

July and August seminars at the Aurora Business Development Center

Call on the Aurora Business Development Center for your small business training needs! The following two seminars will be offered in July and August and take place at the Aurora BDC:

JULY

****FREE****

Basics of Starting a Business

July 5th, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Doing Business with the Government

July 12th, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Note location: MLK Library Community Room

****\$25/person****

Writing a Winning Business Plan

July 11th, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

If You Build It, Will They Come?

July 13th, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

AUGUST

Basics of Starting a Business

August 9th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Writing a Winning Business Plan

August 11th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Marketing Your Business

August 10th 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Starting a Restaurant or Food Business

August 25th 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Obtaining Business Financing

August 17th 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Aurora Central Library

Meet the Lenders Forum

August 17th, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

* Package three \$25 seminars and pay only \$60 (payable at the first registered class; a voucher will be given upon receipt of payment). A complete schedule is available on-line at www.aurorabdc.com or by calling the Aurora BDC at (303) 326-8690. Ask about the Chamber discount.

Pre-registration required: (303) 326-8690, or, info@aurorabdc.com. Location unless otherwise indicated: Aurora BDC, 9801 E. Colfax Ave., Suite 200, Aurora, CO 80010

Happy Birthday George

Hard to Believe — Chamber Vice President George Peck looks in amazement at his wife Barbara at a surprise party she arranged for him in May. Caught completely off guard, Peck was, as many observed, speechless — a rare occasion. More than 100 friends and family packed the Tuscan Valley Bar & Grill for the event which marked his sixth decade.



Renewals

- Academy Roofing, Inc.
- ACU-TEC Closed Circuit TV ADP
- Advantage Security, Inc.
- All About Honeymoons
- Apex Communications Services, Inc.
- The Arc of Aurora
- Atlanta Bread Company
- Aurora Rotary Club
- CGC Diesel & Truck Repair
- Cherry Creek Jaycees
- The Children's Hospital
- Christal's D-2
- Columbia College
- Crystal Technologies Inc.
- ELG Corporate Office
- Fogg System Company, Inc.
- Garden Terrace Alzheimer's Center
- Grand Design, Inc
- Harvard Square Retirement Community
- Heritage Eagle Bend Golf & Country Club
- House of Flowers
- In Your Element Photography, Inc.
- KB Home
- M.A. Mortenson Company
- The Maids
- Med-Well, Inc.
- Midwest Sales
- Miller Technology Group
- Movie Clips Magazine
- Oakwood Corporate Housing
- Ponderosa Vision Clinic, P.C.
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- Retreat at City Center
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- University Hospital Administration
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NEW MEMBERS

- Antlers at Vail
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- PK Solutions Group



Upcoming Events

Business Before Hours

Wednesday, July 12 | 7:30 a.m.
Smoky Hill Library

Kidspre

Saturday & Sunday July 15 & 16
10:00 a.m.
Bicentennial Park

Arapahoe County Fair

July 21-26
Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
Quincy and Gun Club Rd

Business After Hours

Thursday, July 27
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Crystal Inn

Business Before Hours

Wednesday August 9 | 7:30 a.m.
Kennedy Golf Course

Front Range

Small Business Showcase

Thursday, August 17
10:00 a.m.
Holiday Inn DIA

Business After Hours

to follow Showcase
Thursday August 17 | 4:00 p.m.

Business After Hours

Thursday August 24th
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Colorado Discount Golf

Newsletter Online

Don't forget that the monthly *IMPACT* is on our Web site before you get it in the mail! The newsletter is sent via bulk mail at the end of every month, and can take up to 14 days to get into your hands.

The monthly package you receive in the mail is chock full of offers and information from your fellow Chamber members, as well as registration forms and meeting notices from The Chamber. Be sure to open it and look through the flyers as well as the newsletter!

