

CITY CLUB
OF PORTLAND



**THE
POWER
OF IDEAS**

**2003-2004
ANNUAL REPORT**

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT electricity in the air



If you've been following events at the Club this year, you know that there's a palpable sense of excitement about the new City Club and its role in our community.

We have a lot to be proud of in the accomplishments our Club has achieved. Our new executive director, Wendy Radmacher-Willis, brings phenomenal energy, fresh ideas and organizational talent. Membership has grown 8 percent over the previous year, and we are launching a campaign to grow membership back to 3,000 by 2007. We've weathered the extreme financial stress of the past few years, and in 2003-2004 we exceeded the goal of our most ambitious annual fundraising campaign in the Club's history. New programs, from our monthly book club, Citizens Read, to our current evening series on food policy, to the Citizen Salon dinners, all provide a variety of activities for Club members of different interests, ages and schedules. City Club is in the headlines and on the lips of community members and citizen leaders more than it has been for many years.

Stay involved with the Club, continue to contribute your skills and passions to making the Club one of the most important institutions at the heart of our community, and you'll be participating in the beginning of a great new era in City Club's history.



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR charged with change

"This is a small and strange thing we are doing," a colleague recently said to me as he was describing the work of engaging citizens in their communities and with their government. I was enchanted with that characterization of our work because it captures City Club's foundational tenet that all citizens have something to contribute to community life, and it is the Club's responsibility to help connect each of them to one another and to the public realm—not as a huge movement, but one by one.

City Club has always been committed to its mission of informing the public and—I love this part—arousing in its members and the public "a realization of the obligations of citizenship." This past year, our board, staff and members have continued to embrace the mission while updating our methodology. We have recommitted ourselves to ensuring that individual members can connect with the Club and the community in a variety of ways, including through our upgraded Web site; alternative programs, such as Candidates Gone Wild; and smaller gatherings, such as our Citizens Read book discussions and our new series of Citizen Salon dinners.

We continue to spread our "small and strange" brand of citizenship—one in which everyone has a place at the table and ideas are judged by their strength rather than their source. I look forward to working with all of you in that endeavor.



STAFF

Wendy Radmacher-Willis
executive director

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research director

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coordinator

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office manager

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Wendy Radmacher-Willis". The signature is stylized and cursive.



FRIDAY FORUMS

illuminating the issues

Timing is everything, they say, and this year the program committee consistently sparked dialogue and reflection on critical issues relevant to both today's headlines and tomorrow's challenges, proving again and again that City Club remains Oregon's premier public affairs forum. From June 2003 through May 2004, City Club held over 40 Friday Forums with a total attendance of 6,349, including a sold-out State of the State address in March. Forums also continued to be aired on both Oregon Public Broadcasting radio as well as Portland Community Media and statewide through Oregon Public Affairs Network television, while Internet users could listen online from the Club's Web site.

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June 6, 2003

Being Oregon: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow
Jack Ohman

June 13, 2003

The State of Justice
Dale Koch

June 20, 2003

Multnomah County: The Real Life Worse Case Scenario Survival Handbook
Diane Linn



June 27, 2003

The Oregon Business Plan
Scott Gibson, Charlie Hopewell, Curt Roberts and moderator Ronald Timpe

July 11, 2003

The Federal Estate Tax
Bill Gates, Sr.



July 18, 2003

The Oregon Health Plan
Jeff Kruse and Jean Thorne

July 25, 2003

City Club Members as Legislators
Jane Cease and Mitch Greenlick

September 5, 2003

Kick-off of Keeping Oregon's Promise: A City Club Series
Jack McGowan

September 12, 2003

A Hundred Little Hitlers
Elinor Langer

September 19, 2003

State of the Schools
Susan Castillo

September 26, 2003

Crossing a Bridge to Clark County
Rex Burkholder and Craig Pridemore

October 3, 2003

Keeping Oregon's Promise: Leadership
Chris Coleman, Gun Denhart, David Yaden and moderator Ethan Seltzer



