

MEET CRAIG MILLS, NEW CITY CLUB MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

Craig Mills joined the City Club in October 2003, and promptly became one of our most active recruiters of new members by encouraging many of his colleagues in the Denver Active 20-30 Foundation to join City Club. This past June, Craig was elected to the City Club Board, and has graciously assumed the role of 2005/2006 City Club Membership Committee Chair.

Craig moved to Denver in 1992 and currently lives in the Montclair neighbor in East Denver. He has been with the Mossa Group at Piper Jaffray since 1995. Craig is active in the community through his commitment to charity. For three consecutive years, he was chairman for the Annual Denver Polo Classic, a charity event that has raised over \$2 million for Colorado children's charities. He is a past-president of the Denver Active 20-30 Foundation and serves on the board of Denver Kids, Inc. as director of finance. He volunteers at Brokers Benefiting Kids, a fundraising event coordinated through the commercial real estate community, and has previously served on the board of the NBA Colorado Christian Home Tennyson Center. Craig has a passion for music and sings in the Montview Presbyterian Church Choir. He is a charter member of "Unstrung" supporting the Colorado Symphony Orchestra and a board member of the Denver Bach Society. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Dr. Nancy Willerton, and their daughter. He attended Michigan State University and follows college basketball.

Craig would like to continue the success we have had working with other organizations to grow the City Club membership. Also, he emphasizes that we are looking to cultivate new members by encouraging our membership to talk about the City Club and invite friends and

business associates to join us. He plans to ensure we have prompt follow up with our guests in order to extend the invitation to join us and "pass the word about our great organization." Craig asks that any members who wish to contribute time to the membership committee please feel free to e-mail him at tc Mills@aol.com.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT FRANCES KONCILJA

WE NEED A FEW SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIPS AND MORE SPONSORS

"City Club's programs are terrific." "I cannot believe the broad range of programming this organization puts on." "We watch Channel 8 and the City Club programs are always the best."

The representatives of Channel 8 have told us that the depth and breadth of the City Club programs through the years is truly amazing. That is why Channel 8 televises them. The programming is why the previous board decided that the City Club owed it to the community to prepare an archive of the old programs and to present that to the public library.

Unfortunately, the Club has increased expenses to meet these costs because Channel 8 recently raised their fee to meet their increased expenses.

Board members, especially the program committee, are required to devote huge amounts of time to serving on the board. When those board members work in an office that is willing to dedicate staff to the process, things work relatively smoothly. However, the Club cannot expect that kind of contribution from every board member; nor can we expect the board members to make all of the calls and send out the letters themselves. Thus, we must raise funds to hire additional administrative help.

JAMES GRAFTON ROGERS AWARD NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

The Board does not want to substantially raise membership and lunch fees to cover these costs. So, we have two areas in which we can generate additional funds. Your board voted to offer a Sustaining Membership at \$500.00. We are hopeful that some current members of the City Club who feel strongly about the Club's contribution will agree to become sustaining members. If you are interested in becoming a sustaining member, please call or email Nicole at (303) 433-4446 or nicolep@imigroup.org. If you would like to discuss a sustaining membership with any of the board members, please contact us.

The other area where we have, in the past, generated some funds and hope to generate additional funds is with sponsorships. It is, however, hard to go back to our sponsors every year and ask them to contribute \$1,000 or \$2,000 or \$5,000 to the club merely because we all think it is the right thing to do. Sponsors, quite frankly, expect marketing or business development opportunities in return for sponsorship dollars.

In speaking to the previous sponsors, it does not appear that the Club has supported our sponsors. Have any of our members written a thank you note to the sponsors? Probably very few. Have any of our members referred work to the sponsors? Sponsors tell me they do not generate much, if any, work from City Club.

The board is making an effort this year to thank our sponsors and to make them feel appreciated. We hope that the other members who love this organization will drop a note to the sponsors. Better yet, refer business to them. If we do not integrate this reciprocity into the culture of City Club, it will be harder to get sponsors to renew and to sign up new sponsors.

Since we have such a terrific product, we want to make sure that we can continue to create all of these great programs and broadcasts to people who watch Channel 8 and Channel 12. So consider a sustaining membership, refer work to a sponsor, and send an e-mail to me at fkoncilja@koncilja.com with the names of possible new sponsors.

Please send in your nomination by Tuesday, October 18th.