Another successful year celebrating the Armed Forces



Best of the Best Selected — More than 500 people attended the 30th Annual Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon sponsored by Northrop Grumman May 19 at the Radisson Hotel SE. Ten young enlisted troops representing the best of their units and branches of service were singled out for their performance during the 2005. Also honored was Rick Crandall, from KEZW Radio and President of the Colorado Freedom Memorial Foundation who earned the coveted Bob Cardenas Award. Guest speaker at the event, supported by more than 60 area businesses and organizations including Raytheon and the City of Aurora, was recently retired 4-star General Lance Lord, former commander of Air Force Space Command. (USAF Photo)

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This years winners are:

Army Active Duty
Sergeant Heather K. Hough, 743rd Military Intelligence Battalion

Army Reserve
Specialist Eric Dolph, 396th MP Detachment

Colorado Army National Guard
Sergeant Eugene Patton, Colorado National Guard

Navy Active Duty
Cryptologic Technician Second Class Mavis Milligan, Naval Information Operations Command

Navy Reserve
Petty Officer Second Class Jeffery Demitt, Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center

Marine Corps Active Duty
Corporal Joseph Velasco, Co A Marine Corps Support Battalion

Marine Corps Reserve
Sergeant Carlos G. Garcia, Marine Air Control Squadron 23

Air Force Active Duty
SrA Richard Chamblin, Defense Finance and Accounting Service

Air Force Reserve
Technical Sergeant Alex Escarcega, 8th Space Warning Squadron

Colorado Air National Guard
Technical Sergeant Roger L. Carstensen, 137th Space Warning Squadron

Pictured with winners, bottom left Gen. Lance Lord and bottom right KEZW's Rick Crandall.

3rd annual Front Range Small Business Showcase set for August 17

Marketing your business and getting exposure is one of the most difficult things to achieve for small businesses. The Chamber is planning its 3rd annual *Front Range Small Business Showcase* with that specific thought in mind. "Several changes needed to be made from last years event, to get more exposure for our members, so this year things will be a bit different" said Naomi Colwell, Chamber coordinator for the event. "From changing the length of time of the event, changing the training classes, doing a great networking luncheon and increasing the amount of

exposure — all aspects are being taken into serious consideration and a lot more people are helping out to make this work for everyone," said Colwell.

Be one of the 700+ who are expected to visit the 200 booths at the 3rd Annual Front Range Small Business Showcase on August 17, 2006 at the **Holiday Inn DIA**, 15500 E. 40th Ave. The Chamber, along with the Aurora Business Development Center, Federal General Services Administration (GSA) and **Buckley Air Force Base** organize the Showcase and training to help small businesses make that all-important contact with new client and customers.

Chamber President Kevin Hougen pointed out that, "admission is free to all Chamber members, for the Expo, the training and the Business After Hours that will immediately follow the Showcase. Chamber members are also invited to become an exhibitor. Colwell noted that "any Chamber member who RSVPs in advance will also receive lunch," as well as free registration at the Business After Hours that will conclude the event. The non-member fee for the FRSBS is \$25. To reserve a booth or to register for the events, please contact The Chamber at 303-344-1500.



The Denver Ronald McDonald House has been a "home-away-from-home" for over 23,000 families since 1979, in 2007 Aurora will have the newest addition and The Chamber and Dillard's will be a big part of it.

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Kevin Hougen
President & CEO

We hope you had a chance to read the front page of our June Chamber Impact Newsletter last month.

Aurora was one of a handful of local communities that required residents to continue with water restrictions. A pretty good visionary decision by our local leaders, as we saw June record some of the hottest temperatures in history.

One other visionary decision was for the local community leaders both in city government and local business leaders was to join in strongly objecting to tolling I-225 from I-70 down to the Denver Tech Center. Our 2005/2006 Board Chairman Mr. Dale Mingilton wrote in this column a few months ago of our concern of tolling one of Aurora's main streets. The *Denver Post* just a few weeks ago carried a three-part front-page article about the misguided tolling efforts across the country. We want to encourage our Chamber membership to continue to question the Colorado Department of Transportation efforts to toll I-225. It's not that the business community is against tolling; E-470 has proven to be a valuable economic engine for us in the eastern metro area. What the business community is opposed to is the tolling of an additional lane on a thirty-two year old federal highway.

Coincidentally, June marked the 50th anniversary of the Interstate

President's Letter

Highway System. With the stroke of a pen, President Dwight D. Eisenhower on June 29, 1956, set in motion a system that has fueled America's growth as the world's most powerful and vibrant economy.

The Chamber is honoring the anniversary with hopes of renewing the call to our citizens to continue funding Colorado's aging network of roads, highways, and bridges through increased funding for maintenance and construction projects.

