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July seminars at Aurora Business Development Center

Call on the Aurora Business Development Center for your small business training needs! The following seminars will be offered in July and take place at the Aurora BDC unless otherwise noted:

Want to know how to turn that business idea into a reality?

Tues., July 10, 1:00 - 3:00 PM - FREE

This two-hour overview will cover legal structure, trade name registration, business and sales tax licenses, basic business planning--and includes an entrepreneurial assessment! Recommended companion seminar: Obtaining Business Financing

Obtaining Business Financing

Tues., July 17, 10:00 AM- 12:00 - FREE

This two-hour overview will cover the different sources of capital including SBA and micro-loans, lending criteria, and fundamentals of the loan application, package and process. A must-attend if you are seeking financing for your business!

Writing a Winning Business Plan

July 25, 6:00 - 9:00 PM - \$25/person

A business plan will help you start, grow and manage your business. Learn how to develop the components of a good business plan including goal setting, market research, management, promotion and financial projections. Includes business plan and financial projection templates. Recommended companion seminar : Smart Marketing

Aurora BDC Client Showcase

Thurs., July 26th, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

An opportunity for Aurora BDC clients to exhibit at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce's Small Business-to-Business Expo. Space is limited; call today for details.

QuickBooks For Beginners

Wed., July 18 & 25, 1:00 - 4:00 PM - \$45/person

(a two-session seminar - 3 hrs. each)

Location: MLK Library, Computer Lab

QuickBooks is an easy-to-use tool that can simplify your business bookkeeping system. Learn how to set up a computerized business accounting system, create invoices, reconcile accounts, generate financial reports and more. Includes a step-by-step manual. Familiarity with Windows operating system required.

* Select two \$25 seminars and pay only \$45 (payable at the first registered class; a voucher will be given upon receipt of payment).

The Aurora BDC is located in the Florence Square building: 9801 E. Colfax Ave., Ste. 200, Aurora, CO 80010-2154

Martin Luther King, Jr. Library:

9898 E. Colfax Ave., Aurora, CO 80010

(between Elmira and Emporia Streets in Original Aurora; across the street from the Aurora BDC).

HOW TO REGISTER:

Pre-registration is required due to limited seating. Call (303) 326-8690 or register by e-mail:

info@aurorabdc.com. Payable at the door by cash or check to the Aurora BDC; credit cards are not accepted.

A complete schedule is available on-line at www.aurorabdc.com or by calling the Aurora BDC at (303) 326-8690. Ask about the Chamber discount.

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Upcoming Events

Business Before Hours

July 11 | 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Giovanni's Day Spa

Lunch and Learn Seminar

Event Planning 101

July 12 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Chamber Offices



Leadership Aurora Applications due

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Safety Committee

July 13 | 8 a.m.

Pinnacol Assurance

Lunch and Learn Seminar

Event Planning Seminar 101

July 26 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Chamber Offices

Business Seminar

"Turn Contacts into Contracts

July 26 | 4 p.m.- 5 p.m.

Radisson Hotel SE

(Parker & I-225)

Showcase Aurora

Business to Business Tradeshow/

Business After Hours

July 26 | 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Radisson Hotel SE

(Parker & I-225)

Newsletter Online

Don't forget that the monthly *IMPACT* is on our Web site before you get it in the mail! The newsletter is sent via bulk mail at the end of every month, and can take up to 14 days to get into your hands.

The monthly package you receive in the mail is chock full of offers and information from your fellow Chamber members, as well as registration forms and meeting notices from The Chamber. Be sure to open it and look through the flyers as well as the newsletter!

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State of Schools panel set for Aug 10

The Chamber, in association with the **U.S. Chamber, 1stBank of Aurora**, and the **Foundation for Educational Excellence** will gather key educators for a "State of the Schools" breakfast at the Radisson Hotel SE on Aug. 10 at 7:30 a.m.

