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#### Leadership Luncheon Program Finalized

12th Annual Leadership Luncheon: Friday, May 4, 2007

Where else but at Coro would you find the CEO of the nation's largest HMO and the president of the nation's largest health care union on the same program? Coro announces that George C. Halvorson, President and CEO of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. will serve as the Honorary Chair of the Luncheon. Halvorson joins Guest Speaker Andy Stern (President of the Service Employees International Union), Crystal Eagle Awardee Diane (Dede) Wilsey (Women's Program '77) and Lifetime Leadership award recipient Shirley Breyer Black to make this event truly unique.

To learn more about the Luncheon, please check out the page on our [website](#) .

Download a sponsorship form.

#### First Annual Reunion Weekend

The Alumni Relations Committee of the Board and staff are hard at work planning an array of activities that bookend the Leadership Luncheon (Thursday May 3-Saturday May 5). Based on consistent feedback from alumni, the events provide opportunities to network, socialize, refresh skills and hear from leaders. Here's what we're planning:

- A Coro Conversation on Thursday evening, May 3rd. Check out the Coro Conversation section below to learn more about these events.
- Pre-game reception at Delancey Street and group seats at the Giants v. Phillies game on Friday evening, May 4th.
- Your very own skill-refresher on Saturday morning, May 5th. This "Leadership" will be facilitated by Coro staff and remind you why we don't ask why!
- BBQ in Golden Gate park for friends and family on Saturday afternoon.

Electronic and paper invitations are on their way to all alumni we know. Don't miss out! Contact Tracey Jones for more information.

#### Be a Selection Day Judge

This is your chance to help decide who will be in the 2007-2008 Fellows Program in Public Affairs. Participating as a judge at Selection Day is an intense and rewarding experience; the day is full of interviews and exercises that require the 30 finalists to demonstrate the range of their skills and abilities.

Selection day will be held on Friday, March 16th at the University of San Francisco. There is still time to sign up to be a judge. Please contact Robert Gill to RSVP.

#### Fellows Program in Public Affairs

The Program is just past its half-way point and the Fellows are going strong. The Fellows participated in Philanthropy Week from January 29 – February 2, which was a huge success! Coro thanks the following individuals who so generously donated their time as interview guests and "shadow" hosts:

Jamie Allison, S.H. Cowell Foundation; Marcia Argyris, McKesson Foundation; John Bare, Horizons Foundation; Judy Berger (FPPA SF '75), Northern California Grantmakers; Donna Bero, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library; Michael Blake, Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund; Carmen and Al Castellano, Castellano Family Foundation; Steve Coulter, San Francisco Public Library Commission; Jonrie Davila, Stanford University Office of Development; Taylor Dial, Housing Trust of Santa Clara County; Mary Gregory, Pacific Foundation Services; Mike Hannigan, Give Something Back Business Products; Georgia Jack, Stanford University Office of Development; Frank Jordan, Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation; Maury Kendall, Housing Trust of Santa Clara County; Barbara Morrissey, Fireman's Fund Insurance Company; Mari Ellen Reynolds, Silicon Valley Community Foundation; Catherine J. Schreiber, The Women's Foundation; Damon Scott, Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program; Bill Somerville,

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## Selection Judges Wanted

Philanthropic Ventures Foundation; Karen Strauss (CF '91), San Francisco Main Library; June Sugiyama, Vodafone Foundation; Jeffrey Sunshine, Silicon Valley Community Foundation; Carrie Varoquiens, McKesson Corporation; Ellen Widess, Rosenberg Foundation; Tara Williams, IBM Corporation; and Dede Wilsey (WP '77), Board of Trustees of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco.

