

## A LITTLE ART, A LITTLE ARCHITECTURE, A LOT OF FUN

Our April meeting is being planned by the Arts & Culture Panel. We'll be at the new **21C MUSEUM HOTEL**.

Watch for the email with details and be sure to RSVP for this exciting venue and program.

The meeting is April 8 at the usual time, 5:30 p.m. The hotel is at **609 Walnut Street**.



Photo courtesy of CVG

We all know this view. It's from the main concourse at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. Plans for CVG will be the topic at next month's joint meeting of Cincinnati and the Northern Kentucky Forum, to be held March 12 at 7 p.m. at NKU's Budig Theater. We'll have a business meeting beforehand.

## Bridges, Buses and CVG

### We zero in on regional transportation

**N**ext month, we'll be at it again: focusing on our region's transportation needs, just as we did at our dinner meetings in November and January.

First, we looked at the Brent Spence Bridge replacement, then at bus transportation. For March, our topic will be the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport and its future.

Candace McGraw, the CEO of CVG, will talk to us about the challenges

facing the airport and how she and her team are meeting them. Hear about the DHL expansion (i.e., jobs) and the arrival of Frontier Airlines (i.e., competition).

Why the emphasis on transportation? Agenda 360's Mary Stagaman put it well at our last meeting, "To be a global city, you need a global infrastructure."

Metro CEO Terry Garcia Crews guided us through the bus system's

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At last month's meeting, Agenda 360's Mary Stagaman embraced Metro's Bus Rapid Transit plan as crucial to regional growth.

## CELEBRATING EDUCATION AWARDS NIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2013 WINNERS

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### TRACEY

### GREELEY HOWARD SCIENCE TEACHER

Woodward Career  
Technical High School

Woodward Trust  
Distinguished Teacher

#### From her nominator:

"Ms. Howard is all that exemplifies an excellent teacher. Her professional work ethic is an outstanding model for any teacher who desires to engage students in the classroom and provide activities for success outside the classroom.

"Her high level of knowledge of science combined with her experience and background from a career in science provides students with a depth in curriculum that allows them to succeed.

"Ms. Howard participates in mentoring and leadership activities at both the school and district levels. She has applied for and received several grants to support her labs and problem-based activities. She has a high level of energy and a selfless dedication in support of colleagues. Her goal is the pursuit of an authentic and rigorous curriculum for all students."

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## OUR WEBSITE NEEDS YOUR DONATION

The effort to launch our new website is on track. We have a new design and new infrastructure ready to modernize our site's look and navigation. But we need you. More pointedly, we need your donation.

To make it happen, we need \$3,000. We're counting on small donations from our members (\$25 to \$50, more as you wish) to raise the money. The members of the executive committee have

agreed to match all donations.



Give your check to **Roger Smith**, Marketing Chair **Mark Neikirk** can answer your questions. **Give tonight before you leave!**

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plans for growth and innovation, including Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), which is under development in Greater Cincinnati with Metro and Northern Kentucky's TANK.

To learn more about BRT, you can read a report, *Recapturing Global Leadership in Bus Rapid Transit* by the Institute for Transportation & Development Policy, an agency that works with cities worldwide to bring "cities towards more environmentally and people friendly transportation." Access this report at ITDP's website ([www.itdp.org](http://www.itdp.org)).

### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A WORD FROM

## MARK SILBERSACK

Our mission is to initiate or participate in projects that improve the quality of life of citizens in our area through engagement with community leaders and public education efforts.

We long ago recognized that, to achieve this, it would be wise to collaborate with like-minded civic entities. In 2006, President Gwen Robinson helped to organize such an alliance, the Rookwood Group.

Besides us, the group includes **Citizens for Civic Renewal, AIR, League of Women Voters, Urban League and Woman's City Club**. When appropriate, we also engage with other interested parties, such as the **Charter Committee**.

We try to educate both our members and the public on critical public policy issues. This can often be done together, which creates and promotes better programs and avoids wasting resources when groups run similar programs. In the last few years, we have co-sponsored public events on the jail tax and Ohio's school reform plans. In addition, we routinely promote each other's separate programs to our respective memberships.

All these organizations do research on public policy issues, each deciding for itself what position to take. By pooling our efforts, we can do needed background work more quickly and comprehensively. A good example is our recent cooperative survey of other cities on the length of their council terms and our collective efforts to educate city leaders on the implications of amending the charter.

I want to thank our members who have been most active in Rookwood Group activity: **Laurie Housemeyer, Steph Stoller, Carolyn Miller, Jane Anderson** and especially **Ruth Cronenberg**, the group's meeting coordinator.

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## CHERYL BROADNAX

### PRINCIPAL

#### Hartwell Elementary School

#### James N. Jacobs Award for Outstanding Administration

#### From her nominator:

"Hartwell has made tremendous academic gains and earned the state's highest report card rating of Excellent with Distinction.

"To achieve excellence, Ms. Broadnax has built positive relationships with the families of the students. She also has been instrumental bringing community resources into the school.

"We now have community volunteers who run an after-school girls club for 4th grade students, teacher volunteers who facilitate the Girls on the Run program for grades 3-8, an after-school basketball skills for girls and boys in

grades 3-6, an after-school fine arts program, and community volunteers who help in all aspects of the school building both during the school day and after.

"Ms. Broadnax has truly developed a sense of family at Hartwell that includes the students, staff, parents and the community."

## LEROY CARTER

### VOLUNTEER

#### Riverview East Academy

#### John E. Pepper Award for Outstanding Volunteer

#### From his nominator:

"People who are new to our building are always amazed to learn that Mr. Carter, or Coach Carter, as we call him around here, is a volunteer.

"Coach Carter is at Riverview every day. During this time with us, he often puts in a good 8-9 hours, and on some days, even longer. His duties

begin with helping supervise the lunchroom. He assists with everything from helping students get their lunches and find their tables to making sure enough chairs are available for every student.

"More importantly, he serves as a support to our older students who quite often just need to talk to an adult who is not a teacher. The students just love being in his presence, and they love sitting with him just to talk."

### ALSO HONORED

The 2013 3C Outstanding Educator Award winners:

- Julie Davalla, Milford Junior High School
- Sharon S. Harris, Mother of Mercy High School
- Janette VanLaningham, Erpenbeck Elementary School

3C Awards are presented by Xavier University, University of Cincinnati, and Northern KY University.