

# LEADERSHIP A • U • R • O • R • A

# 1996 - 1997 YEARBOOK

"We must develop networks of leaders, drawn from all segments of society, who accept some measure of responsibility for the community's shared concerns..."

- John Gardner

# "joy's soul lies in the doing". -William Shakespeare

The 1996-1997 Leadership Aurora class has shown an admirable willingness to engage full in the joy of doing, relishing the experience of discovering things about yourselves and your city. In the snowy splendor of Winter Park we watched you pull together, clearly letting all of us on the Leadership Board know you expected a first class program.

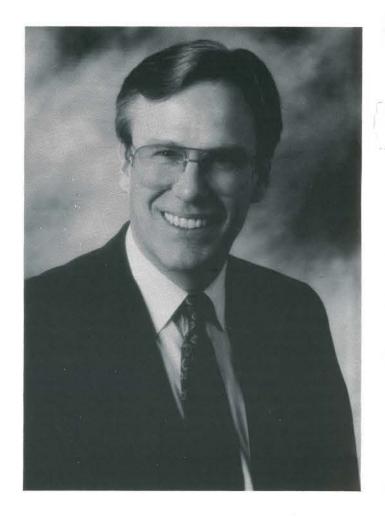
And we did our best to give it to you. From total immersion in the enormous diversity of our many wonderful neighborhood, city and service organizations on Community Day, you moved on to understand and appreciate the multi-faceted world of our police, the wrenching experience of being quizzed live by "the media" on TV, the rapidly changing world of healthcare, the amazing complexity of education, the depth of the Aurora business community, the professionalism and courage of the fire department and the continuing role of the military. All-in-all not a bad experience according to your critiques. Your biggest complaint? Not enough time.

So what are you going to do about that? May we suggest the answer lies in the ultimate goal of the program -- involvement. The next step is up to you. Your company, or organization and your community has invested both money and time in building your knowledge and understanding of what Aurora is. The leadership part, the future part, is up to you. We've shown you just a small part of the place in which you live, work and play. Hopefully it has whetted your appetite to learn more, to get involved, to take the time to guide Aurora into a future that demands even greater leadership.

Leadership Aurora is not a program with a specific destination, one that concludes on the day your receive your certificate. It is the beginning of a journey, an adventure in which you can shape the future of this great community.

On behalf of the Leadership Aurora Board, and the select group of graduates that have gone before you, congratulations. Display your certificate proudly for it marks you not only as one who cares about where we are headed, but as one who is willing to take the lead

George Peck Sheila Anthony Leadership Aurora Co-Chairs





# Introduction

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce accepted a challenge in 1984 to ensure that new leadership be continuously added to our community; to cope with the problems and opportunities we face; and to prepare individuals to assume positions of leadership. As a result, the mission of Leadership Aurora is to provide programs which prepare current and developing community leaders committed to shaping Aurora's future.





By seeking out individuals and empowering them with information about vital issues affecting our community, Leadership Aurora provides the opportunity for enhanced participation in the community. Participants are committed to personal involvement, and are prepared to devote the time necessary to achieve these goals.

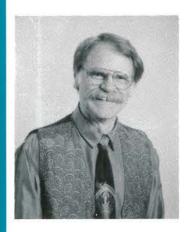
- ▲ To identify and develop community leaders.
- ▲ To acquaint individuals with community needs and issues while focusing on alternative solutions.
- ▲ To expose participants to others who possess broad, diverse intellectual backgrounds and challenge them to make decisions for the good of the community.
- ▲ To educate and motivate leaders to greater involvement in the community





The Aurora Chamber of Commerce takes pride in introducing those who have accepted the challenge to pursue roles in the realm of community service which will positively shape and influence Aurora's future —— the Leadership Aurora Class of 1997

# LEADERSHIP AURORA



#### John P. Ahlenius Career Planning Facilitator Pickens Tech 500 Airport Blvd. Aurora, Colorado 80011 (303) 344-4910

John attended Millikin University, Decatur and the University of Illinois. He received his Bachelors degree in 1961, a M. ED in 1965 and Doctorate in Education in 1972. John moved to Colorado from Decatur. Illinois in 1970. He is the president of the Aurora Gateway Rotary Club, a facilitator for the School to Career Partnership. He is active in the Democratic Party (Precinct Committee Person), his homeowners' association and is a member of the Aurora Education Association. In John's spare time he is an auctioneer for non profit organizations.

