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City Club turns 90 years old this year. Our Club began as a gathering of restless Portlanders who wanted a new forum to engage in city affairs. And for the generations of Portlanders that followed, the Club has been the place to be involved in the city as concerned citizens and where access to meaningful public involvement builds our civic culture.

Along the way, one of City Club's major contributions to Portland has been the development of community leaders. Through opportunities such as serving on research committees and participating in advocacy efforts, Club members hone their skills by bringing together citizens to work for a common civic purpose. This civic leadership pays dividends for Portland's future as citizens from all walks of life learn to engage in issues critically and civilly, ultimately becoming assets to nonprofit boards, public oversight committees and elected office around the city and throughout the state.

I think of Eva Schweber, for example, who moved to Portland with her husband and found in City Club the opportunity to engage in our city's issues. In her first year of membership, Eva chaired our study of Portland's Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Fund. This taxpayer-financed, "pay-as-you-go" system is reaching a breaking point but has for years defied a solution within the conventional City Council policy mechanisms. Eva and her committee investigated the complicated system and won City Club support for findings that now are benchmarks for City Council and voter action.

It has been a privilege to serve as the president of your City Club. I'm proud that our Club is attracting new, energetic members and that, after 90 years, we are still an organization of restless people.

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Alexis de Tocqueville, writing about democracy, called citizens' knowledge of how to associate with other citizens "the mother of all other forms of knowledge." By that, I think he meant that the practice of association and the ability to congregate around ideas and common interests creates a pattern for us to use in governing ourselves, a mold for us to use in deciding how to resolve the hard issues that we inevitably face as a community.

rom the executive director

This year, City Club members demonstrated the art of association in a multitude of ways. City Club members and other citizens came together to discuss health care and the federal deficit, to propose pension reform and to advocate for affordable housing, to hike through public green spaces and to discuss plays and art installations. City Club members reached out to the citizens of Fossil and Condon and the students and faculty at Chief Joseph Elementary. Members argued politics over meals together and asked thoughtful questions at Friday Forums.

City Club members looked to one another for leadership and demonstrated the wisdom of the people. City Club members gave us hope in our ability to govern ourselves for — as Tocqueville put it — "once [citizens] have met, they always know how to meet again."

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Wendy Radmacher-Willis, executive director Wade Fickler, research director Margaret Eickmann, membership & development director Tim Krause, communications coordinator Tim DuRoche, office manager/executive assistant Melody Rose (right) joined City Club in 2004 and soon took a seat on the committee that plans the Club's weekly Friday Forums. She says the organization offers a great example of civil discourse. "I really appreciate how the Club tackles hard, divisive issues with facts and respectful dialogue, providing a counter-example to much of our rant-based political discourse."

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City Club continues to be Oregon's premier public affairs organization, and its weekly Friday Forums remain the cornerstone of public discourse on important civic issues. Dozens of local and national figures have appeared before City Club to address topics ranging from politics and elections to economics and the environment. From June 2005 through May 2006, City Club held 42 Friday Forums with a total attendance of 8,294 — an increase in average attendance of 14 percent over the previous year — in addition to the tens of thousands more statewide who tune in to Oregon Public Broadcasting radio, Portland Community Media and Oregon Public Affairs Network television, and City Club's online podcasts and videocasts, listening and watching whenever and wherever is convenient.



June 3, 2005 Perennial Change

Ketzel Levine, Senior Correspondent, Morning Edition, National Public Radio

June 10, 2005

Rant II: What Will We Hear This Time?

S. Renee Mitchell, The Oregonian; Henry Stern, Willamette Week; and Sheila Hamilton, KINK-FM radio

June 17, 2005

The Long-Term Future of the Portland Development Commission

Randy Leonard, Portland City Commissioner; John Russell, former chair of PDC; and Doug Blomgren, PDC Secretary

June 24, 2005

Oregonians at War: Returnees from Iraq

Sqt. Rebekah-Mae Neoma Bruns; Sat. First Class "Vince" Jacques; and Helen Jung, The Oregonian

July 8, 2005

Portland on Tap: How Microbrews **Became Big Business** 

Karl Ockert, BridgePort Brewing; Jim Parker, former Executive Director of The Oregon Brewers Guild and current Editor-in-Chief of The New Brewer and Zymurgy magazines

July 15, 2005

Politics and the Pulpit: The Role of Religion in Public Life

David Crowe, Restore America; and Prof. Steven Green, Willamette University

July 22, 2005

The Health of the Oregon State Hospital

Bob Nikkel, Administrator, Oregon Department of **Human Services** 

July 29, 2005

Bureau Bosses: What Can Portland Expect from City Commissioners' New Assignments?

