**City Club of Portland** Annual Report 2007 – 2008

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER DON WILLIAMS



Urban growth and density. Energy policy and climate change. Immigration. Health care.

Dialogue on these and other critical issues has deteriorated. As one commentator stated, "Discussion and debate have been replaced with yelling and demonizing....The discourse of our time has become about anger, as if anger and hatred were virtues in themselves."

Throughout the media there is often a lack of tolerance for contrary opinions. *Oregonian* columnist Mike Francis wrote, "(The commentators or writers) play roles in which outrage is prime motivator and open-mindedness is sin." He asks rhetorically, "Where are the grown-up conversations?"

The answer to this question is The City Club of Portland. At any of the 43 Friday Forums annually, one can hear an informative and comprehensive airing of the issues and an audience which is respectful and receptive to views which may differ from their own. And in election years City Club sponsors debates which are structured to draw out detailed and relevant responses.

And one can rely on City Club research to provide insightful analysis, conclusions and recommendations. As former Club President Ogden Beeman eloquently stated in a letter, "The one function which is not performed by any other organization in Portland is unbiased research on ballot measures by informed people without hidden agendas. No other organization performs the ballot measure research function and, by extension, the long range research function of the Club."

Ogden was a champion of citizen-led research and believed it lies at the core of City Club's mission. After his death earlier this year, his family offered a challenge match of \$100,000 as a memorial and to promote stable funding in the future. City Club members have already donated \$180,000 of the \$300,000 required for the match. I sincerely hope that you will consider honoring Ogden's memory with a gift so we can meet this worthwhile objective.

The City Club continues to thrive in its 93rd year, and with your help and continued support, it will remain the state's leading organization to promote civic engagement.



# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER CHARITY FAIN

For the last five months, I've had the privilege of serving as the Executive Director of the City Club of Portland, taking over for Wade Fickler, who had been Acting Executive Director most of last year. Before I talk about my enthusiasm for City Club, I would like to thank Wade, and also recent staff members Kim Adams, Margaret Eickmann and Marc Moscato, for their hard work in keeping City Club running well during this time of transition. Their efforts helped new staff, including myself, get this new year off to a solid start.

I joined City Club after working with dedicated individuals and organizations in the post-Soviet environment who struggle to build open and free societies. These civic leaders worked within systems where they were usually expected to turn a blind eye to corruption or to stay in "their place."

City Club of Portland is a shining example of what these organizations hope to become. We have a strong tradition — now in its 93rd year — of engaging citizens, educating the public and holding our elected officials accountable. Its strength lies in its dedicated members, who serve on committees, attend events and create a community where thoughtful, reasoned discourse is the norm. In the places I've worked, such an organization is unheard of, possibly not even dreamed of.

Another strength of City Club is the recognition of the need to evolve into a 21<sup>st</sup> century organization that meets the needs of a changing population and an increasingly complicated and interconnected world. During the past year, leaders of the organization began addressing this issue and will continue this process in the year ahead, as we plan to celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2016.

I know that not only can City Club meet the current challenges, but also serve as an example to the rest of the country and to individuals across the globe who work to build free and fair societies.

# **FRIDAY FORUMS**



City Club Friday Forums continue to be a reputable resource for civil discussion in Oregon and the region. Last year, City Club hosted forums on such diverse topics as climate change, non-profit entrepreneurship and health care reform, and also hosted primary debates, giving members an impartial yet intensive view into the values and visions of local candidates.

The Club held 43 Friday Forums, with a total attendance of 8,645 people. Those programs kept the regional community informed and engaged through the broadcasts on Oregon Public Broadcasting radio, Portland Community Media, and KBPS at Benson High School, as well through the MP3 downloads on the Club's website.