"Break away from the crowd and make a path for others to follow."

-Unknown



#### Susan T. Aubin

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Susan is originally from Connecticut and moved to Colorado in 1992. She resides in Morrison with her husband Rich and her two cats. Susan attended Norwalk Community College and graduated from Southern Connecticut State University in 1981 with an Associates degree in General Business. In addition, she has taken coursework toward a BA in finance. She is currently a Smoky Hill Rotarian and works with the Gateway Battered Women's Shelter.



#### **Becky Vinson Barcheski**

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Twelve years ago the Barcheski family moved to Colorado from Arizona via Delaware, New Jersey, Hawaii and Georgia. A stable life allowed Becky the opportunity to fulfill her dream of completing school. In collaboration with this dream came the opportunity to work with the Community College of Aurora as the Adult Learning Specialist. The enthusiasm adults experience upon returning to school is inspiring and wonderful to share. Being a non-traditional student herself, Becky's passion has evolved into helping adults realize their displaced dream. Becky is an active member of

the Junior League of Denver and Girl's Inc., serves as treasurer for Girls Night Out and as Vice President of PTO. The opportunity to be a part of Leadership Aurora has broadened Becky's scope of contact and opened another avenue to pursue her passion.

"Often people attempt to live their lives backwards, they try to have more things, or more money, in order to do more of what they want, so they will be happier. The way it actually works is the reverse. You must first be who you really are, then do what you need to do, in order to have what you want"

-Margaret Young



#### **Joyce Bradney**

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Joyce holds a BA in Physical Education, an MA in Curriculum and Instruction, and an MA in Special Education. Her vocational credentials include Alternative Cooperative Education, Supplemental Services and Special Programs. She attended Ft. Lewis College, the University of Northern Colorado and Colorado State University. Joyce is married to Jim and has two children who both attend Prairie Middle 3chool. She is very active in many organizations, including Citizens for Aurora Jewell Wetlands, which she founded and chairs; Country Squire Chadsford, Haven Village East Neighborhood Associations, which she serves as Chair; Aurora Chamber of Commerce Education Council participant; Christ Community Church -Sunday School teacher; the Boy Scouts, working with leaders and arranging services and Eagle Scout projects. If Joyce has any spare time left she enjoys going to the theater, hiking and camping and watching her kids in their various activities.

"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen'

-Winston Churchill



#### Marsha Bush

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Marsha, originally from Rochester, NY, moved to Colorado in 1977. She began her banking career in New York and was hired by United Banks/Norwest Banks in 1979. Along with her banking career she taught ballroom dancing as a hobby for seven years. Marsha's spare time is spent attending as many activities for her son as time allows. She is active in his school as well as his sporting activities. She has lived in Aurora for the past 14 years. Marsha has been active with the South Denver Optimist Club and is currently a board member for the Buckingham Optimist Club. She initiated sponsorship of the Optimist Club for the now annual science fair at Ponderosa Elementary School. She is also a charter member of the Gateway Rotary Club.



#### Carla Carlson

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Carla grew up on a ranch near Jordan, Montana. After receiving her Bachelors in Nursing from Montana State University, she moved to the big city to seek her fame and fortune. Carla held a variety of nursing positions prior to acquiring a job with Aurora Public Schools as a school nurse. She quickly moved into a position of teaching teen mothers and coordinating a program for at-risk youth. Most recently she received her Masters Degree in Education and is presently employed as the Aurora Central High School Activities Director. She is involved in many community groups. Carla and her husband are the proud parents of two beautiful teenage children.



#### Margaret Albright Day

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Margaret, originally from Monroe, Louisiana, moved to Colorado in 1975. She holds both a BA and M.ED from Northeast Louisiana University, and she attended the Air Force Management Engineering College. Margaret's community involvement includes the Aurora Fox Arts Center board, of which she is vice president; board member of the Aurora Mental Health Center; and memberships in the Colorado Organizational Development Network, the High Plains Chapter of Federal Employed Women and the Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church. Additionally, she is a member of the Phi Mu fraternity alumnae. Margaret also teaches in the Arts and Humanities Division of the Community College of Aurora, and for the School of Business and Management for the University of Phoenix.

