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Upcoming CMC Forums

Wednesday, December 22
No Forum

Wednesday, December 29
No Forum

Wednesday, January 5
2005 Annual Blue Chip Economic Forecast
Bill LaFayette, Ph.D., VP of Economic Analysis, Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce; George Mokrzan, Ph.D., VP and senior economist, Huntington Bancshares, Inc.; Jim Newton, Ph.D., chief economic advisor, Commerce National Bank

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Bill LaFayette back for the fourth annual unveiling of the Blue Chip Economic Forecast with CMC! LaFayette will be joined by Drs. George Mokrzan and Jim Newton who added their expertise and insight to this year's forecast. Once again, our panel of experts will examine the seven-county Central Ohio economy and job markets and offer their predictions for the upcoming year. The forecast offers an in-depth look at retail sales, economic production and employment.

Sponsored by: Bricker & Eckler LLP

Wednesday, January 12
To Be Announced

Wednesday, January 19
Special Event! Talk of the Nation
Neal Conan, host, NPR's Talk of the Nation Presented in Partnership with: WOSU 820 AM
No Charge to Attend, Reservations Required
Live Broadcast from the Fawcett Center 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Reception with Q & A to Follow Event

Wednesday, January 26
Growing Smarter Series Incorporating Smart Growth Principles: Where is it Working?
Paul Ostergaard, AIA, principal, Urban Design Associates Presented in Partnership with: 1,000 Friends of Central Ohio

Wednesday, February 2
The Impact of Sports on Communities
Andy Geiger, director of athletics, The Ohio State University; Dan Doyle, executive director, Institute for International Sport

Friday, February 9
Update: Columbus State Community College
Val Moeller, Ph.D., president, Columbus State Community College Sponsored by: Fireproof Records Center

Wednesday, February 16
To Be Announced

Wednesday, February 23
To Be Announced

Wednesday, March 2
Bill Lhota, president & CEO, COTA

Wednesday, March 9
To Be Announced

Wednesday, March 16
The Post-Truth Era: Dishonesty and Deception in Contemporary Life
Ralph Keyes, author, The Post-Truth Era: Dishonest and Deception in Contemporary Life. Book Signing to Follow Forum

CMC Enjoys Special Gifts All Year

While the holidays are a traditional gift-giving time, the Columbus Metropolitan Club is blessed with gifts of many different shapes and sizes from many supporters throughout the entire year.

Dues from our record-breaking membership of more than 800 central Ohioans combined with registration from our weekly forums covers nearly 60% of our total annual operating budget. This ratio of earned income to charitable donations is exceptionally healthy for a not-for-profit organization and adds tremendous long range stability to CMC. It's also an indication of the value that our members and guests attach to free speech and healthy dialogue.

Additionally, more than 50 corporations provided \$100,000 in cash donations and sponsorships in the 2003-04 fiscal year to help underwrite our programming and operating costs. Board members and individuals generously contributed another \$10,000 to the annual Founders Fund Campaign last year.

A number of companies provided gifts-in-kind such as AEP developing our website, Spectrum Properties discounting our rent and furnishing our offices, Creative Design Solutions designing our member directory, Grange Insurance printing our member directory, Model Graphics giving

us mouse pads to promote our new website, Help Wizards and Exact Target keeping our computer and emails going, plus many other equally important services and products.

Support for CMC comes from important partners, too. WOSU 820 AM Radio just signed on as our official media partner and will be promoting our weekly forums through their public radio and television programs. And how could we ever forget our newsletter, published weekly by The Daily Reporter – effectively boosting our exposure to more than 300,000 contacts each year. We are grateful, too, that the professional crew from Ohio Government Telecommunications films every forum for rebroadcast and makes DVDs and VHS tapes available for sale.

The Children's Hunger Alliance, the Columbus Council on World Affairs, Leadership Columbus, Ohio Citizens for the Arts, Ohio Historical Society and 1,000 Friends of Central Ohio all joined us as partners in dynamic and valuable programming this past year.

Countless intangible gifts also insure our ability to provide diversity, discussion and debate throughout our community on the important issues that face each of us. Our 20-person Board of Trustees annually



donates an estimated 300 hours of their time and expertise to lead CMC and support the staff. More than 70 committee members volunteer their time to work tirelessly behind the scenes to recruit members, develop programs, raise money, identify board candidates and market CMC.