## Fellows Program

## Community Programs

### Government Placements

The Fellows are currently in their government placements with the following Field Faculty and agencies:

## Exploring Leadership

### Annual Sacramento Reception

Ronald Albers, Superior Court Commissioner, San Francisco Superior Court; Amiee Albertson, Director, San Francisco Mayor's Office on Intergovernmental Affairs; Lenore Anderson, Director, San Francisco Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice; Eileen Hirst, Chief of Staff, San Francisco Sheriff's Department; Dawn Kamalanathan, Planning Director, San Francisco Parks and Recreation; Joselito Laudenbcia, Deputy Assessor Recorder, San Francisco Assessors Office; Debbie Mesloh, Director of Communications, Office of the San Francisco District Attorney;

### Coro Conversation

Nathan Purkiss, Government Relations Manager, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission; Libby Schaaf (CLP '03), Director of Public Affairs, Port of Oakland; and Ayoka Turner, Director of Training, San Francisco Department of Children, Youth, and their Families.

### Alumni Updates

### California Republican Party Spring Convention

On Friday, February 9th, the Fellows were welcomed at the California Republican Party Spring Convention, where they had an opportunity to hear Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger speak. They also interviewed several party leaders. Coro thanks the following individuals for contributing their time during the busy convention:

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## Jobs in the Community

Hector Barajas, Press Secretary for the California Republican Party; Luis Buhler (FPPA SF '76 and Coro Board Member), Bay Area Regional Chair for the California Republican Party; Karen King, Chairwoman of the San Mateo Republican Party; Tim Morgan, National Committeeman for the California Republican Party and Treasurer of the Republican National Committee; Ron Nehring, Vice Chairman of the California Republican Party; Jim Richardson, Chief of Staff to Insurance Commissioner Poizner; and Duf Sundheim, Chairman of the California Republican Party

### Congratulations!

For her labor union placement at the Amalgamated Transit Union in San Jose, Miriam Shapira worked on a grant proposal for the joint workforce investment program. We just got word that a \$300,000 grant was awarded.

## Community Programs

Alexandra Kent, Community Programs Manager, is proceeding with her evaluation of the best way to design and implement part-time programming at Coro. She seeks a variety of perspectives from stakeholders, not limited to alumni, to inform her research. If you have 20 minutes or so, she would like to learn from you!

### Exploring Leadership

Recruitment for the class of 2007 is in full swing. Please direct all 10th grade students who demonstrate leadership potential to learn more about the Exploring Leadership Program and to download an application at [www.coro.org/el](http://www.coro.org/el). Priority Application Deadline: Thursday, March 1st; Regular Application Deadline: Thursday, March 15th.

### Save the Date for March 6th in Sacramento

Both Coro Centers in California invite you to attend our annual reception, which coincides with the Fellows Program State Government Focus Week. Join the Sacramento Advisory Council, Fellows from each center, Coro alumni, board members and staff and a variety of elected officials and policy-makers for this special event. This year, it will take place at the California Museum, one block from the State Capitol, from 6-8pm. Please contact Tracey Jones for more information or to RSVP.

### Coro Conversation with Chief Justice Ronald M. George

The second event of the Coro Conversation series occurred on Wednesday, January 24, featuring California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald M. George in conversation with Scott Shafer, Coro board chair and host of KQED's the California Report. The event and the Chief Justice's comment that he is "...roadkill on the information superhighway" made it into Leah Garchick's column in the San Francisco Chronicle. Photos of the event, including a fun shot of Ralph Cole, alumnus of the first Fellows Program class (1947) are available on our website, <http://coro.org/conversations>.

The next Coro Conversation will take place on Thursday May 3, prior to the Leadership Luncheon on Friday May 4. This one promises to be quite special, so save the date! Coro Conversations are part of the Leadership Circle, our major gifts program. For more information about Coro Conversations contact Jed Herman.

## Alumni Updates

**Teresa Arriaga, FPPA '94 SF** , was appointed director of Berkeley's Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP) in January. Teresa has been with EAOP since 2002, serving as assistant director of Academic Programs and, more recently, as acting director.

