



# Affordable community opens with Aurora, HUD and low-income tax credit funding



It was a warm July day when Brothers Redevelopment, Inc. - along with honored guest speakers and a large crowd - celebrated the opening of their 14th affordable community, Paris Family Apartments. From left to right, cutting the ribbon: Brothers Redevelopment Board Chairman Chad Mitchell; Colorado Governor Jared Polis; Brothers Redevelopment President Jeff Martinez; Housing and Urban Development Secretary Dr. Ben Carson; Colorado Sen. Cory Gardner; and Aurora Mayor Bob LeGare. The 39-unit, \$13.5 million project was funded through federal HUD dollars and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, along with \$2 million in federal pass through funding from the City of Aurora. The City also donated the land. (7/12/19) (877) 751-9990.

## Thurs, Sept. 26, 2019 • 5 – 8 pm

#### Taste, Culture, Diversity.

Join the Aurora Chamber of Commerce for an evening of amazing food, wine, spirits, chef experiences, and unique culinary collaborations. Dozens of hand-picked local restaurants will showcase the diverse culinary scene by serving you their best. Come sip, eat, and network.

Your all-inclusive ticket is good for samples, beverages, and participation in the cocktail and chef challenge. Free parking is available in the lots surrounding the hotel.

#### Early Bird tickets purchased by Sept. 12, 2019:

Individual: \$30 • Group of 10 tickets: \$260 Tickets purchased after Sept. 12, and at the door: Individual: \$40 • Group of 10 tickets: \$360



## 2019 Aurora Mayoral Candidate Forum & **City Council Candidate Meet & Greet Monday. September 16**

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# President's Letter



**Kevin Hougen** President & CEO

Welcome to the home of the new Gaylord Rockies Convention Center, home of the new Spaceport Colorado and to the possible new home of United States Space Command. What a vear 2019 has been, and the year isn't even over vet!

2019 has turned into one of the brightest economic development vears in Colorado with these additions to our business community. Your Chamber has been involved and your investment in The Chamber has been proven to be a great return on that investment.

2020 is around the corner and we will be working on a few new initiatives to go hand-in-hand with our "high tech" approach to membership and to the "high touch" we pride ourselves in working on every day.

The Aurora Chamber of Commerce exists to be....

The Catalyst for business growth

The **Convener** of leaders and influencers who make things

The **Champion** for a stronger community - **Community First**, **Business Always** 

Our core values remain the same:

- Strengthen the local economy by researching and providing available resources to grow our local businesses
- **Promote** the communities we serve as a destination for new business, tourists, active adults and potential
- **Provide** networking opportunities by hosting a myriad of seminars, events, and programs for our Chamber members
- **Represent** the interests of business with government by building relationships with pro-business government agencies and effectively voicing the needs of area businesses
- Build community-wide leadership by encouraging and developing a shared vision for the future of our communities and collectively influencing stakeholders to make it happen

We will continue to be involved in State-wide programs for job creation, and our support for affordable housing continues to grow across the region. We are also continuing our work on the need for daycare across our communities. More families have two full-time working parents, and the need for additional and affordable daycare continues to grow.

Thank you again for your investment of both time and monies in the growing communities we serve!

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Please route this issue to your sales reps, account managers, marketing directors, HR and PR departments. You can also access each month's newsletter online at our website, www.aurorachamber.org, so you can forward it to every employee in your company!

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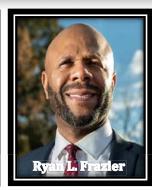
The mission of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce is to give a voice to the business community and serve as an advocate for its members, creating a positive business environment that encourages their growth and long-term economic vitality.

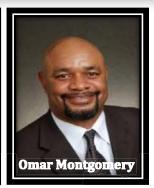


# 2019 Aurora Mayoral Candidate Forum & City Council Candidate Meet & Greet











## Monday, September 16, 2019

- 10:30 am 11:00 am: Registration
- 11:00 am 11:30 am: Meet and Greet
- 11:30 am 1:00 pm: Lunch and Forum

## **Denver Airport Marriott at Gateway Park**

16455 E. 40th Circle, Aurora, CO 80011

Register Now! \$45 per seat or \$650 for a table of eight

For more information, contact DeeDee Poole: deedee.poole@aurorachamber.org









# Chamber Committees An Inside Look

## **BUSINESS FOR THE ARTS**

## Changing it up for BFA Tuesday, August 6, 2019



Reneé Leon

Traditionally, the August BFA meeting has focused on planning the schedule for the upcoming year. This year was different.

