D. Jones. Ted started the company's first one-person branch office in Mexico, Missouri. He was managing partner of the firm from 1968 to 1980, when he established the firm's signature small town brokerage system and the firm expanded to 300 branch offices.

In the late 1980s, Ted and Pat donated \$2.2 million for Missouri to acquire property and develop a trail along 200 miles of abandoned Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad rail tracks to form what is now the Katy Trail State Park. The trail continues to add miles--most recently 11 miles on the eastern end, a bridge connection to Hermann, Missouri, and a 47-mile connection to the Kansas City area. It all started with Ted and Pat's vision and generosity.

The planned eastern terminus of the Katy Trail is the confluence of the Missouri River and Mississippi River. In 2004 the park at the confluence was named Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones-Confluence Point State Park in their honor.

In 1997, Pat turned her farm into a nature sanctuary by donating it to the Missouri Department of Conservation. The 711-acre Prairie Fork Conservation Area fosters research, community education, and restoration of natural communities.

These are just a few examples of Ted and Pat's generosity; specific projects are far too numerous to list. Pat is a generous supporter of the Missouri Rails-to-Trail Foundation, the Missouri Parks Association, the Missouri State Park Foundation, TrailNet, and other key organizations supporting trails, conservation, and state parks in Missouri.



MARC J. THORNSBERRY

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

SPRINGFIELD MISSOURI

FRIEND OF MISSOURI BICYCLING

Marc J. Thornsberry, P.E., is Director of Public Works for the city of Springfield, Missouri. Under his leadership, Springfield has become one of the most bicycle friendly cities in Missouri.

Springfield has one of the most extensive trails systems in the Midwest, with an interconnecting system of 65 miles of trails in and around the city.

The city of Springfield has created and maintained a 57-mile system of bicycle routes and lanes-- one of the largest such systems in Missouri.

Most recently, Springfield has adopted a significant new bicycle facility policy that will build upon the city's existing strengths and take Springfield to the next step in accommodating for safe and healthy bicycling.



IAN THOMAS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PEDNET COALITION

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

FRIEND OF MISSOURI BICYCLING

Ian Thomas is co-founder and current Executive Director of PedNet, one of the most effective community-level organizations in the state advocating for active living and better infrastructure for bicycling and walking.

Under Thomas's leadership, PedNet has grown to be a financially stable organization that is known for squeezing every bit of value out of every dime of funding they receive.

Thomas's leadership was crucial in the adoption of Columbia's street standards in 2004--the first Complete Streets policy adopted by a Missouri city.

PedNet's tireless advocacy is one of the primary reasons Columbia is the leading city for walking and bicycling in Missouri, a nationwide leader in implementing walking school buses and the Safe Routes to School movement, and the logical choice to receive \$22 million in federal funding as one of four nonmotorized transportation pilot projects nationwide.



TED CURTIS

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR

CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

FRIEND OF MISSOURI BICYCLING

Ted Curtis was co-founder and, for 18 years, director of TrailNet, an organization dedicated to preserving and building trail corridors in the St. Louis area. Under Curtis' leadership, Trailnet in 1992 developed Grant's Trail, the St. Louis Riverfront Trail, preserved the Chain of Rocks bridge for bicycle and pedestrian use. TrailNet's vision has led to the St. Louis area to become one of the leaders in the state for trail development, with over 75 miles of trail in place and an ambitious ring of trails planned to encompass the entire metropolitan area.

Since 2006 Curtis has overseen the GetAbout Columbia project, a federally funded pilot project that will demonstrate how designing an entire city for bicycling and walking can make a real difference in solving the nation's transportation problems.

Under Curtis's direction, GetAbout Columbia has implemented an ambitious education and encouragement program to promote walking and bicycling, planned to close gaps in the city's trails system, started to improve major intersections to be safer for pedestrians and bicyclists, and started to implement an ambitious on-road bicycle system that will include 85 miles of bicycle routes and 101 miles of bicycle lanes.



