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World Class Roundtables Update

The [World Class Greater Philadelphia](#) initiative is in full swing, with roundtables being held across the region. These sessions, which are designed to generate input for this summer's scenario planning workshop, convene business, nonprofit, government, and community leaders to discuss key trends and uncertainties that will shape the region's future. To date, nearly 300 individuals have participated and more than 2,000 ideas have been recorded.

We encourage you to join your peers from around the region to discuss what it would take for Greater Philadelphia to become a world class place to live, work, and play. To view the schedule of upcoming roundtables and register for a session online, click [here](#). Visit our [website](#) to learn more about the initiative or to become a supporter.



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League Hits

[Covering 'Tainted Justice' and Winning A Pulitzer](#) - Listen to Terry Gross of Fresh Air's interview with two *Daily News* journalists about their award-winning series and the state of print news in Philadelphia. - *C. Scoville*

[The State of Metropolitan America](#) - Brookings' new report classifies Greater Philadelphia as a "Skilled Anchor," a slow-growing, less diverse metro area that boasts higher-than-average levels of educational attainment. - *S. Wray*

Staff News

The Economy League is pleased to announce the hiring of [Emily Kohlhas](#) as Operations & Initiatives Associate and [Abigail Hathaway](#) and [Petry Ubri](#) as summer interns.

In the News

[Let's start it up: Today's entrepreneurs](#), *Philadelphia Daily News*, 4/27

[Panel asks, "How should we grow?"](#) *PlanPhilly*, 4/23

[Feeling the domino effects I-80 tolling no-go has on Act 44](#), *PlanPhilly*, 4/18

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Steve Wray visits China

Though Economy League Executive Director Steve Wray's [Fellowship for Regional Sustainable Development](#) ended last fall, in March he traveled with other Fellows to Beijing and Shanghai to observe sustainable development and planning on a mega-regional scale.



Look for Steve's insightful journal on China's approach vis-à-vis the [World Class Greater Philadelphia](#) initiative (as well as how to hail a rickshaw in the snow) in the coming weeks.

Rolling Out of the Recession

Join the Economy League's Policy Wonks bowling team for some friendly competition on the AMF Boulevard Lanes Saturday, June 19. The Community Design Collaborative's 14th annual fundraising event promises to be a blast whether you come for the family-friendly day bowl or the fun-filled night bowl.



Policy Wonks 2009 Team

Proceeds will help the [Collaborative](#) continue strengthening neighborhoods through design. Visit the [event page](#) to learn more and to register.

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Featured Article

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