Portland City Commissioners Sam Adams, Randy Leonard and Dan Saltzman

September 9, 2005 Legislative Wrap-Up: Policy and Politics

Senate Majority Leader Kate Brown and House Majority Leader Wayne Scott

September 16, 2006 Taking Stock and

Moving Forward Vicki Phillips, Superintendent, Portland Public Schools

September 23, 2006

Methademic: A Reasoned Look at a Public Crisis

Mark McDonnell, Senior Deputy District Attorney, Multnomah County; Rita Sullivan, Executive Director, OnTrack, Inc.; and September 30, 2005

Oregon's Own Karl Roves: Democracy in the Age of the Political Consultant

Political Consultants Chuck Adams, Lisa Grove, Jack Kane, Mark Wiener and moderator Mark Zusman, Editor of Willamette Week

October 7, 2005

Lessons from Katrina: Disaster Recovery Planning for Portland

Mike Maguire, Portland Fire and Rescue Deputy Chief; Ken Murphy, Deputy Director of Oregon's Office of Homeland Security; and Tom Simpson, Director of Emergency Management of Multnomah County

October 14, 2005

On the Road to Revolution: Fear and Loathing in the U.S. Health Care System

Former Gov. John Kitzhaber

October 21, 2005

Democratization, Society and Education

Benjamin R. Barber, Author and Distinguished Professor at the University of Maryland

October 28, 2005

Growing Oregon's Economic Pie by Investing in Education Gov. Ted Kulongoski



#### November 4, 2005 Eliminating Homelessness in Portland: Déjà Vu All Over Again?

Genevieve Nelson, Co-Founder of Sisters of the Road; Lisa Schroeder, Business Owner, Co-Chair of Downtown Retail Council and Member of the Mayor's Public Safety Action Committee; Erik Sten, Portland City Commissioner; and moderator Gretchen Kafoury

#### November 11, 2005

#### Gambling in Oregon: Economic Tonic, Fiscal Band-Aid or Sore on the Body Politic?

State Rep. Mark Hass, Vice-Chair. Oregon House Revenue Committee; Robert Whelan, Economist, ECONorthwest; David Leslie, Executive Director, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon; and moderator Chip Lazenby

#### November 18, 2005 Chinatown's Role in a Vibrant Community Charlie Chin, Master Storyteller

December 2, 2005 Saving Our Future David Walker, U.S. Comptroller General

Instruction

December 9, 2005 Are Oregon's Schools Making the Grade? The State of Public Education Susan Castillo, Oregon State Superintendent of Public

#### December 16, 2005

#### The Big Picture: Portland Art Museum Today

Bruce Guenther, Chief Curator, Portland Art Museum; interviewed by Thomas Manley, President, Pacific Northwest College of Art

#### January 6, 2006 Your Money, Your Services, Your Future Randall Edwards.

Oregon State Treasurer

#### January 13, 2006

#### The Economy: Oregon and Beyond — One Small State in a Big Flat World

Kimberly Clausing, Associate Professor and Chair, Economics Department, Reed College; Mary King, Professor and Chair, Economics Department, Portland State University; and Tom Potiowsky, Oregon State Economist

#### January 20, 2006 State of the City 2006: The Year Ahead Portland Mayor Tom Potter

#### January 27, 2006

#### Raising Opportunity: Where Investment in Early Childhood Programs Makes a Difference

Lisa Pellegrino, Program Director, Portland Children's Investment Fund; Margaret Macleod, Co-director of Outpatient Services, Morrison Child and Family Services; and Diane Yatchmenoff, Senior Research Associate, Portland State University

#### February 3, 2006

#### From Hopelessness to Power: The Future of Young Women at Risk

Joanne Fuller, Director of Multnomah County Dept. of Community Justice; and Lateefah Simon, Former Executive Director of San Francisco's Center for Young Women's Development

#### February 10, 2006

#### The Future of **Public Broadcasting**

Steven Bass, President and CEO, Oregon Public Broadcasting

#### February 17, 2006

#### 21st Century Slavery: Human Trafficking in Portland

Brian Willis, Director of Public Health Research for The Daywalka Foundation, and Health Adviser for End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes-USA; Liz Rogers, OSSIP Program Manager, Catholic Charities; and Christopher Carey, Assistant Professor, University Studies Interdisciplinary Program, Portland State University and Executive Director of The Daywalka **Foundation** 

#### February 24, 2006 State of the State 2006 Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski

#### March 3, 2006

#### Fear, Fundamentalism and Fox-TV

The Rev. Dr. Bob Edgar, General Secretary, National Council of Churches and former member of



#### March 10, 2006 City Council Election Debate: Match One

Amanda Fritz, Dan Saltzman, and moderator Susan Hammer

March 17, 2006
The Party Line:
Democratic Gubernatorial
Candidates Forum

Jim Hill, Pete Sorenson and moderator Liz Kaufman (Gov. Ted Kulongoski invited but declined)

#### March 24, 2006 City Council Election Debate: Match Two

Emilie Boyles, Ginny Burdick, Dave Lister, Erik Sten and moderator Peter Steinberger

March 31, 2006

The Cost of Congestion: How Traffic Jams Waste More Than Just Your Time

Jay Waldron, President of the Port of Portland Commission and Co-Chair of Metro's Transportation Investment Task Force; Ann Gardner, Government Relations Manager, Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.; and Michael Powell, Owner, Powell's City of Books

April 7, 2006 Multnomah County Chair Election Debate

Diane Linn, Ted Wheeler and moderator Tonya Parker April 14, 2006 Choosing a Challenger: Republican Gubernatorial Election Debate