October 10, 2003

Oregon Values & Beliefs Survey

Joann Waller and Duncan Wyse

October 17, 2003

**Reframing the National Health Care Debate:
Challenging Our Basic Assumptions**

John Kitzhaber



October 24, 2003

The Heart of Baseball

Larry Colton

October 31, 2003

Tax Reform in Oregon

Randall Edwards, Paul Kelly, Tim Nesbitt and Lane Shetterly

November 7, 2003

**Keeping Oregon's Promise:
Economic Development and Job Growth**

Marty Brantley, Debi Coleman, Sam Naito and moderator Ethan Seltzer

November 14, 2003

**Whose Life is it Anyway?
A Look at Oregon's
Assisted Suicide Law**

Barbara Coombs Lee



December 5, 2003

**Keeping Oregon's Promise:
Building Community**

Tony Hopson, Mike Maslowsky, Doug Stamm and moderator Ethan Seltzer

December 12, 2003

Judicial Independence

Frances Baker and Wallace P. Carson, Jr.

December 19, 2003

A Holiday Program

Steve Wilkerson and Top Deck Barbershop Quartet

January 9, 2004

**Keeping Oregon's Promise:
Financing Public Services**

Kate Brown, Mike Burton and moderator Ethan Seltzer



January 16, 2004

State of the Economy

Tom Potiowski

January 23, 2004

Rant:

What Will They Say Next?

Mark Zusman, Colin Cowherd and Steve Duin



January 30, 2004

**Is National Security A
Threat To Your Civil Rights?**

Charles Gorder and Charles Hinkle

February 6, 2004

Putting the Public Back in Public Education

Wendy Puriefoy

February 13, 2004

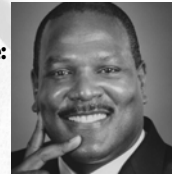
**Beyond 19th Century Government:
State of the Region**

David Bragdon

February 20, 2004

**Keeping Oregon's Promise:
Bringing It Home,
The Series Finale**

Matt Hennessee



February 27, 2004

**Community Engagement
in a Changing America**

Robert Putnam



March 5, 2004

State of the State

Ted Kulongoski

March 12, 2004

Purchasing Power: The Future of PGE

Erik Sten and Tom Walsh

March 19, 2004

What's to Eat? Food Safety from Farm to Fork

Andrew Clark and Jack Southworth

March 26, 2004

**Debatable Differences:
City Council Election Debate**

Sam Adams, Nick Fish and moderator Peter Steinberger

April 2, 2004

**Community Building, Community Bridging:
New Regionalism & Social Equity**

Manuel Pastor



April 9, 2004

**City Council Election Forum:
A Challenge to Re-Election**

Frank Dixon, Leonard Gard, Mark Lakeman, Paul Leistner, Randy Leonard, Bonny McKnight, Scott Stephens and moderator Mark Zusman

April 16, 2004

**Mayoral Election Forum:
What Direction Will They
Lead Portland?**

Phil Busse, Jim Francesconi, James Posey, Tom Potter and moderator Susan Hammer



April 23, 2004

**Homeland Defense in the Global
War on Terrorism**

Ralph Eberhart

April 30, 2004

The Impossible Takes a Little While Longer

Dudley Herschbach

May 7, 2004

A Taste of Food Policy

Katy Coba, Debra Lippoldt, Brian Rohter and moderator Ron Paul

May 14, 2004

**New Direction
for the Arts:
How Will Portland
Perform?**

Carlos Kalmar, Christopher Mattaliano, Christopher Stowell and moderator Alice McCartor



May 21, 2004

**Neighborhoods in the Cross Fire:
Is Portland Trigger-Happy?**

John Canda, LaSeanta Jones, Michael Stradley and moderator S. Renee Mitchell



SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAMS

September 16, 2003

Ballot Measure 29 Forum

Thomas B. Cox, Randall Edwards, Eric Fruits, Greg Macpherson, Lane Shetterly, James Voytko and moderator Chip Lazenby

October 29, 2003

**A Discussion of Elinor Langer's
A Hundred Little Hitlers**

Elinor Langer and Michael O'Brien

November 20, 2003

**Nickel and Dime in America:
The Experience of the Working Poor**

Artists Repertory Theatre

November 24, 2003

**Celebration of 30 Years of
Women in City Club**

featuring Pauline Anderson, Gretchen Kafoury and Vera Katz

January 12, 2004

Ballot Measure 30 Forum

Peter Courtney, Jeff Kropf, Ellen Lowe, J.L. Wilson, and moderator Jim Westwood

March 17, 2004

Marriage: State of the Union

Leslie Harris, Stephen Kanter, Mary Pitman Kitch, Emanuel Rose, Rebecca Warner and moderator William Lunch

