



The Chronicle

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Message From the President

John Head

I am delighted to serve as President of the City Club of Denver for the program year 2008-2009.

Inside this edition of the Chronicle, you will see a list of the 2008-2009 Board of Directors. We welcome Nan Odell, Carl Eklund and Jeff Hart to the Board. On behalf of all members of the Club, I would like to thank Steve Wright for his service as President over the past year and Craig Mills and Libby Fay for their service on the Board for three years. We appreciate all you've done to make the Club a continuing success for our members.

Your Board of Directors has been busy this summer planning for another exciting year. I hope you'll join us on September 2nd for our traditional program year kick-off with the Mayor. Denver will have just hosted the Democratic National Convention and I'm sure Mayor Hickenlooper will have plenty of tales to tell. We also have Senate candidates Mark Udall and Bob Schaffer tentatively scheduled in September, as well as a number of other exciting programs.

In 2007-2008, we had 2,018 members and guests attend a total of 36 programs. This coming year, we want to increase the number of members and guests who attend our programs, and also encourage more guests to become members. We ask for your help in that effort.

As reported in a previous issue of the Chronicle, the Board of Directors held a retreat in May to discuss ways in which we can improve our Club in addition to increasing our membership. We'll keep you updated on any new ideas and changes at our regular luncheons, through the Chronicle, and at our website at www.cityclubofdenver.org.

I look forward to seeing you all September 2nd and at all of our upcoming programs.

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Upcoming Programs in Brief

September 2, 2008: His Honor Mayor John Hickenlooper

In keeping with City Club tradition, Mayor John Hickenlooper will open our program year on Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

September 9, 2008: Floyd Cirulli

Denver pollster Floyd Cirulli will discuss the November ballot issues related to labor.

September 16, 2008: Paul Polak

Polak, former President of International Development Enterprises, will discuss his book "Out of Poverty,"

September 23, 2008: CU Prof. Jan Kreider

Professor Jan Kreider, an alternative energy expert, will discuss the down sides of ethanol.

October 7, 2008: Senate Candidates Mark Udall and Bob Schaffer

Attention All Members! The City Club has a new management company. As of August 1, The Meeting Edge is providing general administrative support and staffing the weekly luncheons. We're working to make the transition as smooth as possible and will update all members on any changes in procedures for the Tuesday programs. Our phone number remains the same. Email is info@cityclubofdenver.org. Please welcome The Meeting Edge.

Help us Cut Costs and Go Green! The City Club is seeking to cut its printing and postage costs, and at the same time be a little kinder to the environment. Please help us by electing to receive the Chronicle and the weekly postcards by email. If you have an email address but currently receive information by regular postage, please email info@cityclubofdenver.org to switch over to email. Your Club and Mother Earth thank you!

2008-2009 Luncheon Prices: Luncheon prices for the 2008-2009 program are listed to the right. As always, your Board of Directors is seeking to keep costs to members as low as possible. The small increase from 2007-2008 prices is due to an increase in the amount charged to us by the Brown Palace. By bringing members and helping us to grow our Club, we can keep prices as low as possible.

Member Lunch, reserved by noon Friday:	\$29
Member Lunch, unreserved:	\$32
Guest Lunch	\$35

City Club Programs

We had a total of 36 programs during our 2007-2008 program year. A few of the recent programs are described below.

Meet Your New Board Members. At its annual meeting on June 3, 2008, City Club members elected three new members to the Board of Directors. Carl Eklund, Jeff Hart and Nan Odell will

