

Economics Club Schedule 2007-2008

Locations as noted

- September 26, 2007** **Michael McGinnis, PhD, BG(ret), Executive Director, Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center, VMASC.** VMASC is an integral part of a Hampton Roads modeling, simulation and visualization cluster of industry, government and academic entities focused on military and commercial applications. It is a catalyst for \$500 million per year in regional economic activity. ***Norfolk Waterside Marriott***
- October 10, 2007** **Kenneth A. Hersh, Managing Partner, Natural Gas Partners.** Natural Gas Partners manages over \$3 billion in a family of funds that invests private equity capital in oil and gas production, midstream and oilfield service companies. The firm also manages \$350 million in two co-investment funds that invest in direct oil and gas property interests alongside NGP portfolio companies. Natural Gas Partners is an affiliate of NGP Energy Capital Management, LLC, a \$3.6 billion firm based in Irving, Texas that invests in all sectors of the energy industry. ***Norfolk Waterside Marriott**
- October 31, 2007** **Robert Puentes, Fellow, Brookings Institution, Metropolitan Policy Program.** The Metro Program is redefining the challenges facing cities and suburbs in America and promoting innovative solutions to help communities grow in more inclusive, competitive, and sustainable ways. Mr. Puentes' interests include transportation and infrastructure reform, policy options for older suburban America, reframing the challenges of affordable housing, the impact of various land use strategies on metropolitan growth, and documenting the consequences of metropolitan sprawl and disinvestment. **This program is presented jointly with the Norfolk Foundation.** ***SHERATON WATERSIDE***
- December 11, 2007** **John Gartner, PhD, author of The Hypomanic Edge: The Link Between (A Little) Craziess and (A Lot of) Success in America.** The idea that some entrepreneurs may be a little manic is hardly new. Entrepreneurs, as well as the markets they energized, were commonly described in the media as "manic." Yet, until now, there has never been a serious suggestion that the talent for being an entrepreneur and mania, the genetically based psychiatric disorder, are actually linked. ***Norfolk Waterside Marriott***
- January 23, 2008** **Annual Economic Outlook Conference**
Mark Zandi, PhD, Chief Economist and co-founder of MoodysEconomy.com. He is responsible for the firm's forecasts, model development, and consulting practice. **Old Dominion University Forecast Team: Professors Vinod Agarwal, Mohammad Najand and Gil Yochum,** will present their regional forecast. ***Norfolk Waterside Marriott***
- *February 13, 2008*** **Paul Sarbanes** served five terms in the United States Senate, one in the United States House of Representatives, and four years as a Maryland state legislator in Annapolis. He is best known for his sponsorship of *The Public Company Accounting Reform and Investor Protection Act*, named the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 in honor of the Senator and his co-sponsor, Representative Michael Oxley of Ohio. This Act, the most significant piece of financial legislation since the SEC Acts of 1933 and 1934, restored public confidence in the financial markets in a time of crisis stemming from corporate scandals. Senator Sarbanes was born in Salisbury, Maryland. He earned his undergraduate degree from Princeton University, was a Rhodes Scholar at Balliol College, Oxford England, and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1960. He practiced law in Baltimore Maryland, prior to beginning his career in public service. ***EVENING EVENT – 5:30-9p.m. Half Moon Cruise Terminal***
- February 22, 2008** **David Callahan, PhD, author of The Cheating Culture: Why More Americans Are Doing Wrong to Get Ahead and Kindred Spirits: Harvard Business School's Extraordinary Class of 1949 and How They Transformed American Business.** He has published in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and *The American Prospect* and appeared on CNN, CBS, PBS, MSNBC, and Fox News, and been a guest on radio talk shows, including appearances such NPR programs as Morning Edition, The Connection, and the Tavis Smiley Show. David lectures frequently about issues of ethics and integrity to universities, associations, and businesses. ***Norfolk Waterside Marriott***
- April 2, 2008** **Dee W. Edington, PhD, Director University of Michigan, Health Management Research Center.** The Center studies health risks and behaviors in relation to individual and corporate health and productive outcomes. "The total value of health can only be derived from the sum of the measures of healthcare and pharmacy costs, and productivity including time-away-from-work (absenteeism, short and long term disability and worker's compensation) and presenteeism. **This program is presented jointly with The Virginia Business Coalition on Health.** ***Norfolk Waterside Marriott***