

SALUTE TO LEADERSHIP AURORA

1987-88



PRESENTING THE FIFTH LEADERSHIP AURORA CLASS

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LEADERSHIP AURORA GIVES PARTICIPANTS WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF COMMUNITY

"Leadership Aurora is a focused effort to give participants a working knowledge of the problems and opportunities facing Aurora," said Sherrie Kantor, a graduate of the first Leadership Aurora class, first President of the Alumni Association and Chairman of the 1988-89 Leadership Aurora Board of Directors.

From her perspective as incoming Chairman, Sherrie said, "This promises to be an exciting year. I believe the hallmark of leadership is involvement, and one of the most outstanding aspects of this program is that all the Board members are graduates of the program. This can only enhance the benefits of the program to the participants. As former students, we know what worked, what didn't and the areas that should be expanded. The willingness of these people to volunteer to serve on the Board is a testimonial to this program."

Balance on the Board is important. One of the criteria for selection is to make sure various aspects of the community are represented, including the public and private sectors.

The Board is a working group, with each member responsible for planning and carrying through a session.

This year's program will be fine tuned, based on suggestions made by participants and Board members. This fine tuning will be done in the presentation of the topics which are much the same each year. The topics include government, media/leadership, business and economic development, social programs, military, education, justice systems, and health systems.

"This year we will attempt to have the sessions in the environment of the topic. The law and justice program could be conducted in a courtroom and the education session in a school," she continued.

In terms of program delivery, Sherrie said more participation by the students is being worked into the sessions. This could be in the form of role playing and other methods of interaction with the topic and the presenters.



INCOMING LEADERSHIP AURORA BOARD Chairman Sherrie Kantor (at podium), Chamber Chairman Arlen Cohn and outgoing Leadership Aurora Board Chairman Skip Schlenk salute the graduates at the 5th Leadership Aurora Commencement Ceremonies.

Enrollment is based on an interview after an application is completed. There are approximately 25 persons selected for each class. "During the interviews, we look for candidates with open minds and a lot of enthusiasm," Sherrie added.

In return, Leadership Aurora graduates will acquire the knowledge, connections and commitment to become leaders in the community," Sherrie concluded.

THE CLASS OF 1987-88



Major Stephen M. Blackburn

Stephen is Squadron Commander of the 3415th Transportation Sq/CC at Lowry Air Force Base.

As he entered the Leadership Aurora program, Stephen noted, "I am new to the Aurora community, therefore, have limited insight to all the issues. My first observation is that Aurora is growing by leaps and bounds. However, I question if the growth is orchestrated. . . Is growth for growth's sake beneficial?"



Mary W. Bopp

Mary is Director of Financial Aid at the Community College of Aurora.

Looking to Aurora's future, Mary said, "...Between now and the mid-1990's, the opportunity exists to unify Aurora through the development of a dominant community center and the strengthening of an already fine network of community services and programs."



Stephen Paul Cross

Stephen has been President of Cross Typography, Inc. in Aurora since 1978. As an entrepreneur, he sees several important issues and/or opportunities facing Aurora. These include controlling taxes by looking at ways of centralizing city government and services to make them more efficient, attracting new businesses to the city, as well as the impact of the new airport and freeway on businesses.



Linda K. Fowler

As a broker associate for ReMax South, Inc. in Aurora, and with Perry & Butler before her present position, Linda brought to the Leadership Aurora class of 1987-88 a strong knowledge of the community.

Her concerns for Aurora focus on transportation and the impact of the military installations in the community. She noted that "special taxes for the purpose of improving transportation problems does not appear to gain public support in Aurora, therefore, other options must be considered"



Linda K. Gibson

Linda has been with United Bank of Aurora since 1981 and is now a Senior Vice President/Cashier.

She views quality of life as an important issue facing Aurora, one that requires a balancing of efforts and resources in all sections of the city. Quality of life will also best be attained through an atmosphere conducive to attracting and maintaining large employers.



Terry Hadsall

Terry has had his own business, Archer Pest Control, since 1984.

He would like to put the knowledge gained from Leadership Aurora to use either on the Aurora City Council, the RTD Board and/or the Chamber's Small Business Council.

Terry sees annexation as an issue facing Aurora. "Annexation is two-fold, in that it provides both a highly volatile issue and an excellent opportunity for the city.