Our state funding is running out of gas, much of the highway funding we have relied on is falling billions of dollars short annually of the cost of simply maintaining our roads and transit systems, not to mention improving or expanding our state and local infrastructure.

We have some of the nation's leading economic engines developing right here in the Aurora Metro Area. Along I-225 we have Fitzsimons, Lowry, Stapleton, Buckley AFB, the Medical Center of Aurora and hundreds of local businesses that rely on I-225.

That highway has spurred the growth of Aurora and the eastern metro area; it has served as our local

lifeline to the local marketplace and has dramatically uplifted the quality of life in Aurora. Nearly every business relies on it.

One final note, we all worked very hard last fall on the passage of Referenda C, this allowed our education systems and our highway system to keep some much needed revenues for improvement. This fall we are faced with a number of ballot initiatives that will hurt our economy even further. One such referendum would require that all excess taxpayer surpluses be refunded to Colorado taxpayers annually over the original projected dollars from last fall's Referenda C.

I have an original thought. Why not keep the additional tax dollars and put them to work on capital improvement projects like I-225 and a new interchange at Colfax and I-225. As concerned voters, we need to study and keep informed on the dangers of changing our state constitution with over the board initiatives that will hurt forever the freedom and mobility that Americans enjoy due to our network of safe and efficient highways and bridges.



Leave it Long on the Top – Chamber President Kevin Hougen grins in obvious delight at the exceptional service he receives from five lovely ladies at *Crowning Glory Hair Salon*. Hougen was at the new Colfax facility for a ribbon cutting but stayed for a hair cut.

The Chamber's Mission

The mission of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce is to serve as a voice for the business community, acting as an advocate for its members on issues that affect their growth and long-term economic vitality.

DON'T FORGET: "Every employee of a Chamber member is a member of The Chamber"

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Deadline for Leadership Aurora applications July 15

The Chamber is currently accepting applications through July 15, 2006 for the 2006-07 Leadership Aurora class. Leadership Aurora provides the opportunity for participants to broaden their knowledge of the community while enhancing their leadership skills.



The program begins each year in mid-September with a 2-day class retreat, followed by eight monthly sessions from October to May on the third Thursday of each month. A celebration luncheon is held in early June. Tuition for the program is \$950 and includes all program costs and materials, including room and meals at the retreat. Partial tuition assistance is available, and awarded based on need and class composition. Applicants are required to participate in a personal interview with the selection committee.

For an application or more information, contact Kimberly Curtis at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce at 303-344-1500, or e-mail kimberly.curtis@aurorachamber.org. You may also visit our website at www.aurorachamber.org to complete or download an application.

Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon



Unexpected Gift — Chairperson of the Defense Council Diane Garcia honors Celeste Sherbert, chair of the luncheon committee with flowers, however NOT the Marine for a wonderful job in organizing the Armed Forces Luncheon.



Onlookers — guest Speaker General Lance Lord (ret.) with his wife Becky await special recognition from Diane Garcia, Chairperson of the Defense Council. General Lord was the keynote speaker at The Chamber.



Top Defense Supporters – Rick Grandall, KEZW Radio personality and Colorado Freedom Memorial Foundation President shows off the Bob Cardenas Memorial Award he was presented at the AFRL. Joining him were past award winner (l-r) Ken Melcher, Jack Powell and Paul Tauer.

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Member News



More than 60 activities keep “Kids in Motion” at 11th annual KidSpree

Climb a ladder and slide down a chute in a life-size, meander through a giant maze, dress up and dance, build a work of art, squeeze goopy clay and slop paint onto a real car at the 11th annual KidSpree Aurora July 15 and 16.

Join 40,000 others at Colorado’s largest free outdoor festival for children from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at Aurora’s 29-acre Bicentennial Park, 13655 E. Alameda Ave.

From car art and life-size board games to stilt walkers and living statues, the award-winning festival features more than 60 hands-on activities and entertainers, including jugglers, magicians, balloon artists and more.

Find old favorites and discover new ones at this giant play land for kids. Create a magnificent hat using a paper grocery sack and various adornments. Let the littlest visitors play in their own safe haven at WeeSpree. Reach for the sky on a climbing wall or bend in new way at Young Yoga.

Parking is free at the **Town Center at Aurora’s** southwest parking lot, with a free shuttle transporting visitors to the park located at East Alameda Avenue and Potomac Street, just west of Interstate 225. For more information, call 303-326-8FUN or visit www.auroragov.org/kidspree.

