

IN MEMORIAM

Remembering John Parr

Leader

The University of Colorado Denver will forever remember John Parr as a community builder, political advisor, visionary, family man and friend whose legacy of leadership in Denver will live for years to come. Parr, a lecturer with the School of Public Affairs, died with his wife, Sandy, and daughter, Chase, in a car accident last December.

Hired in 1981 as the first director of SPA's Center for Public-Private Sector Cooperation, he worked tirelessly to address complex community problems through consensus building among public, private and nonprofit leaders. Three years later, he co-founded the Denver Community Leadership Forum, a training program that has developed collaborative problem-solving skills for more than 600 graduates, including Colorado Representative Mark Udall and Senator Ken Salazar.

Before arriving at SPA, Parr worked with Denver Mayor Federico Peña and Colorado Governor Richard D. Lamm. He served as president of the National Civic League from 1985 to 1995.

In 1997, Parr helped found Civic Results, a nonprofit organization managing the Metro Denver Health and Wellness Commission. When he passed, he was also heading the Metro Mayors Caucus, a voluntary regional association of mayors from 36 Denver-area municipalities.

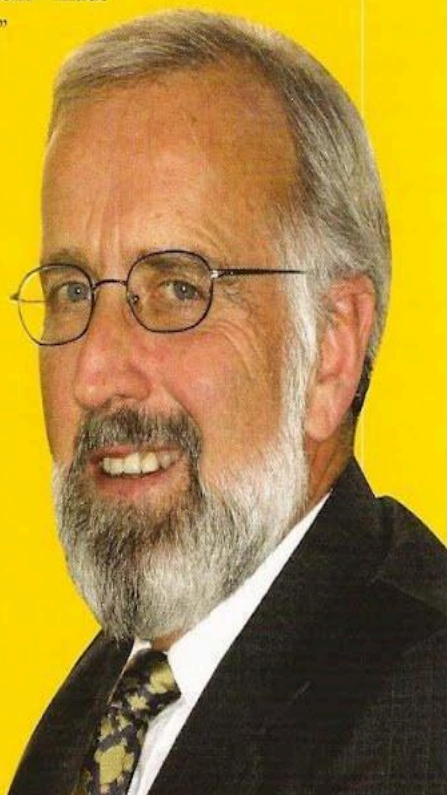
"It wasn't his contributions as a Democratic operative that made John remarkable," says Lisa Carlson, executive director of the centers at SPA. "The values and skills that made him successful—his authenticity, integrity, commitment to finding common ground and cheerful acceptance of different opinions—made him a great leader and human being."

The John Parr Memorial Scholarship Fund will help establish an endowment to support future forum participants. Contributions may be made to:

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Alumni NOTES

70s

Mary Lou Makepeace, MPA 1979, was inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame in March 2008. She was recognized for her contributions as both a politician and an equal rights advocate.



Mary Lou Makepeace

80s

Susan Jones, MCJ 1983, is warden at the Colorado State Penitentiary and the Centennial Correctional Facility, both in Cañon City.

Rebecca Hea, MPA 1986, is associate executive director of the Denver Children's Home and responsible for development, community relations and program planning. She has been with the organization for 14 years.

Joe Pelle, MCJ 1987, is the Boulder County sheriff, managing more than 350 employees and 200 volunteers.

90s

Todd Ziebarth, MPA/MURP 1996, a nationally recognized expert in education reform and the performance of charter schools, was appointed vice president for policy for the Denver-based National Alliance of Public Charter Schools in June 2008. The alliance recently received