

Sunday, July 13

8-8:30 AM Open Mike

Moderator: Chuck Metalitz

8:30-10 AM: Tailoring Georgist Proposals to the Bust

Panelists: Mike Curtis, Nic Rosen, Polly Cleveland

Moderator: Lindy Davies

10-Noon: Farewell Brunch Toasts, Farewells

CGO President's Vision for the Future: Ed Dodson Moderator: Ted Gwartney

Conference Package

The full package includes all sessions, including Wednesday evening reception, Saturday Afternoon Boat Tour, Thursday, Friday & Saturday lunches, coffee breaks, Saturday evening banquet and Sunday morning champagne-brunch. Meals include vegetarian selections.

Meals cannot be guaranteed to those who register after July 15. There is a 50% cancellation fee after July 3, except for documented medical emergencies.

Day Rates, Companion rates and rates for first-time attendees are also available. See accompanying form or see online form at: <http://cgocouncil.org>

Conference Registration:

Register Online via credit card or paypal account at <http://cgocouncil.org>

Register by mail by check or money order made out to the Council of Georgist Organizations. Use the enclosed form, or download a registration form at <http://cgocouncil.org>

Send the form and payment to:

Sue & Scott Walton, conference administrators
PO Box 57, Evanston IL 60204

Please contact Sue Walton if you have any problems or questions:

Phone: 888/262-9015 toll free in the USA or 847/475-0391 Fax: 775/248-8630

Emergency Cell Phone: 847/209-0047
e-mail: sns@swwalton.com

Hotel Rooms

Hotel rooms are \$89/night + tax, including a continental breakfast, for up to four occupants if you identify yourself as a CGO conference attendee **when you book** by **July 3**. Call Doubletree, 1-800 222-8733 (not toll-free). You may also register for a hotel room with your conference registration, but the room registration must still be **received** by **June 15**. Neither rooms nor prices are guaranteed after that date.

Amenities include indoor pool voice mail, coffee makers, irons & ironing boards, and our hospitality suite. Restaurants, museums, baseball parks and shopping are all within 10 minute walk of our hotel. Some are within a block or two of the hotel. If you want help finding someone to share a hotel room, contact Sue Walton (above) as soon as possible, and at least by **June 25**.

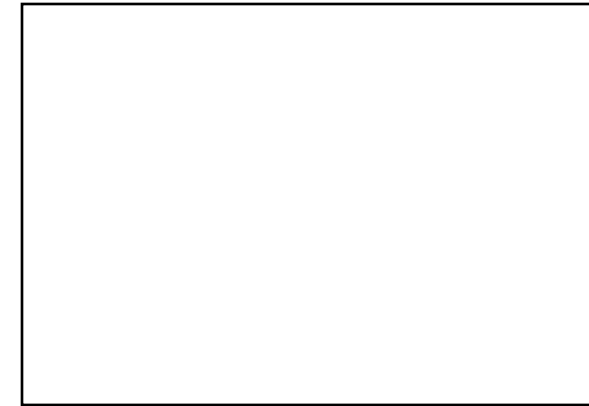
Next Year's Conference

"Great Georgist Conversations"

August x-x, 2010 – Albany, NY

Special thanks to the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation and the Henry George School of New York.

CGO Officers and Volunteers: Ted Gwartney, President; Ed Dodson, Vice President; Pia DeSilva, Secretary; Toni Gwartney, Treasurer. Lindy Davies, CGO advisor and website designer; Dan Sullivan, CGO advisor, program coordinator and brochure designer; Bill Pierce, program committee and local host, Alanna Hartzok, program committee.



Getting There

From the East: Take 90 West to the East 9th Street Exit. Make a left onto East 9th Street. Take East 9th Street 1 block to Lakeside Ave. Make a left onto Lakeside Ave. Hotel is 1 block up on the left hand side on 12th and Lakeside.

From the West: Take 90 East to the East 9th St. Exit. Take East 9th Street to Lakeside Ave. Make a right onto Lakeside Ave. Hotel is 1 block up on the left hand side on 12th and Lakeside.

From the South: Take 77 or 71 North and merge onto 90 East. Take the East 9th Street Exit. Take East 9th Street to Lakeside Ave. Make a right onto Lakeside Ave. Hotel is 1 block up on the left hand side on 12th and Lakeside.

Hotel Parking is discounted to \$5 per day for **our** overnight hotel guests.

From Hopkins International Airport: A fast and inexpensive option is to take the RTA Red Line to the Tower City stop, and call the Doubletree Hotel (216.241.5100) for free shuttle service from that stop.

Amtrak: Regretably, trains arrive and depart at terribly inconvenient times. If you use Amtrak anyhow, our code for a 10% discount when ordering tickets to the conference is X15V-951.

By Bus: Megabus (megabus.com) has inexpensive fares from midwestern cities, but only through its Chicago hub. Greyhound (greyhound.com) serves Cleveland from most cities.

The Council of Georgist Organizations presents

Tom Johnson: Can America's Greatest Mayor Still Save Cleveland?

