



# 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.

Happy Thanksgiving!



## 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.

DECEMBER 2

### Artie Isaac, founder of Young Isaac The Demise of Polite Conversation: Is Communication on the Brink?

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 5:30 – 8:00 P.M.

### CMC Jingle Mingle!

And (not so) Silent Auction

Hosted by Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur  
28th & 29th floors of the Huntington Center

Support by *Creative Cuisine*

DECEMBER 9

### To Kick off CMC's new Leadership Legacies



Leslie Wexner,  
Founder of  
Limited Brands

To kick off our new Leadership Legacies series, Columbus business icon Les Wexner tells his personal story of starting the Limited.

Leadership Legacies is sponsored by *Sequent*; with support for this forum from *Limited Brands* and *Bricker & Eckler*.

DECEMBER 16

### Dispatch Chats with Lee Fisher, Lt. Governor, State of Ohio



Lee Fisher

Dispatch Columnist Joe Hallett discusses Ohio's economic development and what will return the state to prosperity. Fisher's run for the U.S. Senate seat in 2010 and other things on the Lt. Governor's mind.



DECEMBER 23 AND 30

### CMC Holiday Break

JANUARY 6, 2010

### Blue Chip Economic Forecast

Bill LaFayette, Economist, Columbus Chamber

All CMC forums are open to everyone!

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Digital: Ch 34.5 (on air)  
Time Warner Digital: Ch 96  
Insight Digital: Ch 765  
WOW Digital: Ch 150

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



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

### The Demise of Polite Conversation: Is Communication on the Brink?



Artie Isaac,  
founder of  
Young Isaac

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*Available Light Theatre*  
and *CYP Club*

Creative guru Artie Isaac says that few messages are worthy of being instant. His wry humor, profound analogies and entertaining philosophy addresses a serious subject germane to us all: effective, civil communication.

In a time where communication modes are more prevalent, instant and available to everyone at any moment, it can be argued that messages, meaning and polite conversation are lost and true communication is drowning in its own endless river. OMG!

Are the blogs, tweets, sound bites and mass media talk shows turning our society into an instant message, sometimes crass, often rude 140-character-culture? Is there any hope for a return to civil discourse, discussion, debate, bipartisan compromise? Or are we destined to live in a society of extreme lefts and extreme rights with no opportunity for meaningful discussion to discover common ground? Is true communication on the brink of destruction?

Where is polite conversation?

One of CMC's favorites, Artie Isaac approaches this topic in time for us to slow down for the holidays and enjoy communicating with our loved ones. Don't miss this holiday gift to yourself.

### Leadership Legacies – Creating Priceless Archive

During the summers of my college years, I worked at the Ohio State Fair. In a moment of right time, right place, I became acquainted with Bob Evans. It was the summer of 1971 and he was planning the First Bob Evans' Farm Festival at his homestead in Rio Grande, Ohio. He invited me and several other young people from the fair to come to the festival and stay with him and his wife Jewel in their home!

I'll never forget sitting at the Evans' kitchen table and listening to Bob talk about starting his business. Years later when I was writing for Columbus Cityscene magazine, I interviewed John McConnel and he told me about the beginnings of Worthington Industries. We've lost these leaders and many others and with them, we've lost the opportunity to hear their stories in their own words and voices.

It occurred to me that CMC has a rare opportunity to hear the

stories of Columbus' companies from the founders and, because we videotape our forums, to create a priceless archive for the community.

Our new series *Leadership Legacies* does just that. It will feature extraordinary businessmen and women and their extraordinary business stories, business stories that are seldom told and rarely recorded. You know the companies well: Cheryl's Cookies, Limited Brands, Rosati Windows, White Castle, Donato's, Cardinal Health, Longaberger, Pizzuti, The Columbus Dispatch and others. We hope to hear from many of these entrepreneurs.

We're excited and privileged that **Les Wexner**, founder and CEO of the Limited has accepted our invitation to kick off the *Leadership Legacies* series.

This is a series like none other CMC has ever done.

— Jane Scott, Executive Director, CMC



### Give the Gift of Conversation

A young associate, a friend out of work, a valued mentor who is now retired – what a great idea to give them a CMC gift certificate for a membership or for forums!

Opening a gift certificate from CMC can open a whole new world for someone – an opportunity to engage in the community, meet new people and expand perspective like no other gift or any amount could possibly do.

It's easy! Just call Tracy today at 464-3220 and finish your shopping in one phone call! We'll send an attractive Gift Certificate directly to the person with your message.

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RECAP - NOVEMBER 18

### The Chihuly Impact on Columbus

Nannette Maciejunes, Executive Director, Columbus Museum of Art, Bruce Harkey, Executive Director, Franklin Park Conservatory Interview by Ann Fisher, WOSU Public Media.

With support from the *Athletic Club of Columbus*



CMC President Kathy Fox, speakers Ann Fisher, Bruce Harkey, Nannette Maciejunes, from sponsor the Athletic Club of Columbus Marta Dobosh.

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