



THE FACES

of Main Street

The Luray Downtown Initiative was formed to facilitate rehabbing the town through the Virginia Main Street program. This feature is an introduction to some of the folks that form the fabric of Luray's Downtown ...

WHO: Alan Chu

WHAT: Browns Chinese & American Restaurant

WHERE: 34 W. Main St.

HOW LONG: Since April 1973

DID YOU KNOW?: We bought Browns Restaurant after seeing an ad in The Washington Post. It was the worst possible time for a new business venture because it was during the oil embargoes of '73 and '74, but we let people know they're important and appreciated. Many local folks remember Mr. Bill McKay and Mr. Joe Said. They came to Browns for lunch every day. Sheriff Presgraves and the Holsinger family are among many of our loyal friends and patrons. Sen. George Allen, former governor John Dalton, gubernatorial candidate Jerry Kilgore, former House Ways and Means Committee chair Bill Archer, and state Sen. Mark Obenshain always visit us when they're in town. We treat people like they're family.

WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT DOWNTOWN LURAY?

Downtown Luray has character. It's the center of the Shenandoah Valley. It's 88 miles from Washington, D.C., a small town with two stoplights. Everybody knows everybody. Good business is how you treat people and how you go that extra mile to make them happy. We do little extra things to make people feel special. We serve a variety of food, both Chinese and American, exotic drinks, and stay open late in the evenings to accommodate our patrons.

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