**Tom Capriola, FPPA '04 SF** , accepted a position as an associate at the law firm of McDonough Holland and Allen upon graduating from UC Davis Law School this spring. Tom is also on a non-profit board at U.C. Davis law school that posthumously honored Coro alum Dennis Machida (FPPA '73 SF) with the King Hall Legal Foundation Public Interest Award. Dennis, who died two years ago, was the executive director of the California Tahoe Conservancy.

**Benjamin Ibarra, FPPA '05 SF** , left his post as a caseworker for Speaker Nancy Pelosi and is now the public affairs officer for the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency.

**Fred Klaske, CLP '05** , declared his candidacy for the California State Assembly in the 15th District in 2008. Running as a Democrat, Fred is hoping to occupy the seat that will be left vacant by term-limited Assemblyman Guy Houston (Republican).

**Terence Li, EL '06 SF** , received a \$9,800 grant from YFYI (Youth Funding Youth Ideas) to support the Mission Recycling Committee he launched with his Coro-Youth Venture team members at Mission High School.

**Jesse Mainardi, CLP '03** , is a lawyer with the Fair Political Practices Commission in Sacramento, enforcing state campaign finance, lobbying, and governmental ethics laws.

**Kevin Matthews, FPPA '05 SF** , is the new business and community relations specialist for Jobs for Youth in San Francisco.

**Lainie Motamedi, FPPA '02 SF** , and husband Aaron Johnson became first-time parents on New Year's Eve with the birth of their son, Jasper William Johnson.

**Maria Nicolacakis, FPPA '99 SF** , husband Dean and son Victor, 2, welcomed a little girl into their family -- Ekaterina Antonia -- on January 19. A doctor in the delivery room turned out to be the son of Coro grad Dan Ailonni-Charas (FPPA '54 SF).

**Avi Rosenblit, FPPA '04 SF** , is an associate with Sellers Feinberg in Philadelphia, a firm that specializes in healthcare issues, consulting with state governments on healthcare reform and with providers, insurers, and other stakeholder groups like SEIU and AARP.

## Coro Center for Civic Leadership Supporters

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### Leadership Luncheon

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**Jobs and Opportunities in the Community**

Executive search guru and Coro CLP alumna Pam Cook has a number of development positions for which she seeks qualified candidates. [www.pamelacook.com](http://www.pamelacook.com)

The San Francisco Civil Grand Jury - the people's watchdog - needs intelligent, informed, curious San Francisco residents/US citizens to serve a year's term, starting July 1, 2007. If you are passionate about clean government and small "d" democracy, and willing to spend 10 or more hours a week, you will learn a lot and meet a variety of interesting people while making an important contribution to your community. Applications to serve on the Civil Grand Jury are available from the Superior Court website at [www.sfgov.org/site/courts](http://www.sfgov.org/site/courts). The deadline to apply is Friday, April 13, 2007.

The Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy seeks an Associate Director of Communications. <http://www.parksconservancy.org/about/employment.php#AssocDirComm>).

The organization also seeks a Director of Government Relations & Strategic Alliances, (<http://www.parksconservancy.org/about/employment.php#DirGovRel> ), and a Program Manager for the Institute at Fort Baker, (<http://www.parksconservancy.org/about/employment.php#FtBaker>)

The Prevention Institute ([www.preventioninstitute.org](http://www.preventioninstitute.org)) is looking to create a dynamic community of nonprofit organizations at a newly-purchased site near Oakland's Jack London Square. The space should be available for occupancy in March. For more information, contact Justin at 510-444-7738 or [Justin@preventioninstitute.org](mailto:Justin@preventioninstitute.org).

**Your Submission Here**

Please help us keep the JOURNEY relevant and timely by sending us your information on events, jobs or other items of interest. Please send your submission to Jed Herman. You will receive a response within three business days. Coro Center for Civic Leadership regrets that we are unable to promote fundraising events for other organizations.

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