April 15, 2004

TriMet Interstate Yellow Line Preview Ride

Neil McFarlane



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NEW LEADERS COUNCIL

alternative energy

ISSUE COMMITTEES

positive contacts

From exploring the creative class to evaluating the contribution of small businesses to economic development ... from issues of patient rights to urban design ... City Club's six issue committees—including the newly created Citizenship & Government issue committee—met regularly throughout the year, offering face-to-face conversations with community leaders and roundtable discussions of civic issues. Guest speakers included Ann Nice, Nan Curtis, Joe Cortright, Ethan Seltzer, David Bragdon, Randy Gragg, David Sailor and Carole Romm, among many others.

New Leaders Council strives to bridge the generation gap and other barriers to civic involvement by bringing together the best and brightest of Portland's young adult communities for information, interaction and action. In 2003-2004, NLC held 10 events on topics ranging from the arts to the economy, from health care to politics and refugees. NLC was also a co-sponsor of the hugely popular Candidates Gone Wild debate featuring Sam Adams, Phil Busse, Nick Fish, Jim Francesconi, James Posey and Tom Potter. Among the speakers at NLC's other events were Chris Coleman, Vanetta Abdelatif, Brad Adkins, Malia Jensen, Cynthia Lahti, Stephanie Snyder, Pamela Loh, Ed Sale, Laretta Conklin Frederking, Kayse Jama, Clay Myers, Tom Webb, Pippa Arend and numerous others.



RESEARCH fueling the debate

City Club research is a highly respected source of credible and balanced information on issues affecting Portland, the region and the state of Oregon. Since 1920, City Club members have prepared more than 900 reports on a wide variety of topics including land use planning, health care, education, environment, government, transportation, taxation and more.

Although only one ballot measure study and one resolution were released during 2003-2004, the Club's 13-member Research Board made great strides in institutionalizing two new facets of City Club—a Community Scan and Advocacy efforts—that will provide a solid infrastructure for future work, while three ongoing committees continued their in-depth study of three vitally important issues.



COMMUNITY SCAN

In 2004, City Club's Research Board launched a Community Scan, reaching out to members, community leaders and the general public to solicit suggestions for research and program topics. More than 150 ideas were submitted from some 70 individuals—ideas that are already influencing the Club's work. Taxes, the economy and education took the top three spots among Community Scan results, and it is no coincidence that City Club research has in recent years tackled those issues with 2002 reports on *Tax Reform in Oregon* and *Charter Schools in Portland*—and will continue to do so with the much-anticipated reports on *Portland Development Commission: Governance, Structure and Process* and *How to Best Finance K-12 Education in Portland* (see more below).

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ADVOCACY

Building a research-to-advocacy continuum in cooperation with the Club's Advocacy and Awareness Board is another area in which the Research Board has made a number of advancements this past year. In response to the Club's 2003 strategic planning process, the Research Board seeks opportunities to ensure that the work of the study committees becomes a tool for positive change while still maintaining the integrity of the Club's research and its role as a neutral forum for dialogue on tough issues. In particular, advocacy efforts around community policing and charter schools have been quite active. Members of the Advocacy & Awareness Board include chair Chris Smith; full members Pauline Anderson, Doug Capps, Chuck Frost and Bob McCarthy; associate members Arnold Cogan and Susan Stone; and research board liaison Andy Sloop.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

More than 50 dedicated City Club members have, during the past year, collectively invested thousands of hours of time to research complex long-term public policy issues related to the Portland Development Commission (Sue Thomas, chair); K-12 Education Finance (Doug Marker, chair); and Early Childhood Development, Child Care and Education (Marilyn Richen, chair). Reports from the committees are expected in late 2004 and early 2005.