"Make It So"

—Jean Luc Picard



# Wilson E. Egan Lieutenant, Aurora Police

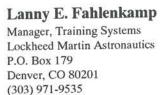
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Wilson was born in Salzburg, Austria, and immigrated to the United States in 1962. He grew up in Colorado Springs. Wilson served in the U.S. Army in Military Intelligence from 1968 to 1976. Wilson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement and Criminology in 1977, and joined the Aurora Police Department in 1977. Wilson has been married to Tana for 28 years and has two children, daughter Deedra and son Erik. He currently serves as the president of the Piney Creek Village Homeowners Association, and is a charter member of the Gateway Rotary Club. He enjoys traveling, history and golf.

"Press on, nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not, unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

-Unknown





Lanny is originally from Montezuma, Iowa, moving to Colorado in 1967. He holds a BS degree in Business Administration with a minor in Human Resources Development from the University of Colorado in 1978. He also attended University of Iowa, St. Thomas Seminary and Webster University receiving his MS in Computer Resource and Information Systems Management this year. Lanny has been married for 30 years to Carolyn, has 4 children and 3 grandchildren, all of whom he is very proud. He is currently involved with the National Technological University Advisory Committee, Co-Chair, St. Pius X - Cantor and Lector, Arapahoe Community College - Office Automation Advisory Board; Speech Critique -CHSAA. In Lanny's spare time he loves to golf and enjoys an annual golf trip to Myrtle Beach. He is also learning to play the piano -- it is relaxing.

"Sometimes we get so busy sawing the wood, that we forget to sharpen the saw!"

-S. Covey



#### Rosemary L. Fountain

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Rosemary is a native Coloradoan. She resides with her husband, Don, and their daughter, Summer (14). Rosemary has an AA in Psychology, a BS in Social Work and is currently working towards two master degrees - a MA in Management and MA in Computer Resources and Information Management. Rosemary has held various leadership positions in numerous volunteer activities. For her extensive community service, the Denver Federal Executive Board and the Colorado Hispanic Council have each acknowledged her contributions. She has been a computer specialist with the Federal Government for fifteen years. Her supervisor responsibilities include budget, economic analysis, training, contracting, equipment acquisition, security, disaster recovery, personnel, administration, and miscellaneous support services for two agencies. With the knowledge and networking gained in the Leadership Aurora Program, she hopes to improve her efforts in making a difference in her personal and professional life.

"We must live together as brothers or perish together as fools"

-Martin Luther King Jr.



#### Kimberly D. French

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Kimberly grew up in Wyoming, moving to Colorado in 1994. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Wyoming in 1991. Kimberly is currently involved with the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Club. She married her high school sweetheart, Jeff, in 1994; they share their home with one dog. She loves to scuba dive, golf and watch the Colorado Rockies.



#### Michael R. Garcia

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Michael was born in Alamosa, Colorado making him a 4th generation Coloradoan. As a matter of record his grandfather performed the last official hanging in Colorado. Upon graduation from high school he entered the U.S. Navy where he specialized in data processing and was honorably discharged in 1975. He attended Adams State College in Alamosa and Metropolitan State College in Denver. He is happily married to the former Susanne D. Valdez and has two children Kristina and Michael both of whom attend Eaglecrest High School. Michael is involved with such organizations as the American Society of Military Comptrollers, the Aurora Museum Foundation, where he was recently elected to the board, the Rocky Mountain Inventors and Entrepreneurs Congress, the Eaglecrest Baseball Booster Club, where he serves as secretary, and the Global Network of Christian Ministries. He is Founder and Pastor of Christ Church in Aurora. He enjoys activities like hunting, fishing travel and reading.

"A little bit of something is better than a whole lot of nothing"

-Michael R. Garcia



#### Gloria D. Goodgain

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Gloria was born and raised in Americus, Georgia, and moved to Colorado in January, 1970. She is the third of 11 children, and will be the first to graduate from a four year college. She is seeking her Bachelor of Science Degree from Columbia College of Missouri/ Aurora campus, and plans to graduate in 1998. Gloria served 4 years in the United States Air Force, and then traveled throughout the US and overseas, speaking to members of the US Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard on their benefits and entitlements. She has developed and implemented the first strategic plan in the history of the Air Reserve Personnel Center. Gloria also serves as the Assistant Head Greeter for the Heritage Christian Center.