## 2007–2008 Friday Forums

June 1, 2007 Annual Meeting Wendy Radmacher-Willis, Executive Director, City Club of Portland

June 8, 2007 **The State of Oregon's Judicial System** Paul DeMuniz, Chief Justice, Oregon Supreme Court

#### June 15, 2007 Is This Oregon? What's Happening to Oregon's Higher Education System?

Dave Frohnmayer, President, University of Oregon

#### June 22, 2007

#### Vancouver at 150: Portland's Up-and-Coming Neighbor to the North

Vancouver leaders Mayor Royce Pollard, City Manager Patrick McDonnell; Bart Phillips, President, Columbia River Economic Development Council

#### Friday Forum Committee 2007–2008

Carla Kelley, Chair Paddy Tillett, Vice Chair Jayme Armstrong Jau Bloom Tom Cox Jeanne Crouch Chuck Deister Marge Kafoury Elaine McCall Steffeni Mendoza-Grau Steve Novick Joey Pope Molly Raphael Melody Rose Joe Sixta Barbara Slaughter Susan Stone Merri Souther Wyatt Rick Williams

#### June 29, 2007 Transportation for the 21st Century

Rex Burkholder, Metro Councilor; Gail Achterman, member of the Oregon Transportation Commission

#### July 13, 2007

# Behind the Curtain: What Happened in the 2007 Legislative Session?

Len Bergstein, founder, Northwest Strategies, Inc.; Dana Haynes, journalist, *Statesman Journal* 

#### July 20, 2007 From Here to There in Tomorrow's Portland

Sam Adams, Portland City Commissioner

#### July 27, 2007

#### Hot Town, Summer in the City: Climate Change in Oregon's Past, Present & Future

Geologists Dr. Ellen Morris Bishop, Dr. Anne Nolin and Dr. Vicki McConnell; Richard Ross, President, Oregon Paleo Lands Institute

#### September 7, 2007 Private Ownership & the Public Good

Robert Berdahl, President, Association of American Universities

September 14, 2007 **The Way Out of Iraq** General Merrill "Tony" McPeak

#### September 21, 2007 Why the Farm Bill Matters: From Oregon to Africa

State Representative Earl Blumenauer

#### September 28, 2007 Farmers Markets, a Public Market & Expanding Local Food Choices

Scott Dolich, Vice-Chair, Portland Farmers Market; Ron Paul, Consulting Director, Portland Public Market; Scott Exo, Executive Director, Food Alliance

#### October 5, 2007 Creating an Age-Friendly City

Margaret Neal, Director, Institute on Aging; Bill Novelli, National President, AARP

#### October 12, 2007 Measure 49 Debate

Jeff Cogen, Multnomah County Commissioner; Dave Hunnicutt, President, Oregonians in Action; Randy Gragg, former urban-design and architecture critic for *The Oregonian* 

#### October 19, 2007 Measure 50 Debate

State Representative Sara Gelser; J.L. Wilson, spokesperson, Oregonians Against the Blank Check; Stephen Kanter, Professor of Law at Lewis and Clark Law School

#### October 26, 2007

# Challenges and Opportunities at the Port of Portland

Bill Wyatt, Executive Director, Port of Portland

#### November 2, 2007

#### From the Death of Environmentalism to the Politics of Possibility: Moving from Pollution Control to a Clean Energy Economy

Michael Shellenberger, Managing Director, American Environics and co-founder of the Breakthrough Institute

#### November 9, 2007

# Recognizing a Younger Generation of Non-Profit Leaders

Mark Zusman, editor, Willamette Week

#### November 16, 2007 Examining the Viability of Current Energy Alternatives

Gerald Sheble, professor of electrical and computer engineering, Portland State University

#### November 30, 2007 The Oldest Orchestra West of the Mississippi Looks Forward

Carlos Kalmar, Music Director, Oregon Symphony Orchestra

#### December 7, 2007 Challenges and Opportunities in Portland Metro-Area Public Transportation

Fred Hansen, General Manager, TriMet

#### December 14, 2007 The National Foreclosure Crisis and Its Impact on Homeowners, Communities and the Economy

Ken Wade, CEO, NeighborWorks America

#### January 4, 2008 2008 Economic Forecast

Tom Potiowsky, Oregon State Economist; Randy Pozdena, Senior Economist, ECONorthwest

#### January 11, 2008

#### How Changes in the Caucus and Primary Process Impact Presidential Campaigns

Robert Eisinger, professor of political science, Lewis and Clark College; Lisa Grove, founder, Grove Insight; Rod Gramer, Executive News Director, KGW Northwest News