MORGAN BEARDEN

ROLLA, MISSOURI

FRIEND OF MISSOURI BICYCLING

Morgan Bearden was a founding board member of the Missouri Bicycle Federation and served on the board from 1994 to 2005. Morgan has worked tirelessly as a board member, contributing his energy and ideas to make the Bicycle Federation successful.

Among his contributions are several years serving as Motorist Contact Chair and his work to develop MoBikeFed's outdoor display panel.

Morgan has volunteered for many years with the Missouri Bicycle Racing Association and worked to develop and support bicycle racing events in his area, including the famous Ozark Hellbender Road Race.

In addition to being an avid cyclist and supporting the Rolla bicycling community in many ways and operating a community bicycle shop for many years, Morgan and his wife Leslie have been the driving force behind the Tour of the Ozarks, an annual ride to raise funds for the Diabetes Education Fund.

The ride has raised thousands of dollars in support of diabetes education and introduced hundreds of bicyclists to scenic bicycle routes in the Rolla area.



ROBERT JOHNSON

EDUCATION COORDINATOR, PEDNET COALITION

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

FRIEND OF MISSOURI BICYCLING

Robert Johnson is Education Coordinator for the PedNet Coalition, Inc. and one of the most active League of American Bicyclist (LAB) certified instructors in Missouri.

Since 2006, Robert and his staff have provided bicycle education to many hundreds of adults and children participating in LAB's Road 1 classes, as well as making bicycle safety presentations to over two thousand younger children through the GetAbout Columbia Project.

At Robert's invitation, the city's Traffic Engineer participated in a LAB class--and the result is the Columbia's intersections are now designed better and safer for bicyclists.

Most recently, the Columbia Police Department (CPD) invited Robert to teach a one-hour educational to all 150 of its officers. This class led the police department to implement "Operation Share the Road" in September 2008--a very successful partnership with the city and police department to teach and enforce road safety for bicyclists and drivers.



KENNETH WALKER

FOUNDER, THE URBAN KANSAS CITY COMMUNITY OF CYCLING

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

FRIEND OF MISSOURI BICYCLING

Kenneth Walker has been a powerful force promoting bicycling in the Kansas City Region. Kenneth founded the Major Taylor Foundation of Greater Kansas City and led the Major Taylor Flaming Sprockets race team, started a regular urban ride to promote bicycling in his neighborhood, developed a curriculum to teach students about the accomplishments of Major Taylor in order to develop students' interest in bicycling, developed a school cycling program at the Genesis School, and founded the Kansas City Urban Community of Cycling.

Kenneth has been resourceful and persistent in finding equipment and gear for young inner-city cyclists, matching up many youths with an interest in cycling with a donated bicycle, shoes, gloves, or helmet.

Most recently, working with a program funded by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Kenneth has been working with a group of 7th graders from the Scuola Vita Nuova Charter School to help them develop their bicycling skills and prepare for a 225 mile Katy Trail adventure this summer.



KURT SCHAEFER

MISSOURI STATE SENATOR

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

FRIEND OF MISSOURI BICYCLING

During his tenure at the Department of Natural Resources, Senator Kurt Schaefer of Columbia played a key role in negotiating the settlement with AmerenUE of the Taum Sauk disaster. Schaefer worked within DNR and with Ameren to ensure that the Katy Trail connection to Kansas City was included in that settlement.

During his campaign for Senate, Schaefer highlighted the Katy Trail in his campaign events and promised to work to make sure the Katy Trail connection will be built as promised.

Since his election, Senator Schaefer has worked with both the administration and the General Assembly to keep the Katy Trail Connection moving forward.

Thanks to forward-looking public officials like Senator Schaefer, we will soon be able to ride the Katy Trail from the Arch in St. Louis to Liberty Memorial in Kansas City--state line to state line.



LAWRENCE WELTY

ENGINEER, MoDOT

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

FRIEND OF MISSOURI BICYCLING

Larry Welty's support of bicycling and walking during his tenure at MoDOT has been tireless.

Larry's love for bicycling and promotion has brought numerous people to the world of bicycling that would not have seen the transportation and health benefits of bicycling and walk to communities.