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom and with all your getting, get understanding". -The Holy Bible, Proverbs Chapter 4, verse 7.



#### Amy M. Hassler

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Amy lived in several states before moving to Colorado in 1994. She holds a BA in Business Marketing from the University of Northern Iowa. Immediately after graduation she began her career with Citywide Banks - Aurora National in 1994 and has grown to love Aurora. Leadership Aurora has provided Amy with additional networking and learning opportunities. She enjoys rock climbing, both downhill and cross country skiing, mountain biking, traveling and spending time with family and friends. She is a Cheerleading Instructor for the Young Olympians and is a chairperson for the Aurora Chamber of Commerce "Banks in Harmony". She also volunteers for the United Way as a campaign coordinator and One Day Family Aids Project - The Rainbow House.

"I don't know the secret to success but the key to failure is to try to please everyone". —Bill Cosby



#### Mark R. Hellenschmidt

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Mark is originally from Rochester, New York, moved to Aurora, Colorado in 1960. He attended Aurora schools graduated from Aurora Central High School in 1973. Mark attended Metropolitan State College as part of the Denver Police Cadet Program. He entered and graduated from the Denver Police Academy in 1977, and served as class spokesman at graduation ceremonies. During Mark's tenure with the Denver Police Department, he became involved in independent audio and video production, and resigned from the department after 10 years of service. Mark spent a year in California, and returned to Aurora. He joined the Aurora Police Department Communications Section in June of 1989. Mark became involved in training new employees, and participated in re-writing the Communications Section Standard Operating Procedures Manual. He was selected as the police department's Public Information Officer in January of 1994.

"We have come too far, we have sacrificed too much, to disdain the future now." –John F. Kennedy



#### **Brandon Hull**

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Brandon is originally from Lincoln, Nebraska. He received is B.A Degree in 1985 from the University of Nebraska and then went on to receive his JD Degree in 1988. Brandon moved to Colorado in 1994. He is the President Elect for the Colorado Bar Association, Young Lawyer Division, a Board member for the Arapahoe Mental Health Center, American Bar Association's District Representative for Colorado and Wyoming, and is involved in the Boulder Creek Festival. Brandon was a former gymnast on the University of Nebraska Gymnastics team; he enjoys skiing, and hiking. He is married to Linda and has 2 children.

"Talk is cheap until you talk to a lawyer"

- Unknown



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T.J. is currently an Applications Consultant for Lucent Technologies Business Communications Division. He received a BS in Finance from the University of Colorado, Boulder. After college, T.J. served as an Aviation Officer in the U.S. Army. During this time, he served as a helicopter company commander at Fort Carson, CO. His other interests include mountain and road bicycling, camping, and flying airplanes. T.J. is committed to community involvement and looks forward to providing support to Aurora in the future.



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Loretta moved to Colorado in October, 1993. She grew up on a ranch in Roosevelt, Utah, and also spent time in Texas and Japan. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Angelo State University in 1989. Loretta is a registered nurse and has enjoyed working in many aspects of the career, but thoroughly enjoys utilizing her abilities in her home. She is involved in many activities for her community. She is the Mile High Chapter Secretary for the Air Force Association, past President of the Jane Herrick Literary Club, Community Relations Officer for LDS Church and is the secretary for the Women's Relief Society Organization. Loretta was selected from spouses worldwide to be honored as the 1993 Air Force Spouse of the Year, a tribute to her outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement.

"We never know how far the effects of our service will reach - we can never afford to be cruel or indifferent or ungenerous, because we are all connected, even if it is in a pattern that only God sees" -Chieko N. Okazaki



Sheila A. Martin President

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Sheila is a fourth generation Coloradoan. After graduating from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sports Communications, Sheila immediately began working part time in the family business; in 1994 she assumed the presidency of Redi-Print, Inc. Sheila is a past president and current member of the Centennial Kiwanis Club of Aurora; she currently serves as the district chairperson of the Kiwanis IDD campaign. In addition, Sheila is on the Board of Managers of the Aurora Family YMCA. She was also an assistant coach for the Rangeview High School girls soccer program, and is currently a coach for the Bear Creek Soccer League. In Sheila's spare time she enjoys golf and playing soccer and softball. Sheila is married to David.