BALLOT MEASURE STUDIES

Ballot Measures 26-51 and 26-52 (Multnomah County)



SUMMARY: Ballot Measures 26-51 and 26-52 were citizen initiatives attempting to create a publicly owned electric utility in Multnomah County, where two investor-owned utilities—Portland General Electric (PGE) and Pacific Power—serve the vast majority of ratepayers. The study committee could envision a scenario in which a public power system in Multnomah County would be desirable, and given the uncertainty of PGE's future, this could have appeared to be an opportune time to form a People's Utility District (PUD). However, the majority of the committee believed that Measures 26-51 and 26-52 were not the appropriate vehicles for achieving this aim. They stated that the ballot measures failed to adequately address a number of significant issues, including how the proposed power system would obtain reasonably priced electricity and the actual costs of acquiring power generation and distribution assets.

RECOMMENDATION: Due to the presence of these and other unresolved issues, the majority of the committee recommended a "no" vote on both measures. A minority of the committee believed that the risks of creating the proposed People's Utility District were outweighed by the risks of leaving the future of PGE in the hands of Enron's creditors and federal regulators. The minority committee recommended taking a proactive risk by voting "yes" on Measure 26-51. The low cost of the engineering study also led the minority to recommend a "yes" vote on Measure 26-52.

ACTION: City Club members voted to adopt a "vote no" position on Measures 26-51 and 26-52.

COMMITTEE: Robert Geary, Edward Gronke, Jonathan Hutchison, Pete Jacobs, Morgan O'Toole-Smith, Alec Schreck, Alexander Stange, chair Jonathan Hart and research advisers Kirstin Greene and BJ Seymour

RESOLUTION


Ballot Measure 30 (State of Oregon)

SUMMARY: Ballot Measure 30 would enact a temporary personal income tax surcharge; increase Corporate Minimum Tax; make other corporate, income, property, cigarette tax increases and changes; and avoid specific budget cuts.

RECOMMENDATION: The Research Board recommended a "yes" vote on Measure 30 based on previous City Club studies and positions.

ACTION: The Board of Governors adopted the resolution on December 22, 2003.

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Ballot Measure Report

Multnomah County Ballot Measure 26-51:
Forms Multnomah County People's Utility District
and
Multnomah County Ballot Measure 26-52:
Authorizes Multnomah County People's Utility
District To Impose Special Levy

Your Committee Found:

Ballot Measures 26-51 and 26-52 are citizen initiatives attempting to create a publicly owned electric utility in Multnomah County, where two investor-owned utilities—Portland General Electric (PGE) and Pacific Power—currently serve most of Multnomah County.

Your committee can envision a scenario where a public power system in Multnomah County would be desirable, and given the uncertainty of PGE's future, this could appear to be an opportune time. However, the majority of your committee believes that Measures 26-51 and 26-52 are not the appropriate vehicles for achieving this aim. The ballot measures fail to adequately address a number of significant issues, including how the proposed



ANNUAL FUND

providing the energy

Generous personal contributions by hundreds of individuals, vital corporate sponsorship of our Friday Forums and the successful launch of our Citizen Salon fund-raising dinner series helped the Club to surpass its 2003-2004 annual fund drive goal, raising more than \$115,000 to support our mission of promoting civic engagement and citizenship.

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Oregon Public
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**STATEMENT OF
FINANCIAL POSITION
COMPARING MAY 31, 2003
WITH MAY 31, 2004**

Provided below is a statement of City Club's financial position at the end of the 2002-2003 fiscal year and the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

ASSETS			
	<u>May 31, 2003</u>	<u>May 31, 2004</u>	
Cash	\$1,888	\$5,520	
Investments	368,610	390,034	
Accounts receivable	694	904	
Prepaid expenses	2,808	864	
Property and equipment, net	13,290	7,746	
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	87,433	87,433	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$474,723	\$492,501	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$15,173	\$8,372	
Accrued expenses	9,139	6,876	
Deferred membership revenue	76,545	72,634	
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	\$100,857	\$87,882	
Net Assets:			
Unrestricted:			
Undesignated	(22,837)	(36,412)	
Board designated	295,980	345,852	
Net property and equipment	13,290	7,746	
Total unrestricted	286,433	317,186	
Permanently restricted	87,433	87,433	
Total net assets	373,866	404,619	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$474,723	\$492,501	

A Statement of Revenues and Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances for the Twelve Months Ended May 31, 2004 appears in the August 6, 2004 Bulletin.



