



# 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

JANUARY 7, 2009

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### Blue Chip Economic Forecast, The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

Dr. Bill Lafayette, Ph.D., VP of Economic Analysis, Columbus Chamber  
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## Make Reservations now for 2009 events:

JANUARY 21

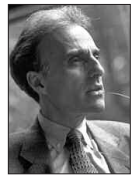
### TechColumbus: Central Ohio's Bright High-Tech Future

Featuring Ted Ford, President and CEO, TechColumbus

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

Presented in partnership with Columbus Council on World Affairs

### "Who Speaks for Islam? What a Billion Muslims Really Think"



John Esposito, Author and Professor, Georgetown University

FEBRUARY 4

### Baghdad at Sunrise



Dr. Peter Mansoor, critically acclaimed author and Chair of the Military History Department, OSU

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

### 5:30 - 7:30 PM @ COSI Columbus Fashion

From Cowtown to Catwalk

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FEBRUARY 11

### Analog Blackout, The New Age of DTV



Moderator Tom Rieland, General Manager, WOSU

MARCH 18

### NetJets Soft Landing in Columbus



Dan Rosenthal, Office of the Chairman, NetJets

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All CMC forums are open to everyone!

Forums are held at the Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St., unless otherwise noted. Please make reservations online at [columbusmetroclub.org](http://columbusmetroclub.org) or via email to [staff@columbusmetroclub.org](mailto:staff@columbusmetroclub.org) or by calling 464-3220

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009

CMCpm 5:30 - 7:30 AT COSI

### New Year, New You!

Featuring speakers Debra Penzone, Molly Rankin, Certified Personal Trainer and Debbie Kuntz of OhioHealth.

Discussing mind, body and spirit for a new you in the New Year.

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Debra Penzone, Molly Rankin, Certified Personal Trainer and Debbie Kuntz from OhioHealth will discuss beauty secrets, physical training and nutrition for a total perspective on New Year, New You. Get 2009 started on the right foot — and the right habits!



Debra Penzone Molly Rankin

For over 20 years, Debra Penzone has been integral to the success of the Charles Penzone Family of Salons. Throughout her career, she has served as artistic director, training director, senior vice president and most recently as president.

## CMC Hosts OSU Students – Civic Engagement Class

The weekly "class" for 17 OSU students taking Professional Pathways course ASC 294 this winter quarter will be Columbus Metropolitan Club forums.

Taught in spring of 2008 for the first time by former CMC President, Julie Graber, the course was so successful that the University has made it a staple in the Professional Pathways track with the class being offered winter and spring 2009. Promoted throughout OSU's interdisciplinary programs such as the Colleges of the Arts and Sciences, Fisher College of Business, Moritz College of Law, John Glenn School of Political Science, the course attracts a wide range of upper classmen.

By attending the CMC forums, students observe and interact with

community leaders and business professionals in a variety of fields. The Civic Engagement class provides a stepping stone for students to a Columbus career, echoing the efforts of the Columbus Chamber's, Columbus Foundation's and others to attract and retain talent.

Students attending CMC forums gives business leaders a chance to meet some of the brightest and best and introduces students to CMC as a lifelong forum for community conversation and engagement.

Some of the first quarter students shared these comments about their experience at CMC:

"... a very eye-opening and effective way to try to get students

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009

## ODOT – 21st Century Plan – Public Premier

Discussion led by Ty Marsh, CEO, Columbus Chamber and Leader, President, CEO and Chair, Ohio's 21st Century Transportation Priorities Task Force, Jolene Molitoris, Assistant Director of ODOT; Chester Jourdan, Executive Director, Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission

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ODOT's Ohio 21st Century Transportation Task Force explored a broad spectrum of transportation issues facing the state and included citizens from all sectors of public, private and business entities. Now in a premier presentation at CMC, ODOT and Task Force members will unveil the recommendations and results of their work of the last year. Included are potential answers to the tough questions of how the state might balance the movement of people and freight, promote safety and reduce congestion, creates jobs and encourage responsible growth, help to build sustainable communities, and link all modes of transportation - connecting highways to rail, aviation, water ports, and transit.



Ty Marsh Jolene Molitoris Chester Jourdan

"... this course has done more for me than most of the classes I've taken at Ohio State University."

"The forum made me realize that during remaining two years of my career at Ohio State I must do more with the city not just the university."

"I gained a broader understanding of Columbus, Ohio and will now have a harder time picking my future hometown (before I did not consider Columbus to be an option but with such an interconnected community I now can learn to utilize and benefit from previous encounters)."

## VISIT CMC ON-LINE

[WWW.COLUMBUSMETROCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.COLUMBUSMETROCLUB.ORG)

Register for events, check out streaming video from past forums in our "Video Archive", and continue the discussion on our "Forum Discussion" page.



Each week, our friends at The Ohio Channel tape our forums for rebroadcast on:

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WOW Digital: Ch 150

Fridays @ 4 pm & Midnight  
Sundays @ 4 pm & Midnight  
Mondays @ 11 am & 7pm

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January 21  
CMC & ACC  
Red Cross Blood Drive  
At the ACC

PREVIEW – JANUARY 21

## TechColumbus Leads a Discussion about Central Ohio's Bright High-Tech Future

Central Ohio is a bright spot for technology and innovation in the United States. *Forbes* magazine named Columbus the #1 up-and-coming tech city. *MarketWatch* listed Columbus as the seventh best metro area for business – up from 14th last year. With tech-based startup activity increasing and the region's tech industry expanding, a vibrant tech economy is emerging. And, if we continue to collectively leverage the region's strengths, the possibilities for the future are even brighter.

Join CMC as TechColumbus President and CEO Ted Ford, and a panel of entrepreneurs and business leaders as they share the region's progress in technology business.

PREVIEW – THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 12:00 – 1:15

ATHLETIC CLUB OF COLUMBUS  
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## "Who Speaks for Islam? What a Billion Muslims Really Think"

John Esposito, Author and Professor, Georgetown University  
Source: VOAnews.com  
Who Speaks for Islam and for Christianity? By Judith Latham, Washington, December 23, 2008

Christianity and Islam represent the world's two largest religious faiths today – with an estimated 2 billion Christians and 1.3 billion Muslims. During this month when Muslims celebrate Eid al-Adha and Christians celebrate Christmas, VOA News Now's *Press Conference USA* explores the question: Who speaks for Islam and who speaks for Christianity?

John Esposito, founding director of the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University in Washington, is the author of 35 books on Islam and a leading exponent of interfaith dialogue. He is also editor-in-chief of *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*. By birth John Esposito is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, the largest of the world's Christian denominations. He is thus uniquely placed to address the question of "who speaks" for the members of each of these two world religions.

Special forum rates will apply for this forum. Please visit [www.columbusmetroclub.org](http://www.columbusmetroclub.org) for details and to register.

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