

**May seminars at the Aurora Business Development Center**

Call on the Aurora Business Development Center for your small business training needs! The following seminars will be offered in May.

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**Basics of Starting a Business**

Thursday, May 18th, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, FREE

\*Note: This class is followed by the Business Plan class.

**Meet the Lenders Panel**

Tuesday, May 9th, 4:30 - 6:00 PM, FREE

Location: MLK Library, 9898 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora, CO 80010  
\*Note: This class is preceded by the Obtaining Business Financing class.

**Doing Business with the Government**

Location: MLK Library, 9898 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora, CO 80010  
Wednesday, May 10th, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, FREE

The following in-depth seminars are ideal for the existing and start-up business:

**Obtaining Business Financing**

Tuesday, May 9th, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, \$25/person\*

Location: MLK Library, 9898 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora, CO 80010

\*Note: This class is followed by the Meet the Lenders Panel, from 4:30 - 6:00 PM

**If You Build It, Will They Come?**

Wednesday, May 17th, 6:00 - 9:00 PM, \$25/person\*

**Starting a Restaurant or Food Business**

Wednesday, May 17th, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, \$25/person\*

**Writing a Winning Business Plan**

Thursday, May 18th, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, \$25/person\*

**QuickBooks for Beginners**

Wednesdays, May 24th & 31st, 1:00 - 4:00 PM, \$45/person

Location: MLK Library, 9898 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora, CO 80010

Location unless otherwise indicated: Aurora BDC, 9801 E. Colfax Ave., Suite 200, Aurora, CO 80010

\*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 online at [www.aurorabdc.com](http://www.aurorabdc.com). Ask about the Chamber discount.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Saturday, May 13**

Aurora Unite!  
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Call Cheryl Twesme  
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**Wednesday, May 17**

Multi-Chamber Networking Event  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Auraria Campus  
9th & Greenbelt

**Friday, May 19**

Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Radisson Hotel SE  
3200 S. Parker Rd.

**Thursday, May 25**

Business After Hours  
Golf USA of Centennial  
12201 E. Arapahoe Rd. A-10

**A REMINDER** that the Aurora Chamber will be closed on **May 29** in observation of **Memorial Day**. In addition, staffing will be at a reduced level on **May 19** to support the **Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon** and on **May 31** to support the annual **Aurora Chamber Board Retreat**.

**Chamber members win awards at United Veteran's Banquet**

Several Chamber members, including the **Colorado Freedom Memorial, Hearts Across the Miles** and **Clif Sams** were among the award winners at the Annual **United Veterans Committee of Colorado Awards Banquet**.

Nearly 500 people filled the **Radisson Hotel SE** to honor individuals and organizations for their distinguished service to veterans, their families, widows and the military community. The **Colorado Freedom Memorial Foundation**, represented by vice chair **Diane Garcia** and board members **Stan** and **Terry Cooper**; along with **Hearts Across the Miles** founders **Theresa** and **Brian Webster** were presented the Outstanding Organization Award. **Clif Sams**, a **New York Life** agent and retired Air Force Master Sergeant was given the UVC Meritorious Service Award. Also honored were **Artie Guerrero**, who serves on the **CFMC** board, named Veteran of the Year; Defense Council member **Rio Lucas** who was given the Life Time Achievement Award; and **Sixth**



**Big Winners at UVC** - Displaying their Outstanding Organization Award plaque presented by the United Veterans Committee of Colorado are members of the Colorado Freedom Memorial Foundation Board. Pictured (l-r) are UVC President Warren Tellgren, CFMF Board Vice Chair Diane Garcia, Board members Terry and Stan Cooper and American Legion National President and former UVC President, Tom Bock.

Photo courtesy of Brian Molitoris

District Congressman Bob Beauprez staffer **Joe Varley**, who earned the Legislative Service Award. Distinguished Legislator Awards were presented to U.S. Congressman **Mark Udall**, State Senator **John Evans** and State Representatives **Bernie Buscher** and **Judy Solano**. The Outstanding Veteran Organization Award was presented to the **Colorado National Guard** Family Program.

Other winners included **Justin Winburn**, Distinguished Service; **Wayne Valey**, Meritorious Achievement, **Carol Grauberger**, Meritorious Service; and **Frank Muniz**, Outstanding Veteran Service Officer.

