

# Coro National Alumni Association Awards

## October 27, 2007

With deep gratitude and respect, CNAA recognizes the significant contributions of the following staff and alumni.

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

#### **Alfred H. Kerth, III**

FP StL 1977

*Posthumously*

Al held many influential positions throughout his career. Perhaps most notable were as Vice President of Fleishman Hilliard and Executive Secretary of Civic Progress, where he was able to initiate key community projects. For example, he marshaled support and funds to assist in the early success of Forest Park Forever. When the Danforth Foundation established the Eads Foundation, Al was asked to head it. From this vantage point, he was able to offer ongoing support to not for profit organizations at no charge. Al's consistent and long term support of Coro St. Louis must be noted. He was instrumental in establishing the Coro Advisory Committee and enrolling many St. Louis notables to serve.

#### **Steve Redfield**

FP LA 1981; Staff 1986-90

Steve founded the Strive Chicago affiliate in 1990 and served as its Executive Director until 2003. In 2000, Steve became Executive Vice President for Programs for Strive, Inc. In this work, Steve has played a pivotal role in serving chronically unemployed, low income youth and adults. Strive is now in 18 cities in the U.S. and globally. Over 33,000 clients have been placed in jobs. In addition, Steve has also been a long term supporter of Coro both as a Fellow's trainer in New York and as a volunteer trainer of new trainers over the years.

#### **Robert Freund Jr.**

FP StL 1990

Rob serves as Chief Executive Officer of the St. Louis Regional Health Commission of which he was a founding member. RHC is a collaboration of the State of Missouri, the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County and Civic Progress created to improve the healthcare delivery system for the medically underserved.. The RHC has streamlined healthcare delivery by empowering those who serve and are served to identify issues and improve delivery systems. Millions of federal dollars have been captured and substantial education has occurred. In sum, thousands have received better medical care.

### THE VAN DUYN DODGE AWARD FOR SERVICE TO CORO

#### **Sue Clancy**

Staff - StL 1980-88, SF 1998-93

In St. Louis, Sue developed, secured funding for and served as the founding director of Coro's Women in Leadership program which has prepared over 1200 women for leadership in their chosen profession. WIL has been initiated in other Coro centers. In San Francisco, Sue directed City Focus Leadership and Public Affairs Program. She also secured a large strategic planning grant. Over the years, she has been an able advisor to both Coro staff and program participants.

#### **Don Kornblet**

FP LA 1967; Staff 1970-76

Don has served Coro at every level from program participant to Executive Director of the St. Louis Coro Midwestern Center. He has been a board member at the local and national level for decades as well as a strong financial supporter. Don brings a rich body of Coro history to his contributions and yet can envision a future for Coro. It can be said, there may not have been a Coro St. Louis without the efforts of Don Kornblet.

We want to also honor the memory and contributions of the following friends who have departed.

Tom and Beth Latzer  
Aliah Murbarak-Tharpe

**CNAA wants to thank the St. Louis Planning Committee for their dedication and efforts in creating this national meeting.**

Coro Board Member  
Barbara Abbett

St. Louis Fellows Program  
Balin Anderson  
Akeiisa Coleman  
Megan Green  
Ben Johnson  
Andrew McIntire  
Michelle Miller  
Mo Mullen  
Peter Roose  
Teresa Sullivan  
Brooke Sehy  
Julia Popolizio

Pittsburgh Fellows Program  
Bobbi Closser

Honorary Fellow  
Tom Weber