Jason Atkinson, Kevin Mannix, Ron Saxton and moderator Greg Macpherson

April 21, 2006

Climate Change and its Implications for Oregon

Jane Lubchenco, Distinguished Professor of Zoology and Wayne & Gladys Valley Professor of Marine Biology, Oregon State University

April 28, 2006 The American Presidency: A Glorious Burden

Robert Eisinger, Associate Professor and Chair of Political Science Dept. at Lewis & Clark College; William G. Robbins, Emeritus Distinguished Professor of History at Oregon State University; David Sarasohn, Associate Editor for The Oregonian; and moderator Christy George, radio producer and host of OPB's Oregon Territory

May 5, 2006

The Troubles of Unions — Do They Matter?

Tom Chamberlain, President, Oregon AFL-CIO; Leslie Frane, Executive Director, SEIU Local 503; and Former Congressman David Bonior May 12, 2006 **The Great Disconnect,** 

Circa 2006: How Public Confusion Impedes Political Solutions to Some of Our Biggest Problems

Adam Davis, Davis, Hibbitts & Midghall, Inc.

May 19, 2006

Preserving Civil Liberties in an Age of Terror

Steven R. Shapiro, National Legal Director, American Civil Liberties Union

A database of City Club programs is available online at www.pdxcityclub.org.
Audio and video recordings of Friday Forum programs are available for purchase through the City Club office.

Pictured below (left to right): S. Renee Mitchell, Wayne Scott, John Kitzhaber, Susan Castillo, Tom Potter, Ted Kulongoski, Ted Wheeler, Jane Lubchenco and Steven R. Shapiro



June 11, 2005 Tillamook State Forest Tour

July 8, 2005 BridgePort Brewery Tour

August 13, 2005 Metro Open Space Nature Walk

September 14, 2005 Green Buildings Tour of The Brewery Blocks

October 20, 2005 A Look Inside Portland's Big Pipe

November 28, 2005 Volunteer Night at Transition Project's Clark Center Men's Shelter

December 2, 2005 An "Un-Happy" Hour with U.S. Comptroller General David Walker

December 11, 2005 Night Out to See Stumptown Stages' *Urinetown* 

January 22, 2006 Tour of Port of Portland and Visiting Vessel

February 18, 2006 Tour of Oregon Public Broadcasting Studios

February 28, 2006 Organizational Meeting for City Club's 100th Anniversary Oral History Project

April 22, 2006 Earth Day Tour of Far West Fibers Hillsboro Recycling Facility

April 25, 2006 Green Buildings Tour of the Jean Vollum Natural Capital Center

May 1, 2006 "Candidates Gone Wild!" Election Event

May 16, 2006 Field Trip to Vernon Elementary School



John Horvick and Doug Fasching, co-chairs

City Club's New Leaders Council reaches out to connect the best and brightest of Portland's future leaders — both young and young at heart through free or low-cost events that provide opportunities for information, interaction and action in a casual environment. In 2005-2006, NLC's two new co-chairs planned a variety of interactive field trips where Club members frequently set out into the community for up-close and handson tours of city infrastructure and regional amenities. NLC participants also met with U.S. Comptroller General David Walker and once again helped to organize the successful "Candidates Gone Wild" event for the 2006 primary election.

#### RESEARCH BOARD

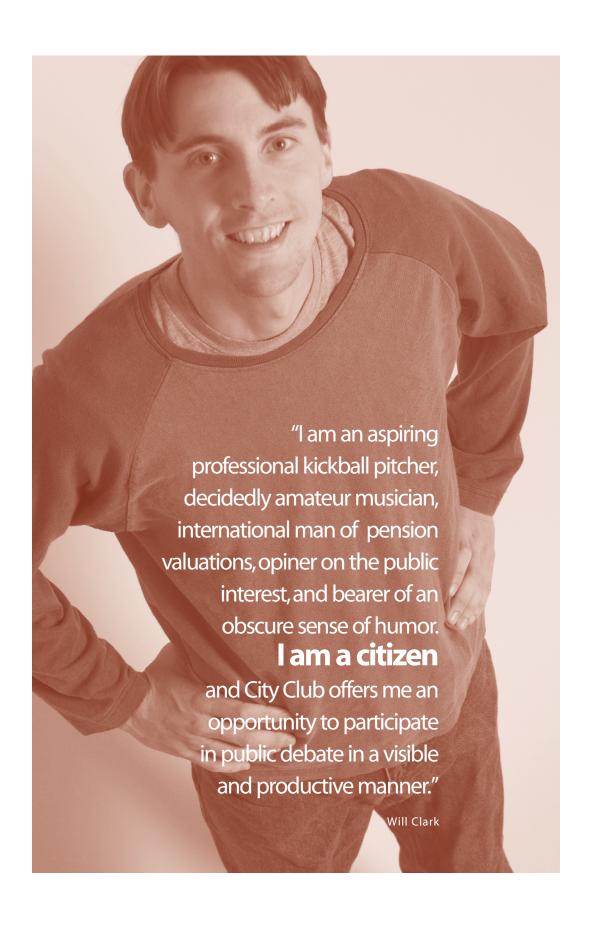
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City Club has a long history of tackling big issues and sparking public discussion through its research program. A volunteer board sets the direction and provides oversight for dozens of members who conduct research and write reports that inform public debate and become part of Oregon history.

