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Coro Conversation January 24th

Our next Coro Conversation will take place on Wednesday, January 24, featuring California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald M. George. Coro Conversations are part of Coro's major gifts program, the Leadership Circle, which gives tangible value back to those who invest \$1,000 and above to support Coro's mission. Conversations are also accessible on a first-come, first served basis to all alumni who contribute to Coro Center for Civic Leadership. The events are free of charge and include a light meal.

For more information about Coro Conversations in general or about the upcoming Conversation with California Supreme Court Chief Justice George, contact Jed Herman.

Dede Wilsey and Shirley Breyer Black to be Honored at 12th Annual Leadership Luncheon

Shirley Breyer Black – Lifetime Leader Award

Shirley is a trailblazing and inspiring leader who has been supporting institutions in San Francisco for scores of years. The first female president of the Service Employees International Union Local 790 and the first SFUSD employee to serve as such, Shirley continues to work at the office each week, offering her wisdom, experience and humor. A native San Franciscan, Shirley has served on many boards and committees, including the Fine Arts Commission and the Democratic County Central Committee, and currently Huckleberry Youth Programs and the Municipal Transportation Authority.

Dede Wilsey (Coro Women's Program '77) – Crystal Eagle Award for Community Service

As President of the Trustees of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, Ms. Wilsey received national recognition and acclaim for her perseverance and prowess in raising more than \$190 million of private contributions to rebuild the de Young Museum in Golden Gate Park. Along with her late husband Al, Ms. Wilsey is widely recognized as one of the Bay Area's most generous and innovative philanthropists, with interests ranging from the cultural and art worlds to inner-city education and youth programs. To read more about Ms. Wilsey, click here: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2005/10/11/MNGUBF6F101.DTL&hw=de+young&sn=004&sc=366>.

Ms. Wilsey and Ms. Breyer Black join keynote speaker Andy Stern, president of the Service Employees International Union, in the exciting "line-up" at this year's Luncheon. The 12th Annual Leadership Luncheon will be on Friday, May 4, 2007 at the San Francisco Marriott. The deadline for names/logos to appear in the event invitation is Friday, February 16. For your convenience, click [HERE](#) (doc is in folder) to print out a reservation form which can be emailed, faxed or mailed back – instructions are on the form. We look forward to seeing you! Contact Jed Herman, Director of External Relations, with any questions or for additional information.

In the News: Coro's 65th Anniversary Year

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65 Years of Coro

The following editorial ran in the Tuesday, December 26 issue of the San Francisco Chronicle.

Public service school

CIVIC LEADERSHIP is a skill, one that can be very difficult to teach. What if there were a program that picked budding leaders and took them across the social landscape: union halls, corporate offices and maybe a homeless shelter?

For 65 years, San Francisco has hosted this approach, run by the Coro Foundation. It takes future leaders in their early 20s, and dunks them in real-world settings for nine months. There's time for intense discussions and special projects aimed at deepening the experience of public service.

Among the Coro alumni are California Supreme Court Justice Marvin Baxter, newly elected California Secretary of State Debra Bowen, and Josie Mooney, head of the Service Employee International Union operations in San Francisco. It's a big-tent operation.

It shouldn't surprise anyone that Coro's mission has spread over the years. It now runs similar programs in six other cities. It's also added a second level that trains students on a part-time basis. All together, some 10,000 have gone through the Coro experience across the country since its start.

The mission remains the same. Give promising young people a chance to broaden their views and test their experiences on a wide canvas. It's a goal that hasn't changed in 65 years.

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To view the article online, click here: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2006/12/26/EDGFKN41J81.DTL>

Staff Changes

Coro welcomes Robert Gill to the staff as the Outreach and Strategic Collaborations Coordinator. Robert's responsibilities include recruitment for the Fellows Program in Public Affairs and Community Programs in addition to cultivating and growing collaborations with partner organizations through placements, projects and other programmatic activities. A recent graduate of UC Davis, Robert arrived at Coro in December following his management of a successful school bond campaign in Rancho Cordova, CA.

We send our best wishes and thanks to Interim Outreach and Strategic Collaborations Coordinator Kristin Black, who embarked early this year to study in Venezuela on a Rotary International Fellowship.