# January 18, 2008 State of the City

Mayor Tom Potter, City of Portland (Held at Jeffereson High School)

#### January 25, 2008 Ted Wheeler's Plan for Multnomah County

Ted Wheeler, Chair, Multnomah County

#### February 1, 2008

#### Challenges and Opportunities in East Multnomah County

Mayor Shane Bemis (Gresham); Travis Stovall, Executive Director, East Metro Economic Alliance & President, Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce; Jean DeMaster, Executive Director of Human Solutions

#### February 8, 2008 Building Community Through Volunteer Action

Jack McGowan, Executive Director, SOLV

#### February 15, 2008 The U.S. - China Economic Relationship

Alan Holmer, U.S. Ambassador

#### February 22, 2008 U.S. Senator Ron Wyden's Health Care Reform Plan U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

#### February 29, 2008 Is Portland a Sports City?

Larry Miller, President, Portland Trail Blazers; Merritt Paulson, Owner, Portland Beavers and Portland Timbers; Steve Duin, columnist, *The Oregonian* 

March 7, 2008

#### Business Perspectives on "Sustainability": Mere Buzzword or a Great Economic Opportunity?

Jay Clemens, President, Associated Industries; Ryan Deckert, President, Oregon Business Association

March 14, 2008

#### Creating the Best Regional Park System in the World

Neal Peirce, Chair, The Citistates Group and founder and contributing editor of the *National Journal*; David Bragdon, President, Metro Council

#### March 21, 2008 2008 State of the State Governor Ted Kulongoski

March 28, 2008

#### Attorney General Democratic Primary Debate

John Kroger, law professor, Lewis & Clark College; Greg Macpherson, State Representative

April 4, 2008

# U.S. Senate Democratic Primary Debate

Jeff Merkley, Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives; Steve Novick, Senior Project Manager, Pyramid Communications

#### April 11, 2008 How Boomers Are Inventing a New State of Life and Work

Marc Freedman, author, co-founder of Experience Corps and CEO of Civic Ventures

#### April 18, 2008

#### Mayor of Portland Candidate Debate

Sam Adams, Portland City Commissioner; Sho Dozono, CEO, Azumano Travel; Rod Gramer, Executive News Director, KGW Northwest News

#### April 25, 2008 City Council Debate for Council Seat 2

Nick Fish, Partner, Meyer & Wyse Law Firm; Jim Middaugh, Chief of Staff for Commissioner Eric Sten

#### May 2, 2008 Secretary of State: Democratic Primary Debate

Kate Brown, Senate Majority Leader; Rick Metsger, Chair, Interim Senate Committee on Transportation; Vicki Walker, Chair, Senate Education & General Government Committee; Rod Gramer, Executive News Director of KGW Northwest News

#### May 9, 2008 City Council Candidate Forum: Council Seat 1

Jeff Bissonnette, consumer advocate, Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon; John Branam, Director of Development, Portland Public Schools; Mike Fahey, Manager, Carpenters Union Food Bank; Amanda Fritz, registered nurse, OHSU; Charles Lewis, CEO, Ethos Music; Chris Smith, Internet technologist, Xerox

#### May 16, 2008 Portland's "Creative Grid": Networking Portland's Creative Institutions

Tom Manley, President, Pacific Northwest College of Art; Brad Cloepfil, founder, Allied Works Architecture; Sohrab Vossoughi, founder and Chief Creative Officer, Ziba Design

#### May 30, 2008 Green-Lighting the Local Economy: Private Sector Promotes Metro Business Environment

Tim Priest, CEO, Greenlight Greater Portland



# RESEARCH



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 write the reports that inform public debate and that often play a role in shaping public policy in Oregon. Final reports are presented to the membership for adoption in a public debate and vote.

Between June 2007 and May 2008, 45 Club members worked on on-going research studies, completed studies or served on the Research Board. During this period, City Club published one ballot measure report, one ballot measure resolution and one long-term study comprehensively analyzing Oregon's initiative, referendum and referral system. Take a look into City Club's archives and it's easy to see why City Club is a highly respected source of balanced information on issues affecting Portland, the region and the state of Oregon.