Between June 2005 and May 2006, City Club published one resolution regarding land-use planning and reports on Portland's Fire and Police Disability

and Retirement Fund and early child-hood development. Meanwhile, several new studies were charged on topics reflecting citizen concerns about the functioning of government, as evidenced in responses to our Community Scan. Take one look into City Club's archives and it's easy to see why City Club is a highly respected source of credible and balanced information on issues affecting Portland, the region and the state of Oregon.

Will Clark (right) joined City Club in 2005 and soon volunteered to serve on the Club's research committee studying the Initiative and Referendum system in Oregon. "City Club," he says, "has the ability to focus resources and minds on important issues affecting the public. The quality of City Club's work attracts the attention of the media as well as people in positions of public responsibility."



## Portland Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Fund: Time for Change



STUDY COMMITTEE

Eva Schweber, chair Mary Jane Aman Dave Dyk Peter Farrelly John Horvick Susan Kelly Paul Millius Elia Popovich Tatiana Terdal Donald Williams Christopher Woo

> Jim Harris, research adviser

Portland's Fire and Police Disability and Retirement (FPD&R) fund is a combined pension and disability system that serves Portland's sworn fire and police employees. Because the pension system is not pre-funded, the ongoing financial viability of the fund has been an issue of public concern for many years. Local media have also raised concerns about the high rate of disabilities in Portland's fire and police bureaus and loopholes that allow injured employees to receive double compensation, which has increased public scrutiny of the system. In response to these concerns, Mayor Tom Potter appointed a nine-person independent review committee (IRC) in February 2005 to evaluate options to fully or partially prefund the pension system. In addition, City Council charged the IRC with examining the case management and costs of FPD&R's disability system.

In June 2005, City Club established a study committee composed of 11 members vetted for conflict of interest and charged with shadowing the IRC's work while conducting its own research in order to comment publicly on the IRC's recommendations to City Council. City Club's report represented the culmination of a six-month intensive review of relevant information; more than a dozen interviews with industry experts and stakeholders; and attendance at countless meetings of both City Council and the IRC. In its detailed report, City Club's study committee presented members and the public with easy-to-read discussion and analysis of the FPD&R levy, pension and disability systems, as well as systems-wide accountability and political and regulatory challenges. As with previous City Club studies of FPD&R, the committee determined that the fund's pay-as-you-go structure is detrimental to the city's financial health and places an unnecessarily heavy burden on property tax payers.

Soon after its publication, City Club held a town hall forum for members to discuss the report prior to voting at the February 3, 2006 Friday Forum, where it was approved by a margin of more than 80 percent and subsequently handed over to an Advocacy and Awareness Committee. In addition to receiving significant media attention, City Club's report was placed side by side with the IRC's report as required reading for Mayor Potter's FPD&R reform committee, which was charged with reaching consensus on recommendations to City Council. City Club's conscientious work has helped steer city leaders and citizens toward improving Portland's FPD&R system.

## The Early Years: A City Club Report on the Care and Education of Children from Birth to Age Five

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The Early Years

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STUDY COMMITTEE

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Mark Magnuson, research adviser

In August 2003, City Club launched a study committee with each member screened for conflict of interest, to research and report on key issues related to early childhood care and education in the Portland area. The committee's charge presumed that parents have primary responsibility for their children, and that other members of society — particularly policymakers and business leaders — have a parallel responsibility to support parents' efforts to provide optimum conditions for the early care and education of children.

Through its research, City Club's committee identified key findings indicating that brain research makes clear that the early years are the most critical years in human development and that public and private investment in early care and education will, in the mid and long term, produce significant cost savings and increase tax revenue through greater economic output. Early care and education is a critical public issue, as important as other civic issues such as public safety, economic development and environmental standards. In its report, the committee wrote, "It is hard to imagine a public policy issue with more agreement among scientists, government officials and child advocates. With this report, committee members recommend that City Club of Portland join an emerging movement of private and public sector leaders calling for early investment in the welfare of children." Among its recommendations, the report calls for a new position of "chief advocate for early childhood" in the executive branch of state government that would lead Oregon's Early Childhood System and be the public voice for the early years.

Upon publication of the report, City Club again held a town hall at which members discussed the report prior to voting on acceptance of the report at the March 17, 2006 Friday Forum, where it was approved by a margin of more than 80 percent and subsequently handed over to an Advocacy and Awareness Committee.

#### RESOLUTION

## In Support of Senate Bill 82 (2005): Oregon Task Force on Land Use Planning



WHEREAS, City Club of Portland conducted prior research on Ballot Measure 7 and adopted a study report on April 15, 2002 that included analysis of Measure 7, conclusions and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, one of the central conclusions and recommendations of City Club's Measure 7 report was that a statewide public dialogue should be initiated to identify a public consensus on the balance between property rights and land use planning; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 82 would establish a specific, ideologically neutral mechanism for carrying out the public dialogue recommended in the Measure 7 report.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that City Club of Portland shall publicly express support for passage of Senate Bill 82.

