



# Chronicle

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## BOARD REPORT

Your Board of Directors has been busy this summer reviewing contracts and analyzing revenues, costs and past fundraising results. This past year was a good year for the City Club. Membership has increased to a total of 380. Over 3,000 members and guests attended 36 programs. For the first time, the City Club co-presented programs with other organizations.

As projected, the club had to draw down on reserves to meet operating expenses for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. This is a result of a number of items. First, the City Club has been subsidizing the cost of the luncheons. The Brown Palace has been charging \$20.62 per lunch. Since the club was providing lunches to the members for \$18.00 for timely reservations, this meant that if we had a very successful event with high membership attendance, we actually lost money. The other increased expenses were for the part-time Executive Director and the PR consultant. Although the club was successful in raising sponsorship dollars (approximately \$13,250.00), this did not offset the increased expenses. The Board has reluctantly concluded that it must raise dues and lunch charges.

## NEW DUES

There has been no increase in membership dues for several years. The other comparable clubs, such as the Denver Forum and the

Denver Press Club, charge substantially more than the City Club. The Board thus voted to raise membership fees by \$10.00.

The Board has added a Sustaining Member category at the \$500.00 level. The Board hopes that those members who are able to contribute at this level will do so. Anyone who joins as a sustaining member will be given recognition in the Chronicle, identification on their badges and identification as a Sustaining Member in the directory.

The new dues, effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, are:

Regular members	\$105.00
62+ and Spouses	\$ 85.00
Under 35	\$ 70.00
Corporate	\$330.00
Sustaining	\$500.00

The initiation fee has stayed at \$40 for some time. The Board decided to raise this fee to \$65.00. However, to encourage new members to use the web, City Club will discount the initiation fee by \$25 if the new member signs up on the web. Therefore if new members enroll online and pay their fees and dues online, the initiation fee will be \$40.

## LUNCH CHARGE

The Board reviewed other possible luncheon sites to see if there might be something less expensive than the Brown Palace. Other venues were considerably higher than the

Brown Palace. Thus we will continue to meet at the Brown Palace. We are very appreciative that they are keeping their charge the same as they have in the previous year, other than for an increase in taxes that they are passing on to us.

Lunch charge for the next year:

Members with reservations (Noon on Friday)	\$21.00
Members with late reservations	\$25.00
Guests	\$30.00

#### INTERACTIVE MANAGEMENT, INC. (IMI)

IMI has been the administrative manager for the City Club for a number of years. IMI asked, and the board agreed, that the City Club purchase its own phone line which will be installed in the IMI offices. This will allow a recorded message that will change every Tuesday after the lunch. This will minimize usage of IMI staff time and allow them to continue working with us with only a 4% increase in costs.

Thus City Club has its very own phone number, which is (303) 339-1360. Please use this number to make reservations.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE HELP

As the City Club opens its new program year without a part-time Executive Director, President Frances Koncilja will make staff time available from her office to help during this transition. It is the hope of the board that we will have the funds to hire a part-time Administrative Assistant in the future. We are looking for an individual who might be interested in the position in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 per month for approximately 60 to 70 hours of work. If anyone is aware of someone looking for part-time work in this compensation range, please have them

send a resume and cover letter to Frances Koncilja by fax 303-675-0401 or [fkoncilja@koncilja.com](mailto:fkoncilja@koncilja.com).

#### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Jack Maloney and Steve Wright have graciously agreed to serve as co-chairs of the program committee. They are putting together a great line-up for September. Mayor Hickenlooper will speak on September 6<sup>th</sup>. New Denver Public Schools Superintendent Michael Bennet will speak on September 13<sup>th</sup>. We will also hear from proponents and opponents of Amendments C and D on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

The committee invites and encourages the participation of all interested City Club members. The Program Committee has scheduled its first meeting for September 1, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. Steve Wright will host the meeting at the offices of Isaacson, Rosenbaum, Woods & Levy at 633 – 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2200. Validated parking will be provided in the Plaza Parking Garage, which is entered from 18<sup>th</sup> Street between California and Welton.

All City Club members are encouraged to attend and to offer their suggestions for program topics and speakers for the coming season. As a member of the program committee, you can have an important influence on the content of the club's programs for the coming year. Bring your ideas and your enthusiasm and be a part of the Program Committee!

If you want to serve on the Program Committee, contact Jack at (303) 355-0939 or [jmaloney@dim.com](mailto:jmaloney@dim.com); or contact Steve at (303) 256-3998 or [swright@ir-law.com](mailto:swright@ir-law.com).

#### SUMMER PROGRAM

The July 9<sup>th</sup> outing to the Colorado Shakespeare Festival was the first summer meeting of the City Club and its first event outside of Denver (or at least we think it was the first). Twenty nine people attended and

enjoyed a pre-performance backstage tour and a delightful summer evening of theater. The City Club thanks the Colorado Shakespeare Festival (A City Club member and corporate sponsor) for its cooperation in making this event possible.

#### NEW LOGO AND LETTERHEAD

Robert Root, with the help of Lois Court and Frances Koncilja and the excellent design services of Sam Ponce, have developed a new logo and letterhead for The City Club. We hope you like it.

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Craig Mills is the new chair of the Membership Committee. He is soliciting renewed membership from the Denver Active 20/30, working with the Downtown Denver Partnership and the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce to attempt to solicit additional new members. If you are interested in serving on the Membership Committee, please contact Craig at (303) 820-5819 or [tc Mills@aol.com](mailto:tc Mills@aol.com).

#### SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Nancy Widmann volunteered to be the Chair of the Special Events Committee. She is looking for suggestions and thoughts about special events. You can contact her at (303) 322-6942 or [nlwidmann@msn.com](mailto:nlwidmann@msn.com).

#### SECOND WEDNESDAYS AT THE PRESS CLUB

Some of our members have indicated that our conversations on Tuesday are so stimulating, they hate to see them end. The Denver Press Club, at 1330 Glenarm Place, graciously invited us to use their food and beverage facilities on the second Wednesday of each month. Our first gathering will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. John Enselin has arranged for photographer

Rick Clarkson to attend. Rick's photos have appeared in Sports Illustrated and Time. The Rocky Mountain News recently did a piece on his photos. He has covered 50 years of the Final Four. He has also worked with and been a Director of the National Geographic Society.

Chef Daniel of the Press Club has put together a terrific menu at reasonable prices (under \$20). Consider staying for dinner.

#### WEB SITE

XploreNet is again contributing work and help on our website in return for a sponsorship. Look forward to a snappier Chronicle if you receive it online. We will also be posting more information on the website.

#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- September 6<sup>th</sup> - His Honor the Mayor  
John Hickenlooper
- September 13<sup>th</sup> - Michael Bennet – Superintendent of  
the Denver Public Schools
- September 20<sup>th</sup> - Referendums C & D, pros and cons

Members can obtain the \$21.00 price if they make their reservation by Noon on the Friday before the program. You can make reservations on the website or by e-mail to [nicolep@imigroup.org](mailto:nicolep@imigroup.org) or by calling (303) 339-1360. It would be helpful if you use the website and pay with a credit card if possible. The website address is [www.cityclubofdenver.org](http://www.cityclubofdenver.org). Click on Reservations.

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