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The panel will feature Colorado Commissioner of Education Dwight Jones, Cherry Creek Schools Superintendent Monte Moses and Aurora Public Schools Superintendent John Barry and will be introduced by 7th Congressional District State Board of Education Commissioner Karen Middleton. Dr. Linda Bowman, President of the Community College of Aurora will serve as moderator.

Cost of the breakfast is \$25 per person and tables are available for \$350 through by calling the Chamber at 303-344-1500.

Part of an effort by the Chamber's Government Affairs & Education Committee, the breakfast will bring the three education leaders together for the first time to discuss the challenges faced by educators in the Eastern Metro area.

Prior to being appointed to the



Dwight Jones

Education Commission by Governor Bill Ritter, Jones, served as Superintendent of Fountain-Fort Carson District 8. Before moving to Colorado, Jones was operational vice president for Edison schools in Baltimore, Wichita and Kansas City.

Dr. Moses has headed the Cherry Creek School district since 1999, gaining a reputation as a strong leader deeply committed to K-12 reform. He was named National Superintendent of the Year in 2005.

Barry is the newest addition to the local education community. The retired two-star Air Force general joined Aurora Public Schools as Superintendent one year ago after an extensive national search. Middleton has extensive background in the field of both K-12 and higher education. She has also served on the board of the Aurora Education Foundation.



Monte Moses



Karen Middleton



John Barry

Showcase Aurora preparations begin

A golden oldie is returning to the line-up of Chamber events in July. The popular "B to B" (business to business), **Showcase Aurora**, returns to the **Radisson Hotel SE** on July 26. The only trade show in Aurora that focuses on members so they may promote their business and introduce themselves to the public, **Showcase Aurora** is back, doubling as the monthly Business After Hours. Doors will open to the public at 5 p.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Booth costs are \$175, which include the cost of the booth (including pipe and drape) as well as food and beverages.

Before the **Showcase**, a free

seminar will be offered to Chamber members entitled "How to Turn Contacts into Contracts." This a quick refresher will give **Showcase** participants some valuable tips on how to maximize their time at the event and ensure a good return on their **Showcase** investment. Doors for participants open at the **Radisson Hotel SE** starting at 4 p.m. Then the doors will open to the public at 5:30 p.m. for participants to show off what they learned. Reservations are required and sponsorships for this well-liked event are still available. Call Naomi at the Chamber for more information at 303-344-1500.





Bob Barké
Chair

Through my years of service with the Chamber Board I have had the opportunity to be part of the hardest working group of directors anywhere. As a member of that distinguished body I have been privileged to witness the results of good leadership in many different endeavors.

And right at the top of my list of extraordinary leaders is Dr. Linda Bowman, a woman we have been fortunate enough to lead the Aurora Chamber of Commerce this past year. Through Linda's leadership, the Chamber has experienced another year of outstanding growth and positive cash flow. Her shoes will be hard to fill, but with the help of the Board and the dedicated staff at the Chamber, I'm ready to work hard for you, our treasured members.

It is humbling to look back at the long line of great leaders that

Chair's Letter

have sat in this chair. Remember, the Chamber was established in 1901 and is the oldest community-based organization in the Eastern Metro Area. It has always been a part of those important moments in our history especially in the areas of commerce, transportation, public policy, election affairs, education, tourism and the support of our defense industry.

As our economy continues to grow, the Eastern Metro Area is poised for an historic growth cycle. Our unique industry and workforce infrastructure is aligning to position the area as a global technology hub, a health science center, and a leader in defense industry, just to name a few. The Chamber is dedicated to helping small businesses throughout the Eastern Metro Area achieve their goals of growth, expansion, innovation, increased productivity, management improvement and overall success. After all, it is all about business — growing business — retaining business— attracting business. Your business. It's about jobs!

Among the many leaders at all levels who are quietly shaping the future of our area is happens also to be the incoming Chair of

Leadership Aurora. Lt. Sam McGhee with the Aurora Police Department will be taking over the reins of this year's program. With Sam's leadership the Leadership Aurora program will have a very bright future. As President Harry Truman said, "Men make history, and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better."

