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## This week at CMC

### Wednesday, August 23 Strong Communities Invest in Nonprofit Leadership

Doug Kridler, President & CEO, The Columbus Foundation. Thanks to this week's sponsors: AEP, Bricker & Eckler, Huntington Bank, Nationwide, The Columbus Dispatch.



## Upcoming CMC Forums

Wednesday, September 6  
**Labor Day Break**

Friday, September 8

### New Libraries for a New Millennium

Libraries in an Electronic Information Age. Patrick Losinski, Executive Director Columbus Metropolitan Library and Joe Branin, Director of Libraries, The Ohio State University.

Wednesday, September 13

### Vision for Columbus

Matt Habash, President, Columbus City Council.

### Wednesday evening, September 20 CMC'S 30<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION GALA featuring Capitol Steps at the Capitol Theatre Tickets on sale NOW.

Sponsored by the 30th Celebration Honorary Founders Nationwide, Huntington Bank, American Electric Power, The Columbus Dispatch and Bricker & Eckler

Wednesday, September 27

### Annual Recchie Awards

Presented in partnership with Columbus Landmarks Foundation.

Thursday, September 28

### SPECIAL FORUM

David Fanning, Executive Producer of PBS's Frontline. In partnership with WOSU Public Media.

Wednesday, October 4

### Building Public Spaces Series: Obstacles to Public Deliberation

Reed Hundt, Former Chair, FCC.

Tuesday, October 10

### Talk of the Nation

Neal Conan, National Public Radio.  
2:00 – 4:00 WOSU at COSI.

Wednesday, October 11

### A Century of Firsts: AEP Celebrates 100 Years

Mike Morris, Chairman, President & CEO, AEP.

Thursday, October 12

### The Political Season

12th District U.S. Congressional Seat Debate between Mary Jo Kilroy and Deborah Pryce. 7:00 p.m. at the OSU Fawcett Center. Presented by CMC & WOSU Public Media.

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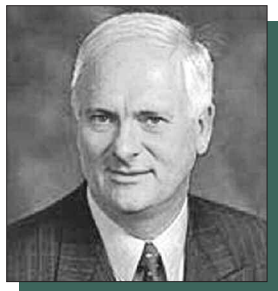
## European Union and United States Relations

Before being appointed Ambassador to the United States, **John Bruton** served as a leading member of the caucus that drafted the first-ever European Constitution that was signed in Rome in 2004 and is now before the 25 EU Member States for ratification. Ambassador Bruton was Vice President of the European People's Party from 1999 to 2005.

John Bruton is a former Irish Prime Minister (Taoiseach), who helped transform the Irish economy into the "Celtic Tiger," one of the fastest growing economies in the world. During his three years in office, the

Irish economy grew at an annual average rate of 8.7%, peaking at 11.1% in 1997. Ambassador Bruton was also deeply involved in the Northern Irish Peace Process leading to the 1998 Good Friday Agreement.

While Prime Minister, Bruton presided over a successful Irish EU Presidency in 1996 and helped finalize the Stability and Growth Pact, which governs the management of the single European currency: the Euro. He represented the EU at Summit meetings with the President of the United States and with the Prime Ministers of Canada, Japan, China, and Korea.



His Excellency John Bruton, Ambassador of E.U. to U.S.

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(source: *The European Union Website*)

RECAP - Wednesday, AUGUST 9

## Back to School: An Update with Columbus Public Schools



Dr. Gene Harris with guests after the forum.



Sam Gresham and Terry Boyd.



Galen Graham of Sponsor DeVry University; Speaker Dr. Gene Harris and CMC Board Member Dawn Tyler Lee.

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Preview - Friday, SEPTEMBER 8

## Building Public Space Series Libraries Thriving in an Electronic Information Age

Libraries are among a city's most important civic spaces, a vital resource for public life. Similarly, at the heart of a great university, there is a great library. As we enter the 21st century, however, libraries find themselves challenged by new populations, new technologies and new demands for services. How are Columbus' two major library systems meeting the challenge? What will the renovation of OSU's Main Library mean for students and stakeholders?

In recent years, there has been a push to modernize libraries, using computers and other technological advances. Will libraries and books soon become obsolete? Further, will there be a new wave of e-libraries? Can a computer screen recreate the feeling of a book in your hand?

In a public library where customers borrow 16 million items, make 8.2 million visits and ask 1.2 million reference questions in a year and in a university library with a combined collection size of 5.8 million volumes, what more will come with new technological advances? Will the excellent customer service remain, or will technology take the place of the personal care? What can we expect from the advancements?



Patrick Losinski, Executive Director Columbus Metropolitan Library and Joe Branin, Director of Libraries, The Ohio State University



Joe Brannin

Wednesday, September 20

## CMC Celebrates 30 years with Capitol Steps!



30<sup>th</sup> Celebration Benefit Gala  
Wednesday evening,  
September 20

at the Capitol Theatre

(This is the first time CMC has ever hosted a fund raiser and such a festive event, so we want to make sure you understand what a great evening this will be!)

Cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception served in the Riffe Center second floor atrium with its panoramic view of the historic Ohio Capitol.

"The Conversation Begins," the WOSU-produced documentary featuring CMC's founding mothers.

Special Guest EmCee – John Fortney, anchor WBNS 10 TV

LAUGH, loud and long as nationally-known political satirists **The Capitol Steps** ask the question: "Who put the Mock in Democracy?"

Q & A with the performers Champagne and 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake on stage!

Seating is limited. Tickets are \$100 per person. Members & sponsors may purchase tickets in special reserved "Voting Blocks, Caucuses and Convention Delegations."

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