How to improve your healthcare bottom line

If you want to explore options to address rising healthcare costs; are wondering what the ACA means now for your business; have concerns about mental health issues at work or at home; are dealing with the care of aging parents; want to know the latest technology innovations in healthcare technology; or simply want some tips and tricks to get and stay healthy – Destination Health: will provide resources to improve your bottom line. Destination Health: Improving your bottom line, November 13, 2014, provides tools for businesses and employees to survive during the changing times of healthcare.

The day begins with lunch and a panel discussion and question and answer session about trends in healthcare affecting business. There will then be two 45-minute breakout sessions, with eight topics to choose from.

The keynote speaker is James O. Hill, PhD, Executive Director of the Anschutz Health and Wellness Center, who will challenge attendees to set big goals for their health - accompanied by Bruce Pitcher, sharing an inspirational story about his life-changing experience on ABC Extreme Weight Loss.

Destination Health is at the Radisson Hotel Denver Southeast, 3155 S. Vaughn Way, and runs from 11 am -5 pm, immediately followed by a Chamber Business After Hours. Individual tickets are $65 and include all sessions, lunch, the Business After Hours, and lots of great networking. To register, go to www.aurorachamber.org EVENT CALENDAR and click on Nov. 13, Destination Health, or call 303-344-1500.

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for the 59th Annual
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Friday, March 6, 2015

PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE – YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED.
We are also already looking for your Silent Auction donations. Please make plans now to attend this great evening of fun and celebrating great business leaders of our Aurora and Eastern Metro communities!

Jan. 5 – Legislative Breakfast
Community College of Aurora @ 7:30 a.m.

Jan. 21 – State of the Base Luncheon
Doubletree by Hilton (I-225 & Iliff) @ Noon
Keynote Speaker: Col. John Wagner

Jan. 30 – George Peck’s Retirement Party
Doubletree by Hilton (I-225 & Iliff), 5-8 p.m.

Feb. 13 – Women in Business Luncheon
Doubletree by Hilton (I-225 & Iliff), 11:30 a.m.

May 8 – Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon
Doubletree Hotel Denver, 3203 Quebec St. 
(Quebec & Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.), 11:30 a.m.

The Chamber’s Mission
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.

Don’t forget: “Every employee of a Chamber member is a member of the Chamber”
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!
Chamber Wins Proud to be an American Award

The Colorado American Legion announced their 2014 Proud to be an American Award to the Aurora Chamber of Commerce at the Aurora City Council meeting Oct. 27. The award is given to individuals or organizations that demonstrate their patriotism to the principals, rights and freedoms that are inherent to all of us as American citizens.

The Chamber was singled out for the exceptional display of Americanism in the development and promotion three of its signature programs: the Defense Council, the Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon and the Annual Buckley State of the Base program.

Also honored by the American Legion were the City of Aurora’s Annual Veteran’s Salute, their annual Memorial Day Program and the Veteran’s Affairs Commission.

Accepting the award for The Chamber was Chamber Board Chair David Patterson and Chamber Senior Vice President and Defense Council Liaison, George Peck.

The award will be formally presented at the Annual Veteran’s Salute on Nov. 5 at the Wings over the Rockies Air and Space Museum.

New Buckley Commander Headlines Annual State of the Base Luncheon

Col. John Wagner, commander of the 460th Space Wing and Buckley Air Force Base will present the Annual State of the Base address at a luncheon on Jan. 21. Co-hosted by the Aurora Chamber of Commerce and the Aurora Rotary Club, the event will take place at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Denver Aurora with lunch beginning at noon.

Colonel Wagner is expected to bring his audience up-to-speed on the current mission and latest activities at the Aurora base as well as a look at the future of the installation which is home to units from all the armed forces, Guard and Reserve units, and national security agencies. The address has also traditionally included the annual economic impact figures for the past year. In 2013, the base pumped nearly a billion dollars into the economy.

Lisa Buckley who heads The Chamber Defense Council and will serve as MC for the gathering described Buckley as one of Colorado’s major economic engines as well as one of America’s greatest military assets.

