

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT FRANCES KONCILJA

Wow!!-Hate to sound like a Valley Girl, but was that a cool, great, stimulating, frightening, but wonderful program. I am speaking, of course, about the "Fiscal Wake Up Tour" co-sponsored with The Denver Forum on November 28th. With the help of the Denver Forum, we had a turnout of 144. The information and presentations were terrific. Since members of the bipartisan panel had come to the same conclusions, namely that the economy cannot sustain the current entitlement programs as structured, meaning Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, the information was a "Wake-Up"-to most of us.

This program was City Club at its best organized by one of our members-- Jeff Hart, co-sponsored by the Denver Forum with presentations by The Concord Coalition, The Heritage Foundation, the Brookings Institute and the Comptroller General of the United States-- filmed by 60 Minutes as well as Channel 8.

It also gave me an opportunity to learn about one of our members - Jeff Hart. Did you know that Jeff is a Colorado native? He graduated from Aurora High School with our current Treasurer and Secretary of State Elect Mike Coffman. He lives in Bonnie Brae with his wife of 30 years and is a part-time ski instructor in Breckenridge (maybe that is why he looks younger than Mike).

Jeff graduated Cum Laude from the University of Colorado at Denver. He is a Certified Government Financial Manager and a Certified Fraud Examiner. He is currently the National President of the AGA which stands for The Association of Government Accountants.

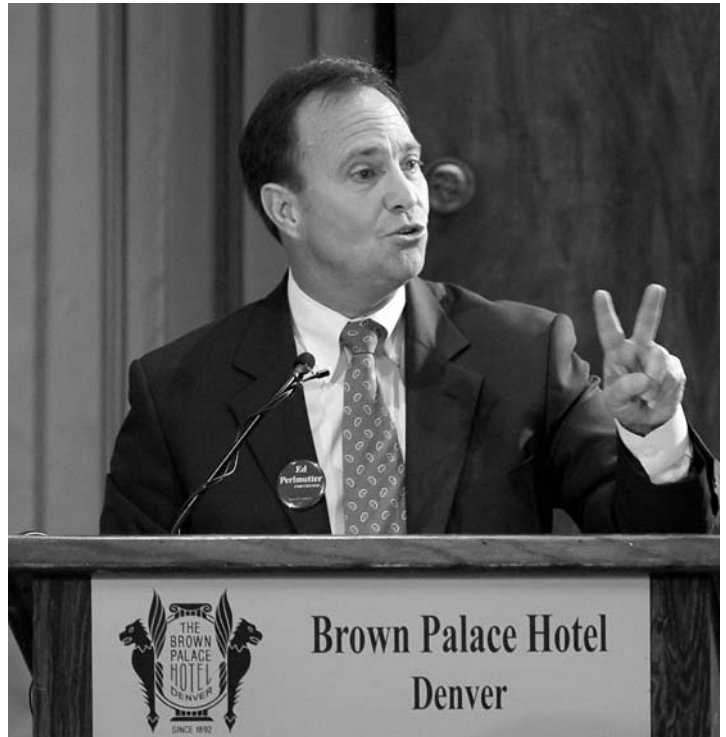
Since 1991, Jeff has been Manager of EPA's office Inspector General-(OGI). In that position he supervises all evaluations and performance audits of EPA's enforcement, compliance and environmental stewardship activities.

Jeff and others at the AGA have become concerned about our country's spending. Thus, they have embarked on the Fiscal Wake Up Tour, that will take them to numerous cities over a two year period.

If you missed the program or you are interested in learning more, the slide presentation and additional information is on The Concord Coalition's website at [www.concordcoalition.org](http://www.concordcoalition.org)

We are off to a great start for 2007 (see the box on the next page). We are also scheduling presentations from the major cultural

organizations in Denver so that they can share with us the requests they are making to the Mayor's Infrastructure Priorities Task Force.



*Picture courtesy of Hector Acevedo with the Denver Daily*

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS IN BRIEF

**December 5, 2006**

#### **Denver Water**

Hamlet "Chips" Barry, III, Manager of Denver Water, will speak on natural resource and water issues affecting the Denver area.

**December 12, 2006**

#### **Holiday Luncheon**

#### **James Grafton Rogers Award**

Presentation of the City club of Denver award to Noel and Tammy Cunningham, owners of Strings, for their valuable work on behalf of local and worldwide philanthropic causes

**December 19, 2006**

No meeting

**December 26, 2006**

No meeting

**January 2, 2007**

No meeting

**January 9, 2007**

Former Congressman David Skaggs

**January 16, 2007**

Governor Bill Ritter

**January 23, 2007**

Doug Adams

President of the Colorado Symphony

**January 30, 2007**

The Honorable Ken Adelman

Former United States Ambassador to the United Nations and Arms Control Director in Dialogue with George Mitrovich on Ambassador Adelman's "Iraq Journey"

**See our website for more program information:**

**[cityclubofdenver.org](http://cityclubofdenver.org)**

## **James Grafton Rogers Award**

### **Holiday Luncheon - December 12th**

*by Matt Hogan Chair, James Grafton Rogers Award Committee*

The City Club of Denver will present its 2006 James Grafton Rogers Award to Noel and Tammy Cunningham at the Holiday Luncheon on December 12, 2006. The award, named for City Club's first president, is presented to the Cunninghams in recognition of their tremendous assistance to local and worldwide philanthropic causes.

