

# Cincinnatus

January 2008

## A Message to Cincinnatus Active Members from John Frank, President

Your leadership has seriously discussed what participation we should expect from Active Members. We now believe the rule of not missing more than three consecutive monthly dinner meetings is not realistic. We do want members to come as often as possible because one of the benefits of being a member is getting to know an outstanding group of fellow leaders in the community. Further, we don't want members who only belong to put Cincinnatus on their resumes.

We expect every Active Member to find a way to help improve our community through at least one of the many Cincinnatus initiatives. We have our four Panels, plus currently four active committees, and we are finding other ways for our members to be involved.

- Our Education Panel needs some more mentors for a very successful program mentoring inner-city Principals in the Cincinnati Public Schools.
- Our Excellence in Government Panel has been placing a number of our members on panels and committees of "Agenda 360", the important long range planning process for Greater Cincinnati being led by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber.
- Our new Cincinnatus Foundation is searching for new ways that our volunteers can assist in getting exciting new programs off the ground using the talent pool that exists within our membership.

Please contact me if you wish to talk about the opportunities that exist for Cincinnatus involvement, and how we might find the best vehicle to involve you that is in sync with your business, community and family commitments. If you are a relatively new member and would like a member to serve as your Cincinnatus Mentor, we will find one for you. In the future, all new members will have mentors.

And to all Service Roll Members, we appreciate the fact that many of you are still actively involved in lending your talents to Cincinnatus.

## Monthly Dinner Meeting

### 2008 EDUCATION AWARDS and JACK CASSIDY

The Excellence in Education Panel presents the **2008 Jacobs, Pepper and Woodward Awards** for excellence in education at the new Woodward Career Technical High School. In addition, **Jack Cassidy**, Cincinnati Bell CEO, will discuss the amazing impact of their "adoption" of CPS's Taft High School. **Guided tours** of this state-of-the-art building will be available before dinner.

**PLEASE NOTE: This meeting is NOT at the University Club!!**

Tuesday, January 8, 2008  
**5:30pm to 8:30pm** (Dinner at 6:10)  
Woodward Career Technical HS  
7005 Reading Rd (near Seymour Ave)  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

#### VISITORS WELCOME!!

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

**PLEASE RSVP IMMEDIATELY !!!**  
Tell us if you plan to bring guests. RSVP at  
Cincinnatus\_Assoc@hotmail.com  
or (513) 293-4621.

## PANEL REPORTS

### COMMUNITY INCLUSION

(Al DeJarnett & Sue Wilke)

The effort to influence public policy and real estate industry practice to increase the number of Stable Integrated Communities (SIC) picked up steam in December. Brandon Wiers made presentations on the SIC report to the Faith Community Alliance board on Dec. 3, the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission on Dec. 13, the Cincinnati Area Board of Realtors Board of Directors on Dec. 14 (with Al DeJarnett co-presenting), and the Affordable Housing Advocates board Dec. 18. In addition to this, Brandon participated as the Cincinnati representative in Agenda 360 Urban Renaissance and Livable Communities Action Team meetings on Dec. 11 and Dec. 13, respectively, where he publicized the SIC Report and got several requests for our website address, where it is posted.

Subsequent discussions with Rob Reifsnyder, United Way President, and Rina Saperstein, League of Women Voters President, have revealed additional interest in the report and may lead to additional representations.

#### Fairness in Criminal Justice Study

On December 6, Al DeJarnett met with John Norwine, Exec. Dir. of the Cincinnati Bar Association, Jeff Shorkin, current President of the CBA and Phil Schworer, President-elect. Mark Silbersack set up the meeting and participated in it. The purpose of the meeting was to share the plans for the study and get the perspectives of these leaders in the local legal community on our plans.

Their response to the outline was that the scope is quite comprehensive and, if the study is well done, it will be a very important study for the legal community in Hamilton County. In looking at the makeup of the committee, they saw the absence of representation by currently practicing professionals within the criminal justice system as a serious weakness that, they believe, will limit the credibility of the report. Their strong advice was to invite active members of the judiciary, the prosecutors office and the Cincinnati Police Department to join the study team. The other caution was to include data that is current so we don't leave ourselves open to accusations that we are describing problems that may no longer exist. A follow-on meeting with a sitting Hamilton County judge echoed the advice from the CBA. We will make a concerted effort to add practicing criminal justice experts to the study team in January.

### EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

(Kent Friel)

A panel of four judges has selected the annual Cincinnati Education Awards, to be presented at the January 8<sup>th</sup> Cincinnati dinner:

- o James N. Jacobs Award for Outstanding Administration: **Anthony Smith**, Principal, Taft Information Technology High School
- o John E. Pepper Award for Outstanding Volunteer in public education: **Jack Cassidy**, CEO, Cincinnati Bell
- o William Woodward/Cincinnati Distinguished Teacher Award: **Allen Frecker**, Social Studies Teacher, Hughes Center

Mayerson Academy recently held a meeting of the 8 CPS Principals and Cincinnati sponsored mentors. The unanimous conclusion was the 1<sup>st</sup> year pilot program was quite successful. The prime value for the principals is to have an independent sounding board. It was agreed the program will continue through the 2007-2008 school year with the 8 principal/mentor relationships, with possible expansion next year.

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### ARTS AND CULTURE

(Jay Chatterjee & Robin Gehl)

Mark your calendars! March Cincinnati Dinner Meeting Moves to Third Tuesday, March 18.

Through a special arrangement with CET, the March Cincinnati meeting will be a live, televised forum hosted by the Cincinnati Arts and Culture Committee in the television studios of Cincinnati's public television station, CET, at 1223 Central Parkway (behind Music Hall). The evening begins with wine and a dinner buffet at 6:00 PM, and then at 7:00 PM sharp, be a part of the television studio audience exploring the value of arts and culture to the Cincinnati area in this special hour-long forum.

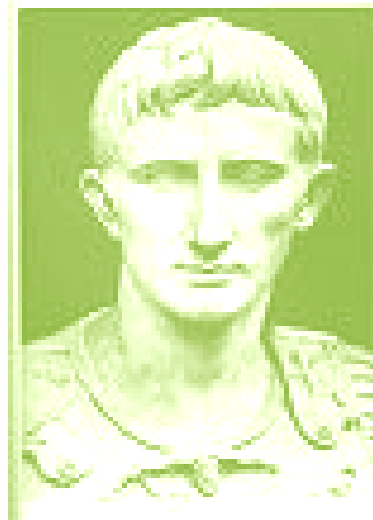
Once again, the March Cincinnati meeting is moving from the second Tuesday to the third Tuesday, March 18, 6:00 PM at CET, 1223 Central Parkway. Directions will follow.

## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

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The Panel is holding a meeting of Northern Kentucky Cincinnatus members on January 14<sup>th</sup> in Bob Heil's office in Ft Thomas. The focus will be on extending the Panel's work to Newport and Covington schools, who along with CPS are involved in the STRIVE initiative. To-date 7 NKY members have indicated they will attend, several who have not been very involved in Cincinnatus to-date.

Work continues on developing business partners for CPS schools, studying alternatives to current process of electing CPS school board members and the Panel's role in assisting CPS in its possible financial crisis, which might involve a tax levy.



### At Our February Meeting!

#### AGENDA 360

You won't want to miss the February 12<sup>th</sup> Cincinnatus Dinner. AGENDA 360 is the topic for this Excellence in Government Panel presentation – a must see for the informed Cincinnati-area resident.



### Stable Integrated Communities Report Is Publicized

The first phase of the Stable Integrated Communities Study was completed in the Fall and continues to create interest and impact throughout our region. Presentations of the study's results, funded by the Wilder Foundation through Cincinnatus Association, continue to be made at public venues throughout the area.

Brandon Wiers responded quickly to a Community Forum article on diversity (Cincinnati Enquirer, 12/16/07). His letter to the editor applauded the column and referenced our Stable Integrated Communities study through website. Previously Krista Ramsey, who wrote the story and is also on their Editorial Board, and had received our press release on the study.