With ongoing revitalization and development efforts happening throughout Aurora, metro-area businesses find KidSpree to be a valuable way to reach new target audiences. KidSpree is produced by the **City of Aurora**, and sponsored by the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District, Allstate, Pepsi, Papa John’s, **The Children’s Hospital, Suss Pontiac**,

JCPenney, **Rural/Metro Ambulance**, McDonald’s, KOSI 101, the **Aurora Sentinel & Daily Sun**, 9News and ColoradoKids.com.

Summer family film series to return for third season in Original Aurora

A number of Saturday nights remain for free outdoor fun in Original Downtown Aurora’s Fletcher Plaza as the popular, family friendly films on the big screen continues.

The 2006 Flicks on the ‘FAX film series began June 17 and runs through Aug. 12. Movies will begin at sunset on a customized outdoor movie screen.

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs and get there early to secure the best seat on the plaza and enjoy pre-show activities ranging from craft projects to trivia games. Refreshments will be sold on site. Visitors will not be permitted to bring alcohol or dogs to the event.

The 2006 Flicks on the ‘FAX film series schedule is as follows:

July 8: Legend of Zorro (PG) **July 15:** Madagascar (PG) **July 22:** Yours, Mine and Ours (PG) **July 29:** Zathura (PG) **Aug. 5:** Coach Carter (PG-13) **Aug. 12:** King Kong (PG-13).

Fletcher Plaza is located adjacent to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library/ Municipal Services Center, 9898 E. Colfax Ave. at Elmira Street.

Flicks on the ‘FAX is sponsored by the **Aurora Credit Union Alliance**.

For more information, call the Flicks on the ‘FAX hot line at 303-326-8804 or visit www.auroragov.org/flicks.

University of Colorado Hospital opens first comprehensive Women’s Health Care program in region

Some women make “to-do” lists to improve their lives and enhance their well-being. **University of Colorado Hospital** created Women’s Integrated Services In Health (WISH) as one way to make life easier for today’s busy woman, offering comprehensive health and wellness services designed to meet the specific needs of women. WISH is the only center of its kind in the region.

WISH represents a revolutionary approach to delivering women’s health

services, addressing the differences in diagnosing and treating women. Not only does WISH cover all stages of a woman’s life — from young adulthood through geriatrics — it includes a full spectrum of services beyond obstetrics and gynecology not typically offered by other women’s health programs.

“There is growing scientific knowledge that certain health conditions disproportionately affect women, manifesting themselves in different ways and requiring treatment that is different from that for men,” said Christina Finlayson, MD, WISH medical director. “It’s becoming increasingly important to women to find health care providers who understand these gender-related differences.”

WISH is housed on University of Colorado Hospital’s Fitzsimons campus in new state-of-the-art facilities, with more than 60 specialty clinics integrated in one location. WISH intends to set the standard for how all other women’s health care programs will be modeled in the future.

“In many ways, I’m like a health and wellness concierge, and I make sure each woman’s care is well coordinated,” said Mary Jackson, WISH personal care coordinator. “I work with the patient’s primary care provider’s office; update

records; work with insurance companies and design an individual preventive screening package based on health history and age.”

For more information, visit WishForWomen.org.

Health Fair scheduled

The 10th annual Neighbors in Health/Vecinos de Salud health fair will be Sunday, Aug. 6, 2006 at Skyline and Franklin Medical Offices, 1375 E. 20th Ave., Denver, 80205. This annual event has become the premier Latino health fair for the uninsured and medically underserved in the Denver metro area, providing free services to more than 3,000 people each year. Although the event is promoted in Spanish, it is open to everyone. Both medical and non-medical volunteers (and especially bilingual people are needed) to help in all areas of the fair. Please sign up today to volunteer from 7 a.m. to noon or from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 6. Volunteer will improve the health of our communities!

Please contact *Jana Baker*, Community Relations, **Kaiser Permanente** Regional Office, 10350 E. Dakota Ave., Denver, CO 80247, 303-344-7747 for additional information.

Law Enforcement Torch Run/Ride



Not a Cycle Sale – Several motorcycles are lined up in anticipation of the Law Enforcement Torch Run/Ride. The 1500 mile “race” brings together police officers from throughout the state to raise awareness and money for the State Special Olympics held on June 2.