Committee Chair Reneé Leon with Aurora Auto Pros, LLC, introduced the concept of reprioritizing the monthly programming to more accurately inform Chamber members about how businesses can and do benefit from the arts. This will include renaming the committee, changing the mission and vision statements, and creating a new logo.

To help with these efforts, Mark Smith of PhotoSmith Colorado was elected as the committee vice-chair.

At the <u>September 3, 2019</u> <u>meeting</u>, the committee will discuss a revised name, mission and vision statements, and format for upcoming meetings.



Mark Smith

## **TRANSPORTATION**

## Improving the Journey with E-470 Wednesday, August 7, 2019

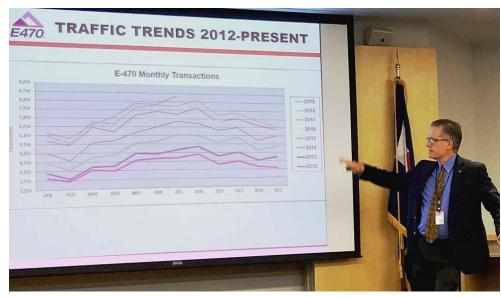
<u>E-470</u> is that 47-mile, all-electronic toll road that saves time for an average of 250,000 vehicles per day. The user-financed toll road first opened in 1991, with traffic expected to double between now and 2040.

At the August 6
Transportation meeting, held at the E-470 offices, Executive Director Tim Stewart shared updates on E-470 traffic trends and projects, including the Quincy to I-70 Widening, a pedestrian bridge near Quincy, and the reconfiguration of the Quincy interchange.

Partnership projects include the Stephen D. Hogan Parkway (Aurora), the 38th Avenue (ARTA) and Quebec (Thornton) interchanges, Tower Road Ramps (Commerce City), Chambers Interchange (Douglas County), Recreational Trails (Town of Parker and ACOS), electrical charging, and future intersection signals.

Stewart also talked about interoperability, and that <a href="ExpressToll"><u>ExpressToll</u></a> customers can utilize their interoperable transponders on all toll facilities in the state.

For a copy of the presentation, contact <a href="Mitzi.Schindler@aurorachamber.org">Mitzi.Schindler@aurorachamber.org</a>.



Tim Stuart, executive director of E-470 reviews traffic trends.

## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, EDUCATION, AND ENERGY

## **Upcoming Legislative Session and Tour of SolarTAC**

Thursday, August 8, 2019

On August 8, the Government Affairs committee had a brief meeting, and talked about what to expect in the upcoming legislative session. Meg Dubray with Axiom Politics discussed some potential bills that may appear again next session, including FAMLI. The FAMLI bill creates the family and medical leave insurance program and the division of family and medical leave insurance (division) in the department of labor and employment to provide partial wage replacement benefits to an eligible individual who takes leave from work.

Following the meeting, a group from the committee drove to SolarTAC for a tour of the growing facility. The Solar Technology Acceleration Center (SolarTAC) is the largest test facility for solar technologies in the United States. It provides a venue for researching, demonstrating,



SolarTAC facility

testing, and validating a broad range of solar technologies at the early commercial or near-commercial stage of development.

SolarTAC has common areas for performance validation testing of new solar energy system components, including areas for proprietary testing by Member Companies.

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## **ADA Compliance** Friday, August 9, 2019



Jennifer Harris, Denver International Airport

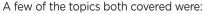
In August, the Diversity and Inclusion Council hosted Kim Tenure, I/DD policy, education and advocacy manager with Developmental Pathways, and Jennifer Harris, director of ADA/Title IV program, with Denver International Airport. Their presentation was about ADA Compliance, and how to make sure business owners are compliant with current laws.

Tenure discussed historic legislation and its protections for people with disabilities; but

## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COUNCIL

primarily focused on employment compliance, in order to relate to the audience of business owners and employees in the room.

Harris spoke on accommodations made, allowing access to all who work at and travel through Denver International Airport, which is the fifth busiest airport in the nation and the primary economic engine for the state of Colorado.