- **Adam Schrager**, Channel 9 reporter and author, discussed his new book “The Principled Politician, The Ralph Carr Story” on June 3. Schrager gave a moving and at times amusing account of how this often forgotten Governor of Colorado stood up to national public opinion and welcomed Japanese Americans to Colorado during World War II. Carr served as Governor from 1939 to 1943, and had national ambitions. But his stance in support of Japanese-Americans is generally assumed to have cost him his political career. Schrager also discussed parallels between the political climate at the time and today in post 9-11 America.
- **Vince Matthews**, Director of the Colorado Geological, spoke on May 20 about the impact of global economies on the United States and on Colorado resources. He described the unprecedented growth in China and India, noting the Beijing sees 1000 new cars on its roads every day and Shanghai has since 1985 built on average more than one skyscraper per month. This explosive growth in China and elsewhere is putting pressure on the United States and Colorado, which is very rich in minerals, to step up energy development and mineral extraction. However, in Colorado, that pressure is increasingly being matched by the tourism and environmental interests.
- In April, **Greg Dobbs**, who spent years covering the Middle East for ABC News and still travels there regularly, gave his views on US foreign policy. He was critical of the Bush administration’s actions relative to Iraq, suggesting that the reasons for going to war were fabricated, and the execution of the war has been faulty. Dobbs’ presentation, which included stories of covering the Gulf War, the revolution and occupation of the US embassy in Iran, and the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt, also gave a glimpse into the life of a foreign correspondent.
- **Special Event.** Approximately 60 City Club members gained a first-hand understanding and view of the planned redevelopment of Denver’s Union Station. The group was hosted by Frank Cannon with the Union Station Neighborhood Company, a public/private partnership that is heading up the redevelopment and preservation of Union Station. Cannon gave a brief overview of the history of Union Station and then focused on plans for redevelopment, showing architectural drawings and artistic renderings of the station and surrounding land. He explained that the station will become a transportation hub and will include rail, bus, light rail, automobile and pedestrian access. Cannon then took the group on a short tour, providing participants with a unique glimpse into the future of the Station. Peter Park with the City of Denver joined the event and spoke passionately about the importance of the project to Denver’s vision of the city being a gateway to the West.

each serve for a term of three years. Below, Carl, Jeff and Nan tell you a bit more about themselves.

Carl A. Eklund – Carl was born and raised in Denver, Colorado and graduated from CU with both a BA and JD degree. Carl started his legal career as a Deputy District Attorney in Denver and following his move to private practice, he began to specialize in the field of bankruptcy and corporate restructuring. He has pursued this area of specialization in both his practice here in Denver, and nationally. He is a partner at the law firm Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP.

Carl has served as a member of the board of directors of several professional and civic entities. He currently is serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the CU Foundation and Turnaround Management Association. In his free time, he enjoys several outdoor activities, including, biking, hiking, fly fishing, skiing, travel, as well as wonderful food and enjoyable wines.

Jeffrey S. Hart - Jeff has served in positions of increasing responsibility at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Office of Inspector General (OIG) since he was appointed Manager of the Denver, Colorado office in 1991. Beginning in 2007, he became responsible for all OIG evaluations and performance audits nationwide concerning global climate change as well as EPA’s stewardship, voluntary, and partnership programs.


Jeff was the National President of the Association of Government Accountants and remains on the National Executive Committee as Immediate Past National President. Mayor John Hickenlooper appointed him as a member of Denver’s new independent Audit Committee in January 2008. He also served three 3-year terms as an Executive Committee member of the Mountain and Plains Intergovernmental Audit Forum.

Jeff began his government career in 1977 with the U.S. Government Accountability Office where he served as a Senior Evaluator and Project Manager in the Denver, Dallas and Frankfurt (Germany) offices. He grew up in Denver and has served on a variety of community and nonprofit boards and committees.

Nan Odell – Nan, First Vice President- Investments for Merrill Lynch, works with affluent families to assist in their financial affairs and is committed to the Merrill Lynch philosophy: “The interests of our clients always comes first,” Charlie Merrill (1915). The Merrill Lynch Cherry Creek office focuses on delivering wealth management solutions to high net worth individuals and businesses while delivering unparalleled service.

At the heart of her philosophy is a desire to build enduring client relationships. Merrill Lynch follows a comprehensive wealth management process whereby the financial advisors begins by taking the time to understand not only what is most important to the client, but the client’s family and business as well. In Nan’s case, she takes it a step further. Her practice is focused on a select clientele where she handles every aspect of their financial affairs from minimizing taxes to generational planning to gifting investments. She prides herself on providing trusted advice and exceptional service.

Nan works with business owners through all stages of their life cycle, from growth to maturity, by providing cash management for day-to-day operations, short-term financing for capital expansion,



long-term financing for equipment or acquisition of a new site. Her clients have access to a full range of flexible financing products.