ConocoPhillips open house provides information about oil and gas operations

ConocoPhillips, in association with the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, recently hosted an Education Open House, to “share and show” aspects of their Niobrara operations. A large group of experts from the company provided information and answered questions during the two hour event. Many Chamber members attended to learn about energy development of oil and gas, to include topics such as safety, water and traffic management, air quality, infrastructure, and responsible well site construction and operations.

Want I-225 construction updates?

The I-225 Rail Line is a 10.5-mile light rail segment within the city of Aurora that will provide key regional connections to the East and Southeast rail lines. It will provide connectivity to major activity centers including the Aurora City Center, Anschutz/Fitzsimons Medical Center and Denver International Airport through a transfer at Peoria to the East Rail Line.

To receive regular updates about construction and detours, go to www.rtdfastracks.com/i225 and sign up for construction updates. There’s also an informative video on the page under Key I-225 Rail Line Links: Catch up on what’s new.

Save the date...

for the 59th Annual Awards Dinner & Silent Auction

On the Leading Edge

Friday, May 9, 2014

5-7 pm Reception and Silent Auction
7-9:30 pm Dinner and Awards
Crowne Plaza Hotel
15500 E. 40th Ave.
Denver, CO 80239
Chair's Letter

This is my first Chairman's Letter for 2014 – so, a bit belatedly, I wish all of our Aurora Chamber of Commerce members a very Happy New Year! I hope your year, thus far, is going well. It’s certainly been a busy January, February, and beginning of March for your Aurora Chamber!

We are now more than half-way through this year’s Legislative Session. As you know, our Colorado General Assembly is constitutionally limited to a 120-day session that will adjourn no later than midnight, May 7, 2014. A

And, as I write this letter, 450 bills have been introduced (and we are aware of many bills yet to be introduced) – many of which have, or could have, significant impact – positively or negatively on our business community. Through our Public Issues committee, most ably chaired by Tom Henley of Xcel Energy, and vice-chaired by Polly Page, we are closely monitoring several bills of interest. The good news for Colorado is that the state’s economy seems to be rebounding relatively strongly – leading to increases (as reported in the state’s quarterly revenue forecasts) in state general funds. However, this poses some dilemmas for the Joint Budget Committee, as an increase in general funds implies that the legislature might be able to restore some funding to areas of the budget that have taken “hits,” as well as being incentive for some legislators to look to these dollars for “pet projects.”

For instance, Governor Hickenlooper and legislative leadership is proposing, through Senate Bill 1, to increase funding for Higher Education by just over $100 million, along with capping tuition increases at no more than 6 percent; with a significant portion of the $100 million increase being dedicated to student financial aid. A bill (not introduced at this writing) that The Chamber has been working diligently on with Aurora’s own Senate President Morgan Carroll, along with other Colorado Chambers, and our military leaders, will be bipartisan legislation seeking funds for a statewide “data-driven analysis,” examining the overall impact of the military installations in the State. This is important, especially at a time when we are seeing proposals to cut military funding nationwide that could lead to downsizing, relocating, or even eliminating military bases through the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. We know the importance of our bases, especially to our local communities in Aurora and Colorado Springs.

The question becomes, what would happen should they be significantly down-sized, relocated, or closed? Answer: It would leave huge economic holes in our communities.

It is crucially important that we know, in detail, the overall impact of the military in Colorado. This information can provide us with the “weapons” we need to fight any actions that would negatively impact local communities and our state should we lose any of our bases. A loss or dramatic reduction in base personnel, active duty and/or civilian, in any of our military establishments would likely have a significantly negative influence on community businesses and the overall economy.

I encourage you to watch for any Aurora Chamber legislative updates on this and other issues impacting our business community. We may need your help in reaching out to your legislators to advance our messages. With your help, the Aurora Chamber of Commerce does, and will, have a strong voice with our elected state Representatives and Senators.

I would also note that our Aurora Legislative Delegation is one of, if not THE strongest delegations under the Gold Dome. (See sidebar) Especially boasting the aforementioned President of the Senate, Morgan Carroll.