I'm truly looking forward to this next year. The best part of taking on my new responsibilities is knowing Linda will still be part of our Board as a mentor and immediate past chair. Linda, on behalf of all of us — board, staff and members — our most sincere appreciation for all you have done.

Let me leave you with a favorite quote, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

— Margaret Mead (1901-1978)

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AFRL Luncheon honors top metro military

Nearly 500 people from businesses and government turned out to honor 11 junior enlisted military at the 31st Annual Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon in Aurora.

Organized by the **Aurora Chamber of Commerce Defense Council** with the support of **Medved Military Buyers Program**, the **City of Aurora**, and a number of companies and organizations that support of the military community in the Denver-Aurora metro area, the event took place on May 18 at the **Radisson Hotel Denver SE**.

Twenty-seven nominees for the Military Persons of the Year were selected by their peers for their outstanding achievements during the past year. They are named by their units, with the 11 winners representing Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve components. And for the first time, the Coast Guard, newcomers to **Buckley AFB**, were competing as well.

Winners included: SSgt. Donald Cordell, Air Force Reserve; SSgt. Ricardo Berdoza, Air Force Active Duty; PO2 Ronald Miller, Navy Active Duty; PO2 Stacy Soldano, Navy Reserve; TSgt. Daniel Cornell, Colorado Air National Guard; PFC Jesse Durovey, Army Active Duty; PO1 Gabriel Settel, Coast Guard; SPC Travis Hansell, Army Reserve; SPC Sandra Miranda, Colorado Army National Guard; SGT Manuel Perez, Marine Corps Active Duty; and SGT Shannon Patak, Marine Corps Reserve.

Master of Ceremonies for the luncheon was Air Force veteran and popular radio host Rick Crandall from **KEZW Radio 1430**. Guest speaker was Major General Mason Whitney who recently retired after serving as the State of Colorado's Adjutant General.

In addition to awards for military personnel, the Aurora Chamber Defense Council presented its prestigious Bob Cardenas Award honoring a man who, in the long tradition of the late Bob Cardenas, went out of their way to support the military. Selected for the award was Mason Whitney whose outspoken advocacy especially for the military in the Guard and Reserve has stretched over more than two decades.



Armed Forces Winners take their bows – Winners of the 2007 Armed Forces Awards pose for the obligatory photo following the annual **Medved** sponsored Luncheon in May. Awards were given to enlisted members from all the services including the Guard and Reserve and for the first time included an award for the Coast Guard. Pictured are: (l-r): SSgt. Donald Cordell, Air Force Reserve; SSgt. Ricardo Berdoza, Air Force Active Duty; PO2 Ronald Miller, Navy Active Duty; PO2 Stacy Soldano, Navy Reserve; TSgt. Daniel Cornell, Colorado Air National Guard; PFC Jesse Durovey, Army Active Duty; and PO1 Gabriel Settel, Coast Guard. Not pictured but also winning awards were: SPC Travis Hansell, Army Reserve; SPC Sandra Miranda, Colorado Army National Guard; SGT Manuel Perez, Marine Corps Active Duty; and SGT Shannon Patak, Marine Corps Reserve.



Nominees score, too — Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon chair Celeste Delahanty (**Doubletree Hotels**), left, and co-chair Rene Simard (**Mesa Systems**), show nominee Airman First Class Dan Kendell that even being a nominee for the Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon has its rewards. This year the AFRL committee saw to it that each of the 27 nominees also received a special gift in recognition of their service. Presented to each was dinner for two at two of Aurora's finest restaurants and military supporters, **Outback Steakhouse** and **Jim & Nick's BBQ**.