The Aurora Chamber's Defense Council partners with the United Veterans Committee and has previously won the Outstanding Organization Award.

**Colorado Colfax Connection biggest networking event yet!**

"This will be the biggest Business After Hours we've ever had!" exclaimed **Naomi Colwell** as she put finishing touches on a flyer for the **Colfax Corridor Connection** to be held on Wednesday, May 17 on the Auraria Campus (9th & Greenbelt) at 5:30 p.m. "We wanted to do something special in conjunction with the **Colorado Colfax Marathon**," Colwell said, "so we got on the phone with our Chamber colleagues and they agreed

we should all come together for a 'really big' networking event. When **Mark Moses** from **Outback Steakhouse** on Abilene agreed to do

**Colfax Corridor Connection**  
**Wednesday, May 17, 2006**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Auraria Campus**  
**9th & Greenbelt**

the food and beverages, we knew we had a winner!"

Joining the Aurora Chamber for the unique event will be five other Chambers including the Denver, Colorado Black, Hispanic, Rocky Mountain Native American and West Chambers. There is no cost for what Colwell called a "phenomenal opportunity" but RSVPs ARE required. Call **Stephanie** at 303-344-1500 to sign up.



**Kevin Hougen**  
President & CEO

# President's Letter

## Aurora, a University City at last!!

**Colorado.** Right next to us in Denver and a great member of the Chamber is the campus of **Johnson and Wales University** with over 1500 students. All of these great institutions add more than 12,000 students to Aurora, all seeking their higher education dreams and goals in our back yard. Now that IS exciting!

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### And the Board goes on

Every year about this time we have some turnover in the ranks of our Chamber Board as some of our hard working directors come to the end of their terms. It is a time of mixed feelings. On one hand we are losing some people who have served you and The Chamber extraordinarily well. On the other hand we are adding some equally forward thinking, high caliber business people who bring new energy and ideas to the table. When I look at the great people who guide us through the many challenges we deal with daily here at The Chamber, this is what I see: professionals who bring a breadth of skills, experience, contacts and diversity to our ranks. They truly want us to succeed. Aurora Chamber Board members have extensive business backgrounds, leadership skills, highly varied political backgrounds, marketing experience and community influence.

Many serve on multiple boards, and are active in family, business and other community interests. But they share one specific trait—they are passionate about The Chamber.

Please join us in thanking the outgoing Board members, and welcome the incoming!

### Really, Aurora is a College Town

As Harrison Cochran would say, "It will dawn on you—" Aurora really is Colorado's newest University City—a true college town that is home to the **Community College of Aurora**, with almost 5,000 students; as well as **Columbia College, Parks College, Platt College**, Concorde College, **University of Phoenix**, a new **Regis University** campus and now the medical schools of the **University of**

**Harrell** (joined the Board mid-year), **East End Applied Arts**; **Todd Landgrave**, **Northrop Grumman**; **John Stanton**, **Prudential Colorado Real Estate**

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### Farewell to a Champion...

Many of you noticed—and commented extensively—on the "special look" George and I took on for that last couple of months. The hair on the lower lip is called a "Soul Patch" and it was our small way of emulating our board chair this year, **Dale Mingilton** with **FirstBank of Colorado**. We called it our "Souladarity Patch." What it said was we were in complete agreement with the direction Dale has taken The Chamber during his tenure—that we were in synchrony with his philosophy and wanted everyone to know we were part of his team. By the time you read this, we will be at the very end of Dale's term. He has been an attentive, thoughtful, highly visible and active chair. In every way he has moved us forward. And for that we will be forever grateful. We are just glad he is only stepping down as Board Chair – not from the Board where he will continue to provide wisdom and leadership. So Dale, from me and all the staff, our most sincere thank you for the tremendous job you have done.

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### ...Welcome to the new

Stepping into Dale's shoes is an extraordinary lady, one who will, I'm absolutely confident, keep us moving forward and continuing on the successful track we've been on for this long run. **Dr. Linda Bowman**, President of the Community College of Aurora, brings grace, a tremendous intellect, passion and unsurpassed common sense to the table. She is a proven leader in a very difficult arena, someone I've watched keep an incredible number of balls in the air with no seeming effort. We were truly blessed when Linda agreed to add one more to her juggling act. We all look forward to her leadership.