Cost for the lunch is $25 and a limited number of sponsored table are available. Additional details and signup are available on the Chamber web site, or call Rene Simard at 303-344-1500.

Legislator’s Breakfast set for Jan. 5

The Chamber’s Government Affairs Committee chaired by Chamber Public Issues Vice Chair Dwight Taylor will kick off the new year and their coverage of the State Legislature with their annual pre-session Legislator’s Breakfast on Jan. 5, 2015. Hosting the event is Betsy Oudenhoven, President of the Community College of Aurora. Expected to be in attendance are the large group of Eastern Metro Legislators—Senators and Representatives. The legislators will be given a short time to introduce themselves and discuss their plans for the 2015 Colorado Legislative Session followed by questions from the committee members.

Details of the event can be found on The Chamber website where you can also sign-up.

BCE LA 2015!

Claiming to be the “Best Class Ever” at their opening retreat, Sept. 19-21 in Winter Park, the Leadership Aurora Class of 2014-15 began with lots of energy and enthusiasm. At the retreat, the class connected, engaged, and created its blueprint to be even better leaders in the community. Monthly sessions are the third Thursday of each month, with graduation June 4, 2015.

For information about Leadership Aurora, contact Rene.Simard@aurorachamber.org. (Photo by Barbara Peck)
The Aurora History Museum’s 15th Annual Festival of Wreaths

Become an Aurora History Museum wreath sponsor to raise money for education and school programs in conjunction with the new Ruth Fountain Addition opening mid-November 2014. The addition will house the fully restored 1913 Trolley Trailer No. 610.

For a $30 donation sponsors receive a blank wreath to decorate creatively and return to the Aurora History Museum by November 8. To become a wreath sponsor, contact jkuehner@auroragov.org.

The Festival of Wreaths exhibit is open November 11 – December 12, 2014 at the Aurora History Museum, along with an online exhibit on the website - www.auroramuseum.org.

Centennial named “Best Place to Live” by USA Today and Money Magazine

The City of Centennial is ranked 26th by USA Today and 13th by Money Magazine among the 50 best places to live in America.

Rankings for USA Today are determined by a number of variables, including crime rates, educational attainment, and housing affordability. To make the list, cities also had to have positive employment growth and a low unemployment rate, as well as access to certain amenities.

Money Magazine rankings are based on economic opportunity and jobs, housing affordability, education, crime, health, arts and leisure, ease of living and diversity. The rankings also take into account intangible factors, such as a sense of community.

Comitis is Aurora’s Non-profit of the Year!

Comitis Crisis Center is being awarded the City of Aurora Business Advisory Board’s ACE Award as Aurora’s Non-profit of the Year. An honorary dinner will take place December 4.

Comitis served more than 53,000 meals last year and provided 35,110 shelter nights to homeless families, individuals, runaway/homeless youth, and female Veterans and their families.

SSFCU wins regional awards

Security Service Federal Credit Union (SSFCU) has received the Cornerstone Credit Union League Dora Maxwell Award for Social Responsibility Community Service for credit unions with assets over $1 billion for its work with Girls Inc., on its Empowerment Conference for teenage girls. In its second year, the conference brought together successful women to share topics designed to help girls relate to others in their community, build confidence, understand the importance of making ethical choices and choose healthy lifestyles.

“We are honored help girls build a strong and ethical foundation. The skills we teach – from decision-making to financial literacy – all help young people succeed. And when they succeed, the entire community succeeds,” said Letha Harrelson, SSFCU’s assistant vice president of business development and the team member responsible for both projects.

SERVEPRO and firefighters serve MDA

SERVEPRO of Aurora recently sponsored the 27th Annual Firefighter Chili Cook Off, to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Each participating fire house creates a chili and competes for best taste and who can raise the most money for the cause.

Brad Pierce appointed to the NextGen advisory committee

N.O.I.S.E., President and Aurora City Council Member Brad Pierce, has been appointed to the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) NextGen Advisory Committee (NAC). NAC provides advice on policy-level issues facing the aviation community in implementing the modernization of the air traffic control and national airspace. Pierce is the environmental and community representative on the NAC.