Volunteers make event success

The AFRL would not be possible without the help of a dedicated group of people who volunteer their time and expertise to pull all the pieces together to create an event worthy of the fine men and women who are serving in our Armed Forces. Chair of the AFRL committee of the Defense Council, Celeste Delahanty with **Doubletree Hotels** summed it up when she said, "Supporting our troops is something we all do, and the AFRL gives us the opportunity to take them to lunch and tell them personally how much we appreciate their service." Others who served with Delahanty included co-chair Rene Simard (**Mesa Systems**), Sheila Anthony (**City of Aurora**), Barbara Atwell (**460th Public Affairs**), LCDR Dennie Bourbeau (**Navy Operations Support Center**), CMSgt. Kevin Candler (**460th Space Wing**), Cindy Dewey (**Air Reserve Personnel Center**), Pam Duncan (**Sheraton Hotel DTC**), Ellen Dupont (**RE/Max**), Sharlene Fairbanks (**Aerospace Data Facility**), Capt. Hope Griggs (**140th Wing COANG**), Samantha Romero (**Staybridge Suites**), Stephanie McDonnell (**The Chamber**), Ken Melcher (**United Veterans Committee**), Suzanne Pitrusu (**Wells Fargo Banks**), Peggy Shreeve (**Embassy Suites Denver-Aurora**), Eric Valdez, TSgt. J.C. Woodring (**140th Space Wing**).

Sponsors make AFRL possible

It takes the commitment of many community minded companies to make and event like the Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon possible. Sponsors included:

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The Chamber's Mission

The mission of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce is to serve as a voice for the business community, acting as an advocate for its members on issues that affect their growth and long-term economic vitality.

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Leadership Aurora class member, Wendy DeBell from Cherry Creek Schools, wrote the winning nomination for the 2007 YourHub.com Community Giving program and Excelsior Youth Center will benefit from her efforts. With 340 participants competing for the grant and over 5000 votes cast, DeBell was ecstatic at the news that her nomination won.

The 2007 Leadership Aurora class completed the largest class project ever by combining cash and in-kind donations totaling over \$40,000 to refurbish the auditorium and recreation room at the Excelsior campus.

Big bucks gets big smiles – Wendy DeBell (Cherry Creek School District) from the Leadership Class of 2007 holds a certificate from YourHub.com naming Excelsior Youth Center recipient of a \$1,000 grant. The certificate was warmly accepted by Kathy Gravely with Excelsior.



DEADLINE FOR LEADERSHIP AURORA APPLICATIONS JULY 16



The Chamber is currently accepting applications through July 16, 2007 for the 2007-08 Leadership Aurora class. Leadership Aurora provides the opportunity for participants to broaden their knowledge of the community while enhancing their leadership skills.

The program begins each year in mid-September with a 2-day class retreat, followed by eight monthly sessions from October to May on the third Thursday of each month. A celebration luncheon is held in early June. Tuition for the program is \$950 and includes all program costs and materials, including room and meals at the retreat. Partial tuition assistance is available, and awarded based on need and class composition. Applicants are required to participate in a personal interview with the selection committee.

For an application or more information, contact Kimberly Curtis at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce at 303-344-1500, or e-mail kimberly.curtis@aurorachamber.org. You may also visit our website at www.aurorachamber.org to complete or download an application.

CONGRATULATIONS LEADERSHIP AURORA GRADUATES



Twenty-two years ago, the Aurora Chamber of Commerce introduced Leadership Aurora as an effort to inform and educate local community leaders about issues facing our city and to encourage greater community involvement. We congratulate the most recent class of graduates.

Class of 2007

- Michael Ackman, Aurora Fire Department
- Barbara Atwell, 460th Space Wing
- Kacee Austin, Community College of Aurora Foundation
- Sue Bodis, Bodis Group, Inc.
- Michael Brown, FirstBank of Aurora
- Melanie Chatham, The Medical Center of Aurora
- Cheryl Clark, Excelsior Youth Center
- Wendy DeBell, Cherry Creek Schools
- Zelda DeBoyes, Aurora Municipal Court
- Kirk Downing, Cherry Creek Schools
- Marcus Dudley, Aurora Police Department
- Michael Dudley, Rural/Metro Ambulance
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- Rod Hullinger, Sam's Club
- Angela Hutton-Howard, Aurora Education Foundation
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- Beth Lattone, Rural/Metro Ambulance
- Bob Leigh, Aurora Fire Department
- Julie Lundquist, Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital
- Roy Minter, Aurora Police Department
- Brian Molitoris, Brian Molitoris Photographer
- Keith Peterson, University of Colorado Hospital
- Betsy Rogers, Aurora Mental Health Center
- Dan Sandos, 401-K Advisors USA
- Melodie Sattler, Padgett Business Services
- Jane Shirley, Aurora Public Schools
- Geoffrey Smith, Aurora Mental Health Center
- Anthony Sturges, Aurora Public Schools