"When a man is determined what can stop him? Cripple him and you have a Sir Walter Scott. Bury him in the snows of Valley Forge and you have a George Washington. Have him born in abject poverty and you have a Lincoln. Put him in the grease pit of a locomotive round house and you have a Walter P. Chrysler. Make him second fiddle in an obscure South African Orchestra and you have a Toscanini. The hardships of life are sent not by an unkind destiny to crush, but to challenge.

-Sam E. Roberts



**Dominic Martinez** 

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Dominic was born in Texas but was raised in Boulder, Colorado. He graduated from the University of Colorado -Boulder and was commissioned a Field Artillery officer in the U.S. Army. He is currently a board member for Families First, and an intern for the Advisory Committee at Pickens Tech. He currently serves as class president and is a board member for Leadership Aurora. Leadership Aurora has provided Dominic a great network of new friends and community leaders. He hopes to use his new knowledge of Aurora to promote the city and make a better community for all. He is married to Tiffany and has a son, Beau.

"Finish what you start. Be proud of what you do. Never, ever quit."

- Anita Vigil, my mother



#### Wayne Edward Marusin

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Wayne was born in Pittsburgh, PA and moved to southern California in 1962. He attended Buena High School in Ventura, California. He was in the United States Air Force from 1968 to 1972 and was stationed at Lackland AFB, Texas, Lowry AFB, Colorado, Clark AB, Philippines. Wayne was also stationed over seas in Korea and Taiwan for a time. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering in 1979 from the University of Colorado at Denver. Wayne has 2 children Tarah and Cory.

"It's the finish, not the start, that counts"

-Unknown



#### David K. Maxwell

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David grew up in Chicago, Illinois and moved to Colorado in 1992. He graduated with a MBA from Western State College, Gunnison in 1983. After 20 years of service to the US Army, David retired from that career and began another. Currently David is the treasurer for his homeowners association. David has been married for 21 years and has two children, ages 16 and 12.

"Lead, follow or get the hell out of the way."

- Army Quote



#### **Damon Yancey McLeese**

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Damon is a native Texan and lived in Houston for a short time. He moved to Colorado in 1966. He attended Aurora Central High, received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1988 from Metropolitan State College and will receive his MS degree from Regis University this year. Damon is involved with Special Olympics International as a volunteer. He is a member of the Points of Light Foundation and a board member of the Denver Directors of Volunteers in Agencys (DOVIA).

"Never doubt that a small committed group of citizens can change the world...in fact it is the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead



#### Angela McCain Phillips

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Angela is from Queen Creek, Arizona. She moved to Colorado in 1981. She attended Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri, Arizona State University and the University of Arizona. She holds a degree in Liberal Arts and BS in Business Adminsitration and has graduate work in Urban Planning. Angela has worked in the urban planning field at city, county and regional levels for over 20 years. She has also done some consulting work. In addition to working on the location and boundaries for new facitlites, Angela supervises district admissions and records. She serves as a district liaison to various federal, state and local governmental offices. She has been with Cherry Creek Schools for eight years. Angela is the mother of two boys (Chris and Connor) She loves reading, quilting and long walks. Angela is currently involved with the American Institute of Certified Planners; American Planning Association; PEO - Chapter HJ, St. Andrew United Methodist Chruch; and the American Association of University Women.

"You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try."

-Beverly Sills



#### Gordon Pidek

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Gordon, a native of Canada, moved to Colorado in 1959. He attended Regis University and graduated in 1984 with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. As President of Gateway Credit Union, Gordon has seen many changes over the years. When Lowry Air Force Base closed, he helped to re-design the organization to serve the Aurora community. Gordon's spare time is occupied with children, his home and sports

and the god soften god



#### Tom Pirog

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Originally from El Paso, Texas, Tom came to Colorado in 1964. He graduated from Colorado State University in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Construction Management. Having lived in Aurora for 32 years, he has seen our city grow dramatically. Through the knowledge gained from the various Leadership Aurora classes, he plans to become a more active participant in enhancing the quality of life in our community. Tom is currently involved in many activities, including the CSU -Construction Management Leadership Committee and the Aurora Parks/Recreation Youth Basketball program. He is also an intern for the Morning Star Senior Day pro-

"You were born to win, but to be a winner, you must plan to win, prepare to win and expect to win."