- Job descriptions and identifying essential functions
- · Interview do's and don'ts
- · Disclosure and confidentiality
- Training requirements and accommodations
- Difference between modifications and accommodations
- Open communication
- Undue hardship
- · Creative problem solving



Kim Tenure, Developmental Pathways

And, speaking of Diversity and Inclusion, be sure to save the date for the **4th Annual Diversity and Inclusion Resource Summit: Oct. 17, 2019** at the Summit Event and Conference Center. The event will begin with optional professional development workshops presented by experts in their field:

- Reaping the Benefits Research shows that simply hiring diverse groups of people isn't enough. To actually get the benefits of diversity, companies need to train their employees and encourage open communication.
- Navigating Difficult Dialogue about Diversity in the Workplace - How some people can react badly to diversity initiatives

Following the workshops, the Resource Fair allows vendors the opportunity to share resources that can help businesses diversify their products, services, workplace, or customers; create more inclusive work environments; or share marketing strategies to increase business efforts into different markets in the Eastern Metro Area.

The event will include keynote speaker Dr. Ryan E. Ross, educator, speaker, and actualization coach; a business success story; and presentation of the Diversity and Inclusion Champion Award.

The Summit will also include hosted beer and wine and complimentary food choices by international restaurants.

## **WOMEN IN BUSINESS**

### **Developing the** Attitude of a Champion August 27, 2019

The August Women in Business meeting was standing room only, as the committee hosted Steve Black, founder of Business Success Training. Black is a well-known speaker, specializing in strategies and tactics to take one's business and life to a higher level. Catering to his audience, Black presented

about the five things you must master in order to be successful in business: time management; prospecting and marketing; social media; making a great presentation; and having the attitude of a champion. Black also reminded the group that "It's not what you know, but who knows you, likes you, and wants



Steve Black

And how does one attain the attitude of a champion? Black continued his presentation by introducing what he calls "59 Minutes to Terrific," in which he outlined five things to do first thing in the morning - every day for 21 days. He explained that by committing to doing these five things every morning for 21 days, it creates a 'habit' - and we are creatures of habit. The five in 59 include positive affirmation, drink two full glasses of water, exercise for 15-30 minutes (walking is exercise), feed you mind by reading something inspiring or educational, and write down three

things that you are grateful for.

Black has a Business Success Training in Denver on December 12 and on December 10 in Colorado Springs. For information, go to www.businesssuccesstraining.com

## **WORK WELL 2.0 HEALTH SERIES**

## **Resiliency and Wellness** in the Workplace

Thursday, August 8, 2019

to do business with you."

According to Merriam Webster, resilience is defined as "an ability to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change." The American Psychological Association defines resilience as "the process of adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats or significant sources of stress." It means "bouncing back" from difficult experiences.

And according to Addison McGill, LSW, director of business development at The Medical Center of Aurora (TMCA), resiliency an integral factor in personal wellness.

sponsored in-part by At his August 8 presentation at TMCA for

The Chamber's Health Series, McGill talked

about the many factors



The Work Well 2.0 Health Series is

that can contribute to a person's resiliency, including adverse childhood experiences, level of self-care in emotions, mind, work, relationships, spirit, and body, and their own perception of success.

Resilient people: set boundaries in both professional life and personal life in order to avoid burnout, delegate more responsibilities to subordinates, turn difficult events to their advantage and view setbacks as learning opportunities.

> McGill explained burnout and noted that selfcare is necessary for your effectiveness and success in honoring professional and personal commitments. By finding ways to integrating these 'skills' into your life, studies have shown that you will be more resilient to challenges and negative influences.

It is equally important for leaders to understand the importance of organizational wellness. McGill shared that the fiscal impacts of depression, anxiety, addiction, and substance abuse are more than \$160 billion in the United States. By strategically developing, implementing and communicating a well-rounded wellness program, organizations can achieve a higher morale of their employees and decrease their overall healthcare costs. He noted that leadership style can have a direct impact on employee happiness, psychological well-being and physical

"Resiliency is a key to overall wellness," said McGill. "It can reduce health risks, improve quality of life, enhance personal effectiveness, and benefit the organization's bottom line."



Left to right at the August Work Well 2.0 Health Series about Resiliency and Wellness in the Workplace: Addison McGill, TMCA; Jennifer Hamilton, Renew Saddle Rock; Tamara Mawhir, Family Tree; Cheri Prochazka, Fitzsimons Credit Union; Susan Davis, TMCA; and Jennifer Tellis, Tri-County Health Department.

