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the State's Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce

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## November, 2003

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### Upcoming Events

#### Professional Networking Luncheon

Thursday, November 13th, 2003

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### Allen & Nichols Productions

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##### PLEASE NOTE:

There is no Business After Hours for November. We hope to see you at the Holiday Party on December 11!

#### CBC Holiday Party

Thursday, December 11th, 2003

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Downtown

\$12 through December 9th, \$15 after that date.

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Follow the "members" link to "events"

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## A Night To Remember!



Mayor John Hickenlooper greeted the winners at the CBC Annual Business Awards Dinner. This year's 2003 Professional Woman of the Year was Brenda Fraser of Blacktie-Colorado.com, CBC member Beth Bryant of Conser-Bryant Law Firm, and the 2003 Individual Community Ally of the Year Mike Brewer of The Center's Legal Initiative Project

### 2003 CBC's Annual Business Awards

Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper personally congratulated the gay and lesbian award winners at the seventh annual Gay & Lesbian Business Awards sponsored by The Colorado Business Council (CBC), a Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. The event was held on October 16 at the Renaissance Hotel.



This was the first time a Denver Mayor has attended the CBC annual event. Assistant to the Mayor, Tony Young, was on hand to help with the coordination.

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### November 13th Professional Networking Luncheon

## Compost Your Life: Garbage to Garden

In this engaging and entertaining presentation, you will see that self-improvement can be fun. Become the very best that you can be for greater health, creativity, relationships, and wealth. Laugh while you learn seven valuable Success Seeds for use at home and work.

**Stephanie West Allen** and **Edd Nichols** make a wonderful combination of funny and insightful. Stephanie is a trainer, and a well-published consultant to the business community. When she joined with Edd, a character actor, comedian, and founder of Comedy Works in Denver, the Allen & Nichols team was born!



Make your reservations today (see info at left). You won't want to miss this great program. **CBC**



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# President's Report

*a message from CBC President Mark Renn*



## Rewarding Membership

The CBC Awards Dinner was a fantastic success!

Congratulations go out to each of the Award winners! Each one of you has worked hard in achieving your professional goals and this CBC award is recognition of the significant role you have in the GLBT community.

A very special thanks to each and every one of the organizing committee members. An event cannot come together without a group of dedicated people. The time and energy from each of you is much appreciated.

As we move forward with CBC, I continually hear individuals speak of what a great group we have. I can only echo this statement. This is a repetitive reward as the membership grows. Considering this benefit, membership needs to grow continually. Not only have excellent friendships grown within the organization, but successful business opportunities have transpired due to your relationship within CBC. To reach more people can only benefit us, as a whole. As we gain in members, let's consider how much more we can accomplish. The growth of members will not only benefit you, your company, your profession, but the other members as well.

I would like to remind you of a challenge I presented to you at the awards dinner. If you were not able to attend, I will introduce you to the challenge I stated there. My challenge to you is to bring a non-member to each future CBC event. Let them know what CBC is about, what they are able to be a part of and what they can potentially gain from our organization. Don't let them miss this opportunity to join an organization that is truly making a difference in the world we live. **CBC**

*-Mark Renn*

## Welcome New And Renewed CBC Business Members!

**Introduce yourself to the following members  
at upcoming CBC events:**

**Susan Boynton – State Farm Insurance/Littleton**

**Norm Belson – Farmers Group Insurance**

**Lenny Berman – Direct Mail Concepts**

**Melody Ortega – Broadways**

**Charlotte Mervin – Denver Marriott City Center**

**Everett Engstrom**

# Answering One's Calling: A Ministry of a Different Sort

## Member Profile

By Brenda A. Fraser

The path to one's calling can sometimes take twists and turns in unexpected ways. No one can predict when an ordained minister will turn to a career in conference and event planning but that's what happened to **Scott Landis**, Vice President of Kornelsen Associates, Inc., located in Cherry Creek.

