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

THIS WEEK AT CMC
FEBRUARY 2

Fueling Ohio's Future Series Electric Cars Might Drive our Future



Featuring **Dr. Giorgio Rizzoni**, Director, Center for Automotive Research, The Ohio State University; **Brandon Perkins**, Project Manager, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Office of Innovation, Partnerships, & Energy; **John Pohill**, Venturi North America CEO; **Ram Sastry**, Distribution Research & Technology AEP

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Previews of Upcoming CMC Events

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

FEBRUARY 9

False Justice: Eight Myths that Convict the Innocent



Presented in partnership with the *Columbus Bar Association*

Featuring **Jim and Nancy Petro** interviewed by **Alan Johnson**,
The Columbus Dispatch.

"Wrongful criminal conviction is much more frequent than most Americans believe. The thought of imprisoned innocent people haunted me. I became determined to try to do something about it." — Jim Petro, Former Attorney General of Ohio.

With support from *The Columbus Dispatch*

FEBRUARY 16

One Girl: The Status of Girls in Central Ohio

Featuring **Kelly Budros**, Director of Programs, The Women's Fund; **Dr. Lisa Hinkelman**, Executive Director of the Interprofessional Commission of Ohio and Founder/Director of Ruling Our Experiences (ROX) and moderator **Ann Fisher**, WOSU Public Media.

With support from *Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland*, *Greater Columbus Sports Commission* and *Limited Brands*

In partnership with *The Woman's Fund of Central Ohio*

FEBRUARY 23

To be announced.

MARCH 2

Weather waylaid Kathryn Lawler from being at CMC on January 12, so make sure you reschedule to catch her as we do...

Global Preparation for a Demographic Tsunami: Communities for Longer Living-Part 2

Kathryn Lawler, External Affairs Manager, Atlanta Regional Commission, the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Area Agency on Aging.

With support from *AARP*

In partnership with *Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission*



Kathryn Lawler

MARCH 9

CMC & Bricker & Eckler Present Leadership Legacies

Lewis R. Smoot, Sr., President and Chief Executive Officer of The Smoot Corporation, with a special interview by **Mike Curtin**



Lewis R. Smoot, Sr.



Mike Curtin



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

False Justice: Eight Myths that Convict the Innocent

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In 2010, it was estimated that 2.3 million inmates are housed in the nation's prisons; 50,000 of them being in Ohio. But not everyone is guilty of the crimes they were put away for. Since 1989, DNA evidence has proved 255 people wrongly convicted and saved 17 of those peoples' lives from death row. In Ohio alone there have been nine inmates exonerated since 1994. Join CMC as it hosts Jim and Nancy Petro, interviewed by Alan Johnson to learn more of this shocking issue.

Wrongly convicted prisoners like those attracted former Ohio General Attorney Jim Petro to shift his attitudes and further investigate the criminal justice system and its potential wrong doings. In 2001, after serving 13 years for a crime he did not commit, Michael Green was released from prison when DNA tests declared him innocent. Petro was astonished and states Green was his "introduction to the travesty of wrongful criminal conviction." From then on, Petro led a strong nationwide movement to systematize current prisoner's DNA samples into a database to use as reference in several cold case files as well as future crimes.

Petro's stance on this issue was the backbone of his career as Ohio General Attorney and remains so today. He and his wife, Nancy, were awakened by their findings and inspired to co-write the book, "False Justice", raising awareness to the faulty system which places so many innocent people behind bars. In the book, the Petros point out eight commonly misconceived myths about the criminal justice system and emphasize the importance of improving convictions' accuracy. The eight myths are as follows:

- Everyone in prison claims innocence.
- Our system almost never convicts an innocent person.
- Only guilty people confess.
- Wrongful convictions result from innocent human error.
- An eyewitness is the best evidence.
- Conviction errors get corrected on appeals.
- It dishonors victims to question a conviction.
- If the justice system has problems, the pros will fix them.

"False Justice" was the idea of Nancy Petro, who claims it came to her in an eye-opening dream. She encouraged her husband to further his ability to educate the population about this phenomenon and together they completed the project. The book goes into detail debunking these myths with an attempt to put meaning back into the term "innocent until proven guilty." It has even proven a useful text book in several Law School classes.

Jim Petro earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Denison University and afterwards attended the Case Western Reserve University School of Law. In 1994, he became the Ohio auditor, where he was in charge of the second largest auditing agency in

RECAP - JANUARY 26

TechColumbus Rising Stars

Hosted by **Ted Ford**, President & CEO, TechColumbus

Featuring discussion from entrepreneurs **Rich Housh**, President & CEO, Plug Smart Solutions and **Ray Shealy**, former CEO of HTP (now RelayHealth – part of McKesson)

Sponsored by *GBQ*, *Help Wizards* and *Franklin University*

In partnership with *Columbus Young Professionals Club*



CMC President Teresa McWain, speakers Ted Ford, Ray Shealy and Rich Housh and from sponsor GBQ Darci Congrove.



Mike Kehoe and David Kandel.



Mike Canter and Sue Rea.

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