While this time of year a great deal of The Chamber’s time and attention is focused on legislative affairs, it does not mean that is all The Chamber is doing! We are excited about our recent Women in Business Committee’s “Unsung Hero” Luncheon (see page 3); The Transportation Committee recently heard a comprehensive update from RTD Executive Director Phil Washington on the status of the I-225 Corridor Light Rail Project – mostly that it’s still on schedule and on budget!; Our Health Care Committee, having decried and learned from our first “Destination Health” conference November 1, 2013, is now planning “Destination Health 2” for November 7, 2014 – stay tuned!; The Chamber’s Defense Council continues to work closely with Buckley AFB and other military installations and leadership in the state to salute and carry forward support for our men and women in the armed forces – and supporting our bases; The Young Professionals are planning and doing many educational as well as fun and entertaining events; and again this year, our Leadership Aurora Board has

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The Chamber Celebrates Women in Business

The Aurora Chamber’s Annual Women in Business Unsung Heroes Luncheon celebrated its 14th year of honoring “Women Making a Difference” on Friday, Feb. 28 at the Red Lion/Radisson Hotel on S. Parker Rd. in Aurora, CO.

This year, 13 women from the community were honored for their ‘behind the scenes’ efforts to make their workplaces as well as their community, a better place.

Dr. Debbie Gilliard of Metropolitan State University of Denver and chair of The Chamber’s Women in Business committee emceed the event, and applauded the community for recognizing all of the dynamic women nominated for the award.

Jacquie Healy of Trilogy Benefits introduced the keynote speaker, Wende Curtis, owner of the Comedy Works. Wende spoke openly about her struggles with her business and her realization that she is ADHD. As one of the most successful business women in the country, it’s inspirational that she is willing to share her trials and triumphs, in order to remind other women to never give up – and Wende made that message loud and clear! And for the 13 women who were nominated, and continue to make a difference, the full-house audience applauded their perseverance and spirit.

This year’s well-deserving winner of the Women Making a Difference award is Diane Crandall, for her continued efforts for the Memorial are inspirational. Diane has lived her life as an unsung hero, choosing to let others stand in the spotlight while she quietly goes about the business of being a mother, grandmother, lay minister at St. Pius X Catholic Church, and project manager for the Colorado Freedom Memorial at 756 Telluride St. in Aurora, CO. It’s Diane’s efforts for the Memorial that brought her to the forefront.

The Memorial reflects Colorado’s mountains and blue skies, and contains the names of the nearly 6,000 Coloradans killed or missing in action. Diane’s dedication to the Memorial and her continued efforts for the Memorial are applauded and honored, as she supports thousands of families of this grateful nation.

Along with Diane, two finalists came to the top of the list for their efforts: Gigi de Gala of NelNet, for her commitment to helping children in our community through her efforts with Junior Achievement; and Captain Vanessa Wilson of the Aurora Police Department, for beginning and implementing the Aurora Community Outreach Team, which patrols the city on cold nights to check for homeless and others in need.

Every year, the committee has to make the difficult decision of which woman - out of all who are nominated - will be the top honoree. And this year was no exception. In addition to Diane, Gigi and Vanessa, 10 women were nominated with glowing accolades about their contributions to their community.

These are: Patti Bateman, City of Aurora Library and Cultural Services Department Emma Chambers, Klassy Creations Glennita Dixon, FirstBank Beverly Handstroon, Colorado Medical Waste Michele Haugh, Tri-County Health Teri Karjala, Creative Counseling Kathryn Lobdell, Procurement Technical Assistance Counseling Shelly Phillips, Body Beautiful Collision Repair Sherrel Roland, Women of Ruffhouse Julie Stahnke, Aurora Police Department

These women inspire so many — as Wende Curtis encouraged the crowd — to not give up, and to continue to make a difference in their community. And for those efforts, they are honored and appreciated.

