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Honoring Jane Scott & Sophia Fifner

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Jane Scott

In 2003, Jane Scott became President & CEO of the Columbus Metropolitan Club. During her tenure at CMC, the organization has grown significantly reaching nearly 1,500 members, with average attendance at weekly luncheon town-hall style forums of more than 200. In 2019 and again in 2022, Columbus CEO magazine recognized Scott as one of four finalists for CEO of the Year for small nonprofits.

Prior to CMC, from 1984-2006, Scott co-owned Wyandotte Wine Cellars, and in 1990 established Wm. Graystone Winery in the Brewery District where she helped guide the restoration of the lower

levels of the circa 1875 brewery building on South Front Street. While at Graystone, Scott co-founded the Brewery District Merchants Association, was its president and represented it on Columbus' Brewery District Historic Commission for nine years.

During her years with the wineries, Scott established Vintage Communication, LLC, writing for several publications including *Columbus Business First*, *Luxury Living*, *Columbus Monthly*, *Ohio Travel Magazine*, and others. She also served as executive secretary of the Ohio Agricultural Council, where she managed regular meetings and the annual Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame ceremony at the Ohio State Fair.

In her first professional role from 1975 to 1990, Scott directed Public Relations for Countrymark, Inc., (formerly Landmark, Inc.) a \$1 billion regional agricultural cooperative serving Ohio, Michigan, and parts of Indiana.

Scott currently serves on the board of the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation and

formerly on the advisory board of the Franklin County Extension Services.

She has served on the boards of the OSU Alumni Association, OSU Food Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Dean's Advisory Council, Ohio Agricultural Council, Columbus Historical Society, Ohio 4-H Foundation, Ohio Grape Industries Committee, and was president of the Ohio Wine Producers Association's board. She served on the advisory group that developed the Ohio Proud branding program.

Reared in a Mennonite family on a small cattle farm in Logan County, Scott has bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economics with a journalism specialty from OSU, earned her Accreditation from the Public Relations Society of America and is a Certified Tourism Ambassador for Columbus.

Scott enjoys gardening, and she and her husband Chris are fans of the Columbus Crew, love to travel, and entertain friends in their Clintonville home.



Sophia Fifner

President & CEO, Columbus Metropolitan Club
@SOPHIAFIFNER CBUSMETROCLUB

Sophia Fifner became President and CEO of the Columbus Metropolitan Club in May 2023 upon the retirement of Jane Scott.

Most recently, Fifner held leadership roles at NiSource, where she served as director of corporate social responsibility and executive director of the NiSource Charitable Foundation. As a leader, she helped the organization revamp its mission, vision and values for NiSource's nearly 7,500 employees across the Midwest. Additionally, her team was responsible for public relations efforts for key events like Investor Day at the New York Stock Exchange, launching NiSource's corporate reputation plan, and managing the philanthropic assets of a \$38M charitable foundation.

Fifner launched her career in philanthropy and public policy, working first as a staff assistant under Senator George Voinovich in Washington. From there, she became more deeply involved in fundraising and public affairs as political action committee and campaign finance manager at Nationwide and, later, as director of corporate philanthropy at Nationwide Children's Hospital, director of public relations and communications at I Know I Can, and most recently as community relations chief with the City of Columbus.

Fifner is an active volunteer and passionate about supporting survivors of sexual violence and gender equity. Currently, she gives her time to the Women's Fund of Central Ohio, Ohio Crime Victims Justice Center, Marsys' Law for Ohio, Freedom a la Cart, and the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence.

Fifner has a bachelor's degree in speech communications from Miami University and a master's in marketing and communications from Franklin University in Columbus.

She lives in Columbus with her husband, two daughters, and standard poodle - George Washington.



Colleen Marshall

Anchor, WCMH NBC4
@COLLEENNBC4 NBC4I

Colleen Marshall is an Emmy award-winning journalist who has been with WCMH NBC4 since 1984. Currently, she serves as anchor of NBC4 at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. and is the host of the weekly political program, "NBC4's The Spectrum." Her most memorable pieces have been her two one-on-one interviews of President Obama and covering 9/11 from New York City.

Marshall has a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from Point Park University and a Juris Doctor from the Capital University School of Law.

Marshall is a former member of the CMC Board of Trustees.

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Forum podcasts can also be heard on the CMC website or via your favorite podcast app.

WOSU Public Media, CMC's broadcast partner, televises CMC Forums on the WOSU Ohio digital channel and over-the-air on channel 34.2. The most recent Forums air on Mondays at 9:00 PM, Tuesdays at 5:00 AM, and Thursdays at noon.

CTV, Columbus Television, airs CMC Forums on Spectrum Channel 1024, WOW Channel 3, and AT&T Channel 99. You can also watch CTV over the air on WCIZ Channel 22.4.

Forums can also be seen on the CMC website at columbusmetroclub.org/archive/ and on CMC's YouTube channel.

Upcoming Forums

Unless otherwise noted, all forums are 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. For Ticket info, visit columbusmetroclub.org or call 614.464.3220

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023

Art in the Air

Developing a Dynamic Downtown Series

Featuring Janet Echelman, Sculptor, Jeff Edwards, Chairman, CEO, & President, Installed Building Products and Edwards Companies, and host Tom Katzenmeyer, President & CEO, Greater Columbus Arts Council, with introductory remarks by Marshall Shorts, Creative-N-Chief, Artfluent, and Founding Board Member, Maroon Arts Group.



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023

Addressing the Consequences of Redlining

Featuring Michael Stinziano, Franklin County Auditor, Jordan Miller, Chairman & CEO, Adelphi Bank, Danielle Sydnor, CEO, Rise Together Innovation Institute, and Nicole Sutton, Black Heritage Special Collections Librarian, Columbus Metropolitan Library, with host Tracy Townsend, Anchor, Wake Up CBUS and Face the State, WBNS 10TV.



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023

Downtown's New Beating Heart: Jim Merkel on The Junto & The Peninsula

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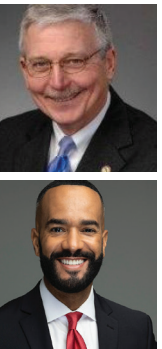
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023

The Future of Constitutional Amendments in Ohio

Featuring Mike Curtin, Associate Publisher Emeritus, The Columbus Dispatch, and Former Representative, 17th District, Ohio House of Representatives, with host Rodney Dunigan, Assistant News Director, WSYX ABC 6, and additional panelists to be announced.



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Annual State of Nonprofits

Panelists to be announced.

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No Forum - Happy Independence Day

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Exploring the Promise and Peril of Artificial Intelligence

SAVE THE DAY - WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023

Made in Ohio: Deglobalization Is Bringing Manufacturing Back