Scott is now in charge of outreach and a ministry of a different sort. He was once with the United Church of Christ but when he came out to his congregation a few years ago, strange things started happening to him. The church which had been so supportive of him when he was in the closet, became divided and confused. Scott decided to leave the church, live his life openly, and his path crossed that of longtime friend, and owner of Kornelsen Associates, Mike Kornelsen.

Mike hired Scott to manage the marketing of the business and outreach to new segments of the community, such as the GLBT community.

Both Scott and Mike are focused on expanding the business. Many of their accounts include the planning and organization of educational



conferences and business expos. They have worked with state offices such as the Colorado Department of Human Services as well as avian veterinarians (bird doctors!).

"I really enjoy having the chance to interact with people who are passionate about helping others," Scott said. "It feels good to be helping promote the general welfare of society through the events we help facilitate."

Mike himself has lots of interests outside of running a successful business. He is assistant professor of choral conducting at Metro State and is currently working on his doctorate in that field. He is past president of Colorado Music Educators Association, an organization with which he remains very active.

If you see Mike or Scott at an upcoming CBC lunch or BAH, please welcome them. They might just offer to run the next CBC Expo. And based on their combined experience, that would be a very good thing. **CBC**

**Colorado Business Council and the Denver Center for the Performing Arts cordially invite you to a very special Business After Hours/Theatre Night**  
Denver Center Theatre Company presents  
**"A Streetcar Named Desire"**  
by Tennessee Williams  
Thursday, January 22nd

Reception – 6 pm – The Crescent Lobby within the Helen Bonfils Theatre Complex  
Curtain – 8 pm – The Stage Theatre  
Hors d'oeuvres provided by Sambuca Jazz Cafe  
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All reservations must be paid no later than Monday, December 22nd  
To purchase tickets and secure your reservation visit [www.coloradobusinesscouncil.com](http://www.coloradobusinesscouncil.com)  
Pick up ticket(s) at the CBC registration table beginning at 6 pm.

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## HRC Dinner

The Annual Colorado Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004. Brenda Fraser is organizing a CBC table. Please contact her at 303-635-1096 if you are interested in joining her and 1200 other glbt people for this amazing community celebration.

Visit the CBC website!  
[www.coloradobusinesscouncil.com](http://www.coloradobusinesscouncil.com)

# Holiday Party 2003

**It's that time of year again to celebrate our lives, our hopes, and our future at CBC's Annual Holiday Party!**

On Thursday, December 11, from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm, CBC members and guests will gather at the Hyatt Regency Denver

Downtown Hotel. We will mix and mingle in a room that was once a jazz club at the hotel called the "Moulin Rouge." The walls are colorfully painted and there's a festive spirit to the room.

CBC will provide hors d'oeuvres throughout the evening with a cash bar available. We hope that you will attend and bring prospective members to this celebration.

Advance tickets to the Holiday Party are available on the CBC website at [www.ColoradoBusinessCouncil.com](http://www.ColoradoBusinessCouncil.com). You can purchase your tickets directly or print out the ticket order form and return that with your payment. Tickets are \$12 through December 9, 2003, and are \$15 after that, including at the door.

Your company may sponsor the Holiday Party for name visibility and exposure. Sponsorships for the party begin at a mere \$200. Sponsors will be announced at the Holiday Party and may take advantage of this key target audience and distribute marketing materials. If you would like to sponsor this event, please call Michael Hobbs at 303-777-2946 or contact him via email at [michaelhobbs@msn.com](mailto:michaelhobbs@msn.com).

Please join us as we celebrate the ending of a successful year and the promise of more prosperity to come in 2004!

**CBC Holiday Party  
Thurs., Dec. 11, 2003  
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Hyatt Regency  
Denver Downtown  
1750 Welton Street  
Tickets are \$12 in  
advance;  
\$15 after Dec. 9  
Hors d'oeuvres and  
cash bar**

## From the Inside Looking Out Congratulations to one and all!

**As a first time attendee of the CBC Awards Banquet, I saw it through fresh eyes.**



The award recipients have done much over the years in support of our community. To honor these individuals is very special and meaningful. More than 200 individuals, including the Honorable John Hickenlooper, Mayor of Denver, as well as City and State elected officials, joined us in honoring our award recipients. This demonstrates how far we have come in our community and in our organization.

