

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“WHERE IS THE DIRECTORY? IT IS NOT IN THE MAIL”

Where is the directory? I know some of you have asked this question. Through a series of intentional and unintentional events, the Board has decided to place the directory on the City Club website. It will be password-protected. If you prefer a hard copy, it will be mailed to you on plain paper but not in the bound format of previous years. It makes sense financially, as well as for reasons of efficiency, to move the directory to the web site.

As I am sure you know by reading these columns this year and last year, the board continues to monitor and analyze the expenses and revenues of City Club. This year, we were required to make modest increases in both the membership fees and the luncheon prices. Unfortunately, those increases barely cover the direct cost of the lunches and the indirect costs, including mailing, phones, paper and the cost of our management company. Unfortunately, everything seems to be going up. Thus, the questions continue – can we either reduce costs or, at least, maintain the same costs, and/or can we increase revenues? We can reduce costs by moving the directory to the website.

In the past, the Club has budgeted approximately \$2,300 for the printing and mailing of the directory. (We also budget \$1,800 for the Chronicle and \$1,800 for the luncheon postcards.) If we invest the \$2,300 in transferring the directory into electronic format and place it on the website, next year's costs for the directories will be substantially reduced. We know our members include confidential information in the directory including addresses and cell phone numbers. And, we know that you are not anxious to have that available to anyone who is surfing the web. Therefore, the electronic directory will have passwords that you can change. Only the member will have access to change his or her information. Only other members will have access to view the directory.

To place the directory on the website, there are start-up costs. We must add another menu item. The directory then has to be set up so that it is password-protected and decisions have to be made about formatting. The data must be uploaded. We are currently working with XploreNet on this project. By not printing and mailing the directory this year and by cutting some other costs, we will

have sufficient funds for this year's investment in the electronic directory as well as other improvements to the website. We hope to have the directory on line in the next 4-6 weeks. If you want a hard copy of the directory, you can contact Nicole at 303-339-1360 or nicolep@imigroup.org. She will mail it to you. However, it will not have the binding. It will be printed on regular paper.

In updating and improving the website, we will also have the ability to communicate with each other more quickly. The Chronicle will be posted on the website. Your e-mail notification that the Chronicle is ready will link you to the new menu item for the Chronicle. That menu will also allow you to look at previous Chronicles if there is something that intrigues you in a previous edition.

We are sensitive that some of our members prefer hard copy. In reviewing the e-mail addresses that you have provided, it appears almost everyone has access to e-mail. We will continue to have the ability to provide you hard copy information, but more and more of the information from City Club to the members will be transmitted electronically. We hope you will also use this opportunity (as some of you have already) to communicate with the Board electronically.

We have been informed of a few glitches on the current website in the reservation form and membership sign-up. If you have had problems working with the website including the reservation form or the membership enrollment, please e-mail those to me so that we can get that taken care of at the same time we are accomplishing these other upgrades. My e-mail address is fkoncilja@koncilja.com, my mailing address is 800 Eighteenth Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202, my phone number is 303-675-0900.

Hope to see you at one of our upcoming programs.

Please invite your friends to Senator Tim Wirth's speech on April 11th. The Brown Palace has graciously given us access to Ballroom A, but we must have 175 attendees or my name is mud with the Brown.

Frances Koncilja
President, City Club Of Denver

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 11

**Former Senator Tim Wirth
President, United Nations Foundation**

Tim Wirth represented Colorado in the United States Senate from 1987 to 1993, and then served as Undersecretary of State for Global Affairs from 1993 to 1997. In 1998, the United Nations Foundation was started by Ted Turner to support and strengthen the work of the United Nations. As President of the UN Foundation since its inception, Mr. Wirth has organized and led the formulation of the Foundation's mission and program priorities, which include the environment, women and population, children's health and peace, security and human rights. The Foundation also engages in extensive public advocacy, resource mobilization, and institutional strengthening efforts on behalf of the UN.