## 2007–2008 Research

#### Making the Initiative Work for Oregon: A City Club Report on Reforming the Initiative, Referendum and Referral Systems in Oregon

While every election season generates considerable debate about individual ballot measures, City Club analyzed the initiative, referendum and referral system itself, recommending key reforms to improve state governance. On January 11, 2008, Club members overwhelmingly adopted the study committee's report.

Arden Shenker, Chair Leslie Johnson, Vice Chair David Cannon Will Clark-Shim Edward Gronke Theodore Raphael Karen Sheridan Scott Shorr Anne Squier Richard York Leslie Morehead, research advisor

#### 2007–2008 Research Board

Sue Thomas, Chair Julie Young, Vice Chair Mary Jane Aman Lori Irish Bauman Jeannie Burt Tom Iverson Peggy King David Mandell Leslie Morehead John Moreland Morgan O'Toole-Smith Meredith Savery John Stride Chuck Stuckey

#### **November 2007 Election**

For generations, voters have relied on the credibility and lay perspective of City Club research to guide them toward sound voting decisions. That tradition continued as City Club produced one report and one resolution on the two most significant statewide measures on the Fall 2007 ballot.

#### A City Club Report on Ballot Measure 50: Amends Constitution: Dedicates Funds to Provide Health Care for Children, Fund Tobacco Prevention, Through Increased Tobacco Tax

City Club recommended a "YES" vote.

Mike Greenfield, Chair David Aman C.J. Gabbe Dana Haynes Matthew Koren Peter Livingston Mike Schryver Christian Solsby Sara Suby Douglas Tsoi Lori Irish Bauman, research advisor

#### A City Club Resolution in Support of Measure 49

City Club's Board of Governors, acting on the advice of the Research Board, adopted a resolution, based on previous City Club research, in favor of Measure 49. Measure 49, passed by voters, modified Measure 37, clarified private landowner's rights to build homes, extended rights to surviving spouses, limited large developments, and protected farmlands, forestland and groundwater supplies.

#### Work in Progress

Two research committees continued their work on comprehensive studies of complex policy issues during the 2007–2008 year. One committee, chaired by Sharon VanSickle-Robbins, published its report, *Enhancing Portland's Business Environment: A Public-Private Enterprise*, at the very beginning of the 2008-2009 year. Another report, *An Analysis of Partisanship in Oregon's Legislature*, chaired by Caroline Harris Crowne, is expected later in the year.

The Research Board has plans underway to launch several new comprehensive studies in late 2008 and early 2009.

A database of more than 900 City Club reports and resolutions is available at www.pdxcityclub.org. Printed copies of research reports and resolutions are available from the City Club office.

#### **Citizenship Ceremonies**

Approximately 150 immigrants become naturalized U.S. citizens nearly every month at the Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse. City Club members help usher them into citizenship by providing assistance with voter registration and a copy of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The year-round program is coordinated by Mary Ella Kuster. Volunteers welcome!

# **CITIZENS READ**



Reading is by its nature singular and personal. Getting together to discuss a book with fellow City Club members and a good group leader — or even, on occasion, the book's author — has been a memorable and cherished experience offered by the City Club's Citizens Read book group. City Club member Leslie Morehead has attended many Citizens Read sessions and says: "Almost every day I find myself remembering an idea, a line, or a character from one of the books we discussed in Citizens Read. This is like reading the book twice — once by yourself and then again with a bunch of very smart people who likely saw things there that you didn't."

## **Book List**

Having Everything Right: Essays of Place by Kim Stafford, June 2007

*Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver, and *Plenty* by Alisa Smith and J.B. Mackinnon, September 2007

Community and the Politics of Place by Daniel Kemmis, October 2007

*Portland Red Guide: Stories from Portland's Radical Past* by Michael Munk, November 2007

Strange as this Weather Has Been by Ann Pancake, January 2008

*A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah, February 2008 (in partnership with Multnomah County Library's Everybody Reads)

Sometimes a Great Notion by Ken Kesey, March and April 2008



# ADVOCACY & AWARENESS

City Club's Advocacy & Awareness program extends the life and increases the impact of the Club's research reports by engaging members in organized efforts to promote the Club's public policy recommendations. This year, the Club's Land Use committee assisted in drafting the Club's resolution in support of Measure 49, which helped clarify Oregon's land-use regulations. The Fire Police Disability and Retirement Fund committee monitored the implementation of the recently enacted FPD&R reforms. Three advocacy committees — the Portland Development Commission committee, the Early Childhood committee, and the Affordable Housing committee — wrapped up their work. And the Club's newest advocacy committee, the Initiative and Referendum committee, testified on behalf of initiative reform before the state legislature.

