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Samuel DiPiazza, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, PricewaterhouseCoopers International Limited

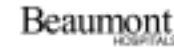
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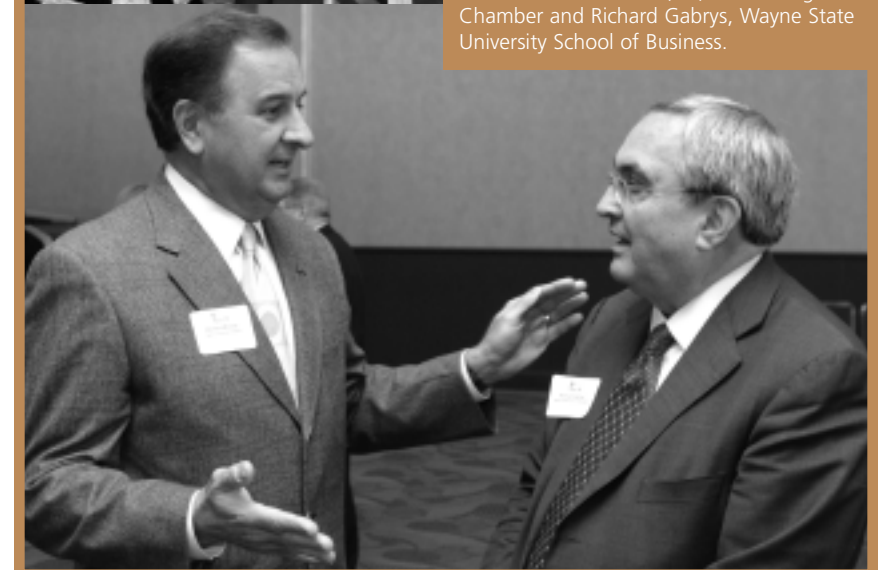
ABOVE: George Johnson, George Johnson & Co. and Peter Wong, Roy Smith Company



ABOVE: Bill Burton, Elizabeth Eldridge and Ed Nagel



LEFT: Deborah Dingell, General Motors Foundation and Stephen Selander, Selander Law Office, PLLC



BELOW: Richard Blouse, Jr., Detroit Regional Chamber and Richard Gabrys, Wayne State University School of Business.



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41ST ANNUAL ECONOMIC OUTLOOK PANEL PREDICTS 2007 GROWTH IN UNEXPECTED AREAS

DAVID SOWERBY (BELOW), CFA, VICE PRESIDENT, PORTFOLIO MANAGER & CHIEF MARKET ANALYST, LOOMIS SAYLES & COMPANY

DR. SEAN MCALINDEN PH.D., CHIEF ECONOMIST & VICE PRESIDENT, RESEARCH, CENTER FOR AUTOMOTIVE RESEARCH

RONALD HAUSMANN, P.E., PRESIDENT - HEAVY, CIVIL & SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION GROUP, WALBRIDGE ALDINGER.

— DECEMBER 4, 2006



The Detroit Economic Club (DEC) was pleased to host its 41st Annual Economic Outlook for 2007 luncheon. Industry leaders from auto, finance and construction forecasted the 2007 economic outlook in their respective sectors. The panel was moderated by Paul W. Smith, morning host, News/Talk 760 WJR.

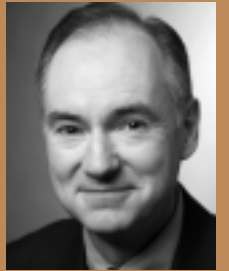
David Sowerby noted that while Michigan's auto industry is taking a big hit, the state is poised for growth in other sectors. "The non-auto profits are running ten to twelve percent, in some cases twenty percent ahead of year-ago levels," Sowerby said. "Companies like Masco have been very good performers. Stryker on the west side of the state—which has, I'd say, pound for pound been the best Michigan company in the last twenty-five years. Other names we've owned in portfolios at times, such as a small technology company Rofin-Sinar, Perrigo which makes generic pharmaceutical and cough and cold medicine. Michigan has got plenty of non-auto companies that have done well, and I think that's still going to be the case as the profitability in '07 looks to grow between ten to fifteen percent for the non-auto Michigan companies."

While Michigan looks toward new industries for growth and the domestic automakers continue to adapt to the evolving global market, the state's construction industry is also experiencing a shift. Ronald Hausmann noted that while residential construction has declined, larger projects will be making up for those losses to keep next year's revenues even with those of 2006. "So there is light at the end of the tunnel." ■

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BREAK THE ICE WITH TOM SHAFER

DEC MEMBER SINCE 2005



Q. Current position and company:

A. President, Southeast Michigan Citizens Bank

Q. College attended:

A. Hillsdale College

Q. Person you would like to have lunch with:

A. Bill Gates

Q. Favorite quote:

A. "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm"
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Q. Last book read:

A. "The Speed of Trust" by Stephen M. R. Covey

Q. Letterman or Leno:

A. Letterman

Q. Favorite vacation destination:

A. Florida

Q. Favorite local restaurant:

A. Hill Grill

Q. Most memorable DEC meeting:

A. Jeffrey Immelt, Chairman & CEO, GE

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, February 22, 2007

The Honorable Michael Chertoff, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Wednesday, March 7, 2007

The Honorable Alberto Gonzales, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice

Monday, March 12, 2007

His Excellency John Bruton, E.U. Ambassador to the U.S. His Excellency Klaus Scharioth, German Ambassador to the U.S.

