

The Crusader

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PANEL REPORTS

Monthly Dinner Meeting

COMMUNITY INCLUSION

(Brandon Wiers & Al DeJarnett)

We are engaged, with assistance from some outside experts, in assembling a portrait of some of the most egregious inequities that exist in our community, encompassing housing, education, criminal justice, economics, employment, health, political inclusion, and environmental justice. We also wish to invite all members of Cincinnatus to join in the effort and bring their expertise to bear.

We are also examining how best to conduct our Panel meetings and community meetings. For questions or comments, please email Brandon at bhwiers@fuse.net.

ARTS AND CULTURE

(Jay Chatterjee & Robin Gehl)

The Panel successfully presented its first overview to the Cincinnatus membership at the April dinner meeting and will follow up with Kathy Merchant and her findings and recommendations from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation arts study. The panel is also making plans for a CET-televised arts forum in the Fall.

The next panel meeting will be Tuesday, May 8, 4:30 PM at the University Club.

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

(Kent Friel)

Deborah Gentry Davis has been selected to Co-chair the Panel with Kent Friel as Chairman.

Our April meeting was at the new Woodward Career Technical High School. Principal Larry Ballew and Community Coordinator Pamela Knox reviewed the operation of the 1,150 student school and discussed its successes and challenges. Of note were recent successes of students who rebuilt 4 New Orleans' houses and students completing half of their first college credits.

The Panel decided to change the selection process for the Jacobs Public Educator Award and Pepper Outstanding Volunteer Award to include guest (non- member) judges.

Mark Robertson is chairing a task force on Cincinnatus' collaboration with the STRIVE education initiatives. It was agreed these collaborations should include the Cincinnati Public Schools as well as those in Northern Kentucky. The task force will hold its initial meeting in April.

BRIDGING INEQUITIES & CLOSING GAPS IN GREATER CINCINNATI

Dr. Mitchel Livingston, Chairman of the Board of Directors of "Bridges for a Just Community" and **Dwight Tillery**, President and CEO of the "Center for Closing the Health Gap" will discuss their organizations and opportunities for collaboration with Cincinnatus.

Tuesday Evening, **May 8, 2007**

5:30pm to 8:30pm (Dinner at 6:10)

The University Club

401 E. Fourth Street

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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.

EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT

(Laurie Housemeyer)

In April, the Panel hosted a roundtable on the future of the Collaborative Agreement. Al Gerhardstein, Attorney for the Plaintiffs, Kathy Harrell, Cincinnati FOP President and Iris Roley, ACLU, each presented their opinion about the extension of the Agreement and what they see as next steps between now and the August expiration of the Agreement.

Our next meeting will be May 8 at 4:30pm. Greg Baker, Cincinnati Police-Community Relations, will be our guest. We will also continue our conversation about the Collaborative Agreement and the City's official position on its future. We will also analyze the results of the Excellence in Government Panel Survey administered to all Cincinnatus Members at our March dinner meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

[April 17, 2007 Meeting] The following regular reports were received and discussed without significant issue: President's Report, Panel Chair Reports, Meeting Recap & Plan, Membership Report, Marketing Report and Financial Report. In addition, the Committee discussed the condition of the Cincinnatus statue at Sawyer Point, changes needed in the Jacobs Public Educator Award process to conform to recent IRS changes and possible changes to the Constitution and Association practices (deferred to subgroup).

The Executive Committee meets on the third Tuesday afternoon every month. Meeting agendas and minutes are available. All meetings are open to all members, but advance notice of non-Executive Committee attendance is requested to ensure agenda inclusion. Please contact Roger Smith at 513-293-4621 or at Cincinnatus_Assoc@hotmail.com.

At Our June Meeting! **WOODWARD HIGH SCHOOL KIDS** **REBUILDING NEW ORLEANS**

You won't want to miss the June 12th Cincinnatus Dinner. Students from Woodward Career Technical High School who, in March, traveled to New Orleans to rebuild 4 houses damaged in Hurricane Katrina will share their experiences with us. It is a remarkable story of what inner city kids can do when motivated and properly trained.



MARKETING COMMITTEE

The Marketing Committee is up and running and working on strategies for internal and external marketing. Members interested in joining the committee should contact Duncan Muir at jdmuir@fuse.net. Our next meeting is at the University Club on May 8 at 5pm just before the member meeting.