#### 2007–2008 Advocacy & Awareness Board

Brian Campbell, Chair Mark Anderson Pauline Anderson Doug Capps Chuck Frost Kirstin Greene Sonia Grove Steve Hoyt Lyn Musolf Eva Schweber Kurt Wehbring Julie Young







City Club's Agora Steering Committee continued to plan and implement engaging and provocative programming for intimate audiences. This year's highlights included a presentation on an approach to universal health care by Dr. Rahm Emanuel; a viewing of *Finding Normal*, a locally produced documentary on Central City Concern's addiction recovery mentorship program; "Children At the Center" workshops, which took a fresh and innovative look at how children learn; and Bright Lights events at Jimmy Mak's in the Pearl District, a discussion series on design, which City Club co-sponsored with *Portland Spaces* magazine.

Agora has also seen a change in leadership. Guenevere Millius took over the Chair position from Ron Paul in January 2008. "Ron helped the Steering Committee build a great foundation," says Millius. "We look forward to spinning off several subcommittees on specific topics in the next year, and to continuing to offer excellent programs to City Club members and the public."

## 2007–2008 Agora Events

#### June 14, 2007

#### Green Tour of Portland: Technology Tour

Discussion about approaches to sustainable technology, led by PSU experts, followed by guided tours of the PSU Engineering building and the Student Living & Learning Center.

#### June 28, 2007

#### Green Tour of Portland: Culture Tour

Explored green architecture and culture along North Mississippi Avenue. Facilitated by former City Club president Paddy Tillett.

#### July 31, 2007 PDC: Then and Now

Panel discussion with chair of the Portland Development Commission, Mark Rosenbaum, and two former chairs, Elaine Cogan and John Russell. Moderated by Dr. Nohad Toulan, founding dean of PSU School of Urban and Public Affairs.

#### 2007–2008 Agora Committee

Ron Paul, Co-Chair Guenevere Millius, Co-Chair Jennifer Allen Mary Jane Aman Jayme Armstrong David Cook John Horvick Ba Luvmour Mike Mills Mac Prichard Peter Schoonmaker Stacey Triplett Ginny Peckinpaugh Carol Witherell

#### October 25, 2007 Regional Equity Planning

Regional Equity Atlas presentation cosponsored by Coalition for a Livable Future.

#### November 15, 2007 Health Care Check-Up Post-Measure 50

Post-election discussion of Measure 50. Featured speakers: Ree Sailors, health policy advisor for Governor Ted Kulongoski; Adam Davis of Davis, Hibbitts & Midghall; Len Bergstein of Northwest Strategies.

January 8 – February 5, February 26, 2008

#### Children at the Center: Envisioning Schools, Families and Communities that Serve Our Youth

Six workshops that explored key questions in education and human development. Facilitated by Ba Luvmour, co-director, EnCompass Families and Kasi Allen Fuller, assistant professor of mathematics education, Lewis & Clark College and researcher, Inverness Research Associates.

#### January 30, 2008 Tackling Healthcare Reform

A discussion with Dr. Eziekiel Emanuel, chair of the Department of Medical Bioethics at the National Institutes of Health about a proposal to provide universal health coverage in America.

#### February 11, 2008 Bright Lights: Acting Locally, Impacting Globally

Neil Keny-Guyer of Mercy Corps on its new headquarters in Old Town.

#### March 8, 2008 Walk of the Heroines

A tour of the site for PSU's tribute to the great women in our society with Carol Mayer-Reed, landscape architect, Dr. Melody Rose, Storm Large, Charlene McGee of the NAACP, Andi Zeisler from *Bitch* magazine and Roey Thorpe.