Recruitment Wraps up for '07-'08 Fellows Program

Applications Are in: Selection Begins

With a January 5th application deadline for the Fellows Program in Public Affairs, our office has received materials from many qualified applicants. The next phase will be narrowing down the pool so we can invite thirty individuals to Selection Day on Friday, March 16th, 2007. If you are interested in being a judge for Selection Day please contact Robert Gill, Outreach and Strategic Collaborations Coordinator.

Fellows Program in Public Affairs (FPPA)

After completing their nonprofit placements on December 8th, the Coro Fellows spent a week focusing on communication. Each Fellow had an opportunity to create a unique experience for their colleagues in which they explored various communication modalities, both verbal and non-verbal.

Following a break for the holidays, the Fellows returned with renewed vigor and are now participating in their group projects. Three teams are undertaking the following challenges:

OAKLAND COMMERCE CORPORATION

Project: Analyze data and conduct interviews with business executives in Oakland's industrial district; create individualized business profiles, and make recommendations for further study based on the analyses.

STONE & YOUNGBERG LLC

Project: Generate a marketing campaign for one or several aspects of the firm's investment practices in public finance. This includes website descriptions, advertising, and targeting potential customers.

PORT OF SAN FRANCISCO

Project: Identify potential sources of federal and state funding for historic preservation projects and develop a list of potential funding sources for environmental remediation of contaminated property fronting the Bay.

A special thank you to the above organizations and to the following individuals who have recently contributed time to the Fellows Program:

- * Jay Banfield, San Francisco Parks Trust
- * Maureen Sedonaen, Youth Leadership Institute
- * Danny Grossman, Wild Planet Toys
- * Woody Carter, Bay Area Black United Fund
- * Larisa Casillas, Bay Area Immigrant Rights Coalition
- * Krista Gettle, FPPA 2000, NORCAL Mutual Insurance
- * Dan Cohen, Full Court Press

SAVE THE DATE!

On Friday February 2nd at 2:30 p.m., the Fellows will hold a formal presentation of their findings during Philanthropy Week (January 29-February 2) at the Port Commission Hearing Room located in the Ferry Building. Please mark your calendars and be sure to attend what promises to be a fresh look at the state of philanthropy in the San Francisco Bay Area. For more information, contact Minden Bennion, Fellows Program Manager.

Community Programs

Garden and Museum Days with the UCSF/Coro faculty Leadership Collaborative

Coro congratulates the following 33 UCSF faculty on their selection to the 2007 Faculty Leadership Collaborative:

Shelley Adler, Patricia Arean, Laurence Baskin, Linda Centore, Susan Chang, Tejal Desai, Glenna Dowling, Sarita Dubey, Paul Garcia, Karen Hauer, Amy Houtrow, Susan Kegeles, Susan Kools, Lisa Kroon, Miriam Kuppermann, Lee Learman, Teri Liegler, Brent Lin, Mignon Loh, Peter Loomer, Alma Martinez, Teri Melese, Dominic Montagu, Elizabeth Ozer, Theodore Pierre, Judith Prochaska, Jason Satterfield, George Sawaya, Laura Schmidt, Katherine Strelkoff, Shannon Thyne, Judy Yee and Sharon Youmans.

Participants, split into two groups, began their Coro experience by undertaking a special assignment. Participants were asked to take a closer look at a defined community and find out "what makes it tick." One cohort spent January 8th at the San Francisco Botanical Garden and the other went to the de Young Museum on January 17th. Each group investigated their host institution's structure and function, challenges and opportunities and then presented their findings to invited guests.

Coro thanks wholeheartedly the staff at both the San Francisco Botanical Garden and the de Young Museum for opening up their doors to the UCSF/Coro Faculty Leadership Collaborative. Particularly kind and gracious in coordinating the events were:

San Francisco Botanical Garden

Michael McKechnie, Executive Director
Terry Seefeld, Gardener
Dan Eckles, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director

de Young Museum

Bob Futernick, Chief of Conservation
Sheila Pressley, Director of Education
Emily Doman, Museum Educator

Each cohort can look forward to nine more interactive seminars. Please join us in wishing them the best on their journey!