April 18

Congressman Mark Udall

Mark Udall represents Colorado's Second Congressional District, which stretches from Broomfield to Basalt. Mr. Udall, now serving his fourth term, serves on the House Armed Services Committee, the House Science Committee, and the House Resources Committee. In addition, he is the co-chair of the House Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus and is a recognized national leader in promoting a balanced national energy plan.

April 25

To be Announced

May 2

To Be Announced

May 9

**Douglas Adams
President and Chief Executive Officer, Colorado
Symphony Orchestra**

Douglas Adams came to Denver in 2002 from Dallas, where he was general manager of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and managed all business aspects of the orchestra and administration. Before that, he had a highly successful career in television, culminated by serving for nine years as president and general manager of KXAS-TV in Dallas-Fort Worth, recognized as one of the most successful television operations in the United States.

May 16

**Richard Moe
President, National Trust for Historic Preservation**

Chartered by Congress in 1949, the nonprofit National Trust is the leader of America's vigorous and growing historic preservation movement. It has approximately 250,000 members, publishes the award-winning Preservation magazine, and has six regional offices and 25 historic sites from coast to coast. As president, Richard Moe leads the organization in its mission to save the nation's diverse historic places and create more livable communities for all Americans. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Antiquities Act and the 40th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, some of the most significant legislative milestones in the history of the American preservation movement. Mr. Moe will speak about what he calls "The Unfinished Agenda" with respect to the identification, preservation, and protection of cultural and anthropological treasures on the public lands of the West.

May 23

**Dr. William Gray
Emeritus Professor of Atmospheric Science and
Head of the Tropical Meteorology Project, Colorado
State University**

Professor Gray has worked in tropical meteorological research for more than 40 years, devoting his entire professional career to the global aspects of tropical cyclones. Dr. Gray, described by *Discover* magazine as perhaps "the world's most famous hurricane expert," is a skeptic on the questions whether global warming is human induced and whether global warming increases hurricane activity. He publishes yearly hurricane forecasts for the Gulf of Mexico, Florida, and the East Coast. His hurricane forecast has gained international attention and won him the Neil Frank Award of the National Hurricane Conference in 1995. Dr. Gray's City Club visit will just precede the June 1 beginning of the 2006 hurricane season.

May 30

To Be Announced

June 6

City Club of Denver Annual Meeting

The 2006 annual meeting and election of members to the Board of Directors will be held during the weekly luncheon on Tuesday, June 6. Later in this issue of the *Chronicle* you will find information about the three new Board members who have been nominated for election at that meeting, Inta Morris, Bill Slamkowski, and Jeff Thompson. The City Club's annual meeting is traditionally a festive affair, featuring a minimum of business and an interesting topic. So do plan to attend!

NELL SWIERS, 1933 - 2006

We are sad to report that Denver native and City Club member Nell Swiers died of complications of cancer on February 18 at her daughter's home in Ohio. A memorial service was held at Denver University's Evans Chapel on March 14. Nell was very active in community affairs, especially with the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) Board, the Baker neighborhood, and many Denver zoning, revitalization, and development committees. Nell contributed her time generously to City Club, most recently with the 2004 James Grafton Rogers Award nomination of Michael Henry and also serving on the Membership Committee last year up until she became ill. Donations in her memory may be made to the Audubon Society of Greater Denver, Capital Campaign, 9308 South Wadsworth Blvd., Littleton CO 80128.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming the following new City Club of Denver members:

Jason Crawford – Attorney, Law Office of Jason Crawford

Kathleen E. Hackstaff

Darrell G. Hamilton - Real Estate Broker Associate, The Kentwood Company

Ann C. Heyler - Retired, Physical Therapy

Lisa Jelliffe – Associate, SLATERPAULL Architects

Lyubim Kogan - Asset Protection & Tax Free Income Planning, Kogan Financial Group, LLC

James B. Lapin - Attorney at Law, Lapin & Viorst, PC

Tanya E. Milligan - Attorney, Messner & Reeves, LLC

Mary D. Poole - Retired Non-profit Consultant

Andrew M. Toft – Attorney at Law, Andrew M. Toft

Mary Ann Wadas – Retired

NOMINEES FOR THE CITY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following City Club members have been nominated for three-year terms on the Board of Directors, replacing Martha Devine, Cherie Fisk, and Jack Maloney who are leaving the Board in June. The election will be held at the City Club's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 6.

