

REMINDER - Cincinnatus Dinner & Newsletter

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>> CINCINNATUS EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT EVENING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**5:30pm to 8:30pm (Dinner served at 6:10pm)
Tuesday Evening, March 13, 2007
The University Club
401 E. Fourth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202**

MILTON DOHONEY, Cincinnati City Manager, will provide us with his unique perspective on the current issues and activities in the greater Cincinnati region.

VISITORS WELCOME!! We hope you will bring a guest! (Dinner for guests is \$35, payable at the door.)

PLEASE RSVP IMMEDIATELY !!! Make sure you tell us if you plan to bring guests. You may respond by simply using the [REPLY] to this email or by calling our Reservation Line at (513) 956.7653.

>> PLEASE NOTE THE MANY REPORTS AND NOTICES WITH OUR NEWSLETTER

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>> PANEL REPORTS

ARTS AND CULTURE PANEL (Jay Chatterjee & Robin Gehl, Co-Chairs)

The Arts Committee is responsible for the Cincinnatus dinner meeting presentation in April - Tuesday, April 10. Several Cincinnati arts leaders were secured to be a part of our "Vision for the Arts in Cincinnati" dinner meeting presentation: Aaron Betsky (Cincinnati Arts Museum), Eric Lee (Taft Museum of Art), Dick Aft (Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra board, also formerly with the United Way), and Kathy Merchant (Greater Cincinnati Foundation). We will continue to discuss our goals/guidelines for this presentation at our next meeting as well as look ahead and plan for our proposed televised arts forum later in the year. If you haven't yet found a committee home, you're welcome to join us at any time.

COMMUNITY INCLUSION PANEL (Al DeJarnett & Brandon Wiers, Co-Chairs)

The panel continues to focus on the three primary projects currently in motion – the Greater Cincinnati Commitment, the Stable Diverse Neighborhoods study (pending final draft report) and the Racial Equity Project, now focusing on assembling a clear picture of existing inequities.

As a point for all Cincinnatus members to note, the Collaborative Agreement put in place as a result of the 2001 civil unrest and related involvement by the U.S. Department of Justice, expires this August. The panel believes that the Cincinnatus Association and its members should take an active position on its renewal.

EDUCATION PANEL (Kent Friel, Chair)

Our Cincinnatus Principal mentoring program with Cincinnati Public Schools has begun. Eight Cincinnatus mentors (Richard Adams, Gale Beckett, David Black, Robert Buechner, Deborah Gentry Davis, Ernest Eynon, Kent Friel, Larry Kissel) were trained in January by the Mayerson Academy and each was assigned a CPS Principal to mentor. The actual mentoring has begun. Criteria for measuring success is currently being developed.

Jeff Edmondson, Executive Director of STRIVE, met with the Panel yesterday. STRIVE has selected six areas for their immediate attention. One of those has to do with collaborations with business/community partners. Edmondson has asked Cincinnatus to assist STRIVE in identifying the appropriate roles for these partners and then help in connecting with appropriate partners. A Panel task force, headed by Mark Robertson, agreed to work with Edmondson to determine the expected outcomes and feasibility of this working relationship.

The Panel is meeting with CPS Supt. Rosa Blackwell at its March meeting and will hold its April meeting at the new Woodward Career Technical High School.

GOVERNMENT PANEL (Laurie Housemeyer, Chair)

The panel continues to monitor progress of the City of Cincinnati / Hamilton County collaboration, looking at ways to enhance the process and results. John Frank, Cincinnati Association Vice President, represents Citizens for Civic Renewal on the newly-formed Government Cooperation and Efficiency Project Steering Committee (a Chris Bortz and Pat DeWine initiative), providing Cincinnati with a unique perspective and resource. Several other panel members have also volunteered their time to meet with various officials toward this end.

>> WEB MANAGEMENT GROUP

The Cincinnati Association will be significantly enhancing the content and use of its website and is looking for members willing to assist in providing direction, design and content for that website. Those interested, please email Roger Smith at Cincinnati_Assoc@hotmail.com.

>> GWEN ROBINSON AWARD

Cincinnati Association President Gwen Robinson was named as one of twenty local women who shine in their professions and serve as mentors to others. She was honored at the 12th annual Leading Women luncheon, sponsored by Leading Women of Cincinnati, a coalition of local women's groups. Ms. Robinson is the Executive Director of Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency.

>> NEW MEMBERS

The Cincinnati Association is pleased to welcome 13 new members.

Douglas Adams, Sr. Vice President, The Huntington Bank
Dorothy Battle, Co-Director for Access and Transition, University of Cincinnati
Robert Catellini, Vice President, UBS Financial Services
Victoria Chester, CFO/VP Administration, Cincinnati Museum Center
Robert Cooper, Senior Principal, Seasongood & Mayer LLC
Jeffrey Eger, General Manager, Sanitation District No. 1 (Northern KY)
Robin Harvey, Attorney/Partner, Baker & Hostetler LLP
Milinda Kruyer, President, Kruyer & Associates
Kenneth Rehtin, Vice President, Key Bank (Northern KY)
Deborah Simpson, President, Multi-Craft Litho, Inc.
Barbara Stonewater, Executive Director, Northern KY Council of Partners
William Strubbe, Attorney, William Strubbe LLC
Betsy Townsend, Retired, Northwestern Mutual Life

CINCINNATUS ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ASSOCIATION: The Cincinnati Association believes that the quality of life in the City of Cincinnati and in the Greater Cincinnati metropolitan area is among the highest in the United States and can be further improved. It is the mission of the Cincinnati Association and its members to initiate, recognize, participate in and promote projects that improve the quality of life for all citizens in this region through the study of critical issues confronting the region, by engaging community leaders and by shaping public policy.

NEWSLETTER: This Newsletter is distributed monthly during the Association year and is intended for Cincinnati Association members' general information only. Members are welcome to share it with invited guests and others as they feel appropriate. Newsletter submissions should be sent to Roger Smith at Cincinnati_Assoc@hotmail.com.

MEETINGS: The Cincinnati Association holds its monthly dinner meeting at 5:30pm on the second Tuesday of every month (except July & August) at the University Club, 401 E. Fourth Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202. RSVPs should be made at Cincinnati_Assoc@hotmail.com or at (513) 956.7653.

PANELS: Cincinnati Association maintains four primary "panels" where individuals with similar missional focuses coordinate and fulfill our organizational missions. Each panel meets monthly.

> **Excellence in Education:** Meets the third Monday of each month 12:00pm-1:30pm at Graydon, Head & Ritchey, 19th floor, Fifth-Third Tower, 4th & Walnut Streets. Lunch is provided. The Panel Chair is Kent Friel (kpfriel@cinci.rr.com; 513-477-4174)

> **Community Inclusion Panel:** Meets the first Monday of each month 11:45am-1:15 pm at the Hamilton County Action Agency, Board Room, Room 319 at Jordan Crossing (1740 Langdon Farm Road). The Panel Co-Chairs are Brandon Wiers (bhwiers@fuse.net; 513-825-1362) and Al DeJarnett.

> Excellence in Government: Meets the second Tuesday of each month 4:30pm-5:45pm at University Club, 401 E. Fourth Street. (This is just before the regular monthly member meeting.) The Panel Chair is Laurie Housemeyer (lhousemeyer@cinci.rr.com; 513-583-7635).

> Arts and Culture Panel: Meets the second Tuesday of each month 4:30pm-5:45pm at University Club, 401 E. Fourth Street. (This is just before the regular monthly member meeting.) The Panel Co-Chairs are Robin Gehl (rgehl@cinradio.org) and Jay Chatterjee.

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