South Metro SBDC now in Aurora

The South Metro Denver Small Business Development Center recently moved from the South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce to its new host institution: the City of Aurora.

“We are thrilled to have the City of Aurora as our new host center,” said Marcia McGilley, Executive Director of the South Metro Denver and Aurora SBDCs.

“Aurora has been offering small business assistance services to area entrepreneurs for approximately 25 years and has been affiliated with the Colorado SBDC Network since November 2010 as a satellite office. We look forward to building a strong relationship with our new host and the community, and appreciate their desire to work so closely with the SBDC.”

“This is a wonderful opportunity to enhance existing services that are provided to our thriving small business and entrepreneur community, as well as to reach out to key targeted industries such as creative businesses and bioscience,” said Andrea Amonick, Aurora’s Development Services Manager.

For those seeking assistance in Aurora, please visit www.aurorasbdc.com or call 303-326-8690. One-on-one consulting and workshops will continue to be held at the City of Aurora - Aurora Municipal Center.

New staff at Creative Counseling Center

Danielle Polifroni, a registered and board certified Clinical Art Therapist has joined the staff at Creative Counseling Center. Danielle has experience dedicated to developing meaningful connections and providing care for children, adolescents, and adults.

“We are excited to welcome Danielle to our center,” says Creative Counseling Center Executive Director Teri Kargala.

Mark Deno named CEO of Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital

HealthONE’s Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital recently announced Mark Deno as the new Chief Executive Officer. Deno will continue to emphasize the hospital’s mission of Rebuilding Lives Renewing Hope for patients who suffer from brain injury, stroke, amputation, and other traumatic life events.

“Inpatient rehab is one of the most important areas in the healthcare industry. This sector is entirely focused on getting patients back home to their families,” said Deno. “I am
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humbled and honored to have the opportunity to join the Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital team as CEO.”

Since 2012, Deno served as CEO of the HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Arlington, TX. With Deno’s strategic leadership the hospital achieved four disease-specific certifications in stroke, hip fracture, cardiac, and pulmonary.

“Mark has shown a commitment to growth, and clinical excellence. He will be a tremendous asset as Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital continues to grow and serve the community’s well-being with comprehensive, high-quality, and compassionate care,” said Sylvia Young, CEO of HealthONE.

IT consulting expert Vince Tinnirello signs publishing deal

Vince Tinnirello, CEO of Anchor Network Solutions, has joined a select group of leading IT experts to co-write The Business Owners Guide To IT and All Things Digital, Vol.2: 17 Critical Facts Every Business Must Know To Maximize Their Company’s Efficiency, Security, Employee Productivity And Profits.

Nick Nanton, Esq., along with business partner JW Dicks, Esq., the leading agents to Celebrity Experts® worldwide, recently signed a publishing deal with each of these authors to contribute their expertise to the book, which will be released under their CelebrityPress™ imprint.

Vince founded Anchor Network Solutions, a Denver based managed IT service provider and technology consulting firm, in 2002. His firm delivers big business technology on a small business budget, with white glove service to its clients.

The royalties from this project will be given to St. Jude Children’s Hospital. The book is tentatively scheduled for release in late 2014.

Pumpkins for the kids from May Farms

Gary May with May Farms enjoys watching a patient of Children’s Hospital Colorado pick his very own holiday pumpkin at the annual Pumpkin Patch. Each year, May Farms donates more than 200 pumpkins, and with the help of the Aurora Fire Department, Aurora Police, and the Country Kids Foundation, brings smiles — and a bit of ‘fall fun’ — to kids staying at the Hospital.

Excelsior has new exercise and nature trail

With grants provided by the Colorado Garden Foundation and the Colorado Health Foundation, along with the trail-building skills of Bloom Floralscapes, Excelsior Youth Center now has a 2/3-mile nature trail around its campus. The trail includes exercise and education stations for recreation, therapy, and fun. The trail provides an opportunity for the Center’s girls and staff to enjoy the outdoors.
**Hotel Heaven!** - Dave Milito, general manager of Drury Inn and Suites Hotel - Stapleton, gets ready to cut the ribbon at the new hotel at 4550 N. Central Park Blvd., Denver, CO 80238. With more than 130 hotels in 20 states, the hotel chain’s focus is to ensure that guests get more for their dollar than any other competitor. For more information: www.druryhotels.com or call (303) 373-1983. 9.10.2014.