How the progressive proposals of Tom Johnson would have prevented Cleveland's foreclosure crisis, its loss of industry, and the flight of its middle class – and still could.

**Downtown Doubletree Hotel
1111 Lakeside
Cleveland, Ohio, 44114
August 5 - 9, 2009**

Wednesday, August 5

5-8 PM: Registration

7-9:30 PM: Welcoming Reception

Welcome by Ted Gwartney, CGO President, and William Peirce, local host

Opening remarks on privilege by John Kelly

CGO Organization Reports Each organization reports for up to 2 minutes

Thursday, August 6

7:30 AM: Registration Begins

8:45-10 AM: Cleveland's Foreclosure Crisis

Predatory Lending: Local Speaker TBA

Fraudulent Mortgages in Slavic Village: Anthony Brancatelli, Clevekenland City Council

Georgist Perspective: Alanna Hartzok, Earth Rights Institute

Moderator: Ed Dodson, School of Cooperative Individualism

10:30 - Noon: Money and Banking

Secret Life of Real Estate: Phil Anderson

Tom Johnson's Crisis Currency: Dan Sullivan, Saving Communities

Social Right to Land & Money: Nic Tideman, University of Virginia

The Land-Money Connection: Polly Cleveland, Association for Georgist Studies, Barnard College

Moderator: Gilbert Herman

Noon-1:15 Lunch

The Amazing Tom Johnson: Chuck Metalitz, Henry George School of Chicago

1:15-3:30 PM: Real Estate Tax and the Housing Bubble

Who blocked LVT in Ohio?: William Peirce, prof. emeritus, Case Western Reserve University

Why Pittsburgh Flourished: Joshua Vincent, Center for the Study of Economics

Prop 13 and California's Bubble: Mason Gaffney, Professor of Economics, UC Riverside

Moderator: Bill Batt, Robert Schalkenbach Foundation (RSF)

3:45-5 PM: Steps for Saving Cleveland

Shifting back to Property Tax: Fred Foldvary, Civil Society Institute, Santa Clara University

County Land Banking: Robert Rink, Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation

The For-Profit Land Trust: Dan Sullivan

Moderator: Adele Wick, RSF

5-5:30 PM: Roundtable and Open Mike

5:30-7 PM: Dinner on your Own

7-8:30 PM: The Secret Life of Real Estate

The regularity of real estate cycles: Phil Anderson

Moderator: Damon Gross, RSF

8:30-9:30 PM: Open Mike

Friday, August 7

7:30 AM: Registration Begins

8-8:30 AM: Open Mike

8:30-10 AM: The Functions of Government

The Johnson-Hanna Trolley Wars: Bill Peirce

Privatization as Contract Patronage: Dan Sullivan

Selling and Leasing our Future: Frank DeJong, Green Party of Ontario, Canada

What Should Be Private?: Fred Foldvary

Moderator: Bill Batt

10:30 - Noon: State of the Current Economy

Michigan Following California's Folly: Mason Gaffney

Calculating Aggregate Rent: Andrew Mazzone, Henry George School of NY

Moderator: Clay Berling

Noon - 1:30: Lunch

Cleveland's Assessment

History: Bill Barrow **Moderator:** Wyn Achenbaum

1:30-3 PM: Building Classically Progressive Alliances

Modern Progressive Perspective: Debbie Kline, Cleveland Jobs with Justice

Georgist perspective: Frank DeJong

Political Strategies: Steve Cord, Henry George Foundation of America

Moderator: Herb Barry, RSF

3:30-4:25 PM: Quantum Leap Now! Marketing the Message, Building the Movement

Short presentations and thematic open mike combine for this outcome-oriented session.

Georgists-TBD Possibilities: Bill Batt, Polly Cleveland, Wyn?

Progressive Clevelanders: Debbie Kline, ??

Moderator: Alanna Hartzok

4:35-5:30 PM The End of Capitalism?

Yes: Cay Hehner **No:** Andrew Mazzone:

5:30-7:00 Dinner on your Own

7-9:30 PM: Open Mike and Discussion of "Renegade Economist"

Fred Harrison's U-Tube Videos

Saturday, August 8

8-8:30 AM: Open Mike

Moderator: Chuck Metalitz

8:30-10 AM: Reaching the young, the media

Presenter: Karl Fitzgerald

Moderator: Richard Biddle?

10:30 - Noon (A): CGO Annual Meeting

Participants: CGO delegates and affiliate members

Outgoing CGO President: Ted Gwartney

Incoming CGO President: Ed Dodson

10:30-Noon (B): The Origins of Monopoly

Presenter: Richard Biddle

Noon-1: Lunch

Table Topics: Nic Rosen, host

1- 2:15 PM Honoring Tom Johnson

Visit Tom Johnson's Statue: Walk 0.6 Mile or ride hotel shuttle

Moderator: Bill Peirce

2:15-5 PM: Boat Tour

Sight-seeing and Conversation

6:30-7:15 PM: Pre-Banquet Reception (Cash Bar)

7:15-9 PM: Banquet

Will Obama Save Cleveland? Or Could Cleveland Save Obama?: Walt Rybeck

Moderator: Pia DiSilva

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