Adopted by the City Club Board of Governors on June 13, 2005.

#### **ACTIVE PROJECTS**

More than 50 members are engaged in five studies currently underway. Three of these studies are looking at how state and local governments operate. An evaluation of Portland's system of publicly financed city elections (John Rehm, chair), a 10-year update to City Club's 1996 report on Oregon's initiative and referendum system (Arden Shenker, chair) and an analysis of partisanship in the Oregon political system (Caroline Harris Crowne, chair) are expected to be released in 2006 and early 2007.

A long-term study of how to best finance K-12 education in Portland (Doug Marker, chair) continues, and a comprehensive look at Portland's business environment (Sharon VanSickle-Robbins, chair) is expected to be published in 2007.

The Research Board also has plans for a third "Community Scan," the Club's regular outreach to members, community leaders and the general public to solicit suggestions for research and program topics.

A database of more than 900 City Club reports and resolutions (many online in PDF format for free) is available at www.pdxcityclub.org. Printed copies of research reports are available from the City Club office.

City Club's Advocacy & Awareness program continues to expand in number and influence. The program strives to extend the life and impact of the Club's research reports by engaging Club members in organized efforts to realize the Club's public policy recommendations. Here are a few highlights of the past year:

In 2006, members adopted the work of two study committees by wide margins, setting in motion advocacy and awareness committees on Portland's Fire & Police Disability & Retirement Fund and early childhood issues. The FPD&R committee, chaired by Eva Schweber, has played an integral role in moving this decades-old problem of financial risk and lack of accountability closer to a reasonable solution. The early childhood committee, lead by Julie Young (chair) Bethany Wurtz (vice chair), is already proving to be influential in public and private funding efforts for early childhood programs.

Sue Thomas chaired the advocacy and awareness committee that formed in response to the Club's 2005 report on the **Portland Development Commission**. The committee, among other things, collaborated with PDC staff to establish a public participation policy and manual geared at bringing greater transparency and more effective citizen involvement into PDC's operations.

The Club's **affordable housing** committee, now in its fourth year, collaborates with the PDC committee and community organizations to encourage full funding of the city's Housing Investment Fund. Under chair Clyde Doctor, the committee saw a significant victory in 2006 when Portland City Council passed a 30 percent set-aside of tax-increment dollars in urban renewal areas for affordable housing.

The Club's **Measure 37** committee, chaired by Mark Anderson, continues to monitor and attempt to influence how Measure 37 is implemented. Members of the committee testified before the Legislature and met with stakeholders and government officials. They are monitoring the implementation of Senate Bill 82, the state's "Big Look," and the land-use planning system.

Since the release of City Club's 2002 report on **charter schools** in Portland,



Kirstin Greene, chair

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study committee member Eli Lamb, has promoted awareness and understanding of issues related to charter schools by administering an online information exchange open to the public. City Club's **sign code** committee, chaired by Paul Leistner and working off the Club's 1996 report titled Billboard Regulation in Portland, monitors the implementation and enforcement of the city sign code. With a grant from Oregon Roadside Council, the committee is looking into the valuation of billboard property in the region.

Operating on a 2004 Board of Governors' resolution grounded in research of a statewide system of publicly financed campaigns, the **voter-owned elections** advocacy committee played a role in the initial development of Portland's system of financing campaigns for citywide elected offices. The committee was placed on hiatus in January 2006 while the Club convened a study of the Portland system.

Carl and Margery Abbott

When Carl and Margery Abbott (left) moved to Portland in 1978, they wanted to learn about the important issues facing their new community. It was soon clear that "City Club attracted the sorts of people with the same interest in building a prosperous and just community," and the Abbotts have been members now for some 25 years. During that time, Marge has enjoyed working with the Research Board and Board of Governors, while Carl's impact has been felt through study committees that helped to shape the future of Multnomah County Library, not to mention taking a few turns himself at the Friday Forum podium.

Generous personal contributions by hundreds of individuals, vital corporate sponsorships of Friday Forums, the highly successful Citizen Salon dinner series and the support of a committed Board of Governors all helped City Club raise more than \$121,500 to support our mission of promoting civic engagement and good citizenship.

In addition, City Club is grateful for the generous support of local foundations Meyer Memorial Trust and Rose E. Tucker Charitable Trust, which this past year awarded City Club grants toward upgrading our membership and development infrastructure in order to better serve our members and the community.