This year’s title sponsor for the Women Making a Difference luncheon was Kaiser Permanente. Corporate sponsors were Wells Fargo Banks, Aurora Credit Union Alliance, and Western Credit Union. Table sponsors were The Aurora Association of University Women, Aurora Mental Health, Aurora Police Department, Citywide Banks, Colorado Freedom Memorial, First Banks, and Regis University.

The mission of the Women in Business Committee is to serve as a voice for all women in our business community, acting as an advocate on issues that affect their professional growth and long-term economic vitality.
Ribbon Cuttings

Abilene Awards and Logos – Boasting the fastest turn-around in town, Grant (holding the scissors) and Molly Barrett, owners of Abilene Awards and Logos, celebrate the opening of their new and expanded location at 13900 E. Florida Ave., Suite G, Aurora, CO 80012. They provide a wide assortment of trophies, plaques, medals, and corporate awards. They also do embroidery, indoor signage, and banners for any occasion. 303-755-0337 / www.abileneawards.com.

Goal Academy – A blended learning high school, helping students set and achieve goals that prepare them for whatever lies ahead. Nate Byford, associate academic officer for Goal Academy (right, front) holds the ribbon, as students ‘make the cut!’ Executive Director Kenneth D. Crowell (center) also ‘stands behind’ the students for extra support. Goal Academy is located at 14200 E. Alameda Ave., Suite 1003A, Aurora, CO 80012. 1-877-PRO-GOAL/ www.goalac.org.

Webster University – Campus Director Louis Fletcher, prepares to cut the ceremonial ribbon at the university’s location at 9250 E. Costilla Ave., Greenwood Village, CO 80112. Webster University is a private, nonprofit, accredited university offering a balance of arts, sciences and professional undergraduate and graduate degrees – on campus and online. They are also one of the largest providers of graduate-level military education in the U.S., with more than 7,700 of their 22,000 students having a military connection. (303) 708-8305 / www.webster.edu.

Everyone has a golden ticket! – The newly-renovated Embassy Suites Hotel Denver Stapleton pulled out all the stops for the February 27 Ribbon Cutting/Business After Hours. With the fun and festive theme of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, there were plenty of ‘goodies,’ including a live band, lots of sweet treats, a photo booth, Oompa Loompas, and Willy Wonka himself! Mark your calendar for the March 27 joint Business After Hours with the Asian Chamber at the Red Lion/Radisson Hotel. (Ribbon cutting photo courtesy Brian Molitoris Photographer)
The Chamber welcomes H&R Block(s)! Through a series of ribbon cuttings extending into March 2014, H&R Block locations are being welcomed into The Chamber community. A recent H&R Block study shows that when Americans prepare tax returns themselves, about 1 in 5 leave money on the table by not claiming all of the tax credits and deductions for which they qualify, among other things. Take your last year’s tax return to H&R Block for a free review – and help America (and possibly yourself) ‘Get Your Billions Back!’

Clockwise, beginning above, H&R Block locations at: 797 D Peoria St., Aurora, 80011; 10320 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora, 80010; 3108 S. Parker Rd., Aurora, 80014; 7150 Leetsdale Dr., Suite 130, Denver, 80224; and 1155 S. Havana St., Aurora, 80011. www.hrblock.com.

selected a stellar class of energetic, bright, and committed current and future leaders to learn about our great city, and to “pay-back” to Aurora and the Eastern Metro area!

And, as I mentioned this as my first Chair’s Letter of the year, it will also be my last one. When the next issue of Impact with a Chair’s Letter is published, the column will be “penned” by my most able successor, David Patterson, the current Board Chair Elect.

I will be passing the gavel to David at our upcoming Aurora Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner, held Friday, May 9 – at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center. Now is the time to SAVE THAT DATE and get it on your calendars. I can promise it will be a fun, entertaining, enlightening, and ON THE LEADING EDGE — as you mingle with friends and colleagues; compete for very cool auction items; and most importantly help us recognize and honor our award winners for their leadership, community service, and business contributions.