**Providing solutions that make a BIG difference** - The Global Business Solutions Provider (GBSP) owner Wendy McDowell, along with City of Aurora Mayor Steve Hogan, celebrates the business’ ribbon cutting. The GBSP, at 14201 E. 4th Ave., Ste. 4-310, Aurora, CO 80011, offers solutions and support to businesses and industries; and is committed to the highest level of integrity. Services include: drug and alcohol program management; drug testing; background screening; and mobile fingerprinting. Learn more at www.thegbsp.com or (720) 277-3462. 9.24.2014.

**Family, fun and NY style pizza** - Mandy and Ryan Miller, owners of All American Johnny's Pizza and Grill, Inc., cut the ribbon and welcome guests to their second restaurant! All American Johnny's Pizza and Grill, Inc., located at 18648 E. Hampden Ave., Aurora, Colorado, 80013, invites everyone to their family fun atmosphere with a NY style pizza menu and some additional side options for dine-in, or a quick delivery to your door. Learn more at www.aajpizza.com or call (303) 693-2730. 9.30.2014.

**Goodwill opens grandly!** - City of Aurora Mayor Steve Hogan and Goodwill CEO Stuart Davies, look forward to cutting the ribbon for the fourth Goodwill in Aurora, at 18355 East 35th Place, Aurora, CO 80011. Goodwill offers opportunities to donate and shop, as well as employment, training, and rehabilitation for people of limited employability. Goodwill is also a source of temporary assistance for individuals whose resources are depleted. The Connection Center inside the new store serves as a free resource for anyone in the community looking for a job or job skills. For more information, visit http://www.goodwill.org. 9.6.2014.
Helping the community physically, emotionally, and spiritually – Col. Dan Starrett and Aurora City Council member Bob Roth proudly cut the ribbon for the newest Salvation Army - Aurora Corps Community Center located at 802 Quari Ct, Aurora, CO 80011. Salvation Army - Aurora Corps has served the greater Aurora area for more than 120 years and continues to seek ways to understand and supply the needs of the community. The organization’s stewardship of its funding is noted throughout philanthropy; 83 cents of every dollar collected by the Salvation Army goes directly to client service, which is among the highest percentage of any non-profit in the world. For more information: http://www.salvationarmyaurora.org or (303) 364-1965. 9.16.2014.

Affordable, fun, fitness – Owners Brett and Amy McGlothlin celebrate their grand opening by cutting the ribbon and welcoming guests to their new facility. Planet Fitness is known as the “Judgment Free Zone,” and is located at 13730 E. Mississippi Ave., Aurora, CO 80012. Members have access to facility equipment, unlimited training, and many other incentives: making fitness affordable and fun for everyone! www.planetfitness.com, (303) 751-7078. 8.15.14


Your fashion, your style, your comfort! – Zerry’s Clothier and Rentals owner Zerry Rue, is accompanied by City of Aurora Mayor Steve Hogan to cut the ribbon in celebration of the new store at 6290 S. Main St., Ste. 102, Aurora, CO 80016. Zerry’s Clothier and Rentals provides a pleasant atmosphere and the latest technologies in business; including a unique tailoring system that measures you in 40 seconds! Customers have the option of purchasing or renting what they want to wear for social, business, and formal needs. Learn more at https://zerrysclothierandrentals.com or call (303) 627-5790. 10.14.14.
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**Tips & Leads**

The Chamber’s Tips and Leads 1, which meets every first and third Tuesday of the month at 11:45, was recently honored to have Robin Olsen, External Relations for Anadarko Petroleum Corp. (center, standing) speak to the group about exploring for oil and gas resources, and fracking.

**New Members**

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