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

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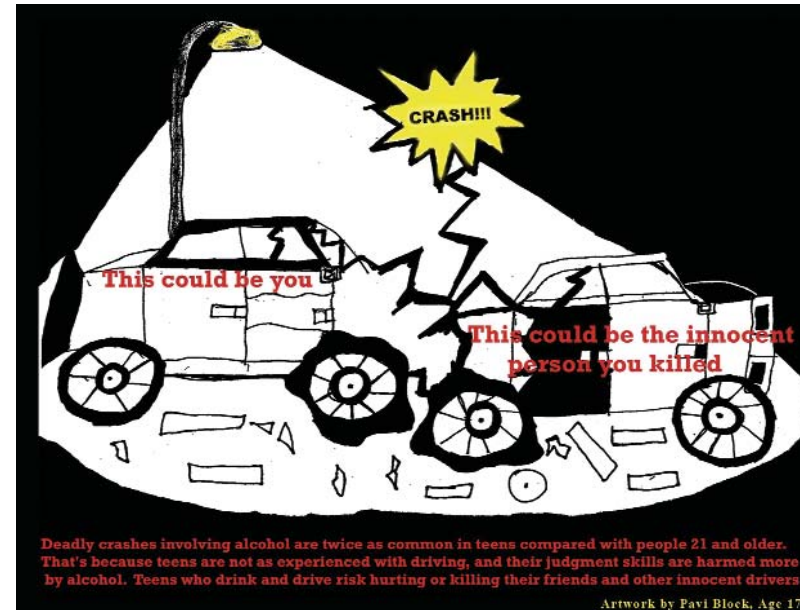
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**DAVA Youth create public service posters**  
- Seventeen year old Davi Block created this poster as part of special program called "RISK!" Other creations from youngsters ages 11- 17 designed the exhibition Risk to address the use and abuse of drugs, alcohol and tobacco are on exhibit from May 4th to June 24th, at the DAVA Gallery, located at 1405 Florence St., one block south of Colfax in Original Aurora.

## TMCA hosts second Legislator's Breakfast

The **Medical Center of Aurora** hosted the second Legislator's Breakfast recently. More than 60 people breakfasted on TMCA's South Campus and got updates from Eastern Metro state legislators and U.S. Congressman Bob Beauprez. In addition, the Government Affairs/Education Committee and Transportation Committee distributed the latest legislative policy White Papers that clearly define The Chamber's position on key issues including Economic Development, Healthcare Costs & Insurance, K-12 Education, Higher Education, Initiatives and Transportation. Copies of the one-page policy papers are available at The Chamber.



**Breakfast Talk** — Colorado Congressman Bob Beauprez and State Representative Morgan Carroll (L) were among the many speakers who addressed the second Legislator's Breakfast of 2006. More than sixty Chamber members attended the event hosted by Sylvia Young and her staff at The Medical Center of Aurora.

Photos courtesy of Brian Molitoris



## Marathon expected to be huge



The **Post-News Colorado Colfax Marathon** on Sunday, May 21 will put Colfax Avenue on the map for an entirely new reason. The 26 mile race will begin in Aurora at the acclaimed Aurora Sports Park at 6 a.m., cut briefly into the Fitzsimons Campus, sweep through Original Aurora where cheering crowds attending the Java Fest on Florence Square will give the runners the boost they need to make it into Denver, detour through Denver's City Park, fly by the State Capitol, pass into the City of Lakewood near Sloans Lake and finally end near I-70 at Colorado Mills. Proceeds from the race will go to Colorado Kids, a charity dedicated to preventing obesity and promoting fitness and health for elementary school children. Other sponsors for what city leaders hope will be an annual event include **FirstBank, University of Colorado Hospital, Keller Williams Realty, United Airlines, Hyatt Regency Denver, 9 News** and the Daniels Fund. A number of other races are also planned. Visit the official marathon web site at [www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.org](http://www.coloradocolfaxmarathon.org) for details.