2007-2008 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

As required by our Association Constitution, a Nominating Committee (Mary Bonansinga (Chair), Ray Brokamp, Mike Hammons, Kent Friel, Rick Pender) appointed by the President has put forth the following slate of candidates for our 2007- 2008 year.

- PRESIDENT, John Frank
- VICE PRESIDENT, Chuck Curran
- SECRETARY, Robin Gehl
- TREASURER, Rea Waldon
- MEMBERS AT-LARGE:
 - Al DeJarnett
 - Deborah Dent
 - Kent Friel
 - George Molinsky
 - Bill Scheyer

No other nominations were received, but nominations (supported by at least five members) may be forwarded to the committee and/or made from the floor until the vote is called at the Membership Meeting on May 8.

FOUR CIVIC GROUPS TO JOIN FORCES

Gwen Robinson is spearheading participation in a powerful alliance's efforts to collaborate for more effective community service. Cincinnatus Association has much in common with Citizens for Civic Renewal, the Woman's City Club and the League of Women Voters. Besides sharing many members and volunteers, these four organizations are highly respected, well connected and have similar missions of public education and civic engagement. Each of the organizations has subgroups working on similar issues-- education, government, transportation, natural resources, diversity, etc., and share challenges to engage the public.

Representatives of the groups meet regularly to discuss how, as a collaborative whole, to be more proactive and influential in shaping public policy. Initial considerations include: 1) development of a better civic engagement process in the City budget, using models of empowered citizen participation from other communities; 2) planning public education for Hamilton County regarding the jail; 3) communication and cooperation between issue committees of the four organizations; and 4) the potential for sharing resources and administrative items.

Interested? Contact Gwen Robinson.

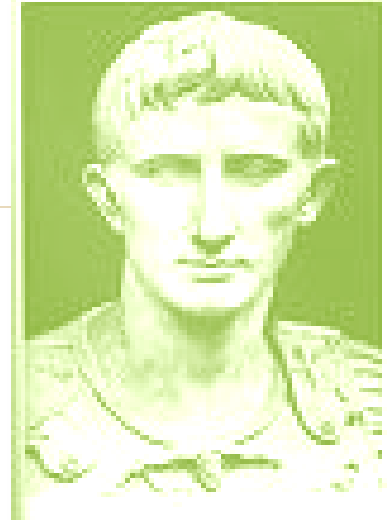
WEB MANAGEMENT GROUP

The Cincinnatus 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 contact Roger Smith at 513-293-4621 or at Cincinnatus_Assoc@hotmail.com.

NEW MEMBERS

In March, the Cincinnatus Association was pleased to welcome 13 new members.

- **Douglas Adams**, Sr. Vice President, 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
- **Jeffrey Eger**, General Manager, Sanitation District No. 1 (N KY)
- **Robin Harvey**, Attorney/Partner, Baker & Hostetler LLP
- **Melinda Kruyer**, President, Kruyer & Associates
- **Kenneth Rehtin**, Vice President, Key Bank (N KY)
- **Deborah Simpson**, President, Multi-Craft Litho, Inc.
- **Barbara Stonewater**, Executive Director, N KY Council of Partners
- **William Strubbe**, Attorney, William Strubbe LLC
- **Betsy Townsend**, Retired, Northwestern Mutual Life



Cincinnatus Association Information

MISSION: The Cincinnatus 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 Cincinnatus 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, engaging community leaders and shaping public policy.

NEWSLETTER: This Newsletter is distributed monthly during the Association year and is intended for Cincinnatus 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 Cincinnatus_Assoc@hotmail.com.

MEETINGS: The Cincinnatus 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 Cincinnatus_Assoc@hotmail.com or at (513) 956-7653.

PANELS: Cincinnatus 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. Panel Chair is Kent Friel (kpriel@cinci.rr.com; 513-477-4174)
- **Community Inclusion Panel:** Meets the first Monday of each month 11:45am-1:15pm at the Cincinnati Hamilton County Community Action Agency, Board Room, Room 319 at Jordan Crossing (1740 Langdon Farm Road). 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 the University Club, 401 E. Fourth Street. (This is just before the regular monthly member meeting.) 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 the University Club, 401 E. Fourth Street. (This is just before the regular monthly member meeting.) Chairs are Robin Gehl (rgehl@cinradio.org) and Jay Chatterjee.

TAX STATUS: Cincinnatus Association is tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code section 501c(4) (a social welfare organization). Dues, fees and contributions to Cincinnatus Association are NOT tax deductible as charitable contributions. Our Federal Tax Identification Number is 31-1227954.



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