AEF seeks golfers

The **Aurora Education Foundation** has set the date for their annual golf classic. The best-ball fund raiser will be held on Monday, July 16 according to AEF Executive Director Angela Hutton-Howard. Presented by **1stBank of Colorado**, the tourney will once again be played at Saddle Rock Golf Course. Cost per player is \$125 or \$500 for a foursome with all proceeds going to the AEF. Additional information is available by calling the Foundation at 303-326-2042. AEF assists students and teachers in Aurora Public Schools with grants, scholarships and support to help increase achievement in literacy and promote innovative approaches to educating children in the district.

New food vendors join Banks in Harmony concerts

Two new food vendors will join long-time favorite, **Helga's German Delicatessen**, in satiating the hunger of Banks in Harmony crowds during this season's summer concert series. Kelli's Kitchen, a popular local caterer, and Dave Fehrenbach's Honeybaked Hams operation will join the rotating line-up bringing modestly priced, ready-to-eat picnic-style dinners to concert goers. Helga's is on the schedule for June 14, July 5, 19 and Aug. 16 with brats, hot dogs and hamburgers. **Kelli's Kitchen** will bring their delectable box lunches to the parks on June 21, July, 12, and Aug. 2. Dave Feherenbach will have his

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heavenly **Honeybaked Ham** at concerts on June 28, July 26 and Aug. 9. Banks in Harmony is sponsored by community-minded banks **Citywide**, **1stBank of Aurora** and **Wells Fargo**.

Theater season opens with Fox Gala

A tropical theme will be in place as the **Aurora Chamber** and the **Aurora Fox Arts Center** kick off their 2007-08 season with the ever popular Fox Gala on Sept. 22. The fun-filled evening that includes dinner, fine wines, and a silent auction to benefit the Fox also will feature the Metro area premier of Nilo Cruz's Pulitzer-prize winning play, **Anna in the Tropics**. Sponsorships that include preferred seating and number of other perks are still available by calling The Chamber at 303-344-1500.

University completes move to Fitz

The **University of Colorado Health Sciences Center** and the **University Hospital** completed their move to Fitzsimons and the **Anschutz Medical Campus** on June 18. The complex logistical exercise was carried out with minimal impact on patients according to a spokeswoman. The next major move to the Fitzsimons location will involve **The Children's Hospital** scheduled to open on the Aurora Campus this fall. A **Veterans Administration Hospital** will follow in 2011. The new campus is expected to eventually employ more than 65,000 people.

Ziegler passes Buckley command to McGee

Col. David W. Ziegler passed command of the **460th Space Wing** to Col. Donald "Wayne" McGee Jr. at ceremonies at Buckley AFB June 12. Colonel McGee was previously the 21st Operations Group commander at Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs. Colonel Ziegler, a popular Air Force presence in the community, will retire after 25 years of service. Fourteenth Air Force Commander, Major General William Sheldon presided over the ceremony. He commended Colonel Ziegler on his accomplishments during his two years as commander of the 460th including numerous upgrades and changes to space operations and the addition of military family housing along with eight other major construction projects to Buckley.

CM IT Solutions of Denver wins Franchise of the Year

CM IT Solutions of Denver has won the national organization's Franchise of the Year Award for its achievement over the last year. Owners Debi and Phil Bush received the award when it was announced at the recent CM IT Solutions convention in Austin, Texas. The award recognizes franchise owners and their businesses based on sales, performance and leadership within the franchise system. The Bush's successfully directed their CM IT Solutions business to excel in each of these areas throughout the last year.

