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This Week Wednesday, May 30 CSO Reaching for the High Notes

Tony Beadle, Executive Director,
Columbus Symphony Orchestra
and Junichi Hirokami, Music
Director, CSO.

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Upcoming CMC Forums

Wednesday, June 13

CHASE Excellence in Leadership

Presented in Partnership with Leadership Columbus. Carl Kohrt, President, Battelle. Guest Host Gail Hogan, RMA Reputation Management Associates. Title Sponsor JPMorgan Chase.



Carl Kohrt

Wednesday, June 20

Developing the Next Generation of Leaders

Carolyn Martin, Rainmaker Thinking. Sponsored by Nationwide. Presented in Partnership with Diversity Matters.



Carolyn Martin

Wednesday, June 27

New Model for Downtown Living: Gay Street Condos

Jeff Edwards, President, Edwards Companies.

Wednesday, July 4

Celebrating Independence Day – by taking a day off!

Wednesday, July 11

Organizational Gravity in a Weightless World

Barry Salzberg, CEO, Deloitte & Touche USA. Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank.



Barry Salzberg

Thursday, July 12

CMC Summer Meltdown Member Reception!

Party on the Roof. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Columbus Renaissance Hotel. (on the pool deck). Make Reservations NOW!

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Wednesday, August 1

Seeds for Growth: Meet Franklin Park's New Executive Director

Bruce Harkey, Executive Director, Franklin Park Conservatory. Sponsored by Scotts Miracle Gro.



Bruce Harkey

Wednesday, August 8

CHASE Excellence in Leadership

Presented in Partnership with Leadership Columbus. Leader to be announced.

Wednesday, August 15

Gen X in our Community

Rebecca Ryan, Next Generation Consulting. In Partnership with Columbus Chamber.

Wednesday, August 29

CMC Summer Celebration

The most fun you've ever had at an annual meeting! 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Franklin Park Conservatory Garden Tent.

Wednesday, September 12

Update on Arena District & Huntington Park

Brian Ellis, President & CEO, Nationwide Realty Investments. Sponsored by Messer Construction, Bricker & Eckler, Franklin Park Conservatory and CDDC/Capitol South.

Wednesday, September 26

In Monet's Garden

Nannette Maciejunes, Executive Director, Columbus Museum of Art. Sponsored by The Crane Group.

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Wednesday, May 30 - Noon to 1:15, Athletic Club of Columbus

Buses & Business: A Discussion of COTA's Future

Bill Lhota, President & CEO, Central Ohio Transit Authority.

As the 14th most populated city in the US, stretching over more than 200 square miles, with 100,000 employed downtown, effective, efficient and affordable mass transit is vital for business in our community. "Mass transit" for Columbus equals COTA. Its stated vision is to be the transportation provider for central Ohio with safe, reliable, convenient, affordable and user-friendly transportation for every resident and visitor, but only a small percentage of the population use it.

On August 23, 2006, the COTA Board of Trustees approved the Long-Range Transit Plan (LRTP). The LRTP has four major components: expansion of fixed-route bus service, increased service for persons with disabilities (paratransit), introduction of technologies to make transit more convenient and user-friendly and planning for future transit investments (transit centers, park & rides, acquisition of rights of way in strategic corridors and other transit initiatives).

Last November, voters passed a 10-year, .25-percent sales tax levy. COTA's TV message was that a healthy bus system is good for the economy and that it helps transport the elderly, disabled, students and some workers. The narrow passage was not exactly a mandate, but certainly a quiet vote of confidence and a confirmation that COTA is necessary for a healthy community.

COTA already received a permanent .25-percent sales tax, which generates an estimated \$44 million a year. With the new money, the transit authority plans to restore some bus service that was previously cut back.

In March of this year, COTA announced that it will be sharing in a clean diesel collaborative grant awarded by US EPA to the Clean Diesel Collaborative, a project of the Mid-Ohio Public Diesel Fleet Initiative. The project is comprised of COTA, MORPC, the City of Columbus, and the Ohio Environmental Council (OEC). Funding from the grant will be used on a landmark approach to reducing emissions from diesel engines, including implementing specific recommendations for public fleets, including COTA buses, and community outreach and education.

As part of the grant, COTA will purchase 40 Diesel Oxidation Catalysts (DOC's) for retrofitting buses in its fleet to reduce particulate emissions. Combined with COTA's use of a blend of soy biodiesel and ultra low sulfur diesel fuel, COTA expects to experience a dramatic reduction in particulate emissions. At the end of the demonstration project, COTA will evaluate and report the effectiveness of the fuel/retrofit strategy.

How is COTA getting along, how is it improving? What's the current financial picture? What's ahead?



Bill Lhota

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Recap - Wednesday, May 23

Ohio's Troops: Here and Abroad



Speaker Major General Gregory Wayt, CMC Board Member Don Beckman and Lt. Col. Gen. Zdravko Ponos of Serbia



Frank Titus, Suzy Swanson and Major General Wayt



Mark Easton, Major General Wayt and Kevin Walker

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The MISSION of the Columbus Metropolitan Club is to promote the open exchange of information and ideas among the residents of Central Ohio by providing a forum for the discussion of topics of civic and public interest.

CMC Summer Meltdown Member Reception! Party on the Roof



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5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Columbus Renaissance Hotel
(on the pool deck)

CMC's Truckload Sale – July 12

It's our annual "Truckload Sale!" The membership committee and board have gone wild! They've slashed the regular membership dues of \$165 to only \$100 for NEW members!

Start NOW! Make a list! Who can you bring to the annual Summer Meltdown Member Reception? Who among your friends, business associates, clients, neighbors and community leaders is missing out on the many benefits of CMC membership?

Do some early Christmas shopping. A birthday gift! Even a retirement gift for the person who's been too busy working the past 30 years to attend CMC forums!

Don't miss the fun and the chance to share CMC membership! This sale won't last!

CMC Anytime

Wednesdays R us. Wednesday is synonymous with CMC.

But, on those rare occasions that your schedule prevents you from making it to CMC on Wednesday, go to Time Warner Cable digital Local on Demand Channel 1111 –that's eleven-eleven, for a replay of the latest forums.

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