Dillard’s grand opening preview shopping event benefits Ronald McDonald House

As part of its grand opening festivities in Aurora, Dillard’s has announced a special preview shopping event to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Denver, Inc. The event will be held on Tuesday, August 8 from 6 pm to 9 pm at the new Dillard’s Store at The Town Center at Aurora located at 14200 East Alameda Avenue, Aurora, Colorado. The store officially opens to the public on Wednesday, August 9.

Tickets for the preview event are \$25 each, with all proceeds benefiting Ronald McDonald House Charities of Denver, Inc. The ticket not only gains entry to the store but may be redeemed for a scratch off card and a chance to

win special discounts, gift cards and a \$500 shopping spree (each card is a winner).

During the event, participants can also:

- Enjoy refreshments throughout the evening.
- Register to win cosmetic baskets, wardrobes, jewelry and more.
- Receive a complimentary skin care consultation and make-up application from the cosmetics counter of their choice.
- Try on a pair of shoes and “spin to win” to receive a free gift.

Tickets may be purchased by phone or in person at the Ronald McDonald House, 1300 East 21st Avenue, Denver, Colorado. Call 720-382-7205 for tickets or more information.

E-470 marks 15th anniversary with continued success and confidence in the future of the highway

On June 1, E-470 will celebrate its 15th anniversary since the first segment of the highway opened.

The financial success and stability of E-470 is well known to the residents of the Denver metro area, but when the highway opened on June 1, 1991, it had its fair share of doubters and naysayers. Some called it the “road to nowhere” and others believed it was destined to fail.

After 15 years of operation, E-470 is a proven financial success and a valuable asset to the metro area.

When E-470 opened it was only 5.3 miles long and stretched from C-470 to Parker Road in Douglas County and averaged just over 100,000 toll transactions per month. Today, in its fourth year of operation since the final segment of the 47-mile highway was completed on January 3, 2003, E-470 continues to see an increasing number of drivers.

In recent months, E-470 has averaged approximately 160,000 toll transactions on a single weekday. Last year, E-470 saw a record total of 51.5 million toll transactions and recorded toll revenues of \$77.8 million.

E-470 has not only served as an alternative to crowded highways, but it has also been a catalyst for residential and commercial growth.

“Since it first opened, the E-470 corridor has been the focal point for thoughtful, well-planned

commercial and residential development,” said Lynn Myers, Arapahoe County Commissioner and Chairperson of the E-470 Public Highway Authority board of directors.

“The growing number of new commercial and residential developments currently under construction will help define the future success of the highway.”

Notable developments along the highway include: the Meridian International Business Center in Douglas County, the Southlands mixed-use development in Aurora, and the Prairie Center mixed-use development in Brighton.

E-470 has also been recognized as an innovator among toll roads across the nation. It was among the first tollways in the nation to offer non-stop, open-road toll payment via Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) transponders. These same transponders are now in use on the Northwest Parkway and will be used on the CDOT tolled Express Lanes on I-25 beginning in June.

“The road to success and financial stability has not always been easy,” said Ed DeLozier, executive director of the **E-470 Public Highway Authority**.

“By providing a safe, speedy alternative to congested freeways and outstanding stewardship and customer service for 15 years, we have been able to keep our promises to investors and convert skeptics into believers.”



About Dillard’s

Dillard’s, Inc. is one of the nation’s largest fashion apparel and home furnishing retailers. The Company’s stores operate with one name, Dillard’s, and span 29 states. Dillard’s stores offer a broad selection of merchandise, including products sourced and marketed under Dillard’s exclusive brand names.

About The Denver Ronald McDonald House

The Denver Ronald McDonald House has been a “home-away-from-home” for over 23,000 families since 1979. The House provides comfortable housing and emotional support for families who travel to Denver to be with their child who is receiving medical treatment for a serious injury or illness at an area hospital. In 2007, a second area Ronald McDonald House will open in Aurora to serve **The Medical Centers of Aurora** and the Fitzsimons Medical Campus.

EXpressToll® converting to replaceable battery transponders

Transponders will be phased-in as new and replacement transponders are issued

In response to customer demand, the EXpressToll customer service center will begin issuing replaceable-battery transponders. Early in June, new EXpressToll customers and current customers requesting additional transponders will receive the new replaceable battery version.