Although the purpose of the banquet was to recognize several deserving award recipients for excellence in various areas of professionalism, I think the banquet symbolized something even more powerful.

Everyone who attended the banquet deserves recognition, and appreciation, for something they have accomplished in their lives. At the banquet, we were surrounded by successful people of many backgrounds and numerous professions – people who have contributed to our community in many different ways. It is an honor for me to work with so many high-quality individuals.

CBC helps to spotlight, and call attention to, the positive impact the GLBT community has on our state and region. We positively affect the economy and we positively affect the quality of life in Colorado.

My personal congratulations to all the award recipients! I look forward to future events where we can continue to support each other and our community at large! **CBC**

**Kevin Altieri**  
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## 3rd Annual Holiday Party!

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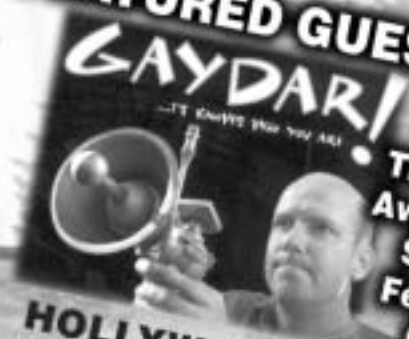


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# National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce Names Initial Board; Patricia Vivado to Serve as Interim Board Chair

(Washington, DC) --The National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC) named four additional board members and passed a resolution creating a board search committee to fill the remaining positions during its first annual meeting of the Board of Directors earlier this month in Minneapolis, MN. Newly elected board members include: Patricia Vivado, VP for Investment Bank Operations Credit Markets, Operating Risk Manager at JP MorganChase; Mike Fuller, IBM VP for Partner & Education Industry Leader, IBM Business Consulting Services, IBM Global Services; Walter Schubert, founder of the Gay Financial Network (GFN) and the first openly gay member of the New York Stock Exchange; and Greg Morey, Principal and CFO of Providence Capital and former CFO of Planet Out Partners. NGLCC co-founders Chance Mitchell and Justin Nelson also serve as members of the Board. The newly installed Board named Vivado as Interim Chair. She will serve in that capacity until the board search is complete and a new election is held.

"We could not be more pleased with the inaugural members of the Board. Their belief in the organization and dedication to empowering GLBT individuals in the economic arena has been a life's work for all of them," said Mitchell. The NGLCC Board also passed its non-discrimination policy, which includes sexual orientation and gender identity and expression.

***"We could not be more pleased with the inaugural members of the Board. Their belief in the organization and dedication to empowering GLBT individuals in the economic arena has been a life's work for all of them," said Mitchell.***

The Board named David Tseng, Executive Director of PFLAG, the national group representing parents, families and friends of the GLBT community, to chair the board search committee. "David's commitment to the GLBT community, extensive network, business savvy, and his understanding of creating a strong and inclusive board will serve our search well," said Nelson about the reasons for naming Tseng. The search committee will be charged with putting forward a slate of candidates to the Board of Directors for review and vote. Additional members will be named to the search committee over the coming weeks.

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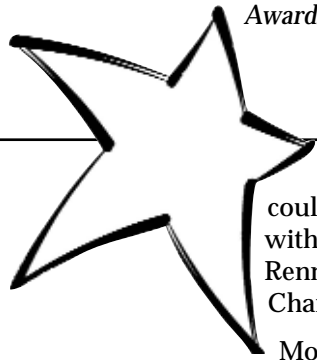
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# CBC Business Awards 2003!



"We are delighted that he could arrange his schedule to be with us this evening," said Mark Renn, incoming CBC President and Chairman of the Board.

