

ASSOCIATION NEWS: CMC

Tuesday, December 26, 2017

Blue Chip Forecast kicks off 2018 at CMC

It's Sweet Sixteen for Bill LaFayette's blue chip forecast at the Columbus Metropolitan Club on Jan. 3.

This year he will be joined by Stephen A. Buser, professor emeritus, Ohio State University Fisher College of Business, who was LaFayette's finance professor at OSU. Columbus Dispatch business reporter Mark Williams will stir the discussion as host following an introduction from LaFayette.

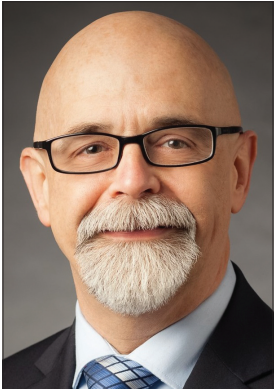
The stock market is up, the federal government is on the verge of a dramatic tax cut plan, unemployment is down and the Fed is raising interest rates.

Constructions cranes are still visible in downtown and across the Scioto River in Franklinton showing developers bullish on this market for offices and housing. What's next?

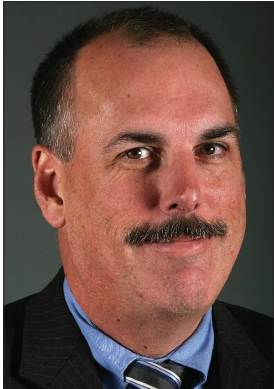
Economic predictions are almost like looking in a crystal ball, but LaFayette and Buser will be share what data points to watch as indicators for what may happen with the economy in the future.

Whereas last year, the R word — recession — was cautiously mentioned, it's now off the radar. What unintended consequences will be associated with the new tax bill, if passed as expected?

Citing a Nov. 29, 2017 Bloomberg article, Mark Williams tweeted “Despite the low jobless rate and soaring stock market, many consumers continue to struggle financially.” It appears there



Bill LaFayette



Mark Williams



Stephen Buser

are a lot of mixed signals about the economy with individual concerns about their own wallets (checkbooks are a thing of the past) while the stock market makes corporate American giddy with record-setting highs.

The forum is sponsored by BDO, Fifth Third Bank, Corna Kokosing with support from Dispatch Media Group. Leadership Columbus Class is 2018 is a partnering

organization. The forum sells out annually so early reservations are recommended.

CMC forums are frequently aired on the Ohio Channel via WOSU digital and Columbus Television at channel 3 on Insight and Time Warner and channel 99 on Warner, WOW and AT&T U-Verse. For schedule details, visit ctu.columbus.gov.

Welcome New Talent Party is Feb. 15 at COSI

Moving to Columbus is a great choice to launch or continue your career trajectory! That's the message for the “Welcome New Talent” party hosted by CMC.

This year's event aimed at welcoming new university area faculty and executive level staff to Columbus will be the evening of Feb. 15 at COSI. Last year, five university presidents attended the event which drew about 200 people from nine area colleges and universities plus CMC members, guests and sponsors.

Columbus' higher educational institutions attract talent from around the world for positions to teach, research and in the case of OSU, for the Wexner Medical Center. The past few years, attendees have been pleased to have the opportunity to meet colleagues from varying schools and fields of study for a social occasion.

Registration for this event will be available in early January at www.columbusmetroclub.org. Sponsorships are still available, please contact Jane Scott at the CMC office.



CMC welcomed new talent from area universities at the party at COSI.

December 13 Forum

The LeVeque Tower: Columbus icon restored



Photos by Rick Buchanan

Participating in the CMC forum were CMC CEO Jane Scott, speaker Kyle Katz, CMC trustee Carol Newcomb-Alutto, speakers Brett Kaufman, Nancy Recchie, Bob Meyers, from sponsor Crowe Horwath Brent Kirkpatrick, from sponsor Smith & Hale, Jeff Brown and Jay Smith, son of Harrison W. Smith.



Kyle Katz (left) stands with the The Downtown Commission' 2017 Harrison W. Smith Award winners Sam Rosenthal, Bob Meyers, Brett Kaufman and Bob Loversidge for their work on the renovations on the LeVeque Tower.



Jack Reynolds, Jeff Brown, John Behal and Keith Witt were interested in the topic of downtown development.



Many CMC members had questions for the panelists including George O'Donnell, Barbara Pratzner, Roger Blackwell and Kathy Fox.

Columbus Metropolitan Club

– Calendar of Events –

This Week

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

Blue Chip Economic Forecast

Featuring **Bill LaFayette**, owner & founder, Regionomics, **Stephen A. Buser**, professor emeritus, OSU Fisher College of Business and moderated by **Mark Williams**, journalist, The Columbus Dispatch Sponsored by BDO, Fifth Third Bank, Corna Kokosing, Dispatch Media Group In partnership with Leadership Columbus

Upcoming

Wednesday, January 10

Fake News is an Oxymoron

Featuring, **Gleb Tsipursky**, assistant professor of History, The Ohio State University, **Kelly Frank**, news director, WBNS 10-TV, **Alan Miller**, editor, The Columbus Dispatch and hosted by **Clark Donley**, news director, Sunny 95 With support from Dispatch Media Group, WBNS 10TV, Columbus Business First In partnership with PRSA

Wednesday, January 17

Nonprofits Navigating a Changing Landscape

Featuring **Dale Heydlauff**, Vice president, Corporate Communications, AEP, Aslyne Rodriguez, Founder and CEO, EmPowerBus, **Rachel Lustig**, President and CEO, Catholic Social Services with host **Lisa Courtice**, President & CEO, United Way of Central Ohio Sponsored by The Ohio State University, Taft Law

Wednesday, January 24

Franklinton

Wednesday, January 31

Political Satire in the Era of Trump

Featuring **Ann Telnaes**, Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist, Washington Post, president of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists, **Dwayne Booth** (aka Mr. Fish), freelance writer and cartoonist, **Nate Beeler**, editorial cartoonist, The Columbus Dispatch

On the Horizon

Thursday, February 15

Welcome New Talent Party

Wednesday, February 21

State of Downtown

CMC forums are held at the Boat House at Confluence Park, 679 West Spring Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Free parking. Check-in for forums is at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon. The program concludes at 1:15 p.m. and guests are encouraged to continue the conversation in the lobby with coffee and cookies.

CMC members, the deadline for early-bird registration, \$22 is Friday at midnight, prior to the standard Wednesday luncheon forum. Pre-paid reservations are required. The price is \$25 for CMC members; \$35 for CMC members' guests; and \$45 for the general public.

Reservations can be made online at www.columbusmetroclub.org or by calling (614) 464-3220 ext. 1. Anyone requesting additional information may contact Jane Scott, President and CEO; Andrew Campbell, Vice President of Programming; Debby Rosenthal, Vice President of Member Relations and Marketing, or Lanie Cuthbert, Event Coordinator.



RE-TWEETS FROM THE DECEMBER 13
CMC FORUM – @CMCFORUM

Bob Meyers illustrated the value of #networking - linking a fishing trip, prior work projects, and a neighbor to help form the team who made the LeVeque renovation a reality.

Learning all of the reasons why LeVeque Tower is still the jewel of the #Columbus skyline#cbusforum – Kelly Atkinson



CMC forums provide a great opportunity to catch up to discuss business or offer a compliment. Top, Johnny DiLoretto and Ron Saks, bottom, Bob Loversidge and Ralph Rosenfield.