



columbus metropolitan club

the community's conversation

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The mission of the Columbus Metropolitan Club is to connect people and ideas through community conversation.

THIS WEEK AT CMC

MARCH 18

At Ground Zero of the Wall Street Meltdown: AIG Executive Tells the Story

Nick Ashooh, Senior Vice President Communications,
American International Group

With support from *The Daily Reporter* and *Plunkett & Cooney*

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 – 5:15 - 7:30 P.M.

Special Tour of the Ohio Judicial Center hosted by Supreme Court of Ohio

With Chief Justice Thomas Moyer

Presented with support from



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Make Reservations Now:

APRIL 1

Parks at the Polls: Metro Parks Levy

John O'Meara, Executive Director,
Metro Parks

With Support from *National City Bank*,
now part of PNC

APRIL 15

Battelle's New CEO: Reaching the World from King Avenue



Jeff Wadsworth, CEO
Battelle

Presented in partnership
with *TechColumbus*

With support from
Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

CMC ON-SITE 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Exclusive Preview of the Historic Lincoln Theatre



SPECIAL EVENT FOR ALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

CMCPM @ 5:00 AT HUNTINGTON PARK

Take me out to the NEW Ballgame

6:30 – Clippers vs Louisville

Presented in partnership with *YPC*
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exclusive print media sponsor

Special Price for Hotdog Buffet
and game ticket \$25



APRIL 22

7,300 Wishes: Make a Wish Celebrates 25 Years

APRIL 29

Modern Reasons for Old-Fashioned Food

All CMC forums are open to everyone!

Forums are held at the Athletic Club
of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St.,
unless otherwise noted.
Please make reservations online at
columbusmetroclub.org
or via email to
staff@columbusmetroclub.org
or by calling 464-3220

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

PREMIERE RELEASE AT CMC

Benchmarking Central Ohio 2009: A Tale of Sixteen Cities

Bob Milbourne, Roberta Garber and Betsy Ziegler will premiere the findings from Benchmarking Central Ohio 2009 at the Columbus Metropolitan Club on March 25. The extensive report uses standardized, measurable indicators to track and assess how our community is doing compared to fifteen other similar and "best in class" communities across Ohio and the nation.

The extensive and easily readable report looks at everything from our senior population to Fortune 1,000 companies, female-owned businesses, public transportation, brain gain, smoking and local government to households without a vehicle, professional sports and Wi-Fi hotspots! And, this is just a small sampling of things that are measured.

Key indicators are organized into four groups – population vitality, economic strength, personal prosperity and community wellbeing. The impact of the first study in 2007 was significant with hundreds of copies of the final report printed and downloaded. Last year's report was also released at CMC to a large, inquisitive audience.

This is the third year in the Central Ohio Benchmarking Project initiated by the Columbus Partnership in 2007, who commissioned the non profit research center Community Research Partners to design and conduct the initial and annual work.

Don't miss the public premiere and the always lively discussion of this candid look at our community and how we rank.



Roberta Garber,
CEO of the
Community
Research
Partners



Bob Milbourne,
CEO of the
Columbus
Partnership



Betsy Ziegler,
McKinsey
Company

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

NEW – JUST ADDED

Financing Columbus, A Tale of Two Cities... Choose One

Bob Howarth, Chair, Major's Economic
Advisory Panel
Joel Taylor, Finance Director, City of Columbus
Moderated by Allen Proctor, Allen Proctor
Consulting, LLC

Like the rest of the nation and our state, the City of Columbus's finances are in trouble. We've been hearing bits and pieces of this story every day and experiencing the fallout for several months. It's a fact; The City of Columbus is going broke and basic governmental services are threatened... unless more revenue finds its way into city coffers soon.

This was the conclusion of an expert economic advisory panel appointed by Mayor Coleman. The panel made its recommendations known recently in a 104 page report that chronicles ways the city can cut spending and increase income.

But the fat has already been cut and services are in jeopardy, says panel chairman Bob Howarth, an attorney and veteran of city and state government.

Join us to hear detailed report findings and ask questions about city spending and proposed solutions including a recommendation to raise city income taxes.

The forum will feature Bob Howarth, the economic advisory panel chair and Joel Taylor, the City's Finance Director who will be joined by our moderator, nationally renowned financing and budget guru Allen Proctor.

Membership Pays Personally

I'm inviting you to join the Columbus Metropolitan Club, and here's why.

When I was a business owner, I couldn't find time to join many groups, especially those that required or requested a commitment of attendance or service. Not that I didn't want to, but I just had to make my business and my commitment to my customers and employees my highest priority.

With limited resources and limited time, I chose to join CMC.

Membership in CMC offered me the option to attend any forums or events that interested me, at a very reasonable price, with no expectation of service or contribution. I appreciated that and became a regular Wednesday forum attendee, because I always enjoyed the speaker and met people who were intellectually stimulating, friendly and engaged in the community. It was something that I truly anticipated, because frankly, it

recharged my personal batteries and I returned to my business challenges with fresh energy!!!

I also frequently met people who became customers or gave me valuable business leads! At a minimum, it gave me my business tremendous exposure by introducing my business and me to a wide variety of influential, well-connected people.

I'm inviting you to invest \$165 in yourself (or a few hundred dollars in your business) to join the best networking group in Columbus, bar none! I'm so confident that you will enjoy your membership in CMC and find it very personally and professionally rewarding, that when you join, we will buy your first forum lunch! Visit www.columbusmetroclub.org to check out upcoming forums.

Thank you for considering this invitation. If you'd like to talk with me about this, I would welcome your call or email. I'm at 464-3220 Ext. 3 and my email is Jane@columbusmetroclub.org.

Executive Director, Jane Scott

MARCH 10

RECAP

MARCH 11

Columbus Diversity World Café

Tuesday Ryan Hart, Consultant
Phil Cass, CEO, Columbus Medical
Association and Foundation
Deb Helber, Consultant



Phil Cass and Tuesday Ryan Hart
enjoy facilitating café conversations.

Personalized Medicine

Dr. Steven Gabbe, Senior VP for Health Sciences, CEO, OSU Medical Center



CMC President Sandy Clary, speaker Dr. Steven Gabbe, from
sponsor Cardinal Health Jessica Lineberger and Dianne
Radigan.



Daniel Smith and Vince Stasiulewicz visit
after Dr. Gabbe's talk.

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