

## **PUSHING "PAUSE" ON YOUR DINING PLANS...**

Like all of you, we are watching events unfold - both in our community and around the country - at a rather breakneck pace. Amidst a great deal of discussion and concern, Chef David Everett has made the tough decision to take a break for a couple of weeks at his restaurants. This means that Blue Talon Bistro, DoG Street Pub, Blackbird Bakery and Hair of the Dog Bottle Shop will all look at re-opening on April 1 – reevaluating where we all stand at that time.

We hope that all of you at home realize that what makes coming downtown for dinner so much fun is that we have fantastic staff. Our staff's combined commitment to providing outstanding service to all of you is so much greater than we could hope for. We want you to know we stand by our staff and are committed to bring each of them back to work just as soon as we can safely do so. The health insurance we provide for our staff will continue through at least the month of April and, while they will be able to receive unemployment benefits, this represents a more than 50% reduction in their income. We hope that, when we are able to bring them back into the restaurants to get busy again in a couple of weeks that you will all share your appreciation to them and all they have been through.

There is no doubt that our industry is among the hardest hit and most quickly devastated of any group of employees. On the plus side, restaurant staff are great people and remain upbeat no matter what. We consider the chance to work in this industry a privilege and hope that you will all recognize and feel our affection when you are able to join us in the coming weeks.