

# ASSOCIATION NEWS: CMC

Monday, July 2, 2018

## CMC Fundraiser to feature New York Times journalist Bret Stephens

CMC will host Con-ver-sation 2018 on July 11 featuring journalist Bret Stephens and Gov. John Kasich.

Stephens is an op-ed columnist for the New York Times as well as a political analyst for NBC. He also served as editor-in-chief of the Jerusalem Post and as a Foreign-Affairs Columnist for the Wall Street Journal, leading him to places like Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Lebanon, and Gaza.

Stephens served eight years as the WSJ's deputy editorial page editor, responsible for the newspaper's global opinion section, as well as a member of the editorial board. In 2013, he won the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary.

He is also the author of

America in Retreat: The New Isolationism and the Coming Global Disorder.

Stephens will discuss current affairs, global politics, and the U.S. state of mind. Later, Kasich will join him on stage to share in the conversation and hopefully provide a glimpse into what's next for his political career.

"I read a speech that Bret Stephens had delivered earlier this year and was impressed by his opinions on public discourse, namely that Americans need to get comfortable being uncomfortable in order to have the frank discussions our nation needs," said Jane Scott, CMC's CEO. "I knew right away he was the kind of speaker to bring to Columbus."



Bret Stephens

Con-ver-sation 2018 is CMC's annual fundraiser which enables the organization to continue to provide world class programming at our weekly forums, public television, and internet broadcasts. It benefits the



John Kasich

CMC Legacy in Civic Engagement Founders and Leaders Fund at the Columbus Foundation which recognizes the service and leadership of CMC's founders and board members and provides for a sustainable future.

## UN Diplomat Shares Experience, Provides Insight on Global Politics



CMC Founders Mary Lazarus and Sally Bloomfield were celebrated at the event.



Dozens of CMC's past and current board members, founders, and Legacy Fund Donors were in attendance at the special Celebration of Leadership event.

CMC was honored to welcome a very special guest to Columbus on Wednesday, June 20: David Chikvaidze, Ph.D., Chef de Cabinet of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva. Chikvaidze spoke in the morning to a select group of past and present CMC leadership, lifetime members, and Legacy Fund donors about his experience working with some of the world's greatest leaders.

"It was incredible hearing him casually talk about his experiences with Gorbachev and Yeltsin, as well as other world leaders, in the humblest of ways," said Steven Marks, CMC board member and president of Hannah News Service.

"An average day of work for him has the potential to change the world." Prior to his service with the UN, Chikvaidze served as a Soviet diplomat and protocol officer for Russian Presidents Gorbachev and Yeltsin. CMC then hosted its normal Wednesday Forum where Chikvaidze was interviewed by Mike Thompson, Chief Content Officer at WOSU Public Media. Focusing on the current political zeitgeist, including the then-breaking news that the US had withdrawn from the UN Human Rights Council, Chikvaidze defined what he sees the UN's role in the modern world.

When asked what he thinks needs fixing the most, Chikvaidze said, "I think the issue of trust. I think leaders need to stop talking at each other and resume talking to each other, because the relationships have deteriorated to such a [grave] extent."

We encourage you to watch the recordings of both sessions, available for viewing on our website at columbusmetroclub.org.

*CMC forums are frequently aired on the Ohio Channel via WOSU digital and Columbus Television at channel 3 on Insight and Spectrum and channel 99 on Spectrum, WOW and AT&T U-Verse. For schedule details, visit [ctv.columbus.gov](http://ctv.columbus.gov).*

## Columbus Metropolitan Club

### – Calendar of Events –

#### This Week

Wednesday, July 4  
No forum, it's July 4!

#### Upcoming

Wednesday, July 11

**Con-ver-sation 2018, noon to 1:30 at the Boat House**

CMC's annual fundraiser featuring Pulitzer-Prize-winning New York Times journalist **Bret Stephens** and **John Kasich**, Governor State of Ohio Sponsored by Hollywood Casino, Ulmer & Berne, Puffin Foundation West, Columbus Partnership With support from Hilton Downtown Columbus, Dispatch Media Group

Wednesday, July 18

**Hyperloop...Transforming Transport**

Panel discussion featuring **Dan Katz**, Director of Global Public Policy & North American Projects, Virgin Hyperloop One, **Ferzan Ahmed**, Vice President, AECOM, **Thea Walsh**, Director of Transportation Systems & Funding, MORPC, with host **Jolene Molitoris**, former Director, Ohio Department of Transportation. In partnership with MORPC

Wednesday, July 25, evening at Villa Milano

**The Friends Foundation of Worthington Libraries and CMC present**

**An Evening with Dan Rather**

Presentation 7:30 p.m., Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, Columbus, OH 43229

Evening Emcee and host for audience Q & A: Scott Light, 5:30 p.m. News Anchor and Host of "Face the State," WBNS10-TV

Dinner with Dan Rather hosted by, Alan Miller, Editor, Columbus Dispatch is sold-out.

Reservations for Dan Rather's presentation at [www.columbusmetroclub.org](http://www.columbusmetroclub.org)

With support from Dispatch Media Group, WBNS-10TV

Wednesday, August 1

**The Future of Work**

Featuring **Darrell West**, author and VP & director of governance studies at the Brookings Institute Sponsored by Accenture, Regionomics

Wednesday, August 15

**Lewis F. Von Thae**r, President and CEO, Battelle Sponsored by Deloitte

Wednesday, August 29

**The Columbus Foundation's Big Table Roundtable Discussions**

CMC and United Way of Central Ohio will host Big Table discussions at the Boat House in the morning. August 29 CMC lunch forum to be announced

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](http://www.columbusmetroclub.org) or by calling (614) 464-3220 ext. 1. Anyone requesting additional information may contact Jane Scott, President and CEO; or Lanie Cuthbert, Event Coordinator.

Featuring David Chikvaidze, Chef de Cabinet at the United Nations Office at Geneva, and interviewer Mike Thompson, chief content director for news & public affairs, WOSU Public Media

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Jane Scott, CEO of CMC, Steve Marks, CMC board member from Hannah News Service, speakers Mike Thompson and David Chikvaidze, special guest Maia Chikvaidze, M.D., from sponsors Don Wentz, Dispatch Media Group and Dave Spurlock, Hilton Downtown Columbus.