AWARDS & RECOGNITION glowing remarks

City Club Award 2004

*For outstanding contribution
to club and community*

Paddy Tillett

Member of the Year Award 2004

*For outstanding contribution to the
Board of Governors*

Susan Kelly

President's Plaque

For service as president 2003-2004

Andrew Linehan

Research Award 2004

For outstanding work in the area of research

Community Policing Study Committee

David Abravanel

Ruby Apsler

Jim Gorter

Kit Ketcham

Richard Meyer

Julie Sterling

Kristin Angell, *chief writer*

Meredith Savery, *chair*

Pauline Anderson, *research adviser*

Gil Johnson, *research adviser*

Wade Fickler, *research director*

The Board of Governors selected the Community Policing Study Committee to receive City Club's 2004 Research Award for outstanding work for the Club in the area of research. The committee was chosen for this honor because of the high quality of its work, wide distribution of the report and ongoing efforts of Club members to advocate the report's recommendations. The report, which has been called a wake-up call and catalyst for change, has been cited repeatedly in local media and created the opportunity for City Club to participate in the Portland Police Bureau's strategic planning process. The report has been read and used as a training tool by neighboring police departments.

"The report could easily reflect any law enforcement agency. The document will benefit Portland and those agencies that study it. I have made it required reading for my command staff. I believe it will help us get back to the basics of community policing and provide us with insights on how to improve our own program.... I commend you on producing a sound document that will aid law enforcement agencies in providing high-quality community policing to their communities."—David G. Bishop, Chief of Police, Beaverton, Oregon

"When I read the City Club's report on community policing, I saw it as a teaching moment for our supervisors. ... Your report was thought-provoking and provided Hillsboro Police Department an opportunity to initiate our dialogue on community policing."—Ron Louie, Chief of Police, Hillsboro, Oregon

MEMBERSHIP generating a buzz

The past year has been an exciting period of growth in City Club membership rolls. From June 2003 through May 2004, City Club welcomed 334 new faces for a total of 1,437 members—114 more than last year at this time. City Club also re-instituted its tradition of quarterly open houses at which new members can meet current members and leaders to learn more about Club activities and opportunities.

These fun, after-work events feature a changing lobby exhibit of work by local artists, arranged by Amy Caplan of Caplan Art Designs.



1,437 AND GROWING



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Katy King
chair

Lucy Brehm
Jane Cease
Justin Gottlieb
Jean Hart
Susan Kelly
Heather Kmetz
Korleen Kraft
Wayne Lei

CITIZENS OF THE WORLD cross-cultural connections

In August 2003, City Club hosted Ukrainian research fellow **Oleksandr "Sasha" Shvayun**, an attorney with the Podilsky Center of Human Rights in Vinnytsia. Shvayun was awarded a four-month grant to conduct independent research in the United States and spent several months in Portland learning about human rights policies



and practices, and the operations and management of nongovernmental organizations. In 2001, City Club of Portland was the inspiration and model for the establishment of Civic Club of Vinnytsia, which had been a program of the Podilsky Center until April 2002 when it became an independent nongovernmental organization with the goal of creating a well-informed, active community.

Also in 2003, City Club's Board of Governors voted in favor of a proposal to assume management of the **Portland Americanization Council**. The Council's role in public life has evolved



over the years, but since its founding in 1922, the Council has consistently been the friendly face and welcoming body for our newest citizens. City Club continues this tradition, arranging for volunteers to greet new citizens and help facilitate monthly naturalization ceremonies. Interestingly, this is not City Club's first involvement with the Council. Documents from the 1920s list City Club as a member organization of the Council. Adopting the Council also led to the founding of the new Citizenship & Government Issue Committee and, one year later, the committee has dozens of volunteers waiting to participate.

Since January, **Citizens Read** has brought together members and friends of the Club to read a common text and meet monthly to discuss books that deal with civic issues. From history and a sense of place, to public policy and economics, provocative moderators have encouraged Portland bibliophiles to share both their love of literature and their interest in civic affairs.

CITIZENS READ BOOK GROUP novel networking



MISSION

To inform
its members
and the
community in
public matters
and to arouse
in them a
realization
of the
obligations
of citizenship.



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