Mann Hur

Mann works for the city of Aurora as a translator and interpreter. Prior to his present position, he had been editor of the Korean Times Denver Bureau.

Mann's areas of concern in the city are growth and quality of life. He is especially sensitive to the growth of the Asian population. "Most Asian-Americans have difficulties communicating effectively in English. Therefore, they cannot gain access to city activities and services. We need to develop policies to help them adjust to the American mainstream."



Michael Johnson

Michael is employed by the city of Aurora as a Community Service Officer for the northwest section. He has been with the city since 1983 and received an Award of Excellence from his employer in 1987. In addition to working for the city, Michael is co-owner and president of London Fog Chimney Sweep and Myson Music.

Michael is the newly elected Vice president of the Leadership Aurora Alumni Association.



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Peter P. John

Peter has been with Humana Hospital-Aurora for a dozen years and currently is Laboratory Director.

One of his major interests as a Leadership Aurora student was to learn more about city government and its operation. Peter said he will try to become active in the Chamber as a means of putting the Leadership Aurora skills to work.



Victoria Kendrick

Victoria is a program monitor for weatherization for the Colorado Department of Local Affairs. Her education includes a Bachelor of Science degree from Portland State University, Oregon.

Following Leadership Aurora graduation, Victoria said she is interested in working



Albert J. Lemieux

Albert brought to the 1987-88 Leadership Aurora class his professional background as an educator. He has been an elementary school principal for Cherry Creek Schools since 1972 and is currently principal at Village East.

"Drugs and AIDS are two health and



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Sandra M. McBreen

Sandra is an assistant product manager at Mountain Bell. She began her career with Mountain Bell in 1986 as an instructor. Prior to her present position, Sandra was a course developer.

Transportation and economic growth are two major issues facing Aurora, according to Sandra. She would like to see Aurora



Christine MacMillan

Christine is a 10-year employee of the City of Aurora. She began as a management intern, received a promotion to administrative assistant in the fire department and is now a contract administrator.

She believes community maintenance is an important issue for the city to address.



Anne MacRae

Anne joined Aurora Public Schools as a planner in 1986. Prior to that, she had the same position with the Boulder School District from 1978 until her new post.

"Before Aurora now, is the opportunity to manage these factors through its development processes and enhance the quality of life and ensure continued economic expansion for its existing and future residents," Anne stated.



Alice Lee Main

Alice has been with the city's recreation department for 14 years. Her title is Cultural Arts Administrator.

Alice believes one of the most important issues facing Aurora is the crime rate. "As Aurora's population and area continue to grow, the needs for more crime prevention become an important concern and responsibility for the city and all citizens," she said.



Thomas K. Ragland

Thomas is the Civil Engineering Department Manager for CH2M Hill. He is not new to the Aurora Chamber, having served on the Transportation Council and Transit Committee. Continued involvement in the Chamber plus participation on the Denver Regional Council of Governments are two of his goals after completion of the Leadership Aurora program.



William F. Rickord Sr.

Bill brings to the Leadership Aurora program his background in higher education. He is Dean of Student Services at the Community College of Aurora.

His participation in Leadership Aurora stemmed from a desire to become more aware of Aurora's issues and opportunities.



LaVon G. Robertson

LaVon is business manager/controller at the Aurora Community Mental Health Center. She would like to utilize her Leadership Aurora experience by becoming active in the Aurora Chamber.

LaVon feels downtown Aurora is a concern for the city and attraction of appropriate businesses to the area would be beneficial.



Mark Warren Sands

Mark is Communications Director and Product Marketing Manager for AMI Rocky Mountain Healthcare System. He would like to become involved with the Aurora Chamber, ECO Aurora and charitable community organizations. Continuing his commitment to Leadership Aurora, he was selected as the group's Alumni Association President.



Sheila A. Schingle

Sheila is a Manager of Operator Services for AT&T, supervising 75 long-distance operators. She has more than 10 years experience in the personnel and system development field.

Sheila said she hopes to put the Leadership Aurora experience to use by becoming involved with the Aurora Chamber and the National Organization of Women.



Christine Soto

Christine is Executive Director of Arapahoe Volunteers, Inc.

"It seems to me that managing growth, in terms of balancing economic and business development with the human service, health and social needs of an expanding population, is an issue that continues to provide Aurora with both fantastic opportunities and serious problems."



Wayne L. Stein

Wayne is president of Aspen Gold Realty Properties in Aurora.