METRO, a community paper covering inter-city neighborhoods, responded to our press release in their December issue. They contacted Dr. Wiers and ran a front page story with the headline, "Study of Integrated Communities Shows An Increasing Receptivity of Whites Toward Blacks." The newspaper covers Corryville, Clifton Heights, and Northside, three of the communities among the best in terms of integration.

In December, Dr. Wiers gave power point presentations to the Faith Community Alliance, the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission, the Cincinnati Area Board of Realtors, and the Affordable Housing Advocates Board of Directors. He also communicated the study to the Agenda 360 Urban Renaissance and Livable Communities Action Team.

### New Member Candidate Nomination Process

There are two essential aspects to the nomination process that must be followed:

1. When nominating someone, you must discuss the nomination first with the nominee. They should understand what Cincinnatus Association is, what role we play in the community and how they might contribute to our efforts.
2. Forward to me or Roger a brief resume or other information about the nominee and how we may contact them (email or phone).

Thank you for your assistance in making the nomination process as smooth and efficient as possible. We look forward to your nominations of interesting and motivated people who care about our community.

Peter Hoyt, Membership Chair

## Executive Committee Update

[December 18, 2007 Meeting] **Panel Chair Reports** were received and discussed (see Panel Reports on page 1 of this newsletter). The **Membership Report** showed 86 Active members, with 148 members total. There were 12 members with delinquent dues. We are now seeking new member nominations. There was active discussion of member participation expectations. The **Program Coordinating Report** showed outstanding content for upcoming meetings, most of which will be held at unique locations. The **Marketing Committee** is focused on external publicity and internal communications, including the launching of our new website in early 2008. The **Finance Committee** is working on member education, the need for new funding sources to expand our influence and impact, and a routine audit of our books.

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 [Cincinnati\\_Assoc@hotmail.com](mailto:Cincinnati_Assoc@hotmail.com).



## Cincinnati Association Information

**MISSION:** 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, engaging community leaders and shaping public policy.

**NEWSLETTER:** This Newsletter is distributed periodically 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](mailto:Cincinnati_Assoc@hotmail.com).

**MEETINGS:** The Cincinnati Association holds its monthly meeting at 5:30pm on the second Tuesday of every month (except July & August) at various locations around Greater Cincinnati. RSVP at [Cincinnati\\_Assoc@hotmail.com](mailto:Cincinnati_Assoc@hotmail.com) or (513) 293-4621.

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

- **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.) Co-chairs are Jay Chatterjee ([jay.chatterjee@uc.edu](mailto:jay.chatterjee@uc.edu)) and Robin Gehl ([rgehl@cinradio.org](mailto:rgehl@cinradio.org)).
- **Community Inclusion Panel:** Meets the first Monday of each month from 12:00noon-1:30pm at the Health Foundation Offices, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Rookwood Tower, 3805 Edwards Road. Co-chairs are Al DeJarnett ([alex38122002@yahoo.com](mailto:alex38122002@yahoo.com)) and Sue Wilke ([suewilke@fuse.net](mailto:suewilke@fuse.net)).
- **Excellence in Education:** Meets the third Monday of each month 12:00noon-1:30pm at Graydon, Head & Ritchey, 19<sup>th</sup> floor, Fifth-Third Tower, 4<sup>th</sup> & Walnut Streets. Lunch is provided. Chair is Kent Friel ([kpfriel@cinci.rr.com](mailto:kpfriel@cinci.rr.com)).
- **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.) Chair is Mark Silbersack ([mark.silbersack@dinslaw.com](mailto:mark.silbersack@dinslaw.com)).

**ADMINISTRATION:** Administrative tasks are fulfilled by our Executive Administrator and several standing committees.

- **Executive Administrator:** Roger Smith ([Cincinnati\\_Assoc@hotmail.com](mailto:Cincinnati_Assoc@hotmail.com); 513-293-4621).
- **Marketing Committee:** Duncan Muir, Chair ([jdmuir@fuse.net](mailto:jdmuir@fuse.net))
- **Membership Committee:** Peter Hoyt, Chair ([designtoo@msn.com](mailto:designtoo@msn.com))
- **Program Coordination Committee:** Laura Brunner, Chair ([lbrunner@ctmt.com](mailto:lbrunner@ctmt.com))

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