Monday, March 19, 2007

Michael Critelli, Chairman & CEO, Pitney Bowes, Inc.

For more information on these meetings, please visit our website at www.econclub.org

DEC | JUNIOR EXECUTIVES



ABOVE: Members network at the Third Annual Auto Show Panel Discussion reception, hosted by the Junior Executives, January 9, 2007

FIRST WEDNESDAYS

Network with fellow DEC members and guests. No reservation needed.

Wednesday,
March 7, 2007
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Got Rocks Martini Bar
Big Rock Chop House
245 S. Eton St.
Birmingham, MI 48009
248.647-7774

DEC | STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



ABOVE: Warren Mott High School, automotive panelists and sponsor, Comerica Bank, December 13, 2006



ABOVE: Pinckney High School students, the Honorable Kwame Kilpatrick, mayor, City of Detroit, and sponsor, Charter One Bank, January 12, 2007

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LIVE UNVEILING OF THE 2007 NORTH AMERICAN CAR AND TRUCK OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

JOHN MCELROY, HOST, AUTOLINE DETROIT AND AUTO ANALYST, WWJ NEWSRADIO 950

EDWARD LAPHAM, EXECUTIVE EDITOR, AUTOMOTIVE NEWS

ANITA LIENERT, SYNDICATED AUTOMOTIVE COLUMNIST

— DECEMBER 13, 2006



The DEC was honored to be the chosen forum for the live unveiling of the 2007 North American Car and Truck of the Year (NACTOY) finalists.

The anticipation grew as one by one the winners were unveiled live. The car finalists are the Honda Fit, Saturn Aura and Toyota Camry. For trucks, the finalists are the Chevrolet Silverado, Ford Edge and Mazda CX7. Preceding the live unveiling, a panel of three distinguished automotive journalists discussed the merits and new features of the 2007 models, and the selection process to determine the finalists for North American Car and Truck of the Year.

Anita Lienert noted that the presence of domestic models on the list of finalists is an indicator of the shrinking quality gap between foreign and domestic manufacturers. "I think the gap is closing," Lienert said. "And just looking over the semi-finalists and the finalists that we considered, Detroit looks really, really good. And I think that we really ought to just take a step back, if you don't mind for a minute, and let me say that this is probably the most prestigious auto award out there. □

THIRD ANNUAL AUTO SHOW PANEL DISCUSSION

JOSEPH DEHNER, DIRECTOR, JEEP/TRUCK DESIGN STUDIO, DAIMLERCHRYSLER CORPORATION

JIM DUNNE, DETROIT EDITOR, POPULAR MECHANICS

PETER HORBURY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DESIGN, THE AMERICAS, FORD MOTOR COMPANY

JIM TAYLOR, CADILLAC GENERAL MANAGER, GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION

CHARLES VOGELHEIM, VICE PRESIDENT, AUTOMOTIVE DEVELOPMENT, J.D. POWER & ASSOCIATES

— JANUARY 9, 2007



The Detroit Economic Club Junior Executives hosted the Third Annual Auto Show Panel Discussion. The topic "Is Product King?" was addressed

by a panel of automotive and industry executives. This candid look at the critical forces connecting consumers to the automotive market included discussions on technology, design, and luxury.

Panelists noted that while today's cars offer a myriad of convenience features, consumers may not value them if they are too complicated to learn and use. "They want all these things, and they want them to be easy to operate," Vogelheim said. "Like any electronic device we have—whether it's a DVD or a TiVo, or anything else—unless we can work it, it doesn't matter how many features it has." □

THE HONORABLE KWAME KILPATRICK
MAYOR, CITY OF DETROIT

"We need to modify our attraction strategy in the City of Detroit."

— JANUARY 12, 2007



The DEC was pleased to continue its tradition of celebrating the opening of the 2007 North American International Auto Show, with featured speaker the Honorable Kwame Kilpatrick, mayor of the city of Detroit. The meeting was co-hosted by the North American International Auto Show.

The Detroit News kicked off the meeting by announcing the winners of its 2007 NAIAS Readers' Choice Awards.

Mayor Kilpatrick then took the stage, outlining economic developments and structural changes within the city government that will propel Detroit's growth in the coming years. Kilpatrick noted that economic diversification and business attraction are among his main focuses. □

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