We greatly value your membership and your professional and personal contributions to The Aurora Chamber of Commerce. Thank you again for your involvement and always know that your Chamber staff and Board of Directors are here to serve you, and to support you and your business.

It has been my sincere pleasure and distinct honor to serve as The Aurora Chamber of Commerce’s Board Chair for the past two years. I leave the Chamber leadership in great hands and look forward to continuing my involvement in supporting our new Board Chair, David Patterson, as we do our part at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce in making “Aurora Strong.”

Thank you! □

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**Business After Hours & Grand Opening**

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**Join the Aurora Chamber Safety Group program and save money on your workers’ comp!**

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**Health Insurance Designed for you.**

[Colorado Healthop](http://www.cohealthop.org)
This year’s first Legislators’ Breakfast, held in January, brought a record crowd of interested Chamber members, as well as many of our Eastern Metro Legislators. Hosted by the Community College of Aurora, the bi-annual events provide a forum for Legislators to talk about the session, and what bills they are working on. For attendees, it offers an opportunity to learn about some of the bills being presented during the session, as well as a forum during which they can ask questions of their Legislators.

Mark Your Calendar
2014 Legislators’ Breakfast
March 24 • 7:15 am
The Medical Center of Aurora South

Clockwise from the left: Rep. Rhonda Fields (HD 42); Rep. Su Ryden (HD 36); Sen. Nancy Todd (SD 28); Rep. Jovan Melton (HD 41); Tom Henley, chair of The Chamber’s Public Issues committee; Aurora Mayor Steve Hogan, CCA President Dr. Betsy Oudenhoven; and Congressman Mike Coffman, Congressional District 6. (Photo courtesy Brian Molitoris Photographer)
City Place Modern Dentistry helps Ethiopia

Thanks to City Place Modern Dentistry as part of The Smile Generation®, more than $1 million has been raised to build 100 wells for Ethiopia. Over 10,000 individual donations were to more than 250 campaigns, and every donation made builds wells that will forever change the lives of more than 25,000 people in Tigray, Ethiopia.

Comitis cart races are a big winner

The final results are in! The Grocery Cart Racing Teams raised a total of $16,820 for Comitis Crisis Center this year. $4901 of that amount was spent by the teams on nonperishable groceries at the race held Tuesday, January 28, and the rest of the funds go to Comitis to use to purchase perishable items throughout the year. Comitis can greatly leverage these funds through the food banks during the year. According to James Gillespie with Comitis, the donations raised at this one event will feed everyone staying at Comitis Crisis Center for the entire year!

David Barber earns NARs military certification

David J Barber with RE/MAX Unlimited, Inc. has earned the nationally recognized Military Relocation Professional (MRP) Certification. The National Association of REALTORS® confers the MRP certification to realtors who want to help military personnel and veterans find housing solutions that best meet their needs and allow them to take full advantage of their military benefits.

Edward Jones ranks 4 on Best Companies to Work For List

Financial-services firm Edward Jones ranked No. 4 on FORTUNE magazine’s "100 Best Companies to Work For 2014” list in its 15th appearance on the list, according to Ev Sequeira, Financial Advisor in Aurora, Colorado. The firm was the highest-ranking financial-services firm on the list.

Gordmans leaving Town Center at Aurora

Apparel and home décor retailer Gordmans recently received notice that another retailer signed a lease to take over the building where the Gordmans store on East Alameda Avenue is located. By March 31, Gordmans will close its store at 14400 E. Alameda Avenue. Gordmans has another Aurora location at Arapahoe Crossings, 6472 South Parker Road.

Guest Mayor joins T&L

The Chamber’s Tips and Leads 3 group recently hosted Centennial Mayor Cathy Noon as their guest speaker.
Welcome!

Rene J. Simard has joined The Chamber as the new Executive Vice President. Simard comes to The Chamber from the Community College of Aurora, where he served as the Director of Advising Services, which included academic advising, career services, and military veteran services. Simard retired from the United States Air Force in 2006 with more than 28 years of service. His last military assignment was as the Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 460th Space Wing at Buckley AFB. Simard’s primary areas of responsibilities at The Chamber will be as Chief, Military Affairs, and Director of Leadership Aurora.