Larry has served as District 6 Bicycle/Pedestrian Coordinator and as the MoDOT representative on East-West Gateway's committee. He also served a brief period as statewide bicycle/pedestrian coordinator, and has spent many years as a member of Missouri's Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Larry not only participated on these important but developed other to serve and participate on these committees to further the development of bicycles and pedestrians as a mode of travel in the state.

Larry is an avid cyclist who is able to translate his first-hand knowledge of bicycling into practical policy considerations that have helped to make MoDOT policy for bicycling and walking better in District 6 and across the state.

In the 1990s, Welty worked with Paul Wojciechowski and others on a series of actions that made MoDOT District 6 into the leading MoDOT district for bicycling for the following decade.

There are those who talk the talk, but Larry walks the walk.



PAUL L. WOJCIECHOWSKI

ENGINEER, CH2MHILL

GROVER, MISSOURI

FRIEND OF MISSOURI BICYCLING

Paul Wojciechowski has worked for MoDOT District 6, the City of Clayton, and now is an engineer with CH2MHill in St. Louis.

Wherever "Wojo" has gone, a trail of good bicycle policy and practice has followed.

Wojciechowski worked for 20 years as a highway designer, district traffic engineer and director of planning for the Missouri Department of Transportation. In the 1990s, Wojciechowski worked with Larry Welty and others on a series of actions that made MoDOT District 6 into the leading MoDOT district for bicycling for the following decade.

More recently as Public Works Director of the City of Clayton, Wojciechowski spearheaded the addition of new bicycle lanes, bicycle parking, and bike lockers.

Wojciechowski was very instrumental in the development of the first phase of Bike St Louis, as lead engineer of the project to create a 28-mile network of bicycle routes throughout the city of S. Louis. Recently that system has been expanded and now consists of 77 miles of dedicated bike routes, making it one of the largest bicycle route systems in Missouri.



MARK FUNKHOUSER

MAYOR, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

FRIEND OF MISSOURI BICYCLING

Mayor Mark Funkhouser of Kansas City has shown leadership in taking Kansas City "from worst to first"--from one of the least bicycle friendly cities to its goal of becoming one of the best.

Mayor Funkhouser won a hard-fought election in 2007, in which his endorsement by a group of bicycle and pedestrian advocates may have played a role. Mayor Funkhouser remembered the support of the bicycle and pedestrian community when, during Bike Month 2008, he publicly set a goal for Kansas City to become Platinum Level Bicycle Friendly City by 2020.

In addition, under Mayor Funkhouser the City Council has recently adopted a comprehensive Citywide Trails Plan and the Mayor has worked with Councilman Russ Johnson to establish the city's new Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.



RUSS JOHNSON

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, CITY COUNCIL

FRIEND OF MISSOURI BICYCLING

Councilman Russ Johnson has been a long-time supporter of trails in Kansas City. He has worked to develop support for safe bicycle/pedestrian river crossings in Kansas City and played a key role securing funding to develop the city's new Trails KC master plan, which will create a network of more than 200 miles of trails.

In 2008 a news helicopter followed Councilman Johnson on his bicycle commute to City Hall, garnering great publicity for Bike Week and bicycle commuters.

Most recently, the Councilman sponsored legislation to establish the city's first ever Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, a key component in the city's effort to become a Platinum-level Bicycle Friendly City by 2020.



DEB RIDGWAY

*BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR, KANSAS CITY,
MISSOURI*

FRIEND OF MISSOURI BICYCLING

Deb Ridgway has been a tireless advocate for bicyclists and pedestrians in both of Missouri's major metro areas. She started out in St. Louis as one of the early planners of the Bike St. Louis network, and in 2007 became Kansas City's first-ever municipal bicycle/pedestrian coordinator.

In Kansas City, Deb has worked hard to unite the efforts of many different groups across the region. At Bridging the Gap she helped expand the Clean Commute program and the region's Bike to Work Week activities. Deb also helped organize the Share the Road Safety Task Force, a regional coalition of many different groups that working to reduce the number of crashes involving bicyclist and motorists.