## Rockies vs Giants Tailgate Tuesday, July 15, 2019



The Aurora Chamber Young Professionals had an awesome opportunity to attend a night of networking, food, drinks, and a Rockies game. The annual event is put on by the Colorado Restaurant Association and had well over 150 attendees. The night began with networking at the Exdo Event Center in downtown Denver. There was food and beverages as well as a few speeches, including one by Richard Monfort, owner of the Rockies. After the networking, everyone headed over to Coors Field to watch the Rockies play the Giants. What a great way to network with Young Professionals from all over the Metro Area!

## COLORADO RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION



## Joint Networking at the Forney Museum of Transportation Thursday, August 15, 2019

For their August meeting, the Aurora Chamber's Young Professionals attended a joint networking event with the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Denver. The event was held at the Forney Museum of Transportation, which was a great venue to get to know each other, and to network and interact. This was a valuable event because it connected the Aurora Young Professionals with other Young Professional groups from around Denver, Broomfield, Aurora, and many more. These types of events really get our Young Professionals out and networking with other Young Professionals across the state. A huge value!

## DEFENSE COUNCIL

## **Cherry Creek School District's Innovation Campus**

Thursday, August 22, 2019

The August 2019 Defense Council meeting was held at Cherry Creek School District's (CCSD) brand new Innovation Campus. CCSD Chief of Staff Chris Smith, began the meeting by welcoming the council members to the campus.

VP of Engineering at Ball Aerospace Dr. Mike Gazarik, talked about Ball's civil space and national defense programs, their strong community support, and how they are striving to create a more sustainable planet.

Unit reports were provided by local commands and congressional reports by representatives from



One of the six tour groups following the meeting – visiting the Aviation Maintenance facility.



There were more than 130 attendees at this month's meeting at the CCSD Innovation Campus.

the offices of Senator Cory Gardner and Congressman Jason Crow. In addition, Buckley Air Force Base's Airman and Family Readiness Center introduced their Allied Family Integration program and Dr. Edgar Villarreal, VA Eastern Colorado Healthcare System, discussed the VA's initiatives to prevent veteran suicide.

The Courtyard Denver Airport at Gateway Park sponsored a delicious breakfast.

## MemberNews

## Aurora rises as a Top 50 U.S. Meeting Destination

Aurora, Colorado has been ranked number 33 on Cvent's list of Top 50 Meeting Destinations in the United States for 2019; a nine-point increase from 2018 and a 23-point increase from 2017.

"We are honored to be ranked among the 50 outstanding meetings destinations in the country by Cvent," said Bruce



Bruce Dalton

Dalton, <u>Visit Aurora</u> President & CEO. "Our team, Board of Directors, every vendor, and hotel property we work with have played a key role in helping us advance our status as a premier meetings destination in just two years." Aurora's rank increase is the largest jump among all the destinations on the list.

"New properties, such as <u>Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center</u> and <u>Hyatt Regency Aurora-Denver Conference Center</u>, award-winning restaurants, and aggressive economic development have played a significant role in shaping our destination," said Dalton.

Effective January 1, 2019, Aurora's City Council approved a Destination Marketing Improvement Fee to fund additional sales and marketing efforts by Visit Aurora, the official convention and visitor's bureau.

"We are doing our part to put Aurora on the map, and we're here to stay," said Rick Crandall, Visit Aurora Chairman.

## Fitzsimons Credit Union Announces Scholarship Winners

The **Fitzsimons Credit Union's** Sandra B. Neves Scholarships — named in honor of former Chamber Board Chair and Fitzsimons Credit Union CEO Sandy Neves — were recently awarded to eight recipients who were chosen based

on academic achievement, career aspirations, community service, extracurricular participation, and financial needs: Breanna Kendle; Jael Mallory; Mikayla Moulton-Burridge; Sarah Weskamp; Sydney Herrera; Russell Dyk; Ramadje Benoudjita; and Rebecca Durfee. (See details about the scholarship recipients)

Neves has always been passionate about higher education, asserting that "the backbone of any accomplishment is education, no matter how one defines success." In fact, she did not measure her own success by becoming a CEO, but by the opportunities she was given by supporters, mentors and educators, and by having the good fortune to get an education and work in a career she loved.

