

## CORO ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Coro's Neighborhood Leaders Program** is recruiting in South Los Angeles for a May 4 start. [More information on the program and applications. >>](#)
- **Coro's Health Leadership Program** is recruiting for its next class that will run June - November 2006. [More information and application materials.>>](#)
- **LSC Class XVI Graduation**, Wednesday, May 24th
- **Fellow Program in Public Affairs Graduation** Thursday, May 25th

## ALUMNI UPDATES

- [R.J. Comer](#)
- [Dylan Kendall](#)

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## CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- **April 25** – Society of Professional Journalists-Los Angeles Annual Awards Banquet
- **April 27** – The Mexican Elections: Voting on Both Sides of the Border
- **May 18** – LANI 4th Annual Community Forum from 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- **Music Center Speaker Series 2006:**  
4/10 & 4/11 – Colin Powell  
4/27 – Carlos Fuentes  
5/16 – Thomas Friedman  
For more information, call (213) 972-3494 or visit [www.musiccenter.org](http://www.musiccenter.org).

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**Thursday, April 20th**

6pm Reception

7pm Dinner and Program

**HONORING**

**Honorable Don Knabe**

Los Angeles County Supervisor, 4th District

**Mr Johnny Grant**

Honorary Mayor of Hollywood

**Dr. Cynthia A. Telles**

UCLA School of Medicine

**Mr. Robert M. Hertzberg**

Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw

For information on tickets please email [jules@juliamitchellevents.com](mailto:jules@juliamitchellevents.com).

## Coro Board Chair, Kerry Morrison, is honored during Women's History Month

*Kerry Morrison Receives 2006 Local Hero of the Year Award*

*By Angela Wannberg, The Rogers Group*

Coro Board President Kerry Morrison was honored by KCET in March to celebrate Women's History Month as a local hero of the year. Local heroes were selected for their commitment to enrich the community and positively influence the lives of those around them. KCET recognized their collective contributions of determination and courage, as well as the inspiration they offer to others. A short video of Morrison and the other two honorees will air on KCET during the month of March.

The video portrays Morrison, honoree for business, as a successful business leader, strong community advocate and true role model to women in Southern California.

When people think of Southern California, they ultimately think of the entertainment industry and Hollywood. While Morrison isn't a famous actress, she has made significant contributions as executive director of the Hollywood Entertainment District Property Owners Association to bring Hollywood back to its glory days.

- **March 19 to June 4** – Prison Nation: Posters on the Prison Industrial Complex  
Location – Watts Tower Art Center, 1727 E. 107th Street, Los Angeles, CA

## JOB, INTERNSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Now, you do not have to wait! Job listings are updated on the website throughout the month! The most recent are below:

- Coalition for Clean Air - [Senior Campaign Associate](#)
- The California Wellness Foundation - [Program Assistant](#)
- California Community Foundation  
[Donor Services Associate](#)  
[Director of Communications](#)
- Los Angeles City Ethics Commission - [Director of Policy Research and Legislation](#)
- Office of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard - [Various positions](#)
- South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) - [Senior Public Affairs Manager](#)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Los Angeles and The Inland Empire - [Vice President, Development](#)
- The Self-Realization Fellowship (SRF) - [Finance Manager](#)
- CalOptima - [Program/Policy Specialist](#)
- Zimmer Children's Museum - [Program Specialist, Youth Services](#)

**Coro Graduates are job hunting. If you know of any open positions please forward them to [corosocal@coro.org](mailto:corosocal@coro.org).**

### Thank you!

Coro Southern California's Selection Day for the Fellows program was held the first Saturday in March at the University of Toyota in the South Bay. The current Fellows class helped out with logistics as well as alumnus Ben Golembeck.

**Special thanks to Bryan Bergsteinsson and Mike Morrison for making the facility available.** An honorable mention goes to Tuyen Le

"Everyone loves to share a Hollywood Boulevard story, memory or opinion about how to reclaim the magic," said Morrison. "In this job, everyday is a passion play and the happy ending in sight."

The Association is a property-based business improvement district (BID) that spans an 18-linear block stretch of Hollywood Boulevard. Celebrating her 10-year anniversary this year, Morrison has played a significant role in the revitalization of Hollywood. Morrison's efforts have included creating the nonprofit organization, expanding the BID from a 6-block/\$600,000 organization to an 18-block/\$2.3 million organization with two successful renewals of the District and developing collaborative marketing programs to create a "brand identity" to the Hollywood Entertainment District as a destination and "90028" as a new hip residential neighborhood.

Since the BID was created, nearly \$1 billion of public and private investments has transformed the District, including a subway system, construction of major projects such as Hollywood & Highland and the Kodak Theatre (home of the Academy Awards) and renovation of significant landmarks, including the Pantages, El Capitan, Chinese and Egyptian Theatres. The BID Morrison manages serves as the focal point for building consensus and a shared vision for all property owners, large and small.

Before Morrison stepped in, Hollywood's property owners were not joiners, nor were they engaged in the community. Now they are a powerhouse group focused on improving their district. Morrison is able to act as a consensus builder of more than 175 owners. Her ability to develop relationships with all city government entities and strategic partners has led to a safer and cleaner Hollywood with private security patrols, investment in video surveillance cameras for LAPD, partnerships with the LAPD and LA County Sheriff for daily maintenance and round the clock zero tolerance for graffiti.