#### March 10, 2008 Bright Lights: Reducing Greenhouse Gases

A conversation with Rob Bennett from the Clinton Climate Initiative about how individuals can reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

#### April 2, 2008 Finding Normal

A screening and discussion at Living Room Theaters of the *Finding Normal* documentary about heroin and crack addicts rebuilding their lives after a stay at Portland's Hooper Memorial Detox Center.

#### April 14, 2008 Bright Lights: Mayoral Candidate Conversation

A discussion with Sam Adams and Sho Dozono about what kind of civic, architectural and creative culture they want to build.

#### May 14, 2008 Emerging Strains on Our Health Care System Series

The State of Long Term Care with Becky Wehrli, David Fuks, and Dr. Paula Carder.



# NEW LEADERS COUNCIL



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. This year, we explored urban development through a series of neighborhood tours, visited protected nature lands, and discussed civic leadership with elected officials.

## 2007–2008 New Leaders Council Events

#### June 20, 2007

#### Film Chat: Into the Great Silence

Screening of the documentary *Into the Great Silence* at Cinema 21 followed by a group discussion at Blue Moon Restaurant.

#### July 10, 2007

#### Portland's Craft Distilling Industry

Meeting with the owners and distillers of House Spirits to discuss the growth and future potential of spirits in Portland's economy and to taste a selection of House Spirits offerings.

#### July 26, 2007

#### **Getting Active with Nick Fish**

Dinner and discussion with citizen activist (now City Commissioner) Nick Fish. He spoke about his experience with getting active in Portland and gave advice to others seeking to do the same.

#### July 28, 2007

#### Get to Know Your City: Tour of the St. Johns Neighborhood

Chair of the St. Johns neighborhood association gave a tour through downtown St. Johns and introduced several business owners. Visited the police station to talk about public safety.

#### 2007–2008 New Leaders Council

Doug Fasching, Co-Chair John Horvick, Co-Chair Naomi Cole Joel Fowlks Steve Lanning Erin Miner Blake Nichols Valerie Plummer Elizabeth Reilly Joe Sixta Pam Sporborg Brisa Trinchero Maegan Vidal Tashiana Wangler

#### August 8, 2007 Get to Know Your City: Tour of the Central Eastside Urban Renewal Area

A presentation with representatives from the Portland Development Commission about the history, current status, and future plans of the Central Eastside Urban Renewal Area. The presentation was followed by a walking tour of the neighborhood.

#### August 18, 2007 Bull Run Watershed Tour

A return to Bull Run Watershed, the primary source of Portland's drinking water. This trip added an inside tour of Dam 1 and a discussion of Portland's pending lawsuit against the Environmental Protection Agency.

#### August 25, 2007

#### Get to Know Your City: Tour of the South Waterfront

Tour led by Art Pearce of Portland Office of Transportation, Patrick Clark of Realty Trust and Homer Williams of Williams & Dame that focused on residential development and transportation in the South Waterfront neighborhood.

#### September 18 – October 23, 2007 Leadership Training for City Club Members

Leadership and management experts, Tamsen Wassell and Sue Thomas, facilitated a six-part training course to hone leadership skills of Club members.

#### October 23, 2007

#### Art in the City: Sustainable Fashion

Trip to Portland Fashion Week and discussion with Anna Cohn, a local designer. The theme of the event was Portland's leadership in local, sustainable fashion.

#### November 3, 2007 Mt. Talbert Nature Walk

A walk in the newly opened Mt. Talbert Nature Park with Metro President David Bragdon and Metro naturalist Jim Morgan.

#### November 14, 2007 Film Chat: King Corn

Screening of the documentary *King Corn* at the Hollywood Theater. Post-film discussion with filmmaker Curt Ellis and Fred Fleming of Shepherd's Grain.

#### January 16, 2008 Young and Elected

An Evening with Shane Bemis, Gresham's youngest elected mayor. Mr. Bemis discussed his early involvement in elected politics and his ascent from City Council to Mayor.