-Unknown



#### **Charlene Rhoades**

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Charlene has been with the American Red Cross for 10 years. The organization provides a combination of marketing, sales, and human services. Charlene's pride and joy heart and soul are her children, Beth and Alex. Charlene grew up in the hills of West Virginia and takes pride in her mountaineer spirit. Charlene is an avid hiker and enjoys gardening. She has resided in Aurora for 17+ years and feels this is home more than any other place.

"Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Tomorrow ... "

-Annie



#### David J. Robinson

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David moved from North Dakota to Denver in 1981 and graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in Business Administration in 1986. He has been employed at US West since 1986. During his ten years at US West he has worked in the legal department as a legal assistant in the areas of regulatory law and risk management before entering the field of Public Policy. At US West David has worked with United Way and Junior Achievement in fundraising activities. David is a believer in continuing education, attending classes at the University of Phoenix and through Boston College.

"Let them call me a rebel and welcome, I feel no concern from it; but I should suffer the misery of devils were I to make a whore of my soul." -Thomas Paine



Stephanie Shpall Small Business Specialist City of Aurora 9915 East Colfax Aurora, Colorado 80010 (303) 361-0847

Stephanie is a native of Colorado and attended the Kent Denver Country Day School. She received her BSBA in Hotel and Restaurant Management in 1981 from the University of Denver; she also received her MBA in Finance and Accounting in 1992 from the University of Houston. She is involved as a volunteer for the Bone Marrow Transplant Program and the Women's Bean Project. Stephanie is a board member and on the loan committee for the Colorado Lending Source and is an advisory board member for the Original Aurora Renewal.



Mark Stephenson **Battalion Chief** Aurora Fire Department

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Mark grew up in Cleveland, Ohio. After spending the summer of 1972 at an outdoor survival/mountain climbing school in Wyoming, he headed to the Gulf of Mexico intent on becoming a merchant marine. He ran out of gas and money in Denver and has been here ever since. Mark initially worked at a variety of jobs, including insurance broker for First National Bancorp, and a semi-truck driver delivering hazardous materials throughout the western region. He joined the Aurora Fire Department in 1979 and has worked his way to the position of Battalion Chief. He has been an active volunteer in the community, including speaking at schools and non-profit groups. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and he serves on the board of directors for the Aurora Federal Credit Union. He also serves as the President of the Board of Directors of the Colorado CPR Association and is an active instructor in police and fire academies. He is a certified instructor through P.O.S.T. (law enforcement), the National Fire Academy, the Advanced Cardiac Life Support (American College of Surgeons), and Tacoma Corp. (management training). He and his wife have three children and one grandchild.

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

-Abraham Lincoln



Carla A. Vellos

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Carla and her husband of 30 years run their business together. Carla is originally from Chicago, Illinois and moved to Colorado in 1979. She graduated in 1971 from the University of Illinois. She is a member of the Aurora Rotary Club; in her spare time Carla loves to travel, garden and attend antique and art shows. Now that Carla's two sons have grown, she is becoming more involved in the community.

"My idea of a superwoman is one who scrubs her own

-Bette Midler



Robert H. Wagner, O.D.

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Robert was born in St. Joseph, Missouri. He received his B.S. in Biology from the University of Missouri - Columbia in 1992. He went on to Optometry School at the University at Missouri - St. Louis. Robert graduated with honors in 1996 and has an emphasis in Pathology and Glaucoma. Robert moved to Colorado to begin work with Vision Care Specialists right after graduation. He enjoys camping, weightlifting, mountain biking, skiing, and Tae Kwon Do. He is a member of Beta Sigma Kappa -Optometry honors society, Leadership Aurora, and the Mid America Tae Kwon Do Association.



#### Owen Paul Walcher

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Owen is a Colorado native. He holds a BS degree in Computer Science, and a Masters in Information Systems. He is President and owner of mktplace.net, a World Wide Web marketing and advertising firm. Owen is involved with the Ambassadors Club for the Aurora Chamber of Commerce; a Rotarian and Optimist; and a Republican Delegate for Aurora, Arapahoe County and the state of Colorado. Owen and his wife, Diana, have two children, Alexandra and Evan.