Missouri is truly lucky to have a bike/ped professional of Deb's talent and dedication.



PATRICK VAN DER TUIN

VICE PRESIDENT, BWORKS

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

FRIEND OF MISSOURI BICYCLING

Patrick Van Der Tuin is an advocate for bicycling who has made a difference at the local, state, and international levels.

When Van Der Tuin saw a bicyclist hit by a car on Holly Hills Boulevard, he decided to do something about it. He painted a bicycle white and placed it at the location of the collision.

This became the start of the "Ghost Bike Memorial" movement that has brought awareness to roadway safety in cities across the globe--from New York to Chicago to Los Angeles, London, and many others.

Van Der Tuin has served as a board member of the St. Louis Regional Bicycle Federation and is a certified League Cycling Instructor.

Patrick currently Vice President of St. Louis BicycleWORKS, a program for the underprivileged and inner city youth to earn a rebuilt bicycle, along the way learning how to take care of the bicycle and ride it safely.

He has most recently launched "Cycle for Charities" an organization that will organize bike rides and donate the proceeds to the selected grass-roots charity.



JOHN H. K. SWEET, M.D.

WILLIAM A. KERR FOUNDATION

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

FRIEND OF MISSOURI BICYCLING

John Sweet is an avid cyclist who, in his role as trustee of the William A. Kerr Foundation, has played a significant role in moving bicycling forward in Missouri.

Dr. Sweet has served on the board of TrailNet and as treasurer for the St. Louis Bicycle Federation, helping that organization through a key period as they moved from an all-volunteer organization to one led by a paid Executive Director.

Under the guidance of Dr. Sweet, the William A. Kerr Foundation has funded a number of projects that have helped make key connections for Missouri bicycling:

- Reconstruction of the first Platinum-level LEED certified building in St. Louis, which now serves as a resource for area non-profit organizations and as headquarters for the St. Louis Regional Bicycle Federation.
- Key challenge grants for the Missouri Bicycle Federation and the St. Louis Regional Bicycle Federation that helped those organizations grow and expand.
- Funding for a portion of the forthcoming bicycle/pedestrian bridge over the Missouri River at Jefferson City, and for other key trail projects and connections around Missouri.



ROBERT C. SMITH

COLUMBIA BICYCLE CLUB

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

FRIEND OF MISSOURI BICYCLING

For the better part of a decade, Robert C. Smith has been a stalwart of the Columbia Bicycle Club. Every month, Bob publishes the Columbia Bike Club newsletter, a tedious and often thankless task, but one that helps immensely to inform and connect Columbia's bicycling community.

In addition, Bob runs the Columbia Easy Riders, a group of recreational cyclists that welcomes new and returning riders to road riding. He never leaves the slowest rider behind.

The Columbia Easy Riders is a great example of the type of low-key but very effective program the Missouri Bicycle Federation would like to see replicated across the state--a simple, ongoing ride to welcome and encourage new riders into the great sport of bicycling.

And Robert is great example of the many leaders of local bicycle clubs and groups around Missouri, whose work creates a positive environment for bicycling in their communities.



WILLIAM M. LOCKWOOD

DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

FRIEND OF MISSOURI BICYCLING

William M. Lockwood has served as Director of Parks and Recreation for Jefferson City, Missouri, since November 1982. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation and Park Administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Lockwood serves as the Director and Executive Secretary for nine member citizen administrative Park and Recreation Commission. He also serves as Director of Forestry and as staff liaison to the City Council, Mayor, City Administrator, Commissions, Committees, and Advisory Groups in addition to being Executive Director of Jefferson City Parks and Recreation Foundation.

Lockwood has pursued a vision of a trails and greenways system that encompasses Jefferson City. Under his leadership, the city adopted a greenways plan in 1991 that was updated in 1996, 2001, and 2007. This is the sort of vibrant and active trails plan we would like to see adopted by cities across Missouri.