More than 225 guests crowded into the silent auction and reception area and relaxed to the mellow music of pianist Larry O'Connor. Event chairman Michael Hobbs was pleased with the results. Sponsors included Out Front Colorado, Award & Sign Connection, Bank of Cherry Creek, Bank One, Always Available Bail Bonds, Paramount Realty, and The Gill Foundation. In-kind sponsors included the Capitol Hill Mansion Bed and Breakfast and Inceptive Partners.

Unusual silent auction items included Jackie Shumaker's photograph of an aerial view of Invesco Field at Mile High taken on September 10th, a day before 9-11 and the last day pictures of this type were allowed over a crowded stadium. Also included was photography by Robert Castellino of Whispering River and a unique piece of mosaic art by Dede LaRue. The auction raised close to \$3000 for CBC.

Emcee David Wharton of Inceptive Partners entertained and kept the evening program on track. Five individual awards and two organizational awards were presented. They were: Professional Woman of the Year: Brenda Fraser, Blacktie Colorado.com; Professional Man of the Year: Gordon Christensen, Keller Williams Denver; The Tim Gill Entrepreneurial Women of the Year: Sherry Armstrong and Laurie Schlager, Award and Sign Connection; The Tim Gill Entrepreneurial Man of the Year: Jim McNulty, Colorado Pride Guide; Individual Ally of the Year: Michael Brewer, The Center's Legal Initiatives Project; Corporate Ally of the Year: Kaiser Permanente; Non-Profit Organization of the Year: The Alexander Foundation, (accepted by Jack Heruska).

The Colorado Business Council (CBC), Colorado's Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, announced its incoming 2004 Board of Directors at the dinner. They are: Mark Renn, Chairman and President; Don Montague, Vice-Chair; David Wharton, Treasurer; Joel Bush, Secretary; Vicki Porter, Past President; Michael Hobbs, Co-Director of Special Events; Erica Johnson, Director of Membership Services; Anne Price, Director of Programming; Brenda Fraser, Director of Newsletter; Rebecca Leonard and Anthony Sabia Co-Directors of Coalitions; Cheryl Dieck, Bruce Miller, and David Stowe, Board of Directors members.

"I am looking forward to taking over the helm of CBC. We have a great new slate of board members and we will work towards growing our membership even further than we have already done as well as increasing the member involvement and membership benefits for all CBC members," said Mark Renn, Chairman. **CBC**



The Tim Gill Entrepreneurial Women of the Year: Sherry Armstrong and Laurie Schlager, owners of Award and Sign Connection



Jim McNulty of Colorado Pride Guide receives the Tim Gill Entrepreneurial Man of the Year Award



Mike Bertles, Pre-Paid Legal representative Lewis Ortiz, and Sue Foppé of Foppé Creative enjoy a happy moment

CBC Director of Special Events Michael Hobbs and CBC Treasurer David Wharton, owner of Inceptive Partners, shared a moment on stage before the program began.



Jack Heruska of The Alexander Foundation, the Non-Profit Organization of the Year, with Professional Man of the Year Gordon Christensen of Keller Williams Denver



CBC Board Member Rebecca Leonard of New York Life with Nikken Distributor CJ McCarthy of Boulder



Colorado State Senator Jennifer Veiga introduced Brenda Fraser, Professional Woman of the Year

# Gay Coalition of Denver's Fight for Equality

*"We are here, today, to remember and celebrate the City Council Hearing of October 23, 1973 - a Hearing scheduled to consider changes in the criminal code. Thirty years ago today, 300 gays and lesbians turned out and transformed that Hearing into a Teach-In: about who we are as a people and a demand for our full civil and equal rights.*

*We celebrate today the historical significance of that event: the political awakening of Denver's gay community."*

- Gerald A. Gerash, October 23, 2003 on the steps of the City and County Building of Denver

(PLEASE LOOK FOR MORE ON THIS TOPIC NEXT MONTH)



Brenda Fraser and Judge Mary Celeste



Bourge Hathaway of Ordinary Magic, Julia Fitz-Randolph of the Colorado Women's Foundation, Los Angeles attorney Gerald A. Gerash, and Judge Mary Celeste - were part of the original "Gay Coalition" which got laws changed through Denver City Council in 1973.

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