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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

SEPTEMBER 23

Karen Harbert, President and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for 21st Century Energy

Presented in Partnership with the OSU Institute for Energy & the Environment

With support from Battelle, AEP and Columbia Gas



Previews of Upcoming CMC Events

All CMC forums are held at the Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 East Broad Street unless otherwise noted. Registration begins at 11:30, with lunch served promptly at noon and closing at 1:15.

SEPTEMBER 30

COTA Update

Bill Lhota, CEO of Central Ohio Transit Authority

OCTOBER 7

Coalition Against Family Violence



Abigail Wexner, Founder and Board Chair, Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence



Karen Days, President, Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence

OCTOBER 14

Gambling Issue Déjà vu – Issue 3 Brings Gambling to Voters Once Again

Discussion with proponents and opponents and their various motivations and argument!

Speakers to be announced.

OCTOBER 20

"The State of the Arts"

Ohio Arts leaders will discuss the current state of affairs of the Arts and arts organizations.

Speakers to be announced.

Location is the ACC, 5:30 – 6:30 networking 6:30 – 7:30 program.



OCTOBER 21

Greenland Blanket Providing Security Blanket for Global Warming?

Presented in Partnership with the OSU Institute for Energy & the Environment
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Dr. Jason Box, Glaciologist, The Ohio State University

Featured on a widely-acclaimed Discovery Channel documentary, Dr. Jason Box is a glaciologist and lead scientist on the *Wrapping Greenland* project. He spends a large portion of his time in Greenland and has conducted climate research expeditions to the Greenland ice sheet every year since 1994. His work as an assistant professor at OSU focuses on the effects of climate change on the vulnerable ice, making important observations on global sea levels, ocean salinity and global climate impacts.

All CMC forums are open to everyone!

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SEPTEMBER 30

"T" Stands for Transit

The "T" in COTA stands for Transit, but when Columbus residents think of COTA it's typically buses we see in our minds. Bill Lhota, President and CEO of the Central Ohio Transit Authority is the first to say that transit in the metropolitan area includes everything that moves us: buses, bicycles, our feet, and, yes, our motorcycles, cars, trucks and maybe such things as trains or streetcars in the future.

At CMC, Lhota will discuss the many changes and challenges at COTA over the past couple of years, such as decreasing sales tax revenues, higher fuel prices, union contract negotiations, and moving COTA administrative offices to a more people-centered downtown.

Passage of the renewable 0.25 percent sales tax levy in 2007 enabled COTA's ongoing service expansion program, and gave weight to the capital plan to refurbish existing facilities, construct new facilities and office move. All help to position COTA for the future.

Lhota will also discuss the impact of the weak economy and



Bill Lhota, CEO, Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA)



consequent decline in sales tax revenues. He'll tell how COTA is adjusting, responding to increased demand by actually expanding service when many other transit authorities around the country are reducing service.

Finally, he'll make some observations about the future of transportation in our region and COTA's public transportation's role moving the plan and us forward.

You are invited to join the Columbus Metropolitan Club today!

Everyone benefits from membership in CMC through participating in the community conversation, or watching CMC forums at home on the television. Your support through membership or sponsorship, assures you and others in our community that the tough issues will be brought to the stage – discussed, debated and aired for everyone to hear.

CMC forums shape political candidates, attitudes and issues that effect us all. You choose – do you care about our

community? Do you want to hear what's happening from those who make it happen, or prevent it from happening?

Join today and be part of the conversation. Go to www.columbusmetroclub.org and join for \$165 today and get your first forum free! Those under 30 years old and over 70 may join for only \$100. What a great gift for a young professional associate or a recently retired friend.

Membership in CMC pays great dividends!

RECAP - SEPTEMBER 16

United Way's New Way

Janet Jackson, President & CEO, United Way of Central Ohio



CMC Member Michelle Mills asks a question



Janet Jackson, President and CEO of the United Way of Central Ohio; Kathy Fox, CMC President



A sold out crowd for Janet Jackson at CMC last week.

Photographs by Andrew Rubey

Join Today!

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