"It's easier to get forgiveness than permission."

-Unknown



#### Terri Wohlever

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Terri, originally from
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Oberlin College in 1985 and
from Northern Illinois
University with a Master of
Science in Public Health in
1989. In 1991 she moved to
Colorado. She is the Chair for
The Aurora Project, a board
member for The Aurora Teen
Pregnancy Prevention Project
and the Aurora Prevention
Link, as well as a member of
the Junior League of Denver.

"Enthusiasm is one of the most powerful engines for success, when you do a thing, do it with all your might. Put your whole soul into it, stamp it with your personality, be active, be energetic, be enthusiastic and faithful, and you will accomplish your objective. Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



#### Rosalyn Kutner Zigmond

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Rosalyn is a native of Niagara Falls, NY. She moved to Colorado in 1978 after receiving her Baccalaureate in Music from the University of Michigan. She has a Master of Arts in rhetorical theory and composition from the University of Colorado. Rosalyn is the past Director of Grants and Funding for the Community College of Aurora. She was a college faculty member - teaching, writing, and a former free lance writer for the Rocky Mountain News and the Denver Post.

"Imagination is more important than knowledge"

-Albert Einstein

# Acknowledgements

The Leadership Aurora program is designed to build upon the dedication and leadership abilities of the participants. In order to acquaint Leadership Aurora participants with the issues facing the Aurora community as well as the metropolitan area, class members attend a two-day retreat in September and thereafter day-long monthly sessions from October through May. Topics are presented through lectures, lively debate, small group discussions, activities, case studies and field experience. The community is the classroom.

Class members learn about every major aspect of community life from education and economic development to media, police and fire protection, and healthcare. Most of all they develop a working relationship among themselves and with current community leaders. The success of the program is measured by the positive effect on the participants, their organizations and the community.



The Leadership Aurora program acknowledges and thanks the Leadership Aurora Board members whose charge includes recruitment and selection and the development of program curriculum. They spent many volunteer hours formulating program content and securing guest speakers for each session. We also thank each of the speakers/presenters who volunteered their time on behalf of the program.

### Opening Retreat: Iron Horse Resort, —

#### Winter Park



The 1996 - 1997 Leadership Aurora Class participated in its first of many beneficial sessions. The class retreat involved two days of intense leadership training, team building and fun. Class members heard from a variety of successful business leaders, elected officials and community leaders about their thoughts on leadership styles. Although the weather was chilly to be outside for team building, it helped each class member learn to concentrate and trust each other. The Myers Briggs Type Indicator proved to be interesting as it taught many class members how they were different and helped them understand each other a little better

#### Session Coordinators

Ray Barnes - Chair Sheila Anthony, Tom Bowman, Dale Mingilton, George Peck, Joe Pucci Jo Snell, John Spann, Heidi Tackett

#### "We Are Family" Community Day

This was Leadership Aurora's first session. The class was divided into groups based on subject areas that were identified during the retreat. We got to explore the community of Aurora in areas of "youth at risk", "families in need", "recreation and open space", and "cultural and ethnic". In the afternoon session the class returned to convince a fictitious company the many benefits Aurora has to offer, and why that company should move its operations to our wonderful city

Session Coordinators
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### "In the Line of Fire" Police Session

The class was exposed to a side of Aurora most have never had the opportunity to experience. Leadership Aurora heard from Aurora's Police Chief Verne St. Vincent. He explained many aspects of the force including why our city is among the safest to live. The class then went over to the city jail and received a tour to finish up the morning session. During the afternoon Leadership Aurora was exposed to demonstrations from the SWAT team, heard from Vice and Narcotics squads and participated in a video simulation on how to handle a domestic dispute. A community panel spoke to us about the many ways we can get involved within the community and help our local law enforcement officers. Truly an enlightening experience; one filled with greater appreciation for our Police Department

Session Coordinators
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### Lights, Camera, Action! Media Day

Professionals in the print and broadcast fields shared helpful tips on the "do's" and "dont's" of the media in the morning session. They included a lot of real life experiences, some of their own. The class also learned many aspects as to what it takes to write a story within a deadline, as well as what it takes to air a hot news item, using

the many sources available. In the afternoon, the class participated in a mock TV interview show at KACT-TV Channel 8. The topics were provided to the class prior to the session about the hot issues facing the City of Aurora today. The session was replayed and the experts critiqued the performances. We will probably never view a television interview the same again!