Community Programs: A Needs Assessment

Do you have insights into where Coro should take its part-time leadership programs next? If so, please contact Alexandra Kent, Community Programs Manager. She is undertaking a needs assessment of which communities stand to benefit from experiential training in community leadership and how Coro can best offer its services to the community.

Exploring Leadership (EL)

Coro-Youth Venture Partnership

Coro is thrilled to announce our new partnership with Youth Venture, a national nonprofit headquartered in Arlington, Virginia that invests up to \$1,000 in the ideas of young people (ages 12-20), who create, launch and lead sustainable social enterprises. More than 750 teams of young people have started Ventures around the United States! For more information, please go to www.youthventure.org.

Thirteen Exploring Leadership 2006 graduates attained membership into the prestigious Youth Venture global and national network. Collectively, their Youth Venture teams have been awarded close to \$10,000 of seed funding. The Coro-Youth Venture partnership includes monthly seminars and interactive workshops where Youth Venturers gain access to different community resources and further develop their leadership skills to successfully implement their Community Impact Projects. We welcome the more than 30 students whom our alumni have recruited from their high school communities to be Youth Venture team members.

Exploring Leadership Alumnus on the Move...

Antoine Wright (SF '06) has been invited to open the 22nd Annual Bay Area Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Labor and Community Breakfast honoring the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, on Monday, January 8th, with a performance of an excerpt from Dr. King's speech "Letter from a Birmingham Jail."

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, the event will take place at the California Museum, one block from the State Capitol. An invitation will be mailed in February. Please contact Jed Herman for more information.

Alumni Updates

Khanh D. Bui , FPPA '02 SF, graduated from Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz School of Public Policy and Management with an MS in Public Policy and Management. He has recently accepted a position as senior council aide to City of San Jose Councilmember Sam Liccardo, who serves downtown San Jose/District 3.

Aaron Carruthers , FPPA '97 SF, is the principal consultant for newly elected California State Senator and former Sacramento Advisory Council member Darrell Steinberg. Coro also welcomes Aaron as the newest member of the Sacramento Advisory Council.

Judy David Bloomfield , FPPA '88 SF, accepted an invitation to serve on the Board of Directors of the Great Place to Work Institute in San Francisco.

Tom Lockard , FPPA '80 SF, was recently promoted at Stone & Youngberg to CEO of Asset Management.

Meredith Reynolds , FPPA '04 SF, completed the Management Assistant Program with the City of Long Beach and is now an administrative analyst for the Department of Planning and Building.

Libby Schaaf , CLP '03, is the new director of public affairs for the Port of Oakland.

Liz Smith , FPPA '98 SF, is a program manager for Washington State's Apprenticeship Oversight & Compliance Agency within the department of Labor and Industries. With husband Curtis Gramelspacher, she has two young sons, Hugh and Henry, ages 3 and 1.

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Jobs in the Community

Executive search guru and Coro CLP alumna Pam Cook has a number of development positions for which she seeks qualified candidates. To view job descriptions, click here: www.pamelacook.com.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission seeks a coordinator for the 511 Transit Information Program. For more information about this and other open positions at the Commission, click here: <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/jobs/>.

The Mimi and Peter Haas Fund seeks an executive director. Interested applicants should send a resume, cover and salary information by email to: Martha Montag Brown & Associates, www.marthamontagbrown.com, Martha@marthamontagbrown.com, Phone: 818.790.8873, Fax: 818.952.9429. The job description is posted at the above web site.

The Partnership for Public Service seeks both a program manager and coordinator. For more information, check out http://www.ourpublicservice.org/research/research_show.htm?doc_id=438838.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District seeks a public relations/community relations specialist. To view the description, click here: http://www.valleywater.org/About_Us/_employment/PDF/Comm_Comm%20Rels%20Mgr%20Tri%20Fold%20Jan%2007.pdf.

The Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation seeks a project manager in affordable housing development. To view information about this and other open positions at the Corporation, click here: <http://www.tndc.org/community/jobs.html>.

The Y & H Soda Foundation seeks a program officer for their Education & Youth Development Program. To view the job description, click here: http://www.yhsodafoundation.org/subPgs/employment_opportunities.htm.

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, Director of External Relations. 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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