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Raising more than \$290,000 and introducing hundreds to the Coro journey, Leadership Luncheon XI was another major success. Honorary Chairs Judi and Buz Kanter beamed while Crystal Eagle Awardee Esta Soler delighted in the honor. Guest speaker Bill Drayton delivered a thoughtful and informative address about the growth internationally of the "citizen sector" and Coro's special place at the beginning and still in the vanguard of that growth. Five Coro Fellows, with their enthusiasm and personal stories, rose to the occasion. Even San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom dropped by, in addition to several other dignitaries.

Coro sends heartfelt thanks to all of those who in so many ways supported the event. To see a complete list of donors, scroll to "Coro Center for Civic Leadership Supporters." To view some wonderful pictures, [click HERE](#).



Fellows Program in Public Affairs (FPPA)

Fellows Program in Public Affairs (FPPA) – Graduation May 25th!

Please join us at the Fellows' graduation on Thursday, May 25th at The Commonwealth Club of California (595 Market Street, Second Floor, San Francisco). Reception starts at 5:30 PM.

After returning from State Government week in Sacramento, the Fellows completed their Political Campaign placements. Thanks to Kenneth Wun, (FPPA SF '03) for his support in organizing the placements. The campaigns and field faculty had Fellows strategizing, stuffing, phone banking, and walking precincts – a wonderful introduction to electoral politics. Coro thanks all of the campaigns and field faculty. To view a complete list, [click HERE](#).

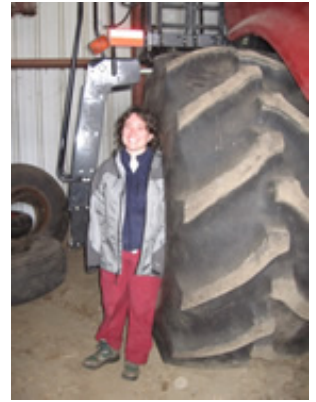
In April, the Fellows participated in Agriculture Week, a journey of 1,095 miles through California's Central Valley, visiting farms, dairies, and orchards and meeting with dozens of leaders in agriculture. Coro thanks all of the hosts, tour guides, and interview guests for making Agriculture Week a huge success. To view the complete list, [click HERE](#).

Fellows are now working on their individual projects and designing their own seminars, centered on topics of their choice. Stay tuned for more information about the final month of the program, including completion of individual projects and the year-end retreat.

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Community Leadership Programs (CLP)

The spring 2006 Community Leaders will present their Community Impact Projects and celebrate their graduation on Friday, June 9th.

The Commonwealth Club of California
595 Market Street, Second Floor
San Francisco, California 94105
6pm Reception, 6:30pm Ceremony. Questions? Call 415-986-0521 x110.

Education in San Jose

In April, Community Leaders went to San Jose to look at the growth of charter schools and meet leaders in education. Fellows spent the morning at Sherman Oaks Community Charter School, Downtown College Prep and the KIPP Heartwood Academy to meet and shadow teachers, administrators and students. Participants then spent the afternoon at San Jose City Hall meeting with various advocates, foundation officers and administrators to learn about the state of education in the South Bay. Coro would like to offer a special thanks to the leaders and field faculty who made the day a success. To view the list, [click HERE](#).

Neighborhood and Community Development in Oakland

Community Leaders traveled to the Fruitvale neighborhood to learn from leaders in Community Development. Participants met with Randolph Belle, SOA (Support Oakland Artists) Village Housing; Joan Lamphier, Lamphier-Gregory Urban Planning & Environmental Analysis; Henry Rosales, Spanish Speaking Citizens' Foundation; and Jeff Pace, The Unity Council. The following day, the group met Dan Cohen of Full Court Press Communications to receive media training, including faux interviews on camera about their work on their individual Community Impact Projects.

Fall 2006 Class

Missed the CLP May 5th application deadline?
There is still time to apply! Contact Martha Hernandez at 415-986-0521 x102 or at mhernandez@coro.org.