In addition to making Strings, their renowned restaurant at 1700 Humboldt Street, available as a venue for countless events to non-profit organizations in the region, Noel and Tammy established the Cunningham Foundation in 2003 to help impoverished people in Ethiopia help themselves.

Also, with Project Mercy, their efforts have promoted sanitation, self-sufficiency, education and health care in the rural area of Yeteban, Ethiopia. One of the programs they championed is the HOPE Bracelet Project which involves volunteers collecting beads and jewelry, making supplies, and then training local Ethiopian workers to create limited edition, beautiful bracelets for sale in the United States. The proceeds of the HOPE Bracelet Project, together with their other fundraising efforts, raised enough money to construct dormitories in Yeteban. Future proceeds will help defray the cost of a library for the same community.

Noel and Tammy Cunningham's projects also include:

---*Quarters for Kids* which has raised over \$500,000 to provide breakfasts for children in shelters.

---*A Strings Mother's Day Brunch* for elderly women who have nowhere else to celebrate the holiday.

---*4 Quarters for Kids* which earmarks funds to feed and educate Ethiopian children.

---*Share Our Strength*, an organization of restaurateurs who help the hungry worldwide. Seventeen years ago Noel helped start Taste of the Nation. Since its founding, Taste of the Nation has raised more than \$54 million for 450 groups working to end hunger and poverty.

City Club is extremely pleased to honor both Noel and Tammy Cunningham. Please join us on December 12th to learn more about this remarkable couple.

## **Membership Committee Announcement**

*by Gift Membership Program - New Member Contest*

The Membership Committee is dedicated to sustaining and growing the membership of the City Club. The committee does this by reaching out to existing members and promoting City Club to prospective new members. The club seeks both individual and corporate members.

Over the years the Committee has found that the single most powerful recruiting tool is our existing membership. Members know the value of the City Club and find it easy to recommend the club to friends and associates. Members easily pique the interest of prospects by inviting them to attend programs as guests. We encourage you to invite as many guests as possible to our wide array of programs.

As an incentive to encourage existing members to recruit new members the Membership Committee has initiated two programs:

### Gift Memberships

Gift memberships are available between now and the end of December. During this time you can purchase a membership for someone and get \$25 off the initiation fee. It is a perfect gift for the holidays.

### New Member Contest

The member who refers the most new members between September 2006 and December 31, 2006 will win a free 60 minute massage from Apothecary Tinctura in Denver. What a great way to reward yourself for a job well done.

So get out there and buy gift memberships and refer new members. If you have any questions about Gift Memberships or the New Member Contest, please contact:

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## City Club Survey

Members will soon be asked to fill out a survey to help the City Club board gauge how the club is doing and help make plans for the future. When you see it, take a few minutes to be sure your voice is heard.

## City Club Greeter: Mary Ann Valeska

Let's put a name to a familiar face. Mary Ann Valeska has been welcoming members and guests of The City Club of Denver since she joined the Membership Committee earlier this year. Mary Ann has been a City Club member for a little over a year and has already become a fan of our wonderful programs. When not spending time with City Club, Mary is the Director of Resource Development for Senior Housing Options. Her offices are located in the historic Barth Hotel building in downtown Denver. Mary moved to Denver from New York State in 1972. For enjoyment, she enjoys traveling with her husband and reading. Mary Ann is currently read-ing Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust, an autobiography by Immaculee Ilibagiza.



*Picture courtesy of Hector Acevedo with the Denver Daily*

Rick O'Donnell addressing the City Club on October 10th

## Meet a Friend or Bring a Guest

Is there a City Club friend you have not seen at a luncheon lately?

Is there a guest you've been meaning to invite?

Give him or her a call and plan to meet at an upcoming luncheon.

Enjoy a Brown Palace December luncheon and chat with your friends. Hear Hamlet "Chips" Barry speak on "Denver Water" on December 5th and meet our 2006 James Grafton Rogers Award winners, Noel and Tammy Cunningham on December 12th. Both promise to be interesting and informative.

Be sure you have your guests sign in at every meeting or leave a business card on the registration table. We need their information so we can efficiently invite them to the next meeting.

## Committees Need You!

Remember that all City Club committees are open to all City Club members. Your participation is vital to the club and will be enjoyable for you! Meeting times for 2007 will soon be announced. Call or email a committee chair to sign up.

Committees include:

Program Committee

Chairs - Bob Root & Jeff Thompson

Membership Committee

Chairs - Craig Mills & Bill Slamkowski

Marketing/Development Committee

Chairs - Inta Morris & Steve Wright

Special Events Committee (New, to start January '07)

Chair - Nancy Widmann

## Development Committee Report

The Development Committee is exploring opportunities for raising funds from private and corporate foundations, individuals, and other new sources. We also are seeking to market City Club to a wider audience and exploring opportunities for partnering with other organizations on specific programs or events. We welcome your ideas and input:

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