Kimberly Curtis Leadership Aurora Scholarship

At the February 12 Farewell Celebration for Leadership Aurora Director Kimberly Curtis, she was presented with a plaque, commemorating the $500 scholarship established in her name for the Leadership Aurora program. Left to right, Michelle Wolfe, Deputy City Manager; City of Aurora: Sandra Neves, Aurora Credit Union Alliance and CEO of Fitzsimons Credit Union; Kimberly Curtis, Tom Ashburn, Jeff Thompson, University of Colorado Health and current Chamber Board Chair; and Kevin Hougen, President of the Aurora Chamber.

Aurora Small Business Development Center seminars: March and April 2014

MARCH

Writing a Business Plan
Tues., March 11th
9:00 AM – 12 noon, $30
Learn about the essential elements of a business plan, helpful research tools and how the business plan functions as a feasibility study, loan proposal and operating guide for the business.

Aurora Business Licensing & Sales Tax
Wed., March 12th
9:00 AM – 12 noon, Free
Understand the process of obtaining a business license in Aurora and taxpayer obligations. City of Aurora staff will conduct a Q&A.

Starting a Business
Thurs., March 13th
9:00 AM – 12 noon, Free
Learn the elements of successful entrepreneurship and the requirements of self-employment.

Government Contracts
Wed., March 19th
9:00 AM – 12 noon, Free
City of Aurora and SBA procurement specialists will discuss solicitations, communication protocol, certifications and resources to help land contracts.

Marketing Your Business
Thurs., March 20th
9:00 AM – 12 noon, $30
Explore valuable marketing principles, concepts and strategies, the concepts of product, price, place and promotion, how to conduct market research and more.

Legal Aspects of Online Marketing
Wed., March 26th
9:00 AM - 12 noon, $30
Introduces the legal foundations of the Internet and social media, including trademarks, copyrights, patents, domain names, linking and more.

Building a Blog and Website with WordPress
Thurs., March 27th
1:00 - 4:00 PM, $30
Harness the power of a WordPress Blog, learn the basics of how to build and modify a WordPress site.

APRIL

Look Before You Lease
Wed., April 2nd
9:00 AM - 12 noon, Free
Commercial leasing principles and practices, with a retail specialist, city planner, business attorney and leasing expert.

Legal Rules of Business
Tues., April 8th
9:00 AM – 12 noon, $30
Three hours with a business attorney in layman’s terms! Learn about entity selection, agreements and contracts, employer/employee issues, purchasing a business and many other legal considerations--without the legalese! Includes Q&A.

Starting an Online Business
Thurs., April 23rd
9:00 AM – 12 noon, Free
Besides the requirements of self-employment, e-commerce business owners must consider additional tax issues, shipping contracts, terms of use, and more.

Starting a Business
Thurs., April 24th
9:00 AM – 12 noon, Free
Learn the elements of successful entrepreneurship and the requirements of self-employment.

Writing a Business Plan
Thurs., April 10th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, $30
Learn about the essential elements of a business plan, helpful research tools and how the business plan functions as a feasibility study, loan proposal and operating guide for the business.

Marketing Your Food Product
Thurs., April 17th
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM,
$35 in advance by April 4th/$45 thereafter
Learn how to market your locally made food products; a collaboration with the Colorado Department of Agriculture. Register at www.coloradoagriculture.com.