In August 2005, E-470 conducted a survey of EXpressToll customers and 62 percent said they preferred a replaceable-battery transponder over the existing transponder which needs to be replaced when the battery dies.

The new transponder is manufactured by Sirit, Inc. and has a coin-cell battery that can be replaced by the user. The battery can be purchased at retail electronics stores or through the EXpressToll service center.

“We are very pleased that Sirit was able to respond so quickly to the needs of our customers and is now offering a transponder with an extended life period, reducing the transponder’s whole life cost,” said Ed DeLozier, Executive Director of the **E-470 Public Highway Authority**.

Over 70 percent of E-470’s tolls are paid via EXpressToll. Currently, there are over 205,000 customers with EXpressToll accounts and over 381,000 transponders issued.

The EXpressToll transponders are used to collect tolls on E-470, the Northwest Parkway and the new tolled Express Lanes on I-25.

E-470 is a tollway that runs along the eastern perimeter of the Denver metropolitan area. The 70-mph highway extends 47 miles from State Highway C-470 at I-25 in Douglas County, terminating at I-25 near 160th Ave., in Thornton.

IDIOMA-TIC Art Show Scheduled

Idioma-tic explores art and language through multi media artworks by Denver luminaries, Roland Bernier, Andy Miller, Preston Poe and Joseph Farbrook. The exhibition opens Thursday July 6 with a reception from 4-8 pm at **Downtown Aurora Visual Arts (DAVA)** located at 1405 Florence St., one block south of Colfax in Original Aurora. The exhibition runs through September 8 with a closing reception and artist talks on Thursday September 7 from 6-8:30 pm. **DAVA's** all professional show precedes the 2006 fall student show with focus on language and art.

Since 1964, Roland Bernier has rearranged word combinations and letters "to say with words what words cannot say". Taking words out of context or using random selection from the dictionary, he creates new relationships between form and language. This exhibit includes wooden "toy carts"-sculptures filled with brightly colored letters, prints and wall assemblages. Bernier's works are included in numerous museum and gallery exhibitions nationally and internationally.

Preston Poe's site specific sound installation "hush" is a playful composition of common sounds crossing cultural boundaries. He received an MFA in multimedia, sound and video from the University of South Florida in 2004. His multi-media installations and videos, often social or political in nature, have appeared in Florida and Colorado.

Joseph Farbrooks' series "Image-text" includes words that stream rapidly while "Facial Arrangements" consist of grids from facial elements moving as if they are talking. Farbrook received an MFA in Media Arts from the University of Colorado in Boulder in 2004 and currently teaches Digital Art at the University of Colorado in Denver. He has participated in film festivals and exhibitions nationally and internationally.

Andy Miller creates visual art for people who can't see by using braille as an abstraction in many of his works. His large wall sculptures include neon, animal hair, metal, and pearls arranged to signify a message in braille such as "When Does Something Qualify as Being Alive?" Miller received his BFA from the University of Colorado in Denver in 1997, and has exhibited locally since 1995.

Exhibitions are free and open to the public from 11 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday or by appointment. For more information e-mail davagallery@qwest.net

Downtown Aurora Visual Arts is a nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to strengthen the community through the arts with youth as its primary focus. For more information about our programs, visit www.davarts.org or call DAVA at 303-367-5886.

Banks in Harmony 2006 Season Continues

The summer air in Aurora is once again filled with music as the Banks in Harmony program celebrates its 20th season.

With the support of the City of Aurora, the series will once again extend for ten Thursday evenings through Aug. 17.

Concerts are held in Bicentennial, Del Mar and Meadowood Parks. The season opener featured the up-tempo big band sounds of the Aurora native Dean Bushnell and his orchestra on the north end of Bicentennial Park near Alameda and Potomac. A new concert is held each Thursday throughout the heart of the summer.

All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and wrap up around 8 p.m.

Sponsors for the free event include community-minded banks serving Aurora: **Wells Fargo West N.A., Citywide Banks, FirstBank of Aurora, and Bank of the West.**

"Each summer our best banks come together to promote this very popular series," said Kevin Hougen, president of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, "In the competitive world of banking I think this is a good indicator that, for these banks, the quality of life in Aurora is important to them, their employees and their customers."