## February 6, 2008

The Art of the City: Pearl Art Walk A guided tour of Pearl District art galleries with Tim DuRoche, Portland Center Stage Community Outreach Director, and Jesse Beason, Senior Policy Advisor to Commissioner Sam Adams.

#### February 15, 2008 Film Chat: *Ezra*

Screening of film *Ezra*, directed by Nigerian filmmaker Newton Aduaka, at Hollywood Theater.

#### March 24, 2008 Is Portland a Sports City?

Dinner and discussion with Merritt Paulson, owner of the Portland Beavers Triple-A baseball team and the Portland Timbers minor-league soccer squad about professional sports in Portland and how professional sports can help build community.

# **CITIZEN SALONS**



City Club's popular Citizen Salon dinner and discussion series — dubbed in its debut years as "best intellectual salon" by *Portland Monthly* — is designed to stimulate an appetite for conversation about issues of community interest. Set in private homes and featuring guest provocateurs, Citizen Salons provide an intimate opportunity for dialogue with newsmakers and policymakers while raising funds for the Club.

#### July 1, 2007 Imagination in Education

Hosts: Ginny Peckinpaugh & Steve Johnson Provocateur: Tom Manley, President of Pacific Northwest College of Arts

#### July 11, 2007 Health Care Reform: Will We Seize the Opportunity?

Hosts: Bill Kramer & Melissa Cadwallader Provocateur: Dr. Glenn Rodriguez, Chief Medical Officer, Providence Health System

#### July 14, 2007 Finding Your Voice

Hosts: Tamsen Wassell & Nanine Alexander Provocateur: S. Renee Mitchell, poet and playwright

#### July 19, 2007 The Holocaust and

## Contemporary Political Agendas

Hosts: Molly & Ted Raphael Provocateur: Christopher R. Browning, professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

#### July 27, 2007 A Little Night Music

Hosts: Harriet & Peter Watson Provocateurs: Linda Magee, Director, and David Shifrin, Artistic Director, Chamber Music Northwest

#### August 1, 2007 What's Next for Portland's Skyline?

Hosts: Chet & Wendy Orloff Provocateurs: Developers Homer Williams and Dike Dame; urban designer Dennis Wilde, Gerding Edlen Development and Randy Gragg, former *Oregonian* architecture and urbandesign critic

#### August 18, 2007 Funding Our Common Wealth

Hosts: Scott & Cay Borduin, Provocateurs: Representatives Vicki Berger and Greg Macpherson

#### October 20, 2007 40 Is the New 20?

Hosts: Eric & Rebecca Friedenwald-Fishman Jonathan & Wendy Radmacher-Willis Provocateurs: Nic Blosser, Deborah Kafoury and Lisa Sedlar



# **FINANCIAL POSITION**

#### **Statement of Activities** For the year ended May 31, 2008

Support and Revenue	Total	
Contributions and grants	\$206,562	As
Membership dues	186,614	Cas
Program service revenue	107,669	Acc
Investment income	4,746	Pre
Net realized/unrealized gains	(3, 486)	Inve
Other income	22,720	Pro
Total support and revenue	\$524,825	Ben
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#### Statement of Financial Position May 31, 2008

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Assets	lotal
Cash and cash equivalents	\$46,376
Accounts & grants receivable	2,149
Prepaid expenses	8,275
Investments	318,560
Property and equipment, net	21,143
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	108,114
Total Assets	\$504,617

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#### Expenses

Program services	\$421,145
Management and general	90,259
Fundraising	43,650
Total expenses	555,054
Change in net assets	(\$30,229)

#### **Net assets**

Beginning of year	\$506,437
End of year	\$476,208

#### Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$6,837
Deferred Revenue	12,000
Accruals	9,572
Total liabilities	\$28,409

#### Net assets:

26,162
23,100
318,560
108,386
\$476,208

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$504,617

#### 2007–2008 Finance Committee

Ted Kaye, Chair Lloyd Anderson Pete Behr Pete Heuser Bill Kramer Steve Rosenbaum Adjusted for depreciation, endowment draws, and inter-year foundation grant flows, the 2007–08 operating deficit was \$4,857.

