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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5_

Domestic Oil Exploration and Ohio's Economy

The lesson we learned from last year's price spike is that Ohio's economy does not function well on \$4 per gallon gasoline. From manufacturing to farms, heating our homes to food in the grocery, affordable energy is fundamental to a stable - and ultimately a growing - economy.

Energy is one of the most hotly debated issues among policy makers and the general public today. Its impact cannot be overstated.

One organization, the Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, supports the thoughtful utilization of energy resources to help ensure improved domestic and global energy security and stable prices for consumers.

They do so by improving consumer understanding of the nation's energy security, including the need to reduce reliance on imported oil and natural gas, maintain reasonable energy prices for consumers, properly balance energy needs with environmental and conservation goals and continue efforts to diversify energy resources.

With more than 110 affiliated organizations and thousands of grassroots supporters, CEA has long advocated that the country needs a national energy policy that provides a comprehensive

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- A volunteer willing to spend one day each week to do clerical work, in exchange for weekly luncheon. Call Jane or Tracy.

SEPTEMBER 23

SEPTEMBER 30

OCTOBER 7

COTA Update

Michael D. Whatley, Vice President, **Consumer Energy** Alliance; Kevin Schmidt, **Director Public Policy** Services, The Ohio



Manufacturers Association.

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solution. They advocate for more access to offshore and onshore oil and natural gas, increased utilization of alternative energy and enhanced energy efficiency and conservation.

Michael Whatley shares his organization's perspective at our CMC forum along with Kevin Schmidt who reflects on the impact domestic oil production can have on Ohio's manufacturers.

Ohio Budget – Winners & Losers?



Joe Hallett, Columbus Dispatch; Julie Carr Smyth, Associated Press, Statehouse Correspondent; Bill Hershey, Dayton Daily News, Columbus Bureau Chief; Mark Niquette, Dispatch, Public Affairs Reporter and Bill Cohen, Ohio Public Radio/TV, Statehouse News Bureau Reporter



Front: Moderator Joe Hallett, speaker Bill Cohen, CMC President Sandy Clary, from Sponsor Columbus Dispatch Ben Marrison. Back: Speakers Mark Niquette, Bill Hershey and Julie Carr Smyth.

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Each week, our friends at The Ohio Channel tape our forums for rebroadcast on



Previews of Upcoming CMC Events

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VOTE in the FIRST Annual People's Choice

All CMC forums are held at the Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 East Broad Street unless otherwise noted. Registration begins at 11:30, with lunch served promptly at noon and closing at 1:15.

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and Ohio's Economy

THIS WEEK AT CMC

U.S. and China:

Our Economic Security

Awards for your favorite forum

Daniel Slane, U.S.-China Economic

and Security Review Commission

Go to

and cast your ballot today!

Voting closes August 7.

CMC will announce the

Celebration, August 20.

JULY 29

of 2008-09.

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AUGUST 12



Ensuring Judicial Impartiality Chief Justice Thomas Moyer

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AUGUST 19



Blue Chip Economic Midyear **Report – Life After the Recession** Dr. Bill LaFayette, Columbus Chamber

and representatives from growth industries. Sponsored by Plante & Moran

RECAP - JULY 22

Hosted at Franklin Park Conservatory - rooftop gardens CMC Summer Celebration - the most fun you've ever had at an annual meeting.

Celebration of Civic Engagement

With Support from the Franklin Park Conservatory

September 2



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With Support from The Columbus Dispatch

SEPTEMBER 9

Busted: The Rise and Fall of Art Schlichter

Art Schlichter, former OSU Buckeye, Indianapolis Colts; is the founder and director of Gambling Prevention Awareness; with interview by Mike Wagner, Dispatch reporter



Art 2009 - Gambling Prevention Awareness



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Family Violence

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Fridays @ 4 pm & Midnight Sundays @ 4 pm & Midnight Mondays @ 11 am & 7pm

WOSUTV/DT Public Television

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Buckeye

Abigail Wexner, Founder and Board Chair, **Columbus** Coalition Against Family Violence



Karen Daves, President.