Also supporting the series are the Denver Musicians Association, The Recording Industries Music Performance Fund, the Aurora Visitors Promotion Advisory Board, KACT-TV8 in Aurora, the **Aurora Sentinel**, and **KEZW** (AM 1430) Radio.

Three restaurants plan to have food available for the concerts as well, **Helga's German Restaurant** in the Del Mar Center, **Quizno's** on Havana and the ever popular **Boston Market** on Blackhawk near Iliff.

DATE	BAND	STYLE	LOCATION	SPONSOR	VENDOR (TENTATIVE)
July 6	Western Flyer	Country Swing	Bicentennial Park	Visitor's Promotion Advisory Board	Quizno's
July 13	Mood Express	Latin/Salsa	Del Mar Park	Aurora Sentinel & KACT-TV8	Helga's
July 20	Moments Notice	Big Band/Motown/Jazz	Del Mar Park	Citywide Banks	Boston Market
July 27	Queen City Jazz Band	Dixieland Jazz	Del Mar Park	Bank of the West	Helga's
August 3	Lisa Bell & Crescendo	Jazz/Motown/Rhythm & Blues	Meadowood Park	City of Aurora Cultural Arts	Boston Market
August 10	Chris Daniels & the Kings	Rock & Roll Revival	Meadowood Park	1stBank of Colorado	Quizno's
August 17	Pan Jumbies	Calypto/Caribbean	Meadowood Park	Aurora Chamber of Commerce	Helga's

Bicentennial Park - Alameda & Potomac • Del Mar Park - Sixth & Peoria • Meadowood Park - Dartmouth & Laredo

For weather-related decisions on cancellations, please call the Chamber after 4 p.m. at 303-344-1500 on the day of the concert or tune in to KEZW Radio, AM 1430 for the latest updates.

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Multi Chamber Party...sometimes one is just not enough.

Showing unity and helping kickoff the Colfax Marathon, Chambers from Aurora, Denver, The West Chamber, Asian, Hispanic, Black, Rocky Mountain Native American got together to have a joint networking function. Sponsored by the three Outback Steakhouse in Aurora, Carrabba's in Aurora and Lone Tree and Bone Fish in Westminster, it was a highly diversified function and a great time for all on the Auraria Campus who hosted everyone.



All Happy Campers — A special group shot of all the restaurants staff volunteers from Outback Steak House, Carrabba's and Bone Fish joined Joe Jackson (center) their Corporate Diversity President who flew in from Florida to join us for this exciting event.

Ribbon Cuttings



B & E Screen Printing and Sports Apparel located at 11891 E. 33rd Ave. B&E also donated a \$250 scholarship to "Camp Melo" a basketball camp put on by Carmello Anthony of the Denver Nuggets, the gift certificate will go to a student from Aurora Public Schools.



Crowning Glory Hair Salon at 9801 E. Colfax Ste 108, celebrated a grand opening of their new salon. Kevin Hougen, president of the Chamber took the opportunity to get a haircut. (See picture on page 2)



Congratulations to Body Beautiful Collision Repair for their 20 years in Aurora. Joe and Janine Little celebrated two decades with a barbecue and a ribbon cutting to showcase their new expansion.



Joint Ribbon Cutting for one new business and returning member. Myron Friesen from Espresso Blvd was excited to kick off the summer with his new business and ribbon cutting. Joy Jones from Joy Filled Cookies rejoined the Chamber as she just couldn't be apart from her friends any more and is now selling her cookies from Espresso Blvd. Located just off Alameda near Aurora's municipal center, it is a great place to stop by for cool iced coffee and cookie, a perfect snack in the heat of summer.

Leadership Unite, Delany Farms — More volunteers participated in a refinishing and painting the loafing shed at Delany Farms for the Leadership Unite Volunteer day. One week before a new foundation was also laid for the barn.



Leadership Unite, Delany Farms — No easy task, the volunteers also removed and replaced the siding with cedar inside the loafing barn.

"Aurora Unite!"



Leadership Unite, Colfax Cleanup — This year's Leadership Aurora Class Project consisted of projects at several different locations within Aurora either building, cleaning or giving back to its community. Teams were divided up and participated in whichever way they were able to. Here a Colfax Clean Up brought out over 50 volunteers to clean the entire Aurora Colfax corridor prior to the Colorado Colfax Marathon.