



# 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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

CMC, Columbus State Community College  
and Columbus State Community College Foundation present

### The Education Equation: Neighborhoods Impact on Children

Janet Jackson, president and CEO of United Way of Central Ohio  
and member, Columbus Education Commission  
Eric Fingerhut, vice president, Education and STEM Learning,  
Battelle and member, Columbus Education Commission  
John Edgar, pastor and executive director, Community  
Development for All People  
Moderated by Sharon Davies, executive director, Kirwan Institute  
for the Study of Race & Ethnicity

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## Upcoming CMC Events

### Leave Lunch Smarter!

CMC forums are at the Athletic Club of Columbus,  
136 E. Broad St. unless otherwise noted.  
Check-in is at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served  
at noon and closing at 1:15 p.m.  
Pre-paid reservations are required.  
Reserve on line at [www.columbusmetroclub.org](http://www.columbusmetroclub.org)  
or (614) 464-3220 ext. 1.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

The Charles Y. and Frances N. Lazarus Legacy Fund:  
Recollecting Columbus History

### Downtown Playground: From Abandonment to Attraction

Jeff LaFever, executive director, Columbus Historical Society  
Alan McKnight, director, Columbus Recreation and Parks Department  
Host Keith Myers, vice president, Physical Planning and Real Estate, The  
Ohio State University

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

### From Service to Civilian: Challenges for Returning Veterans

Brig. Gen.  
Maria Kelly,  
commander,  
Ohio Army  
National Guard  
Special Troops  
Command

Col. Mark Tranovich,  
OHARNG Med Det  
Commander and  
Orthopedic Surgeon at  
the Chalmers P. Wylie VA  
Ambulatory Care Center

Rich Brown  
president,  
Compass Tech  
International

Col. (Ret) Michael  
W. Carrell, USAF  
and assistant provost  
& director Office of  
Military & Veterans  
Services, OSU

Moderated by  
Col. Julie Blike,  
director of Family  
Readiness and  
Warrior Support  
Resources

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

CMC, AEP and Battelle present  
Fueling Ohio's Future:

### Tales of Shale, Part 3: Policy

Jack Shaner,  
deputy  
director,  
Ohio  
Environmental  
Council

Tom Stewart,  
executive vice  
president,  
Ohio Oil  
and Gas  
Association

Moderated by Marc Kovac, Statehouse bureau chief, *Dix Newspapers* and  
*Youngstown Vindicator*

Series support from *Columbia Gas*

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Environment*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

### Leadership Legacy Series: Ron Pizzuti

Ron Pizzuti, founder, chairman and CEO, The Pizzuti Companies and art  
collector

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

### Visit the Pizzuti Collection

632 North Park Street, Columbus, OH 43215



WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 – 12:00 NOON TO 1:15 PM AT THE ATHLETIC CLUB OF COLUMBUS

## Downtown Playground: From Abandonment to Attraction

The past century witnessed Columbus' downtown deterioration from a bustling hub of activity to the mid-20th century flight of residents and retail leaving a virtual ghost town after business hours.

Today, Columbus is experiencing a resurgence of downtown living, working, entertainment and recreation. The CMC forum on Wednesday, May 22, "Downtown Playground: From Abandonment to Attraction" highlights successful projects in Columbus' core that are attracting residents back to the heart of the city. This will be the first in a series of annual forums presented as the Charles Y. and Frances N. Lazarus Legacy Fund: Recollecting Columbus History.

One major difference between the Columbus of the early 1900s and now is that today's Columbus is much cleaner. The Scioto River is no longer a sewage receptacle. Also gone are the stench of horses, the filth of unfiltered coal-burning power and muddy unpaved roadways. Vintage cartoons show the dirty riverfront with tenement housing. It was desirable to move away from that fifth and density. Now the trend to move away from downtown is reversed. "Our city is a really



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nice place to be now," says Jeff LaFever, executive director of the Columbus Historical Society and featured speaker at the upcoming CMC forum.

LaFever has noticed increased weekend and evening activity downtown over the past three to four years. In addition to festivals, races and conventions, people are coming back downtown for entertainment and recreation. LaFever says, "I like to call it an adult playground.

Restaurants and theatre attractions are bringing people downtown."

A few projects have reclaimed large areas of land for new uses such as The Columbus Commons, which was the site of Columbus City Center and the park space on the Whittier Peninsula, former home of the city impound lot. How these amenities are changing the city and what's next in the downtown development will be topics of the next CMC forum.

Register now at [www.columbusmetroclub.org](http://www.columbusmetroclub.org).

## Charles Y. and Frances N. Lazarus Legacy Fund: Recollecting Columbus History



Charles Y. and Frances N. Lazarus, throughout their lives, were dedicated to giving back: to family, community, and to the growth of Columbus as a national center of business and the arts. He gave of his time and experience to every aspect of civic growth: human services, education, transportation, all aspects of downtown development and city planning, as well as the arts. Columbus was his history, his home and part of his legacy; he was one of its most faithful boosters.

Frannie made her own way as

leader in the arts and the growth of community philanthropy. Their service to community never stopped until they did and they shared a great commitment to the city that, to this day, reflects their combined dedication to family, work, and community. In their spirit, The Charles Y. and Frances N. Lazarus Legacy Fund at the Columbus Metropolitan Club will present forums, in partnership with the Columbus Historical Society, on aspects of Columbus history -- little known, well known, or re-examined.

## RECAP – MAY 8

CMC, Columbus State Community College  
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### The Education Equation: In Search of Better Results

Richard Ross, Ohio Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Mark Real, president and CEO, KidsOhio.org

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Tasha Booker



Damon Asbury and Charlie Wilson

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## RE-TWEETS



Enlightening  
conversation at  
#cmcforum today  
about educating  
Ohio's children.  
Continued next week  
at @cbusmetroclub  
— Aaron Pitcock

'There's no one size  
fits all in education'  
— Ohio State Supt  
Richard Ross.  
Dr. Ross: How hopeful  
a child feels in  
5th grade is better  
predictor of college  
success than ACT  
scores.  
Dr. Ross: I'm  
supportive of  
#schoolchoice. Every  
child deserves to be  
in a quality school'  
regardless of the type.  
— School Choice Ohio

## SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 5:30 – 8:00 PM

### The CMC Board of Trustees Invites you to Savor 60

A Special Spring Reception to Celebrate CMC President  
Jane Scott's 60th Birthday (and all of our birthdays!)

Sponsored and hosted by

230 West Street, Suite 700, The Arena District

Hors d'oeuvres, complimentary award-winning Ohio wines, beer,  
soft drinks and birthday cake

Music by The Salty Caramels

CMC Members: \$20 for CMC member and three non-CMC member guests  
General Public: \$20

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