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Leadership Luncheon XI with Keynote Speaker Bill Drayton – April 21st 2006

You should have received the invitation for what promises to be an inspiring event (if you don't have an invitation, let us know). To see a nifty online version of the invitation (we encourage you to forward the link to family, friends and colleagues), [click here](#). Questions? Interested and want more information? Contact Jed Herman at 415-986-0521 x107 or jherman@coro.org. Seating is limited, so don't delay!

Class Agents/Reunions

Efforts are underway to identify Class Agents to help organize FPPA class reunions for 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50-year anniversaries (2001, 1996, 1986, 1981, 1976, 1966 and 1956). Graduates of these classes are encouraged to celebrate together at the upcoming Leadership Luncheon on April 21, 2006 – an excellent opportunity to signal their class's own brand of leadership and commitment to Coro. We are happy to report that class agents are making progress: there is momentum in the class of '76 for a strong turnout this year, the class of '86 expects at least 4 graduates and the class of 2001 anticipates at least 3 alumni to be present. Don't let your opportunity to reunite with your class slip away!

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

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

Fellows Program in Public Affairs (FPPA)

Fellows Program Selection Day

On Friday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day), more than 80 community leaders representing all sectors of the public affairs arena served as judges for the 29 finalists who applied to be Fellows in Public Affairs for the 2006-2007 class. The rigorous day took place on the campus of the University of San Francisco and was followed by a reception that allowed candidates to meet each other and the community volunteer judges. Coro thanks USF for their hospitality and all of the finalists and judges who made this year's Selection Day such a success. Candidates will be informed of their admissions status by the end of April. [Visit our website for a complete list of Selection Day judges.](#)

Nonprofit Placements Conclude

The Fellows completed their exploration of the nonprofit sector on March 2nd. Coro Center for Civic Leadership thanks sincerely the following organizations and Field Faculty (placement supervisors) for hosting Fellows: Alliance Francaise de San Francisco, Grégory Douet-Lasne; ARTSPAN, Dyana Curreri-Ermatinger; b.a.y. Fund, Herve Ernest; Bay Area Economic Forum, Sean Randolph; Early Academic Outreach Program of UC Berkeley, Teresa Arriaga; Golden Gate Community, Inc., Mark Cole; Habitat for Humanity San Francisco, Phillip Kilbridge; Northern California Grantmakers, Judy Berger; Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Laura Cohen; San Francisco Parks Trust, Jay Banfield; Sports4Kids, Elizabeth Cushing; and TMC Development, Barbara Morrison.

Seminars

Fellows tried their hand at running their own seminars for the first time in February and March, breaking into three groups, with each group responsible for a Tuesday evening seminar. The first group leveraged their own background to develop a workshop about negotiation. The second group toured the Mission with Nick Pagoulatos of the Mission Economic Development Association (MEDA) to learn about gentrification. The final group learned about the issue of human trafficking. They created a silent experience, followed by a joint interview of Jessica Juarez, who has extensive experience and research on the topic, and Marianne Barrett, Assistant District Attorney, San Francisco.

Party Politics

The Fellows were invited to the Republican Party Spring Convention, where they interviewed Duf Sundheim,

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Chairman of the California Republican Party, spoke with Mike Vallente, COO of the CRP, and interviewed Coro Alumni Luis Buhler, Bay Area Vice Chairman, and Mark Hill, Marin County Chairman. Many thanks to Luis for helping open the door to the Fellows, and to all our interview guests. These sessions were followed by an Ethical Fitness workshop led by Coro Alumni Laney Whitcanek and Pam Jones.

State Government Week



The Fellows in Public Affairs take a second away from the busy State Government Week to pose for a picture.

