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While I was working at The Clorox Company as its Community Relations Manager, I regularly worked with Coro Fellows that Clorox was hosting. I was impressed by their caliber, vitality, and engagement and often wished that I could have had the opportunity to be a Coro participant myself. When I learned of the Community Fellows Program, I was excited about going through the program and at the prospect of being a part of the Coro community.

As a Community Fellow, I learned about group dynamics, leadership, and all kinds of management tools (DKDK, Wedge of Consciousness, Dot Voting, Johari's Window, and many more). I learned to be a quick study, to be flexible, to work under pressure and to be humble. I gained greater exposure to a range of communities, including Treasure Island, San Mateo, and my own hometown of San Rafael. In addition, I was able to spend time with a great cohort of talented Fellows from all over the Bay Area.

Using more than twenty years experience in corporate community relations and nonprofit fundraising, I founded and am currently the Principal of Pamela Cook Development Search, an organization that has conducted searches for nonprofit development staff since 2000. Participating in Coro helped me to improve my business processes, expand my network of professional friends and colleagues, and think and reflect away from the day-to-day pressures of running my business.

I feel fortunate and honored to be part of such an interesting, accomplished, and committed network of Coro alumni. I have stayed involved--I have served on selection panels, attended a national conference in Aptos, participated in Coro Conversations, attended Coro graduation ceremonies, and attended the annual luncheon every year. I stay in touch with a number of my classmates and attended a class reunion last summer at Libby Schaaf's home. Julie Chin and I see each other regularly; we participate in a women's giving circle where we pool our charitable gifts and collaborate on which international nonprofits to fund. I eagerly read this newsletter for news on friends and other alumni. My Coro experience is still continuing; I look forward to continuing to contribute, collaborate, and engage with Coro Fellows and other alumni.