

ASSOCIATION NEWS: Columbus Metropolitan Club

Wednesday, August 5, NOON In-house audience and Livestreaming - YouTube

Statehouse Rocked by Corruption



Bischoff

It's been a tough month for the Ohio Statehouse. Vandals took advantage of the peaceful Black Lives Matter protest to break more than 140 windows of "the People's House" with hands painted in red paint leaving prints on the prestigious columns in later weeks. While painful, costly, and destructive enough, vandal-caused damage to the historic physical structure became secondary to the pain caused by political corruption. On Tuesday, July 21, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District David DeVillers



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announced the arrest of Ohio House Speaker Larry Householder and four others as part of a \$60 million racketeering and bribery investigation. "This is likely the largest bribery, money laundering scheme ever perpetuated against the people of the state of Ohio," said DeVillers, whose office will lead the prosecution of the case. Householder and his cohorts used the money funneled to them through a 501 (c) 4 to promote and pass controversial House Bill 6 to provide a bail out for two nu-



Weaver

clear power plants in northern Ohio. Governor Mike DeWine signed the bill the same day it was passed but now has called for its repeal and replacement. DeWine referred to good policy, but an unacceptable process, with the need to start over. The current and future of Ohio's energy sources, plus the lives of many employees in multiple communities that depend on the power plants are at stake. Complicated. The FBI investigation that led to the arrests took more than two years and unwinding the dark money path and



Thompson

everything it touched could take much longer. Certainly, healing and rebuilding trust and accountability of the elected body will be a long and difficult journey. On Aug. 5, CMC presents a panel to discuss what happened and what's next. On the stage are **Laura Bischoff**, Statehouse journalist, Dayton Daily News, **Derrick Clay**, president and CEO, New Visions Group, **Mark Weaver**, attorney, partner, Isaac Wiles, with host **Mike Thompson**, chief content director, news and public affairs, WOSU Public Media.

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Racism: Where Do We Go From Here? The Bias Hidden Within You



Speakers Orie Givens, Melissa Crum and Gleb Tsipursky

Dr. Gleb Tsipursky, author, "The Blindspots Between Us: How to Overcome Unconscious Cognitive Bias and Build Better Relationships," Dr. Melissa Crum, founder, Mosaic Education Network, LLC. HOST: Orie Givens, journalist, Spectrum News 1.

Photos by Jane Scott



Lifetime Member George Arnold and guest Karen Fitzsimmons chat with a new friend at lunch



Members Cheryl Roller and Tony Gugliemotto.



Steve Granvenkemper, Jerald Tillman and Bill Grindle



Lifetime member Stephen Williams and member Jason Pheister

Membership Makes it Possible

It's funny to think of it during a time of "physical distancing", but CMC is actually INCREASING our footprint rather than reducing it. The mode of distribution has changed to livestreaming and we are actually reaching a broader audience! We have you, our members, to thank for keeping us nimble and vibrant during these times of change. Your dues make this possible. We won't lie, we certainly miss greeting each of you at those doors each Wednesday at noon and seeing hundreds

of smiling faces on our members and guests pouring into to find a seat in a room packed with 400 people. We're guessing you miss it too: catching up, shaking hands and hugs! But, there's something exciting happening out in the digital world and the momentum is carrying CMC's conversation to more and more people virtually. Our reach, and the impact surrounding the topics is being experienced in a different way, both by our limited in room audience, and by a growing audience watching on their phones and tablets.

We could not have adapted this way without support of membership. **To continue to evolve and change, we need you now, so please don't let your membership lapse. It's what keeps the conversation going!** Your dues are a vote of confidence in our 44 year old mission. Help us to keep our community connected and informed with up to date and newsworthy topics, and to keep a stage open for all the Diversity * Discussion * Debate that is so important at this moment. Be a part of the future of CMC! Join and renew

today. Remember it's only \$100 for those under 30 or over 65 and just \$200 for individuals. Corporate rates start at \$300 for 2 members from the same organization! You can also join at a monthly subscription rate of only \$16.95. It's a great investment in yourself and your community! What are you waiting for? Email or call me today! If you renew or join in August, you get two FREE months! Lanie Cuthbert, VP Member & Sponsor Relations at lanie@columbusmetroclub.org or call 614-464-3220 x 1.

– Calendar of Events –

You must feed your mind even as you feed your body, and to make you mind healthy you must feed it nourishing, wholesome thoughts.

August 21, Positive Thinking Every Day, Norman Vincent Peale

Upcoming Forums

Livestreaming

CMC invites in-house audiences for limited seating. Paid registration is required by the Monday before and we cannot accept walk-ins.

We will continue **livestreaming the forums at noon on Wednesday** and the popular **Archived Forums recommended with currently relevant content now available anytime** on YouTube.

The Livestreaming forums are FREE to view but we encourage you to **register to submit questions and to support CMC by purchasing a virtual seat!**

To show our appreciation, CMC invites people who purchase a virtual seat to a Zoom session to "Continue Meaningful Conversation" with a qualified discussion leader following the forum at 1:00 p.m.

WATCH your email for additions and updates.

Wednesday, August 12, NOON

Racism: Where Do We Go From Here?

Limited in-house audiences and Livestreaming To be announced



James



Curtin



Marshall

Wednesday, August 19, NOON

Limited in-house audiences and Livestreaming **Racism: Where Do We Go From Here?**

Policing in the Community: Does the Past Dictate the Future?

Larry James, Managing Director, Crabbe Brown & James, Attorney for National FOP, **Mike Curtin**, retired journalist and Associate Publisher Emeritus, The Columbus Dispatch and former Representation, 17th District, Ohio House of Representatives, **Colleen Marshall**, co-anchor, NBC4.

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Recommended Archived Forums Available anytime at your convenience on YouTube

"Looking Beyond Gender Norms"

"Poindexter Village's Legacy"

"Community Trust"

"Our Public Monuments: Statues, History, and Political Correctness"

Encore Forums: Job titles for all speakers represent the roles they were in when the forum was originally presented.

Anyone requesting additional information may contact the CMC staff at staff@columbusmetroclub.org or visit www.columbusmetroclub.org.

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