Continuing their exploration of the political realm, the Fellows then left for the annual State Government Focus Week with the LA Fellows and members of Leadership Southern California, where they conducted a logic study about California's infrastructure. In addition to interviews Fellows set up for themselves, over the course of the week, Fellows met with:

Michael Gunning, VP, Personal Insurance Federation of CA; Mac Taylor, Deputy Legislative Analyst; Kip Lipper, Senate President pro Tem Perata's Policy Advisor; Sen. Dick Ackerman, Republican Minority Leader; Barry Sedlik, Undersecretary of Business, Housing, & Transportation; Kathy Cole, Executive Legislative Rep of the Metropolitan Water District of S. California; Norm Emerson, Emerson Associates; Dan Schnur, Political Commentator; Judy Davis, Acting Director of Dept of Housing & Community Development; Howard Posner, Principal Consultant for the Assembly Transportation Committee; Dave Halper, Policy Advisor to Assembly Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy; Rosario Marin, Secretary of the State & Consumer Services Agency; Steve Verigan, Deputy Director of the Ca Dept of Water; Dan Weintraub, Sacramento Bee; Nettie Sabelhaus, Director, Senate Rules & Appts.; Dwight Stenbakken, Deputy Director of the League of California Cities; Jordan Rau, LA Times; John Myers, Sacramento Bureau Chief, The CA Report/KQED radio; Assemblyperson Keith Richman; Senator Debra Bowen; John Barna, Executive Director of CA Transportation Commission; Mike Gardner, Copley News Service Reporter; Kim Belshe, Secretary of Health & Human Services; Dan Walters, Sacramento Bee; Steve Maviglio, Deputy Chief of Staff to Speaker Nunez; Gavin Payne, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction; Tod Burnett, Vice Chancellor of the California Community Colleges; George Skelton, LA Times; Ed Emerson (along with four members of his office), Deputy Treasurer; Senator Tom McClintock; Assemblyperson Carol Liu; Dan Zingale, Chief of Staff to the First Lady; Susan Kennedy, Chief of Staff to the Governor; Tony Beard, Sergeant of the Senate

Shadow Placements

Fellows from Northern and Southern California also had the opportunity to "shadow" decision-makers for half a day. [Visit our website for a complete list of shadow Field Faculty.](#)

A special thank you to Dennis Loper and his family for sponsoring dinner at Frank Fats, with guest John Mockler.

Annual Sacramento Reception

Members of the Sacramento Advisory Council, elected officials, Fellows, staff and board from both California Coro centers and a host of alumni and guests from the Sacramento area enjoyed the evening together on Tuesday, March 7th at the offices of the California Chamber of Commerce. Coro thanks the Chamber for their hospitality and the underwriters who made State Government Week and the reception possible: Aaron Read and Associates, Oracle, Chevron, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Nehemiah Corporation, Personal Insurance Federation of California, Porter Novelli, Anheuser Busch and TEAM Trainers, LLC.

Individual Projects

Fellows are in the final stages of planning their individual projects, month-long, outcome-oriented endeavors that

add value to both host organizations and the broader community. Individual Projects take place 4/17-5/19. If you or your organization is interested in hosting an individual project, or if you would like more information about them, please contact [Lizabeth Cutler](#) at 415-986-0521 x104.

Community Leadership Programs (CLP)

Now accepting applications for the part-time Coro Community Leadership Program!

"The access we get from the program is unbelievable—it allows us to get to issues right away and meet with real decision-makers. The Coro tools were also valuable. The program met my expectations most in terms of letting me learn about issues facing the Bay Area."

– **Ben Weissbourd, CLP fall 2005 and Senior Associate at Thompson Financial**

Looking to broaden your professional and community horizons? Hoping to add new leadership skills to your repertoire? Consider the Coro Community Leadership Program, a part-time experience for working professionals and active retirees that prepares participants to affect community change, lead at their workplaces and strengthen democratic self-governance through firsthand exposure and action.

- Over the course of this five-month program, participants:
- Practice and strengthen personal and professional leadership abilities
- Meet a broad network of leaders who transcend age, socio-economics, sector, race and politics
- Renew their commitment to civic participation and increase their confidence to initiate community change
- Examine political, economic and social factors affecting key issues in the greater Bay Area

Through hands-on experience and seminars, Coro Community Leaders examine, analyze and reflect upon three specific civic issues—self-selected by participants as critical to the quality of life in Northern California. Using Coro's proven leadership techniques and methodology, participants develop and practice professional and personal skills on topics such as ethics, media, group decision-making, organizational development, public speaking and critical thinking. Additionally, networking opportunities and meals are included in each seminar.

Applications are due May 5, 2006. To learn more about the program, including its schedule, application requirements and alumni, please [visit our website](#) or contact Martha Hernandez at 415-986-0521 x102.