Judges for Fall 2006 CLP Class

Now is your opportunity to help us select the next cohort of Community Leaders. There are two ways to be involved:

- Application Reader: you help decide who will participate in Selection Day. You will be evaluate applicants for their suitability for Coro training and assess their leadership potential. We ask that you commit to at least 1 two-hour time slot to come to Coro and read applications. Reading dates are scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th through Thursday, May 25th.
- Interview Judge: you participate on a selection panel, meeting candidates and evaluating their performance in a group exercise and individual interviews.

Please let Martha Hernandez know if you are available on Tuesday, June 13th, Wednesday, June 14th, or Thursday, June 15th from 3:30-7:00 PM.

Please rsvp to Martha at 415-986-0521 x102, or mhernandez@coro.org. Please specify the dates and times you are available.

Learn more about CLP

Please contact Martha Hernandez if you would like a Coro representative to visit your workplace to address staff about the leadership and professional development opportunities offered by the Community Leadership Program. She can be reached at 415-986-0521 x102.

Exploring Leadership (EL)

Summer Program Coordinator (contract position)

The Program Coordinator is part of a team of seven summer staff, including three other Program Coordinators, two youth interns and the Youth Programs Manager. The team and each member are responsible for making sure that program goals are met. It is a full-time position from June 12th through August 23rd. The positions are open until filled. Applications received by Friday, May 19th will receive priority. For more information, [click HERE](#).

Summer Placements Needed

Exploring Leadership seeks placements -- especially in the business sector -- in San Francisco and the East Bay. Youth Fellows contribute meaningfully to their host organizations, while giving staff the opportunity to make a difference in the life and goals of a young leader. Placements run from Monday, July 10, through Thursday, August 10. Youth Fellows work at their placements 28 hours per week and come together for Coro training on a mid-week afternoon and all day Friday. If you or someone you know is interested in hosting a Youth Fellow, please contact Amy Chan, Youth Programs Manager, at achan@coro.org or 415-986-0521 x105.

Contract Programs

The **SHINE** (Students Helping in the Naturalization of Elders) Project at City College of San Francisco

Coro concluded its spring semester leadership trainings for college students involved in the SHINE Project at City College of San Francisco. Project SHINE is a national service-learning initiative that links college students with older immigrants and refugees seeking to learn English and navigate the complex path to U.S. citizenship. In community centers, temples, churches, senior housing, and classrooms, students tutor elders in English, help them become more actively engaged in their communities and teach them the U.S. history and civics content needed to pass the citizenship exam.

City College of San Francisco/San Francisco State University SHINE programs partnered with Coro to provide a skills-based leadership program to SHINE's lead coaches. This experiential training gives participants opportunities to develop their leadership skills, with the objective of applying their newly acquired skills in their roles as SHINE lead coaches. The experience provides each participant with significant opportunities for community engagement as well as personal and professional development.

For a first-person account of Coro's impact on SHINE participant Stephanie Watkins, herself an immigrant to the United States, please [click HERE](#).



Become a Class Agent

Efforts are underway to identify Class Agents to help organize Coro Center for Civic Leadership graduates. This is an excellent opportunity to signal your FPPA, CLP, EL, Women's Program, City Focus, etc.) class's own brand of leadership and commitment to Coro.

The responsibilities of Class Agents can also include:

- Serve as point of contact between CCCL and class
- Communicate class notes/updates to CCCL staff
- Participate in other Coro events as available
- Help coordinate milestone anniversary reunions

If you are interested in finding out more about reunion opportunities, contact Tracey Jones at tjones@coro.org or 415-986-0521 x106.

Documenting Coro's Impact

Coro participants make tremendous contributions to civic life. Through group and individual projects, many community assets have been developed over the past sixty years. Some of you know that a Coro project paved the way for the incorporation of Union City (and Cupertino). A group project in 1976 created the plan for the California Conservation Corps (at the request of Governor Jerry Brown).