Finally, 131 speakers, panelists and moderators thoughtfully prepared and expertly presented nearly 50 hours of timely information at our forum luncheons last year.

Thank you from the bottom of our CMC hearts for your enthusiastic and gracious support. We on the staff wish you a blessed holiday season and a safe and happy new year and pledge ourselves to another successful year worthy of your continued allegiance.

About Us...

CMC firmly believes in the free expression of all ideas and the benefits of an open exchange of information. CMC is non-partisan and takes no positions on issues.

Anyone can join! From the beginning, there have been no barriers to membership and all forums have welcomed the general public. Diversity, both in programming and membership, is one of the many benefits of being involved in CMC. Everyone is welcome.

Each forum is an hour-long program that starts with a brief introduction followed by 25-30 minutes of speaker comments. The final half hour is filled with unfiltered, unrehearsed questions from the audience.

Join Today!

Call CMC at (614) 464-3220 for more information.

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Special Event

Talk of the Nation

Be a part of the studio audience for a live broadcast from The Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road.

Wednesday, January 19
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.,

Lunch not included.
Reception with Q&A to follow event, light snacks provided.
No Charge to Attend, Reservations are Required.



Neal Conan
Presented in Partnership with:



Forum Ticket Change

Rising costs have made it necessary for the Columbus Metropolitan Club to raise the cost of forum attendance by \$1 for CMC members and \$3 for guests and the public.

Effective January 5, 2005, members will be charged \$18, their guests \$25 and the price for general public admission will be \$28. As always, any attendee making their reservations by the Friday before the forum will receive a \$3 savings on each rate listed above.

The Board agreed on the importance of minimizing the impact of a price increase on our members who, through their dues, provide valuable support to the organization. It has been two years since our members and the public have seen an increase in our prices. This modest adjustment will allow CMC to continue providing quality programs without compromising accessibility, while increasing the value of membership.

Thank you for your continued support of the Columbus Metropolitan Club.

December 15 at CMC...

Form Serves Function

All of our programs are about connecting, learning and leading. Page Hall will become a very important component of the function of the institution."

— Deborah Merritt



Scott Watson and Speaker Kevin Miller of Miller-Watson Architects; Speaker Deborah Merritt of The John Glenn Institute; Mike Burger and Mike Mouser of Danis Building Construction Company.



CMC members Steve Becker and Rory McGuinness with speaker Deborah Merritt after the forum.

In my definition, for the first time in its existence, Page Hall is now a classical building."

— Kevin Miller

Check the forums YOU will be attending in the circle.
Write the NUMBER OF GUESTS attending in the square.

- ☐ Wednesday, Jan. 5
☐ Wednesday, Jan. 19
☐ Wednesday, Jan. 26
☐ Wednesday, Feb. 2
☐ Wednesday, Feb. 9
☐ Wednesday, Mar. 2

Annual Blue Chip Economic Forecast
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Incorporating Smart Growth Principles: Where is it Working?
The Impact of Sports on Communities
Update: Columbus State Community College
Bill Lhota, president & CEO, COTA

Member Name: _____

Name of Guest(s): _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Member's E-mail: _____

Add all member, guest and public fees selected.
Leave blank if you prefer CMC to calculate the cost.

Charge Amount: \$ _____

Enter Forum Fund Donation Amount Here

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Go to www.columbusmetroclub.org for forum policy details.

Reservations are Easy!

Questions? Call (614) 464-3220

CMC forums are held at the Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St. unless other wise noted

ALL CMC FORUMS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

FAX this form to (614) 464-9767, CALL our automated reservation line at (614) 545-3220 or SEND this form to CMC, 100 E. Broad St., Suite 2350, Columbus, OH 43215.

Forum Fees: Enter the number of attendees next to each forum title listed above. Early discount of \$3 applies if registered by the Friday before the forum.

| | Member | Guest | Public |
|--|--------|-------|--------|
| Early | \$14 | \$19 | \$22 |
| Regular | \$17 | \$22 | \$25 |
| Table Reservations: Select the number of seats needed at your table and circle the appropriate rate. | | | |
| | Member | Guest | Public |
| 8 Seats | \$135 | N/A | \$180 |
| 10 Seats | \$170 | N/A | \$225 |

Name on table: _____

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