The Patrick Henry Hotel, which was converted into apartments, is one of Ed Walker's reclamation projects.

Comeback

Historic preservation tax credits have made a big difference in downtown Roanoke.
**Member news & recognitions**

**Advance Auto Parts** has announced that **Todd Greener** has been appointed senior vice president, supply chain. Greener will lead the company's supply chain function in its efforts to support Advance's stores and customers.

**Dominic Boamah** has been named vice president of academic affairs – information technology at **American National University**. He has been an instructor for the University of Fairfax since 2009 and has taught design, development and evaluation of security controls to graduate students.

**B2C Enterprises** announces that they have become marketing communications partners with Wagner Food Equipment, Rebath of Chattanooga, Tech Squared and Bank of Botetourt.

**Blue Ridge Autism and Achievement Center's board of directors** has announced that **Christina Giuliano** has been named the new executive director. She will be responsible for the administration of the center's three schools and program development for the organization.

**Carillion Clinic** has renamed its patient transport center after **George B. Cartledge Jr.**, in honor of his nearly 40 years of service as a member of the Carillion Clinic board of directors. The Carillion building, located at 431 McClanahan Ave. in Roanoke, is now known as the George B. Cartledge Jr. Center for Transportation. The transportation center houses the administrative offices for Carillion Clinic Patient Transportation and is the home base in Roanoke for Carillion ambulances and helicopters.

On March 9, **Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe** announced the award of a $600,000 **Industrial Revitalization Fund Grant** to the city of Roanoke. The grant money will be used to create a regional business accelerator in the former Gill Memorial Hospital Building at 711 S. Jefferson St. in downtown Roanoke. The city will acquire the building in a creative property exchange with Carillon Services. The accelerator, to be operated by the Roanoke-Blacksburg Innovation Network, will be a major milestone in the public-private partnership between the city and the network and will serve as a single focal point that connects early-stage companies to peers, mentors and investors in an environment that offers a host of services and programs.

**The Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University** recently recognized the city of Roanoke's **LEAN Management program** as part of the 2015 Bright Ideas program. This year's cohort includes 124 programs from all levels of government-school districts, county, city, state and federal agencies, as well as public-private partnerships that are at the forefront in innovative government action. Through a partnership approach with Virginia Tech, Roanoke implemented the LEAN Management Program to find efficiencies for local government operations.

**Firefly** recently won a silver **American Advertising Award (ADDY)** at the 2015 Western Virginia Advertising Awards Gala for the Roanoke Chapter of the American Advertising Federation (AAF). The agency received the award in the business-to-business website and digital advertising category for the development of Upbound Edition for Davis Brand Capital, a branding consultancy that Fortune 100 companies around the world depend on for original thinking about branding.

**Nina Zanella** has been hired as the first director of development for **Good Samaritan Hospice**. She has nearly 30 years of experience in funds development. Good Samaritan Hospice is the only community-based, not-for-profit hospice serving the Roanoke and New River valleys.

**The Jefferson College of Health Sciences Master of Healthcare Administration and Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management degree programs** have been ranked among the top 20 programs in the nation by the website Healthcare Management Degree Guide. The two programs were paired and ranked #17 among all other colleges and universities in the country that offer similar types of degrees.

To further support its client-driven business strategy, the law firm **LeClairRyan** has announced its expansion into Atlanta under the leadership of former Troutman Sanders partners **John P. Hutchins** and **Christopher A. Wtech**. As the office leader, Hutchins will oversee the ongoing operations and growth of the firm's Atlanta office.

**LeClairRyan** has announced that **James Patrick Guy II** was elected 2016 president of the **Virginia Bar Association** at the association's 125th Annual Meeting in Colonial Williamsburg. He will serve as president-elect until his installation at the association's annual meeting in January 2016. He will be the 128th president of the association.

**Magnets USA** recently opened an expanded and renovated facility in **Vinton**. Founded in 1990 by Dale Turner, Magnets USA produces more than 20 million magnetized marketing products annually. The renovated facility is once the home of Grumman Fire Truck Corp.

**Thomas Becher**, senior vice president with Neathawk Dubuque & Packett, has been named to the **Public Relations Society of America's national nominating committee**.

**Stefanie Brown** has joined Neathawk Dubuque & Packett as strategic communications account executive.

**The Virginia Small Business Development Centers Network** has selected **Cmdr. Michael W. Leigh, USN** (ret.) and CEO of OpX Solutions, as the 2014 Virginia Small Business Veteran of the Year. The Roanoke Regional Small Business Development Center nominated Leigh for the award, which was presented at the Veterans-in-Business Conference in Arlington in March. Leigh is the founder of OpX Solutions and co-owner of Kaizen Healthcare Innovations.