Session Coordinators
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# "Where Does it Hurt?" Healthcare Session

The Leadership Class spent the day at the Columbia Medical Center South Campus. They were provided with an overview on maintaining quality health care in a cost effective manner, the ethical challenges in medicine, and the reorganization of the two Aurora hospitals. The class then participated in an ethical exercise. They were given real life circumstances and had to present their decisions to the Ethics Board. In the afternoon the class toured the hospital including the Airlife Helicopters, and ER area; they dressed in "zoot suits" and explored the OR area and then toured the radiology area. This was a very enlightening session which provided a greater appreciation for the concern of medicine in the future

#### "School Daze" Education Session

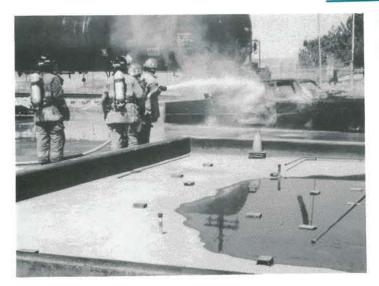
The Leadership Class started the morning at the Aurora Public Schools Administration Building. We heard from both superintendents of the Aurora area schools, Cherry Creek and Aurora Public Schools. The class then broke into groups and toured different schools in the area, including Eaglecrest High School and Pickens Tech, as well as two elementary schools. In the afternoon session the class shared their experiences of the schools visited with the other members of the class. We were then given an overview of the new Colorado state graduating standards, and were informed of the current trends and impacts of education in Aurora (both current and future.) Our youth have so much to choose from in the form of education



#### Session Coordinators

Marc Stine - Chair Catherine Canny Artie Cowan, Andre Lanier





# "Where There's Smoke, There's Fire"

#### Fire Session

Leadership Aurora got to see the numerous duties our fire department does for the Aurora community today. Class members heard from Chief Ray Barnes, and watched an enlightening demonstration from class member Mark Stephenson during the morning. In the afternoon session they were trained to fight car fires, learn Hazmat safety, watched rescue attempts in burning buildings, the workings of the fire trucks and the fire house on wheels. This session was not only fun, but it taught us the importance of what we can sometimes take for granted, the men and women who work hard for the safety of our community

Session Coordinator Ray Barnes - Chair

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# Dollars & Sense" - Economics and Infrastructure

At this session we were exposed to the economic growth in Aurora. We were provided updates on Denver International Airport, E-470, Gateway Park Development, I-225/Alameda Avenue Interchange, Economic Development Council, Fitzsimons Development, and the Colorado economy. The class participated in an exercise to design what we think the

I-225/Alameda Interchange should look like. It was a real "eye-opener" to see how Aurora is being planned and developed for growth well into the 21st century







# "Pride & Presence" Military Session

Leadership Aurora met for its final session in May at the Buckley Air National Guard Base to learn more about the remaining military installations in Aurora. They were welcomed by Colonel Wayne Schultz, 140th Wing Vice Commander. Col. Schultz was the "Top Gun" in 1981. After touring the Navel Reserve Readiness Center and Buckley Air National Guard Base, the class had the opportunity to view a spectacular "fly-by" of four F-16's. During the afternoon, the class learned about the missions of the Air Reserve Personnel Center and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, both located on the former Lowry Air Force Base. After returning to Buckley, the class received an exciting briefing and tour of the 821st Space Group 2nd Space Warning Squadron (i.e. the "Golf Balls".) It was a tremendous end to a fantastic year!.





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### "Leaders Making a Difference" Class Projects

The Leadership Aurora Class chose two class projects this year. The first was a community wide blood, clothing, and food drive in December, at the Buckingham Shopping Center. Clothing donations were given to the Crawford Resource Center, food donations were given to the Salvation Army, and blood donated went to the Bonfils Blood Center. Many Christmas shoppers stopped by to leave donations or give blood. Truly a success in the Aurora Community.









The second class project was an Arbor Day celebration. Class members participated in planting trees, laying sod, or building flagstone steps at the former Air Force Base at Lowry. The class helped plant over 90 trees for the beautification project, and enjoyed pizza and a concert to finish out the day

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