## 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.

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# Ribbon Cuttings



**How many Chamber Presidents does it take...** Glenn Jones (center with striped tie) smiles broadly as he watches the ribbon he just cut flutter away from the front of his new store, The Jones Company Office Equipment located at 12503 E. Euclid Drive, Unit 4, in Centennial. Joining Glen was Centennial Mayor Randy Pye (right), Aurora Chamber President Kevin Hougen and South Metro Chamber President John Brackney (left) as well as a number of Aurora Chamber Ambassadors. Offering a full line of office furniture, and office systems, The Jones Company can be reached at 303-388-0853 or on the web at [www.jonesoffice.com](http://www.jonesoffice.com).

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**When Hands Don't Work** — Showing excellent ribbon cutting technique, Dome Butts exhibits one more skill that he can teach people who visit his newly opened United Studios of Self Defense. Located at 2255 S. Peoria Street near Iliff, Butts offers training in a full range of self-defense methods. For more information go to their web site at [www.usssd.com](http://www.usssd.com) or call Dome at 303-750-5810.

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## Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon planning in final phase

The Denver-Aurora metro's largest and oldest event to honor the men and women serving in the Armed Forces in this area is in the final stages of planning, according to Diane Garcia, Chair of the Aurora Chamber Defense Council.

"The Chamber has been doing this for 30 years now," said Garcia, "and it just keeps getting better!"

The **Northrop Grumman Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon** will be held at the **Radisson Hotel SE** on Parker Road and I-225 on Armed Forces Day, Friday, May 19 with registration beginning at 11 a.m. The event, with support from the **City of Aurora** and **Raytheon**, will honor the top ten military enlisted people in the metro area as well as recognize the contributions of all those who are serving at the various military installations and locations in Denver-Aurora.

"I'm excited about this year's luncheon,"

Garcia said. "Celeste Sherbert from the **Doubletree SE** has done a superb job of organizing everything, including bringing back the very popular Rick Crandall from KEZW as the Master of Ceremonies and lining up General Lance Lord, recently retired commander of Air Force Space Command as our keynote speaker."

Tables for the event are \$450. "What is unique about a corporate sponsorship at this event is that your organization is not only getting six seats for your people, but is making four seats available to our very deserving young military troops," Garcia said. "The interaction between our business community and our military folks is really heartwarming."

Tables and individual tickets are still available by calling Stephanie at The Chamber at 303-344-1500. Contributions for the gift bag given to each award winner can be



discussed with Sherbert at 303-337-2800.

"My hope is that we will sell this luncheon out so our military men and women will know how much we appreciate everything they do," said Garcia.

# Member News

**The Learning Source honors CCA**  
The Learning Source will honor the **Community College of Aurora** at its annual Book Ball, May 5 at the Belmar Center. The college is being recognized for their programs in support of adult and family literacy and their huge English language instruction program. Additional information on the Ball is available at [www.ColoradoLiteracy.org](http://www.ColoradoLiteracy.org).

**Former Defense Council Leader takes new command**  
Col. Michael Yowell, a former member of the Defense Council, has taken command of the 100th Missile Defense Brigade at Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs. Colonel Yowell is a member of the **Colorado Army National Guard** and was heavily involved in the Chamber Defense Council in the late '90s.

**Buckley Air Show pushed back to 2007**  
Plans for a full scale Air Show at **Buckley AFB** in August were pushed back to 2007 to give the **City of Aurora**, The Chamber and Buckley AFB time to pull together the extensive logistics and support necessary to put on a major event.

**Charity dance marathon a first**  
They were very popular in the 1930's when dancers would go for hours in hopes of capturing substantial monetary prizes. Nearly 80 years later, **TGDanzport Studio** has revived what they call a Dance-A-Thon to help raise funds for the **Lupus Foundation of Colorado** and the National Kidney Foundation of Colorado, Montana and Wyoming. Set for Saturday, May 20, the Dance-A-Thon will include dance classes from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and then a regular dance from 7 – 10 p.m. All activities will be held at the TGDanzport Studio at 8101 E. Belleview Avenue (Unit T) in the Denver Tech Center. For more information call 303-713-0900 or check out their Web site at [www.danzport.com](http://www.danzport.com).