Morrison has spent the last 25 years being active in Southern California, is the proud mother of a son who is a junior at Fairfield University in Connecticut and a daughter who is a freshman at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks. In her spare time, she enjoys playing tennis, cooking for family and friends, reading and knitting.



### Fellows Program in Public Affairs

Fellows are nearing the end of their nine-month journey. On March 27th, the Coro Fellows in Public Affairs begin their exploration of the nonprofit sector. Please save the date of April 21st as that is when they will present their findings.

Coro is also currently requesting proposals for Fellows individual project assignments that run from April 24th to May 19th. For project objectives and fees, please contact Stephanie Stone, Fellows Program Director at [ssstone@coro.org](mailto:ssstone@coro.org) or (213) 623-1234 x16.

Below are the current nonprofit placements:

*Lauren Chianese* – New Directions, Inc.  
*Alex Pugh* – Los Angeles SHARES  
*Nicole Clark* – Westside Center for Independent Living  
*Hugo Salazar* – Cesar E. Chavez Foundation  
*Chelsea Correia* – Children's Museum of Los Angeles  
*Juan Carlos Sanchez* – Planned Parenthood of Orange & San Bernardino Counties  
*Karly Katona* – American Diabetes Association  
*Francisco Sánchez* – Chrysalis  
*Joshua Lawson* – H.O.P.E.  
*Melissa Wu* – Women in Film  
*Daniel Nieman* – KPCC – 89.3 FM  
*Veronica Zimmerman* – Local Initiatives Support Corporation

### Youth Leadership Programs

To for making time the day before and the day of to accommodate Coro.

## Stay Connected With Coro Alumni & Friends

In addition to alumni activities in cities with Coro Centers, Coro alumni and friends are connecting around the nation. Here are a few alumni groups you can contact if you are living outside of Southern California:

### Boston Alumni Listserv

Join the Coro alumni in Boston group by visiting

[http://groups.yahoo.com/  
group/coroalumni-boston/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/coroalumni-boston/)

### DC Alumni Listserv

Join the Coro alumni in DC group by visiting [http://groups.yahoo.com/  
group/CoroDC/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CoroDC/)

### National Alumni Association

If you would like to be involved with the Coro National Alumni Association, visit <http://www.coro.org/cnaa/index.html> and subscribe to the CNAA listserv

## After School Leadership

Over 50 Students from South Los Angeles Area New High School #1 (Santee) explored their community through a series of workshops discussing the assets and challenges they found. As part of their group project, Fellows worked with the high schoolers on the use of Coro tools and the logic of their community. The program culminated in an opportunity for the students to begin a dialogue in their community. The students planned and hosted the "Leaders Take Action Summit" on March 24th and presented on the three issues (racial tension, unsafe sex, abuse of authority) they identified as priorities as a first step to tackling the important issues that are impacting their community and daily lives. Much of the media spotlight was spent on the student walkouts that occurred throughout Los Angeles that day but Fox 11 News ran a segment on the Summit and the Coro program for their 10 o'clock news.

## Exploring Leadership Program

The Exploring Leadership Program (ELP) is an experiential leadership training and internships. Participants—both proven and emerging youth leaders inquire into contemporary issues and engage with leaders to gain insights into the inner mechanisms of our democracy. Youth come together to learn, create, and connect across differences in school, neighborhood, background, and belief. Coro is looking for energetic and curious rising high school juniors and seniors (current sophomores and juniors) to participate in this exciting summer opportunity. Applications will be on the website later this month.

**Neighborhood Leaders Program** – The Coro Neighborhood Leadership Program is launching a new series of workshops for professionals living and working in South Los Angeles. Those working in the business, labor, government, non-profit and education sectors are encouraged to apply. [Applications are available on the Coro website](#) and the program begins May 4, 2006. For more information and a schedule of sessions, please contact Deanna Cherry at [dcherry@coro.org](mailto:dcherry@coro.org) or call (213) 623-1234x12.

**Health Leadership Program** – Coro's newest focus area, the Health Leadership Program, had a great program run in 2005 and recruitment is already under way for HLP II—set to start in June. The purpose of the program is not just to provide mid-career health professionals with leadership skills but also to empower them with the resources and networks necessary to face Los Angeles County's evolving health care system. For more information, please contact Edward Headington at [ehheadington@coro.org](mailto:ehheadington@coro.org) or call (213) 623-1234 x15. You can also go to the Coro website at [www.CoroLA.org](http://www.CoroLA.org) to learn more about the program.

**Leadership Southern California** – Leadership Southern California is wrapping up its 16th year with zest and exclamation. After a robust state government trip in early March, veteran Coro trainer John Greenwood will conduct a session on "Illegal Immigration" on April 6th. LSC Class XVI will be graduating on Wednesday, May 24th. For more information, contact John Greenwood at [jgreenwood@coro.org](mailto:jgreenwood@coro.org) or (310) 345-9927.

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