Fitzsimons Credit Union President/CEO Robert Fryberger said, "All of this year's applicants should be proud of their achievements — in school and in life. These students truly represent those in our membership and community who continually strive for self-improvement and higher purpose. Selection this year was challenging as always, but I feel those selected clearly exemplify what the Sandra B. Neves scholarship stands for."



Fitzsimons Credit Union Senior VP Nina Myers (left) and Marketing Specialist Shanna Farley (right), award Sydney Herrera with a \$500 scholarship. Herrera is studying journalism at Metropolitan State University of Denver.

## Member**Contribution**

## **Help with Affording Health Insurance**

Do you have health insurance? Do your employees have health insurance? The most recent data from the Colorado Health Institute estimated that in 2017 there were more than 19,000 uninsured in Arapahoe County and more than 45,000 uninsured in Adams County. A large portion of the uninsured are part-time and hourly workers who may be eligible for financial assistance to get health insurance. ConnectAurora can help explain the options.

ConnectAurora is a program and service provided by the Aurora Mental Health Center, and is a certified assistance site for Connect for Health Colorado. The trained staff provide free, in-person, unbiased assistance to anyone who needs help understanding Colorado's health insurance programs. We assist customers with Connect for Health Colorado Marketplace insurance plans, Health First Colorado Medicaid and Child Health Plan Plus programs (CHP+).

Depending on your family size and annual income (such as an individual earning less than \$48,560 per year), you may be

eligible for financial help to purchase an insurance plan. Or, you may qualify for free or low-cost health coverage through Medicaid and CHP+ programs.

ConnectAurora offers in-person education and enrollment assistance at three locations in Aurora, and staff can help you comparison shop for health insurance plans and apply for tax credits to reduce your monthly payments. To schedule an appointment, call 303-923-6519, or sign up on-line at www.ConnectAurora.org.



Connecting Aurora to Affordable Healthcare

<u>Allison Summerton</u> is a program manager with ConnectAurora.

## Ribbon Cuttings & Open Houses

Ribbon cuttings mean business: **967 Jobs** 



### **CSU Global**

585 Salida Way, Aurora, CO 80011

CSU Global hosted a VIP Reception in celebration of their new headquarters, which will provide more opportunities for community engagement and service as they continue to meet industry and modern learner needs through high-quality, career-relevant, and affordable online education. Cutting the ribbon is Marques Ivey, J.D., Aurora Public Schools board president; to his right is Dr. Becky

Takeda - Tinker, president of CSU Global and Rico Munn, J.D., superintendent of **Aurora Public Schools**. The celebration took part as a two-day event also hosting CSU System Board of Governors from all over the country. Guests enjoyed catered hors d'oeuvres while touring the facility and networking with other attendees. (8/8/19) (800) 920-6723.



Les Schwab - Picadilly - 21609 E. Quincy Ave., Aurora, CO 80015

**Les Schwab - Picadilly** hosted an all-day event celebrating the grand opening of their newest location. Guests were able to spin the wheel for prizes and some walked away with Rockies Tickets! Adam Cusic, manager, was accompanied by Larry Crawford, assistant manager and staff, as well as Chamber staff and ambassadors. Les Schwab offers a variety of services including tires, brakes, wheels, alignments, batteries, shocks and struts and more. "At Les Schwab we strive to be part of the community, if we wouldn't put it in our family's vehicle, we wouldn't put it in yours," said Adam Cusic. (6.29.19) (303) 632-7956

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#### Homewood /Tru by Hilton Denver Airport - Tower Road

6951 N. Yampa St., Denver, CO 80249

Homewood/Tru by Hilton Denver Airport has come together into one unique experience! Molly Koons, cluster director of sales and hotel staff invited Chamber members to join them for a "Hard Hat Tour" and lunch, to learn about the two hotels. Homewood Suites amenities include a complimentary hot full breakfast, and drinks at their complimentary evening social Monday – Thursday. The hotel also has free 24hr airport shuttle service, a pool, fitness center and outdoor patio. (303) 307-8000. Tru by Hilton Denver Airport Tower Road has smaller but efficiently designed rooms, free shuttle service, complementary hot breakfast, fitness center, outdoor patio and pool. They also offer free tea, hot chocolate and LavAzza coffee 24/7 int heir fun filled lobby. (303) 307-9500. (8/1/19)