The result of the master plan has been 14.5 miles of greenway and fitness trail along with 16 miles of single-track mountain bike trail. Lockwood's vision has also been to connect Jefferson City to the Katy Trail, just across the river. That vision will become reality by Fall 2010, when the new Missouri River bicycle/pedestrian connection will open, connecting Jefferson City's greenway system directly to the Katy Trail.



AARON BARTLETT

*BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COORDINATOR, MID-AMERICA
REGIONAL COUNCIL
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
FRIEND OF MISSOURI BICYCLING*

When Aaron Bartlett came to Kansas City as the region's first bicycle/pedestrian coordinator, the region had essentially no bicycle/pedestrian program.

Since National Bike Month and Bike to Work Week have become well established in Kansas City, and the Bicycle Commuter Challenge had over 1000 register in 2008. All these programs started through Aaron's leadership.

In addition, the Safe Routes to School program and International Walk to School Day are moving forward in Kansas City. The Safety Ambassadors program has trained dozens of adults in youth pedestrian and bicycling safety education--again starting with Aaron's leadership.

The region's long-range plans include extensive bicycle and pedestrian elements, plans have been developed for both regional trails and on-street bicycle facilities, and the regional bike map has gone through two editions.

The Kansas City region is poised for a bicycle and pedestrian revolution, and Aaron is responsible for laying much of the groundwork that made it possible for the region to get to this point.



BENJAMIN W. JONES

*DIRECTOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS, KS
& MO, UNION PACIFIC RR
LIBERTY, MISSOURI
FRIEND OF MISSOURI
BICYCLING*

JERRY M. DOWELL

*EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TOUR OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI
FRIEND OF MISSOURI
BICYCLING*

Benjamin W. Jones and Jerry M. Dowell have served as the first and second executive directors of the Tour of Missouri.

When Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder agreed to take primary responsibility for organizing and operating the first annual Tour of Missouri, the Lieutenant Governor's Chief of Staff Ben Jones became the Tour's first Executive Director. Ben's considerable skill and organizational ability was devoted to ensuring that the Tour was placed on the international bicycle racing calendar, that a knowledgeable and experienced company was hired to run the technical side of the race, that sponsors were found, and that numerous government officials, agencies, cities, and volunteers were kept informed and on track.

The result was the 2007 Tour of Missouri--billed as the biggest sporting event in Missouri's history and certainly the biggest bicycling event in Missouri. The 2007 Tour put Missouri on the world's map as a bicycling destination.

In 2008 Jerry Dowell took the reins as the Tour's Executive Director. Building on the solid foundation created in the first year, the 2008 Tour added an extra day, more cities, stronger teams, and brought out over 430,000 spectators.

For 2009, the race has received a 2.HC ranking from the *Union Cycliste Internationale*, putting the Tour of Missouri on par with a mere handful of major professional stage races outside of Europe and only one other in the U.S. Cities from around Missouri competed fiercely for a chance to be part of the Tour, which will visit a number of new regions of Missouri in 2009.

The 2009 Tour again promises to be the biggest, best, and most prominent bicycling event in Missouri's history.



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Congressman Kenny Hulshof - Distinguished Service to Missouri Bicycling

Congressman James L. Oberstar - Distinguished Service to Missouri Bicycling

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Speaker Rod Jetton - Friend of Missouri Bicycling

Representative Mike Sutherland - Friend of Missouri Bicycling

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The Missouri Bicycle Federation thanks all who have joined, donated, or sponsored an event--your contribution makes a real difference in helping Missouri become a better, safer place to walk and bicycle.



ABOUT THE MISSOURI BICYCLE FEDERATION

The Missouri Bicycle Federation is a coalition of bicycling, walking, running, and trails organizations and businesses representing over 25,000 Missourians and speaking for the 2 million Missourians who bicycle regularly and the 5.8 million who walk.

The Missouri Bicycle Federation is working to realize its vision of active transportation in Missouri by creating a world-class bicycle and pedestrian network in Missouri, building a movement around walking and bicycling, encouraging more walking and bicycling, and increasing safety for all road users.

*Find out more or join the Federation at
MoBikeFed.org*