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Alco Properties/ Tom Bechtell Apple Music Row Jake's Catering at the Governor Hotel Ken Aaron Photography Amy Caplan & Caplan Art Designs Sidonie Caron Nigel Conway Colleen Frederick Cynthia Kirk Looking Glass Bookstore McDonald Jacobs/Dennis Johnson News4Neighbors/ David Pool Oregon Public Broadcasting

The Personal Telco Project Portland Community Media Television Portland Streetcar Preston Gates Ellis LLP Print Results/ Ron Laster Martha Mottau Reisdorf SawNet Gwen Seemel SRM Architecture and Marketing, Inc./Guenevere Millius Studio Ridge LLC/ Sam Roloff Voilà Catering and Cafe Voilà/ Ionathan Goodrow Willamette Week

Citizen Salon

Hosts, Guest

Provocateurs, &

**Guest Chefs** Jennifer Allen Michael Arrieta-Walden April Baer Caitlin Baggott & Rich Rodgers Greg Baldwin Ogden & Charlotte Beeman Gary Blackmer Paul Bragdon Mike & Terri Burton **Bob Caldwell** Brian Campbell & Julie Goodman Ron & Jane Cease Eric & Rebecca Friedenwald-Fishman Kirstin Greene Darlene Hooley Kyle Iboshi Ellen Jackson **Nigel Jaquiss** Phil Keisling

Kevin Kohnstamm & Amy Carlsen Kohnstamm Randy Leonard Don Mazziotti Guenevere Millius Michael & Sherry Mills Leslie Morehead & Bob Monserud Chet & Wendy Orloff Jon Palanuk Norma Paulus Wendy Radmacher-Willis & Jonathan Radmacher Robert Reynolds Lane Shetterly Andy & Kimi Sloop Dan Stastny Fran Storrs **Leather Storrs** Paddy Tillett Tamsen Wassell & Nanine Alexander Joella Werlin & Robert Autrey Max Williams Mark Zusman

#### Program Partners

ACLU Oregon Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon The Foundation for Medical Excellence Illahee Metro Multnomah County Library Oregon Bus **Project** Oregon Council for the Humanities Willamette Week

ASS	ETS	
		TOTALS
Cash and Money Market Trust		5,199.68
Investments:		
Liquid Asset Fund	1,698.87	
Clearing Account	(34.65)	
Oregon Community Foundation Fund	48,183.91	
Common Stocks	301,602.73	351,450.86
Permanently Restricted Trust		87,432.78
Accounts Receivable		2,117.48
Prepaid Expenses		884.69
Fixed Assets:		
Cost	190,505.57	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(154,906.08)	35,599.49
TOTAL ASSETS		\$482,684.98
LIABILITIES AND FU	ND BALANCES	
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	31,371.96	
Payroll Taxes and Withholdings Payable	-	
Accrued Vacation Pay	6,307.29	
Deferred Dues Revenue	71,661.72	109,340.97
Fund Balances:		
Unrestricted Fund	(35,025.89)	
Endowment Fund	320,936.90	
Permanently Restricted Fund	87,433.00	373,344.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCI	ES	\$482,684.98
INVEST	MENTS	
Investment Ownership:		
Endowment Fund	320,936.90	
Unrestricted Fund	30,513.96	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		\$351,450.86

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

William Kramer, chair Lloyd Anderson Pete Behr Peter Heuser Doug Marker Nancy Rangila Steve Rosenbaum

#### REVENUES

Membership Dues \$199,793 30%

Fundraising, including individual contributions, corporate sponsorships, foundation grants, Citizen Salons and Legacy Society gifts \$178,244 35%

Admission to Friday Forums and Special Programs \$109,292 21%

▲ Miscellaneous \$27,499 5% (includes endowment gains, losses & transfers)

#### **EXPENSES**

Friday Forums, Bulletins and Special Programs \$199,019 39%

Research \$67,318 13%

Membership \$34,176 7%

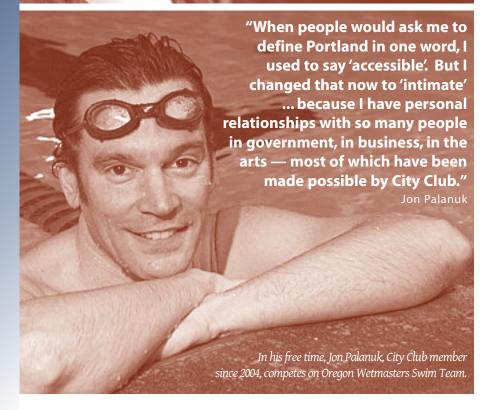
Fundraising \$32,002 6%

Shared and General Expenses \$182,314  $m extbf{Membership}$ 

"City Club is an equalizing place where you can have conversations with people regardless of power or authority ... That is where good citizenship comes from, and it underscores the message that the way you have community is by everbody working together."

Eva Schweber

A member since 2005, Eva Schweber is the co-owner of CubeSpace, a workspace community for freelancers, consultants and creative people.



## **EXPERIENCE CITY CLUB** programs / research / advocacy / connections

As a member, you receive free general admission to **Friday Forums** to hear from — and ask questions of — key speakers, informative panels and fellow citizens … and you can also take advantage of discounted luncheon tickets for you and up to two guests.

You have the opportunity to engage with elected officials, policy-makers and experts as you prepare research reports that make Oregon history, and to vote on research recommendations that determine Club positions.

You can put City Club's conclusions into action through advocacy and awareness efforts that educate and inform members, citizens and decision-makers about Club positions.