The Juicy Seafood - 2727 S. Parker Rd., Aurora, CO 80014

Owners and investors of **The Juicy Seafood** are certainly enthusiastic about the grand opening of their first location in Colorado — right here in Aurora! The Cajun and Creole restaurant hosted more than 40 guests at the event, offering a delicious buffet of seafood appetizers including crab legs, shrimp, crawfish, and chicken wings — in a variety of flavorful sauces. Cutting the ribbon from left to right: Sophia Zhang, manager; Jack Lu, investor; Feilin Jiang, owner; Mike Coffman, candidate for mayor; Pin Zheng, investor; Aren Chen, investor; and Cassie Gan, general manager. The Juicy Seafood uses only fresh ingredients and high-quality brand products. They offer a full bar and great happy hour deals! (7.1.19) (970) 510-0905.

Always Fresh It's Always Juicy!



Dream Maker - 10660 E. Bethany Dr., Ste. 18, Aurora, CO 80014

Zailyn Prada is an experienced holistic counselor and assimilation coach and is excited about successfully starting her own business, **Dream Maker**. Prada offers different coaching services including: health and weight, stress/anger and relationships, parenting and divorce, as well as assimilation; in which she helps immigrants with cultural transition as they enter the United States through cultural expectations, American customs, traditions, banking, housing, affordable healthcare, immigration documents, degree/credentialing and validations, translation with English and Spanish, Citizen preparation and more. Prada cut the ribbon to her new location and was joined by family, friends, Chamber President Kevin Hougen, and staff. (8/9/2019) (760) 792-0381.



## Wingate by Wyndham at Denver Airport

6670 Yampa St., Denver, CO 80249

Wingate by Wyndham at Denver Airport hosted The Chamber for the June Business After Hours, and a ribbon cutting. As a new hotel, Stacy Green (left), Deena James (middle) and General Manager, Travis McInroy (right) celebrated their grand opening, and were joined by hotel staff, over 50 Chamber members, and Chamber staff and ambassadors. The hotel provides contemporary accommodations and convenient amenities including free airport shuttle and parking, complimentary breakfast, free WiFi, a gym, and two meeting rooms. (6.27.19) (303-371-5959.

# Interested in Becoming a Chamber Ambassador?

The Ambassador Team is a great group to be a part of. The goal the Ambassador Team is to help The Chamber focus on retention and membership growth — but that's not to say that they don't know how to have fun! At a recent 'social' at the home of Colin and Terry Spencer of Colin Spencer Productions, some of the Ambassadors gathered for a lovely evening get together to enjoy each other's company.

Through its consistent and strong members, the Ambassador Team reaches out to many Chamber members each month, providing connections for our businesses and community members. The team also helps with Chamber events as volunteers, which helps to keep them active and engaged.

There's so much going on with Chamber member businesses, and the support of the Ambassador Team can be of great benefit. Ambassadors also benefit from the enhanced number of people they meet and networking opportunities.



For more information about the Ambassador Team, contact Beau Martinez@aurorachamber.org at The Chamber.

## **August BBH at Parkside Village Retirement Resort**

Parkside Village Retirement Resort is an independent living, all-inclusive community for adults 55+ with spacious apartments, located in a friendly community setting at 14501 E. Crestline Dr., in Centennial, CO.

On August 13 at a Business Before Hours, following a delicious breakfast, gift card raffle, and tour of the facilities, a few attendees posed for a photo in the lobby (too bad you can't see the fish pond behind them!).

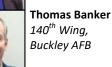


Left to right: Rebecca Ebner, Aurora Chamber; Ann Bagwell, BOK Financial Mortgage; Renee Leon, Aurora Auto Pros, LLC; Brenda Roush, Rocky Mountain MicroFinance Institute; Margo Campbell, Parkside Village Retirement Resort; Katie Anthony, Aurora Chamber intern; DeeDee Poole, Aurora Chamber; Marianne Smith, HomeSmith Real Estate, Inc.; and Rene Simard, Aurora Chamber.

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Susan Siegman Wagner Equipment



Joe Simms HQ Air Reserve Personnel Center, **Buckley AFB** 



Giovanni Taw *Aerospace* Data Facility, Buckley AFB



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