**UCDHSC Classified among nation's top-tier research universities**  
The **University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center** is among the nation's top-tier research universities, according to a revised

classification system by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.  
The Stanford, Calif.-based independent policy and research center recently issued an extensive revision of what it now calls its "basic classification" of U.S. colleges and universities. The original framework, last revised in 2000, was created in 1970 by the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education as a way to differentiate colleges and universities for research purposes.  
"UCDHSC is Colorado's top urban research university, and its three campuses together create a powerful hub that spans the social sciences, arts and sciences, medicine, pharmacy, nursing and dentistry," said John Sladek, PhD, UCDHSC vice chancellor for research. "Our inclusion among the nation's top research centers is a wonderful acknowledgement of the scientific breakthroughs and innovative work of our faculty, staff and students."

**Regis University expands campus locations**  
**Regis University's** School for Professional Studies (SPS) will open two new campus locations in Longmont and Aurora. The campus is expanding to meet the needs of students in the rapidly growing areas of Northern Colorado and the I-225/I-70 corridor in Aurora.

The Aurora campus will open July 1, at 6 Abilene Street (in the **Aurora Credit Union** Building). The Aurora campus will be well-situated to serve residents in Aurora, DIA and the new Lowry development. In addition, the location will be in close proximity to **Lockheed Martin, Raytheon** and **Buckley Air Force Base**. The campus will begin with several offerings including undergraduate courses in business, accounting, liberal arts and teacher education. The Aurora campus also will offer graduate degrees in business and education.  
For more information about SPS or the Longmont and Aurora campuses, please contact Kristen Blessman at 303-458-4273 or online at [kblessma@regis.edu](mailto:kblessma@regis.edu).

**Asian Film Fest returns to the Fox**  
The Ninth Aurora Asian Film Festival will take place June 1-4, at the **Aurora**

**Fox Arts Center** and feature nearly a dozen films chronicling the Asian-Pacific experience.  
Though fantastic filmmaking is the event's primary focus, filmgoers will find numerous festival highlights. Opening Night attendees will receive a unique red carpet experience that includes a film, reception and entertainment. The June 4 Closing Night Wrap Party will take place amid a festival-inspired Asian Art exhibition in the gallery at The Other Side Arts, located at 1400 Dallas St.  
Not to be outdone, the City of Aurora will host a free, outdoor film screening in conjunction with the festival. The event begins at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 3, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library and Municipal Services Center, located at 9898 East Colfax Ave. Filmgoers are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets to the screening and will be able to purchase food from vendors set-up on the Plaza.

For a complete schedule, visit [www.auroraasian.org](http://www.auroraasian.org) or [www.denverfilm.org](http://www.denverfilm.org).  
The Ninth Aurora Asian Film Festival is presented by the Denver Film Society, the Aurora Asian/Pacific Community Partnership and the **City of Aurora**.

**Concert for Colorado's Fallen Veterans**  
For many Colorado residents Memorial Day weekend means the unofficial start of summer. This year the **Colorado Freedom Memorial Foundation** hopes to return the true meaning of the weekend, honoring those killed while serving their country, by presenting the Concert for Colorado's Fallen Veterans, Sunday, May 21st, at 1pm at the **Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum**.  
The Concert For Colorado's Fallen Veterans is a benefit for the Colorado Freedom Memorial. The program will feature music from The Hot Tomatoes Dance Orchestra, The Nacho Men, Opie Gone Bad, The Sound of The Rockies chorus and the Michael Collins Pipe Band. Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 303-248-3990.

More information on the Colorado Freedom Memorial is available at [www.cfmf.net](http://www.cfmf.net).

## Aurora Cavalry earn hard fought victory in debut

The **Aurora Cavalry** kicked off their official 2006 campaign Friday with an exciting 140-132 victory over their league rival, the Colorado Crossover. Over 1,500 fans in attendance at Gateway High School saw exactly what the International Basketball League promises, a very fast-paced and exciting brand of basketball.  
For more information on Aurora's own roundball wizards call the Cavalry office at (303) 321-1053 or check out the team's website: [www.auroracavalry.com](http://www.auroracavalry.com)