As a member, you may participate for free in most **New Leaders Council** events — informal programs where the agenda always includes information, interaction and action.

You can network at one of City Club's **Final Fridays**, monthly open house receptions at City Club Commons.

Members connect with community leaders and fellow citizens face-to-face at regular, **small-group programs** at City Club Commons, where you'll learn about the processes and people that effect change in Oregon.

Members attend **special events and field trips** especially arranged for City Club, and you have the opportunity to reserve tickets to sell-out programs before they open to the public.

You have a unique opportunity to develop **leadership skills** by planning programs and conducting research and advocacy efforts while shaping the future of your community.

Members stay informed through weekly Bulletins, research reports, e-mail announcements, annual report and an interactive Web site at www.pdxcityclub.org, where you can easily check the Club calendar, make online forum reservations, search the Club's vast archives of reports and program recordings, and much more.

City Club continues to reflect Portland's renewed interest in civic life, as evidenced by 385 new faces this past year (an increase of 24% over the previous year), bringing the Club's membership as of May 31, 2006 to 1,540 individuals.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Jake Oken-Berg, *chair*Doug Fasching
Justin Gottlieb
Khalid Wahab
Bonnie Gee Yosick

# OPTIONAL MONTHLY DUES PAYMENT PLAN

Join City Club for as little as \$6.88 per month, withdrawn directly from your checking account. To enroll, complete both the membership form on the reverse side and the section below. Include your \$25 per person new member fee and a voided check so City Club can set up a monthly withdrawal from your bank account.

Membership Type	Monthly Debit
Regular	<b>\$13.75</b>
Junior or Nonresident	\$ 6.88
Regular/Family	\$22.92
Junior/Family	\$11.25
1+1/Family	\$17.08

## MONTHLY DUES OPTION — AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT

I hereby authorize City Club of Portland to initiate debit entries to my account at the financial institution

named below. Financial Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Branch Checking Acct. No. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_\_ZIP\_\_\_\_ Choose one of the following options: • Regular membership: I understand the regular membership dues are \$165 per year and this will result in a monthly debit of \$13.75. OJunior or Nonresident membership: I understand the junior or nonresident membership dues are \$82.50 per year and this will result in a monthly debit of \$6.88. ORegular/Family membership: We understand the regular/family membership dues are \$275 per year and this will result in a monthly debit of \$22.92. OJunior/Family membership: We understand the junior/family membership dues are \$135 per year and this will result in a monthly debit of \$11.25. ○1+1/Family membership: We understand the 1+1/family membership dues are \$205 per year and this will result in a monthly debit of \$17.08. This authority is to remain in full force and effect for one calendar year from the membership enrollment date in City Club's database. Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM.

## Join us in shaping the future of our city and state. Membership is open to everyone.

#### Choose your type of membership.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS (first year includes one-time \$25 new member fee)  Regular membership is for individuals age 31 and older. \$190 (renews at \$165/year)  Junior membership is for individuals age 30 and younger. \$107.50 (renews at \$82.50/year)  Nonresident membership is available to those who live AND work outside of Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas and Clark counties. \$107.50 (renews at \$82.50/year)				
FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS (first year includes one-time \$25 per person new member fee)  Regular/Family membership is for two individuals 31 and older. \$325 (renews at \$275/year)  Junior/Family membership is for two individuals 30 and younger. \$185 (renews at \$135/year)  1+1/Family is for one junior or senior and one regular member. \$255 (renews at \$205/year)				
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Civic issues of interest				
City Club is committed to achieving a diverse membership. Demographic data can help us measure our progress.  OAsian OBlack/African American OHispanic/Latino ONative American OPacific Islander OSoutheast Asian OWhite/Caucasian OOther  Date of Birth/ (optional) OFemale OMale (optional)				

Return this completed form to:

City Club of Portland, 901 SW Washington St., Portland, OR 97205

Or fax to 503-228-8840. Questions? Call 503-228-7231, ext. 104.

In addition to our weekly Friday Forums and ongoing research studies, City Club offers a myriad of activities to connect with our community and one another. Each month, City Club hosts an **open** house at City Club

Commons, the walls of which exhibit changing collections of work by local artists

Throughout the summer, City Club's smart and satisfying **Citizen Salon** dinner series brought together members and guests for good food and great conversation on central themes of public life, all to benefit City Club of Portland.

In the fall, City Club once again partnered with Multnomah County Library and Oregon Council for the Humanities to present **The September Project**, which convened a town hall meeting to discuss the subject of "allegiances." In October, a group of City Club members (pictured above) spent a weekend visiting the **John Day Basin** communities of Condon, Fossil and Spray, where they discovered common ground between rural and urban Oregon. And, in December, City Clubbers took a tour of the new North Building of the **Portland Art Museum**.

All year long, City Club members continued to be a welcoming face and helping hand to our country's newest citizens by participating in monthly **naturalization ceremonies**.

And all day every day, visitors to City Club Commons, the adjacent Café Voilà and O'Bryant Square enjoy **wireless Internet service** provided for free by City Club of Portland, The Personal Telco Project and SawNet.