Your library experience can be all business

So, where can one go to find computers, Internet access, market research data and industry trends all in one place? Smoky Hill Library, a branch of the Arapahoe Library District, 5430 S. Biscay Circle, offers a plethora of resources for those seeking business materials, and also features broadband and wireless Internet access.

Our staff can assist entrepreneurs in starting a new business, finding demographic information to develop marketing strategies, and provide resources to write an effective business plan," said Suzanne Kaller, the library's business specialist. Best of all, library services are always free! We have specialized business databases for patron use at the library or remotely, as well as an up-to-date collection of print materials." Kaller holds master's degrees in both Business Administration and Library and Information Science and worked for 25 years in corporate finance. For more information, please contact Suzanne at 303-693-7449 or skaller@ald.lib.co.us. The Smoky Hill Library will have a booth at the Aurora Chamber Business to Business Showcase and invite all visitors to drop by.

Fair celebrates second year in new digs

The 2007 Arapahoe County Fair will return to the fairgrounds at 25690 E. Quincy Ave., in Aurora from July 18-22, 2007.

Last year's Fair and Centennial Celebration was a huge success with more than 30,000 people attending the opening weekend. The fair drew high marks for attendees, with 68.5 percent rating the fair above average or excellent and 71 percent indicating they would return in 2007.

The 2007 Arapahoe County Fair, July 18-22, promises to be a hit with new features including more carnival rides, three days of fireworks, an amateur rodeo, big name local entertainment acts, and camel rides - all at an affordable "pay-for-one" admission.

Please contact Mindy Edstrom at 303-734-5464 with questions.



Ribbon Cuttings



Under the arches – Sean Keating, General Manager (center with scissors) is joined by Director of Sales Michelle Sedlak (right), Sales Manager Cheyenne Eckart (left) and a contingent of Ambassadors and Chamber staff to open the newly renovated Courtyard Marriott in Cherry Creek. Conveniently located at 1475 S. Colorado Boulevard between I-25 and Mississippi close the popular Cherry Creek Mall, the newest Marriott property not only offers revamped rooms but excellent meeting space offering beautiful views of the city.



The good hands people – Jaye Lucas shows she has good hands as she prepares to cut the ribbon marking the official opening of the **Jaye Lucas Agency of Allstate Insurance**. Lucas was joined by friends, family, and Ambassadors for the opening on June 12. Her agency is conveniently located in the Clocktower Square at 14201 E. 4th Ave. Ste. 300, just off I-225. Call Jaye at 303-364-8664 to discuss your every insurance need.



Not exactly pocket change – Michelle Adams, **Pinnacol Assurance** CIC Marketing Representative, presents a dividend check to Chamber President Kevin Hougen and Chamber Administrative Director Stephanie McDonnell. The money will be distributed Chamber members participating in the Workman's Compensation program. It represents another successful and safe year said Hougen.



Name up in lights— Everyone likes to see their name in lights, and the Chamber is no exception. All of Havana Street knew that The Chamber was present on April 26 thanks to **Ed Bozarth Chevrolet** who used their sign to welcome members to Business after Hours at their beautifully renovated facility at 2001 S. Havana near Iliff. A crowd of nearly 100 were treated to food from **Carrabba's** and a close up look a the latest line-up of Chevrolets including two sleek new Corvettes.

Old Chicago supports Aurora Cops

The **Old Chicago Foundation**, in partnership with the three Aurora **Old Chicago** Restaurants, showed their appreciation for the work of the Aurora Police Department recently when they presented a check of nearly \$2,500 to the APD Orphans Fund.

"With the two recent deaths in the department, **Old Chicago** wanted to go an extra mile to say thank you for all our police officers have done," said Dan Shannon, General Manager of the Aurora location. "These guys are our heroes and our hearts go out to them. We just

wanted to do something for them."