Inta Morris

Inta Morris returned home to Colorado in 2004 after many years in Washington DC. She currently serves as the Academic, Economic and Political Affairs Officer for the Canadian Consulate General in Denver. Before joining the Consulate, she served as Vice President of the U.S.

Civilian Research and Development Foundation, a nongovernmental organization in Arlington, Virginia focused on fostering ties between the scientific and academic communities of the United States and countries of the former Soviet Union. Prior to that position, she served in several positions with the international division of the National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences (now National Academies), and before that as legislative staff to Congressman David Skaggs.

Inta has traveled extensively in Europe, the countries of the former Soviet Union, Asia and Africa. While she loves international travel, equally important for her are the days spent hiking or skiing in the Colorado mountains.

Inta's professional and personal experience has given her a strong appreciation for, and interest in, people from all different backgrounds. She values the breadth of interests, expertise, and perspectives that the City Club speakers bring to the weekly lunches.

Bill Slamkowski

Bill Slamkowski is an attorney with Hensley Kim & Edgington, LLC where he focuses his practice on commercial litigation, dispute resolution, real estate and business law. Recently he has represented clients in a number of disputes involving business contracts, real property, patents, trade practices and derivative claims. He also assists clients in real estate transactions and general business matters. Bill earned a B.A. from Villanova University in 1985 and his J.D. from Fordham University in 1991. He practiced in New York City before moving to Denver in 1995.

Prior to joining the City Club, Bill worked with the Denver Lawyers Committee, chairing the Education Task Force. He also has volunteered as a tutor with Denver Partners and at the Dora Moore School. He was a member of the James Grafton Rogers Award Committee of the City Club this past year, and looks forward to assisting the City Club in his new capacity as a board member.

Bill is an outdoor sports enthusiast and enjoys spending time with his wife Natalie Gentry.

Jeff Thompson

Having been with the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and the University of Colorado Hospital for over 13 years, Jeff has served in several capacities starting in 1993 directing public affairs and governmental relations for both the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and Hospital. In January 2005, Jeff was named to a newly created position of Director of Government and Corporate Relations for University of Colorado Hospital where he directs the hospital's public

policy activities and relationships with federal, state and local government officials. His responsibilities also include developing and maintaining relationships with Colorado's corporate, civic and community leaders. Jeff's primary focus is directed towards promoting the on-going development of the University of Colorado Hospital at the former Fitzsimons Army Medical Base. Prior to his current role, Jeff also served as Director of Business Development for the University of Colorado Hospital, and then in the hospital's Development Department/Office of Charitable Giving as a Development Administrator, primarily responsible for major gift fundraising.

Jeff is a Denver native and attended George Washington High School graduating in 1971. He received a bachelor's degree in political science from Fort Lewis College (Durango, CO) in 1975, and received a master's degree in public administration from the University of Colorado at

Denver in 1978. Prior to joining the University of Colorado Health Science Center and Hospital, Jeff spent 13 years with the Colorado Dental Association – the last 10 years as Executive Director. Jeff has served and continues to serve on many community and public service boards such as the Colorado Child Protection Council; the Colorado Children's Trust Fund; the Colorado Chapter of the March of Dimes; and currently as a Board member of the Colorado Donor Awareness Council; the Argyle Foundation; and is also a founder and current President of the Men for the Cure Foundation (raising awareness and funds to support the fight against Breast Cancer).

Jeff is married to Nancy; has a son, Connor age 8; and a step-daughter, Lauren, age 18. His outside interests include skiing, hiking, biking, golf, tennis, and he is an avid Denver and Colorado sports fan.



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