The 2005 James Grafton Rogers Award will be presented to a deserving organization on Tuesday, December 20, 2005, the date of our City Club Holiday Luncheon. The award was instituted in 1995 by a committee of City Club members to recognize "extraordinary and timeless contributions to the quality of life in the Denver region" and is named after the Club's first President. Past organizations receiving this prestigious award are the Denver Children's Advocacy Center in 2003 (provides forensic interviews, treatment and assessment services to abused children), Urban Peak in 2001 (provides support services to homeless and runaway youth), Summer Scholars in 1999 (promotes literacy programs for Denver elementary school children), Friends of Man in 1997 (provides direct one-time cash assistance to families and individuals in sudden need of "bridge" money to meet a medical or financial need), and the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District in 1995 (distributes millions in tax district funds to scientific and cultural organizations in seven Metro Denver counties). In even numbered years, the award is given to an individual.

The selection process for this award begins with nominations from City Club members. Please send your written nomination information, not to exceed 500 words, along with any printed information about your nominee to: Matt Hogan, Sherman & Howard, 633 Seventeenth Street, Suite 3000, Denver, Colorado 80202 or e-mail to mhogan@sah.com. Additionally, a committee to review the nominations is being formed. If you have an interest in serving on this committee, please e-mail Matt Hogan at the above address or call him at (303) 299-8434.

The James Grafton Rogers Award is intended for those organizations that have not heretofore received a great deal of public recognition. Think of the many organizations that have made a positive impact on our Denver metro Area community. They deserve our praise and recognition! The award includes a \$2,000 contribution to the selected organization from the Club.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October 4	Governor Bill Owens
October 11	Pat Grant, National Western Stock Show and Rodeo
October 18	To Be Announced
October 25	Vince Matthews, Director of the Colorado Geological Survey
November 1	Max Wycisk, President of Colorado Public Radio
November 8	Rick Ashton, Denver City Librarian

Senator Ken Salazar will speak in December

Check the City Club website often for updates on future speakers

NEW MEMBERS

Please make a point of welcoming at your next opportunity the following new members who have joined the City Club in the past few months.

Brooke N. Albrant (Associate, Sherman & Howard LLC)

John J. (Jack) Burke (Executive Director of Development, Colorado State University, Denver)

Jill K. Conrad (Director, CO Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools)

Julie Faber (Senior Underwriting Associate, Colorado Public Radio)

Michael Fine (Consulate General of Canada)

Carol Friend

Joyce S. Freeman

Cheri Gerou (Architect, Gerou & Associates, Ltd.)

David Gleim (Dean, Auraria Library, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center: Downtown Denver Campus)

Rebecca Grabler (Director of Marketing & Development, Metro Denver Sports Commission)

Donald W. Hoagland (Senior Counsel, Davis, Graham & Stubbs)

Daniel H. Horsey (Consultant, 3 Story Stage)

Herb Lindsay (Financial Analyst)

Richard D. Marshall

Janine Reid (President, Janine Reid Group, Inc.)

Bernard S. Rosen

Gregory F. Schaffner (General Manager, Legionce Investment Advisers, LLC)

Bobbi Spicer (Director, Diversion Services)

Casey Vader (Financial Services, Morgan Stanley)

Dagny Starzynski Van Der Jagt, Esq. (Lawyer's Realty)

Grant David Van Der Jagt, Esq. (Lawyer's Realty)

Culver Winston Van Der Jagt (Broker, Culver W. Van Der Jagt)

Eveline L. Yang (Executive Officer, Grants & Development, Auraria Library, University of Colorado at Denver)

REMINDER ON MEMBERSHIP DUES AND LUNCHEON PRICES

As we discussed in the August *Chronicle*, there has been no increase in the membership dues for several years, and increasing costs have necessitated an addition of \$10.00 to the annual membership dues in all categories, and an increase of \$25 to the one-time initiation fee for new members. The new dues (effective August 1) are:

Regular membership:	\$105
Membership for spouses:	\$ 85
Membership for those 62 years and older:	\$ 85
Membership for those under 35 years:	\$ 70

Organizational Membership: \$330
(An Organizational membership at the \$330 level allows three individuals from the organization to reserve at the membership luncheon rate each week. Higher levels are also available for larger organizations.)

Sustaining Membership: \$500
(The Sustaining Member category is new for the 2005/2006 program year. The City Club 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.)

Initiation fee for new members: \$65
(To encourage new members to use the City Club website, City Club will discount the initiation fee by \$25 if the new member signs up on the web. Therefore if new members enroll online at the City Club website (www.CityClubofDenver.org) and pay their fees and dues online, the initiation fee will be \$40.)

The lunch charges for 2005/2006 are:

Members with reservations (Noon on the preceding Friday):	\$21
Members with late reservations:	\$25
Guests:	\$30

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Xplore.net, Inc.
Colorado Shakespeare Festival

A special thank you to our only platinum sponsor

Tom Sutherland, a Colorado Hero!

**Our best wishes go out to Tom as he recovers from his heart attacks (minor we are told) and surgery.
Please send him your good wishes at :**

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