Community Leadership class investigates green technology in San Francisco

On Friday, March 17, the current class of Community Leaders spent the day meeting various leaders in green technology, focusing on solar energy in particular. Participants also toured solar panel installations atop San Francisco's Moscone Center.

Coro would like to extend a special thank you to the following community members for their time and commitment to making our green technology day a success: John Doyle, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission; Jim Chace, Pacific Energy Center; Matthew Freedman, The Utility Reform Network; Audrey Chang, Natural Resources Defense Council; Adam Browning, Vote Solar; Fred Klaske, CLP spring '05 and founder, Sky Power Systems.

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 Coro Community Leadership Program. She can be reached at 415-986-0521 x102.

Exploring Leadership (EL)

Youth Intern Summer Placements

We are looking to secure placements in government, business, and non-profit organizations in San Francisco and the East Bay for the summer. Youth Fellows contribute meaningful, substantive work to their host organizations, while offering 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, 2006. 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.

Youth Fellow Selection Days

We invite you to serve as a judge in our selection process for the 2006 class of Exploring Leadership Youth Fellows. As a Selection Day judge, you will meet both proven and emerging youth leaders attending San Francisco and East Bay high schools and determine which young people are best matched with the opportunities and challenges of Exploring Leadership. Eighteen candidates will be asked to participate in group exercises and individual interviews each night.

- Selection Days for San Francisco candidates will occur on Monday, April 24 and Thursday, April 27 from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Coro office.
- Selection Days for East Bay candidates will take place on Tuesday, April 25 and Wednesday, April 26 from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church in downtown Oakland.

Please contact Amy Chan, Youth Programs Manager, at achan@coro.org for more information.

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.

Open Positions at Coro Center for Civic Leadership

Community Programs Manager

Applications are being accepted for the position of Community Programs Manager. To view the job description and application procedures, [click here](#). Ideal start date is summer 2006. For more information, email Maureen McNulty, CEO, at mmcnulty@coro.org.

Summer Program Coordinator (contract position)

The Program Coordinator is part of a team of six summer staff, including two 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. The positions will be open until filled, but initial interviews are planned for mid-March. For more information, [click here](#).

Coro Alumni Updates

Judy Guggenhime, WP '82, and husband Rich, are sponsoring the World Affairs Council *Richard and Judith Guggenhime Series*, four special programs featuring world renowned speakers. The inaugural dinner on March 22, 2006 features George Lucas for his global vision and Lata Krishnan for her global citizenship. For more information, visit www.itsyourworld.org.

Heather Hiles, FPPA '91 SF, is the national director, foundation division, at IFF Advisors. IFF Advisors assures the effectiveness of philanthropic programs by enhancing the human, intellectual, social and financial capitals of individual, family, foundation, corporate and non-profit clients.

Craig McMicken, FPPA '54 SF, a resident of Florence, Oregon, started *Leadership/Florence, Training Citizens in Public Affairs* in 2001. Since that time, 30 participants have benefited from the experiential learning which Craig modeled after Coro.

Lauralee Markus, FPPA '00 Pitts., is the new director of public policy for the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

Sunum Mobin, EL SF '05, made it to the finals as part of the Balboa High Mock Trial team.

Janet Schneider, FPPA '88 SF, is the administrative chief for the City of Richmond. Janet was most recently executive director of Contra Costa Solid Waste.

David Wu, FPPA '05 SF, was recently promoted to communications and development manager for Asian Neighborhood Design.

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Jobs in the Community

The **Controller's office of San Francisco** is hiring a Senior Financial Reporting System Business Analyst. To view the job description, click [HERE](#).

Coro National Alumni Association (CNAA) has posted a number of positions of interest to the Coro community. To view the positions, click [HERE](#).

California Indian Legal Services seeks an executive director for their central office in Oakland. To view the job description, click [HERE](#).

Inner City Advisors (ICA) seeks a program manager to coordinate advisor resources and evaluate programmatic success. To view the job description, click [HERE](#).

The **San Francisco 49ers** seeks a communications manager. To view the job description, click [HERE](#). Those interested should email careers@niners.nfl.net and reference the posting in the JOURNEY.

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.