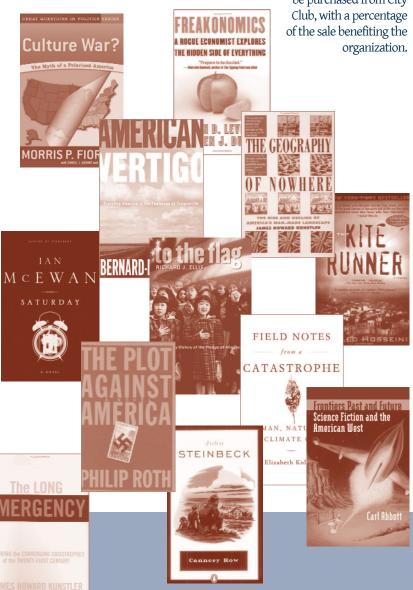
Joe Sixta (right) joined City Club in 2005 to become more educated about, and engaged in, the civic life of Portland and Oregon. "Since joining City Club," he says, "I have had the opportunity to meet people and be involved with issues in a way I had previously thought impossible. Growing up, I was very involved in my hometown. After moving here, I missed the routine and familiarity of many of the clubs I had been a part of. I missed weekly band practices, student government functions, Boy Scouts, church, running, public meetings and book clubs. City Club for me is a group of regular people united by a desire for a healthier,



On the last Monday of the month, **Citizens Read**, City Club's book discussion group, gathers in City Club Commons to discuss titles that deal with civic issues. Often led by guest moderators — frequently the authors themselves — these small group discussions offer an intimate way for City Club bibliophiles to share with

book group

others both their love of literature and their interest in public life. A reading list of Citizens Read past book choices is posted online at www.pdxcityclub.org, and copies of the current book can be purchased from City



From September through May, City Club's **theater series** visited five local stages to see plays that explored the themes of war, politics, capital punishment and presidential assassination. After each performance andi

nation. After each performance, audiences were invited to discuss these themes with theater artists, other audience members and special guests. Over 100 people took park in the year-long series that put public life in the spotlight, attending (clockwise from upper right): Nixon's Nixon at CoHo Productions, Elliot: A Soldier's Fugue at Miracle Theatre, Celebrity Row at Portland Center Stage (photo by Owen Carey), The War Project: 9 Acts of Determination at Sojourn Theatre (photo by Steve Young) and Assassins at Artists Repertory Theatre (photo by Owen Carey).







For years, City Club's six **issue committees** offered engaging, face-to-face discussions with peers and community leaders about a variety of topics. Over breakfast, during lunch or after work, these small-group meetings were often a portal for new members to quickly immerse themselves in the world of City Club and civic engagement. Among the speakers this past

# issue committees

year were representatives from Chamber Music Northwest, Central City Concern, Special Olympics Oregon,

2005-2006 ISSUE COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP Ron Paul, Board Liaison

Carrie Hoops and Christopher Zinn *Arts & Culture* 

Anthony Laska and Robyn Shanti Business & Technology

Ba Luvmour and Ginny Peckinpaugh Education & Human Development

Mary Jane Aman Citizenship & Government

Lucy Brehm and Greg Raisman Growth Management & Environment

Dave Cook and Barbara Prowe Health Care

Metro, Social Venture Partners, Future of Portland Charette Series, the Apollo Alliance, Portland Schools Foundation, Portland Baroque Orchestra, the Urban Green Institute, and the City of Portland Planning Bureau.

Though City Club bids farewell to the issue committee structure in 2006, the legacy of this historical component of the Club will live on in **agora** — dynamic new small-group programs designed specifically to meet the changing interests and varied schedules of today's City Club members. Charged with presenting democratic life on a human scale, City Club's agora will continue to be an open door for members and the public to engage public issues face-to-face while providing opportunities for members to gain leadership experience. Watch for more small-group programs in a variety of shapes and sizes and at flexible days and times — all designed to provide more opportunities for citizens to engage the city in ways that best suit them.



### City Club Award 2006

For outstanding contribution to the Club and community and for setting an example of inspired citizenship

Sid Lezak (presented posthumously)

#### Member of the Year 2006

For outstanding contribution to the Club in programming Carla Kelley

### Special President's Awards

For outstanding service to the Club and its mission

Guenevere Millius

Chris Smith

## President's Plaque

For outstanding service as president 2005-2006 **Doug Marker** 

#### Research Award 2006

In recognition of a drive for excellence and commitment to fairness in research **Eva Schweber,** Chair of City Club's Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Fund Study Committee

City Club staff (left to right): Wade Fickler, Research Director; Tim DuRoche, Office Manager/Executive Assistant; Margaret Eickmann, Membership & Development Director; Wendy Radmacher-Willis, Executive Director; and Tim Krause, Communications Coordinator.



On the front cover (left to right): John Horvick, Doug Fasching, Bethany Wurtz with daughter Karina, and Julie Young meet at the City Club of Portland stop on the Portland Streetcar route.

This annual report was edited and designed by Tim Krause. Special thanks to Ron Laster of PrintResults and Ken Aaron of Ken Aaron Photography, both of whom provide outstanding support year-round on City Club publications and photography.

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