# **MEMBERSHIP**



Over the course of the year, 338 individuals joined City Club, keeping the Club's total membership steady at 1,407 households comprising 1,502 individual members. Many who signed up are new to the area, and they joined because they see the Club as a way to become informed about and engaged in their new community. As one new member said, "You can actually have an intellectual conversation with a stranger about things that are impacting this town."

Another expressed it this way: "City Club feels like a meeting ground where a mix of people with a variety of opinions can create space for real exchange."

## **Become a Member**

#### There are many ways to participate in political and civic life through City Club:

- Attend Club programs and events and become a more active, informed and engaged citizen.
- Develop programs and research reports.
- Support City Club financially. Even if you don't have time to attend programs, your tax-deductible dues and gifts fund the Club's vitally important work and keep dues affordable for others.

## **Benefits of Membership**

- Free general admission to weekly Friday Forums and many other events.
- Discounted luncheon tickets for you and up to two guests.
- Opportunities to develop leadership skills by planning programs, conducting research and advocating for Club positions.
- The privilege of asking questions of speakers at Friday Forums and voting on Club positions.
- Opportunities to engage with elected officials, policy-makers, recognized experts, creative thinkers and fellow citizens.
- Association with the Club's more than 1,500 members who share an uncommon interest in civic life.

# Membership is open to everyone

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	<b>Regular membership</b> is for individuals age 31 and older \$190 (renews at \$165/year)		<b>Regular/Family membership</b> is for two individuals 31 and older \$325 (renews at \$275/year)
	Junior membership is for individuals age 30 and younger \$107.50 (renews at \$82.50/year)		Junior/Family membership is for two individuals 30 and younger. \$185 (renews at \$135/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)		<b>1+1/Family membership</b> is for one junior or senior and one regular member \$255 (renews at \$205/year)
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## Monthly dues option

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	\$13.75
Junior or Nonresident	\$6.88
Regular/Family	\$22.92
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1+1/Family	\$17.08

#### 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.

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#### Choose one of the following options:

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# **SPECIAL THANKS**

City Club benefited from the dedication and service of hundreds of members and friends. At its June 6 annual meeting, 26 members were recognized for their extraordinary contributions to the mission of the Club.

#### **City Club Award**

*Ned Hayes* For outstanding contributions to City Club and the community and for setting an example of inspired citizenship

#### Member of the Year

*Tamsen Wassell* For outstanding overall contributions to City Club

#### **Research Award**

John Moreland In recognition of extraordinary commitment to research and its role in civic engagement

#### **President's Award**

Susan Hammer Ted Kaye For outstanding service to City Club and its mission

#### **Outgoing President's Plaque**

Don Williams

#### **Board of Governors Honorees**

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#### **Research Board Honorees**

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#### Agora Committee Honoree

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(end of term) Mark Anderson Pauline Anderson Brian Campbell Kirstin Greene Steve Hoyt Lyndon Musolf Jessica Roberts Eva Schweber

#### Friday Forum Committee Honoree

(end of term) *Carla Kelley* 

#### **New Leaders Council Honorees**

(end of term) Doug Fasching John Horvick

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Civic engagement through City Club was supported generously by the personal contributions of hundreds of individuals; our valued corporate sponsors; local foundations; the hosts, discussion provocateurs and guests of Citizen Salon dinner events; and an energized Board of Governors. These supporters contributed over \$206,000 and made it possible for City Club programs to reach thousands of citizens every week of the year.

# City Club's Leadership Circle — Be Part of It

An initiative for increasing philanthropic support of the Club's mission, the Leadership Circle was launched in 2006. Leadership Circle members make gifts of \$1,000 or more annually to ensure the Club's financial health and to keep dues affordable for others.

During the year 54 Leadership Circle gifts were made by individuals or families, totaling over \$86,000.

# The Beeman Challenge — Establishing the Research Endowment

In response to a \$100,000 challenge by the family of the late Ogden Beeman, former president of City Club and champion of its research function, generous members are raising an additional \$300,000 to establish a permanent endowment to support Club research in perpetuity. The endowment's eventual goal: at least \$1.5 million by the Club's centennial in 2016. Memorial gifts from 45 donors launched the endowment in the spring of 2008.

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