Following Leadership Aurora, Wayne said he would like to become involved in city government, possibly on an advisory committee.



Randy Stith

Randy is executive director of Aurora Community Mental Health Center. Through his Leadership Aurora experiences, Randy said he hopes to increase his participation in the Aurora Chamber. He has served on the Leadership Aurora Board and on the Chamber's Cultural Arts Council.



Hugh Sweeney

Hugh is president of Redi Print, Inc. in Aurora and a highly visible Chamber member. He serves on the Chamber's Board of Directors and in 1986, Hugh was selected the Chamber's Entrepreneur of the Year.

Hugh sees quality of life and the need for an identifiable downtown area as keys to Aurora's future.



Stephen A. Voistad

Stephen is Advertising & Communications Director for Public Service Company of Colorado.

From his metrowide vantagepoint, Stephen believes Aurora is leading the way among



Ronnie Weiss

Ronnie has been Executive Director of the Gateway Battered Women's Shelter since 1985.

Areas of future involvement for Ronnie are ZONTA Club for business and professional



Larry Yates

Larry is a computer specialist at the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center.

He feels that as Aurora grows, all sections of the city should share in the growth. Larry also believes the public should become more involved in the decision-making process.

FACTORS COMBINE TO MAKE LEADERSHIP AURORA FLAGSHIP PROGRAM OF CHAMBER

Leadership Aurora is consistently successful because it is timely, relevant and because of the diversity of class participants, explained Skip Schlenk, Chairman of the 1987-88 Leadership Aurora Board of Directors.

"The program is in a constant state of evolution, and that's how it should be. While the topics remain much the same from year to year, the Board members have the flexibility to tailor the presentations to each class. By having graduates of the previous classes serve on the Board, we attain a high degree of relevancy," she said.

Skip, Public Relations Manager at AT&T, is a shining example of a Leadership Aurora graduate who has continued to volunteer her time and expertise. A graduate of the first class five years ago, Skip's involvement has extended to the group's active Alumni Association and Board of Directors.

"This involvement has also led to my current term on the Chamber's Board of Directors. In this position, I will be reporting on the progress of Leadership Aurora to the other Board members", she continued.

Reflecting on her participation as a student, Skip said, "My excitement about becoming a student stemmed from the opportunities I was told I

would have to hear and talk with the people who make the news. These people are wonderfully candid in their discussions with Leadership Aurora classes. My experience has given me a finer appreciation of the factors that go into policy setting by government and other agencies.

The premise of the Leadership Aurora program is to provide the community with informed individuals prepared to commit their time and knowledge as leaders.

And it works. From the class that just graduated, for example, Sheila Schingle has assumed a volunteer job search and development position at Samaritan House in Denver. Terry Hadsall is serving on the Arapahoe-Douglas Private Industry Council. Vicki Kendrick is actively working in a political campaign. Skip was quick to note these are just a few examples, adding that the list could stretch on for pages.

In summing up her thoughts about Leadership Aurora, Skip credited the Chamber Board of Directors for the foresight to establish the program and the original Leadership Aurora Board with the determination to see that it became a reality.

LEADERSHIP AURORA 1988-89 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Arlen Cohn Cohn's Bridal	Don Fecko Aurora Business Center
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Al Lemieux Village East Elementary	



MICHAEL JOHNSON, newly elected Vice president of the Leadership Alumni Association spoke at the graduation ceremony. Waiting to address fellow graduates was newly elected Association President Mark Sands.

LEADERSHIP AURORA COMMITMENT AND BENEFITS FOR TODAY AND TOMMORROW

Leadership Aurora will provide Aurora with informed, dedicated individuals who are prepared to assume positions of civic leadership today and tomorrow.

Through the Leadership Aurora Program, participants become aware of dynamic economic and social changes within the community. Participants learn about the assets, challenges, opportunities and metropolitan issues affecting Aurora.

Candidates selected for the Leadership Aurora Program must commit to attending a retreat held in the fall. The retreat is followed by half day sessions held monthly from October through May. Candidates are expected to attend all sessions. A graduation ceremony and diploma recognize the individuals who successfully complete the program.



HUGH SWEENEY received his Leadership Aurora diploma from Chamber Chairman Arlen Cohn.



To recommend a candidate or apply for Leadership Aurora, call the Chamber at 755-5000.