## Colorado extends law to help small business

Governor Bill Owens has extended help for more than 493,000 Colorado small businesses by signing into law HB 06-1041. The new law continues the requirement that state agencies prepare a cost-benefit analysis of proposed rules that may affect small businesses when requested by the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA).  
"Colorado small business owners have a friend in Governor Owens," said Thomas M. Sullivan, Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration. "By signing the law he has kept them at the table when regulatory decisions are made. When the voice of small business is heard, better decisions are made, and that means more jobs and growth for Colorado."  
For more information, visit the Office of Advocacy website at [www.sba.gov/advo](http://www.sba.gov/advo)

**REMINDER**  
Please remember to add The Chamber ([stephanie.mcdonnell@aurorachamber.org](mailto:stephanie.mcdonnell@aurorachamber.org) and [naomi.colwell@aurorachamber.org](mailto:naomi.colwell@aurorachamber.org)) to your address book to continue receiving our updates in your e-mailbox!

# Leadership Aurora examines city's development process

Leadership Aurora class members participated in an interesting session in March focusing on economic development and infrastructure in the **City of Aurora**. Not only did they take part in a mock development scenario, but heard from experts **Tom Ashburn, Xcel Energy; Wendy Mitchell, Aurora Economic Development Council; Peter Binney, City of Aurora; and Chamber President, Kevin Hougen**, on issues relating to roads, water, energy, and bringing new business to Aurora. Class member, **Susan Burke, Regis University**, provides her perspective:

"Once you hear from Aurora's leading experts on the complexities and challenges faced in maintaining and developing new projects for the preservation and conscious growth of a pivotal front-range city, you will really appreciate all the things you currently take for granted. Turning on a switch and expecting electricity; knowing that you can trust the drinking water from your tap; appreciating the timed sequence of traffic lights when you're in a hurry, are only some of the things we take for granted in the vast infrastructure that keeps a busy city operating."



A finely tuned process involving city officials, staff, and citizens operates in full swing on a daily basis to ensure that new development proposals are analyzed, critiqued, and in compliance with city growth objectives. The role playing exercise was an ideal way to become immersed in the new development proposal process and more educated about the overall affects new development has on the city's economy and infrastructure."



**The Big Decision** — Leadership Aurora class members ponder their decision about allowing the construction of the Y-Ice project during their mock city council meeting.

## Celebrate the leadership legacy

June 8th will mark the end of the 2006 Leadership Aurora class year. At a Chamber General Membership Luncheon that day, the 21st graduating class of Leadership Aurora will hold a celebration luncheon at the **Summit Conference & Event Center**, 411 Sable Boulevard in Aurora beginning at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon will celebrate the accomplishments of the class and serve as a way to continue the legacy of leadership in Aurora. The event is being sponsored by **Regis University**. Mayor **Ed Tauer** will be in attendance to present congratulatory remarks.

To assist us in celebrating this Leadership Legacy, please consider sponsoring a table at the luncheon.

Sponsor levels include:

### \$1,000 Legacy Sponsor

- Table of 10 at the luncheon
- Display your company banner
- Company logo on the luncheon program and sponsor board
- Recognition from the podium

### \$500 Celebration Sponsor

- Table of 10 at the luncheon
- Company Logo on the luncheon program and sponsor board
- Recognition from the podium

Please join us at the Summit Conference & Event Center, 411 Sable Boulevard on Thursday, June 8 for the combined General Membership Luncheon and Graduation Celebration. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and the individual cost per person is \$30. Please call Kimberly for reservations or more information at 303-344-1500 or e-mail [Kimberly.curtis@aurorachamber.org](mailto:Kimberly.curtis@aurorachamber.org). A flyer is also enclosed in this newsletter for your convenience.

## Ditty Bag Item Donations Still Needed

The 8th Annual Leadership Aurora Golf Tournament scheduled for Thursday, June 22nd at **Heritage Eagle Bend Golf and Country Club** is still in

need of donations of ditty bag items. Small items such as golf balls, tees, pens and other advertising specialty-type items are requested. At least 160 of each item are needed for the ditty bags.