Coro has a powerful history in terms of this kind of community impact. We encourage you to call or email us with information on the Coro project(s) with which you were involved. This is a vital part of the Coro story and we invite you to tell it. Our goal is to compile a comprehensive listing demonstrating the breadth and depth of Coro's value to the community. Please contact Tracey Jones at tjones@coro.org or 415-986-0521 x106.

Coro Alumni Updates

Kipp Baratoff, FPPA '00 SF, is pursuing a master's degree in environmental science at the University of Michigan in addition to an MBA under the auspices of the Erb Institute for Global Sustainable Enterprise. This summer Kipp travels to Ghana and Tanzania working for a non-profit investment company.

Sharal Camisa, CLP '06, is the organizer of Mead Madam's group (the name comes from anthropologist Margaret Mead's famous quote "Never doubt that a small group of committed individuals can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.") The focus is to assemble friends and acquaintances to inform them about how to get involved in the community.

Sheila Curtis, CLP '04, is currently in grad school and looking forward to a summer internship at Blueprint Research and Design, where she spent time as part of her Coro experience. Sheila is soon to be married and also serves on the board of an outdoor education organization, Exploring New Horizons.

Sandra Hughes Goodwin, WP '76, since retiring has resumed her commitment to the League of Women Voters – as director of the speaker's bureau, vice president of program and president-elect in Central Yavapai County, Arizona.

Kevin Lillard, CLP '05, works at San Francisco Scout Mountaineers, an inner-city youth organization.

Pamela Livingston, CLP '04, was recently voted to the Board of Art Works DownTown in San Rafael.

Lee Liambelis, FPPA '83 SF, was recently named legal director for PRLDEF, Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, in New York. Most recently she served as general counsel to Bronx Borough president Adolfo Carrion, Jr.

Ben Hur, FPPA '99 SF, and wife Linnea welcomed their first child on March 21st, son Jonah. Ben is an attorney at Kecker & Van Nest in San Francisco.

Diana Ip, FPPA '00 SF, has been promoted to co-director at The SPIN Project, one of several SPIN changes following a forged partnership with [Communications Leadership Institute \(CLI\)](#), a nonprofit organization focused on growing the communications capacity of other nonprofits and foundations.

Matt Neely, FPPA '04 SF, is leaving the Mountain View City Council and his position with Mountain View High School to move to Rome, where he will be principal of the International School.

Pablo Wong, CF '90, was recently named senior vice president for Fidelity National Title Insurance Co. in San Francisco, overseeing the Multicultural Marketing Division in Northern California.

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Community News

Achievekids (<http://www.achievekids.org>) is a non-profit organization that helps youth with disabilities realize their full potential. We offer intensive, individualized programs that specifically address the issues presented by a variety of diagnoses. Our programs are designed for children, adolescents, and young adults ages 5 to 22 and include special education schools, vocational training programs and mental health/behavioral counseling.

If you are interested in learning more about the organization to become a volunteer or board member, please contact Kathy Kriese, board member and co-chair of the Public Outreach Committee at kkriese@yahoo.com or at 650-295-7692.

Jobs in the Community

Program Assistant/Project Coordinator

The City Fields Foundation is looking for an experienced Program Assistant/Project Coordinator to maintain operations and develop financials. To view the entire job description, [click HERE](#).

City of Oakland: SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST (Budget/Revenue Analyst)

Under general direction, the Senior Administrative Analyst plans, organizes, leads and/or participates in complex, sensitive, and detailed analytical work in the areas of budgetary (revenues & expenditure), financial/fiscal, economic, legislative and administrative policy and/or contract administration. To view the job description, [click HERE](#).

Vice President for Envision Schools in San Francisco

Envision Schools develops small, innovative, high-performing public high schools serving diverse students. To view the job description, [click HERE](#).

CNAA Jobs Alert: [click HERE](#) to see the latest opportunities posted by the Coro National Alumni Association.

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 Development and Communications, at jherman@coro.org. 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.