Old Chicago's raised the money in a contest between the Aurora restaurants to see who could do the most business on a given date. They then offered a portion of proceeds from that day's sales to the Orphans Fund. On June 6, the three Aurora **Old Chicago** Restaurants and the **Old Chicago Foundation** presented their check to the officers. Doing the honors for Old Chicago was Dan Shannon whose Iliff store won the contest.



Check this out — An **Aurora Police Department** contingent led by Lt. Harry Glidden, President of the Aurora Police Orphans Fund accept a check from Dan Shannon, General Manager of the Aurora **Old Chicago** on Iliff and Buckley.

Leadership Aurora Fire Session heats 'em up

By Daryl Guill, 460th Mission Support Group, Buckley AFB

What a smokin' way to wrap up our Leadership Aurora experience! Our last class sure sent us off with a bang. Many thanks to Captain Hunter Hackbarth, Battalion Chief Mark Stephenson, and our own classmates Mike Ackman and Bob Leigh for a wonderful day at the Aurora Fire Department Rocky Mountain Fire Academy. Captain Hackbarth kicked off the day with a department overview that provided some unique insight into how our fire fighting professionals train and what distinguishes them from their counterparts around the world.

After our police brethren, Roy and Marcus, finished their doughnuts, Chief Stephenson presented a very thorough and entertaining "Fireology 101" lesson that provided a much better understanding of combustion principles and the many dangers faced by our firemen everyday. He highlighted the countless variety of challenges presented at each scene by doing live demonstrations of the unexpected things that can happen when the right conditions come together to start a fire. Fortunately, Keith survived the entire experience while sitting in the front row!

After lunch and putting on bunker gear, things really heated up as we went through five training scenarios that included a six story ride above the academy grounds in the bucket of the ladder truck. Next, we climbed the five story tower, pulled on our harness, and 'escaped' by sliding down a telfer line to the waiting firefighters below. We then formed five man firefighting teams using the pressure hoses to stop a propane fire - "Left for Life" and "Right for Fight!"

Following that, we tore open a few cars with the hydraulic extraction tools and rounded out the afternoon with an overview of the department's HAZMAT response capabilities. Overall, this was a truly exciting day and gave us an even greater appreciation for the skill, knowledge and dedication of our firefighting professionals.



And they are not even burned! – Members of the Leadership Aurora Class of 2007 chow down on a picnic lunch prepared for them by Aurora Fire Department top brass. Looking spiffy in their new AFD T-shirts are Julie George on the left and (l-r) on the right side of the table Daryl Guill, Brian Egging, Cheryl Clark and Zelda DeBoyes.

Board Retreat Advance not all work



A little food for thought – Showing that it is not too hot in the kitchen, members of Cooking Team 4 show the fruits (and vegetables) of their labor in the kitchen at Expo Recreation Center. The team was led by Chef Naomi Colwell from **The Chamber** and included board members Alfonso Nuñez, a chef in his own right from **La Cueva**; Todd Landgrave, **Northrop Grumman**; Mary Beth Sharp, **Aurora Chamber**; Bob Barké, the group's sous chef and this year's Chamber Board Chair from **BAR-K Insurance Solutions**; and Dr. Kathy Boyle, the group's wine steward from **Anschutz Inpatient Pavilion**. The group was participating in a team building exercise at the annual Chamber Advance ("we never retreat" says Chamber President Hougen) on June 1. The Board prepared their own lunch from scratch under the watchful eye of Chef Thesala Jones of Kitchen on the Green.



Bon Appetite! – Lifting their glasses in a toast following a successful effort in the kitchen are Chamber Board members (left side) Diane Garcia, **2G Associates**; Dr. Kathy Boyle **Anschutz Inpatient Pavilion**; Judy Booth, **Fitzsimons Community Federal Credit Union**; (right side) John Stanton, **Prudential Colorado Real Estate**; Bob Barké, **BAR-K Insurance Solutions**; and Mark Govin, **Wells Fargo Banks**. Board members prepared an Italian meal with salad, pasta, chicken, bread and desert as part of a team building exercise at the Annual Chamber Advance.