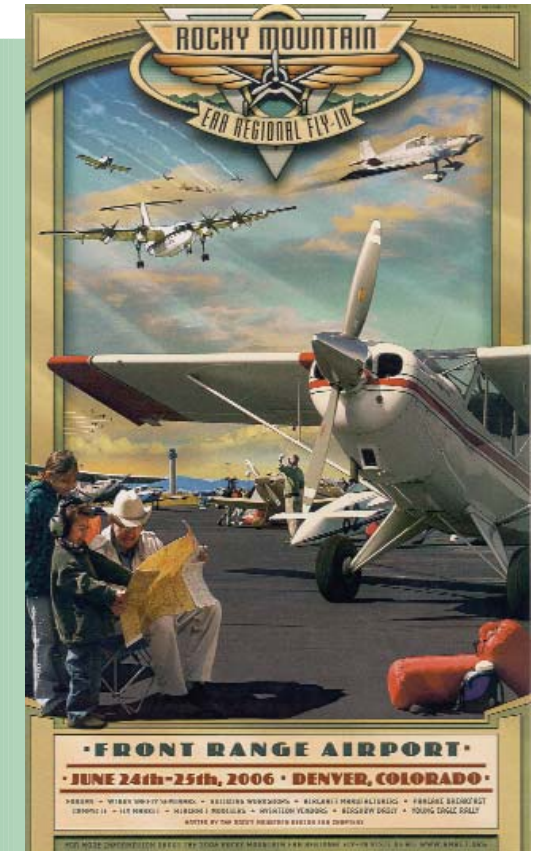
In addition, larger items such as gift certificates, gift baskets, restaurant dinners, golf shirts, golf bags or any non-related golf items are needed as door prizes. It's a great way to market your business at one of the premiere tournaments of the summer.

Call Kimberly at 303-344-1500 or e-mail [kimberly.curtis@aurorachamber.org](mailto:kimberly.curtis@aurorachamber.org) if you'd like to donate or for more information.



## EAA Regional Fly-in set for June

Airplane lovers will be able to get their "up close and personal" fix at the **Front Range Airport** in June. **Dennis Heap**, Front Range Airport manager has invited anyone who is interested in any aspect of aviation to drop by the Rocky Mountain Experimental Aircraft Association Regional Fly-In at Front Range on June 24 and 25. In addition to a wide variety of light and historic aircraft, the weekend event will also feature modelers, vendors, a "Fly Market," seminars and much more. Additional information is available on the web at [www.RMFRI.org](http://www.RMFRI.org).



## Leadership Aurora Class Organizes...



Leadership Aurora, Class of 2006, has created a community-wide day of volunteerism called "Aurora Unite! A Day of Giving" as a class project. Scheduled for May 13, the project is designed to inspire all citizens of Aurora to participate in an activity that "brings us together and gives back to our community," according to class president, **Cheryl Twesme**.

"We are asking all Aurora businesses, churches, scout troops, clubs, schools, and civic organizations to encourage their employees/members/students to volunteer in some way on May 13. It can be for one of ours, or a project of your own. If you choose your own project, we ask that you tell us about it. We are also anxious to have pictures in order to recognize your efforts on that day," Twesme said.

Already on the books is barn repair at DeLaney Farm for the **Aurora History Museum**, working on trails at Cherry Creek State Parks, and reading to children at the library. A full list of projects and how to sign up can be found on The Chamber Web site by clicking on Leadership Aurora.

# GROUND BREAKING



**Pitchin' at Fitz** — Joining in a commemorative groundbreaking ceremony for the final phase of planned construction at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center's Fitzsimons campus in Aurora are Gov. Bill Owens, CU President Hank Brown, UCDHSC Interim Chancellor Greg Stiegmann, MD, Aurora Mayor Ed Tauer, CU Regent Paul Schauer, Aurora Economic Development Council President Wendy Mitchell, Colorado Senate President Joan Fitz-Gerald, D Coal Creek, retired state Sen. Norma Anderson, R-Lakewood, and former Colorado House Speaker Lola Spradley, R-Beulah. Thanks to \$192.3 million in state funding issued in December 2005 following a two-year legal process, seven new educational and administrative buildings are beginning construction at Fitzsimons, one of the largest biomedical research centers in the nation. The state funding, called certificates of participation, or COPs, will enable UCDHSC to realize its vision of a world-class medical research and academic center strengthened by the state's premier teaching hospital. (Photo courtesy of Brian Molitoris)