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Please pre-register for classes at www.aurorasbdc.com/current-seminars. A complete calendar for 2014 is also online. All seminars take place at the Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Pkwy., Aurora, CO 80012 (specific conference room is confirmed upon registration).
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New Members

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Action Appliance Inc.
Adams 14 Education Foundation
Adams County School District 14
All American Johnny's Pizza & Grill, Inc.
Barbara's Custom Floral & Gifts, Inc.
Barbara Peck
Bella Vita Senior Living
Boys Hope Girls Hope
Catered to you by Heather, LLC
Cigna
Cindy Kreutz
Colorado Access
Computer Excellence
Core Contractors
CrossFit Banshee
David Gruber

Dickey's Barbeque Pit
Energy Saving Solutions
Enlisted Association, The
Exodus Moving
GOAL Academy
HR Enterprises, L.L.C.
Kevin Carlson Golf LLC
Kim Flynn Consulting
Mosaic Church of Aurora
Parsons Brinckerhoff
Perkins Coie LLP
Quincy Ridge Apartment Homes
Singing Hills Landscape, Inc
South Metro Fire Rescue Authority
Virtual Care Works
WJ Business Specialists

Adams County Board of Commissioners
Adigo
Advanced Circuits
All American Windows & Siding
Allstate Insurance - The Johnson Agency
AlphaGraphics
Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council
Arapahoe/Douglas Works! Workforce Center
Associates Insurance Group
Association of the United States Army Denver Centennial
Aurora Asian/Pacific Community Partnership
Aurora Cultural Arts District
Aurora Modern Dentistry
Autowash of Colorado - Havana
BAR-K Insurance Solutions, Inc.
Booz Allen Hamilton
Bradley M. Pierce Legal Services, Inc.
Centennial Airport/A.C. Public Airport Authority
Centennial, City of
Chocolate Change LLC
City Lights Apartments
City of Aurora - Manager's Office
City Place Modern Dentistry
Colorado Lending Source
Colorado State Bank and Trust - Mission V
Colorado Tire & Service
CommonGround Golf Course
Community College of Aurora
Crown Plaza Hotel DIA
Don's Mailing Service
DoubleTree by Hilton Denver-Aurora
DoubleTree by Hilton Denver-Stapleton North
Ecotech Institute
Edward Jones - Ev Sequeira
Employer Emissaries, Inc.
Enternet Design
Excelsior Youth Center
Fairfield Inn - DIA
Fairmount Mortuary & Cemetery
Felsburg Holt & Ullevig
Finish Line Car Wash
Flats at Fulton Court HOA
Food Bank of the Rockies
Great Western Printing, Inc.
Green Energy & Electric
Hilton Garden Inn - Denver Airport
Holiday Inn Denver East - Stapleton
Homewood Suites by Hilton DIA
Hyatt House Denver Airport
ITT Technical Institute
Jim 'N Nick's BBQ-Southlands
Junior Achievement of Rocky Mountain, Inc.
L&amp;L Hawaiian Barbecue
Leisure Tech Industries
Len Lyall Chevrolet, Inc.
Lotus School For Excellence
Majestic Realty Co.
Marquis Marble, Inc.
Massage Envy
Meineke Car Care Center-847
Metro Community Provider Network, Inc.
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Mile High Harley-Davidson
Mile High Military Officers Assn., Inc.
Mile High United Way
 Mutual of Omaha - Bob Jamieson
Oakwood Homes, LLC
Parker Adventist Hospital
Parkside Animal Health Center

Plains Conservation Center
Providers Resource Clearinghouse
RE/MAX Unlimited - David J. Barber
Regal Facility Management
Roof Brokers, Inc.
Ryden & Associates
S & S Plumbing Services, Inc.
Scott Underwood Agency, LLC
ServiceMaster 24 Hour
Six & Six, Inc.
Southlands
Speech & Voice Enterprises
Springfield Construction, LLC
Stapleton Storage, LLC
Sunny Homes & Associates, Inc.
United Hebrew Cemetery Association
Wagner Equipment Co.
Walker-Dilworth LLC
Waste Management of Colorado
Wells Fargo Bank - Business Banking
White Glove Car Wash
Windsor Gardens Association
Wizard Universal Inc.
Wynn Win IT Solutions
Xcel Energy

The Young Professionals’ January 2014 social event – skiing – brought together a colorful crowd in Estes Park. In March, they’re ‘freezin for a reason’ at the Special Olympics Polar Plunge at the Aurora Reservoir.