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Exploring new venues

Monthly meetings are moving around some

Time and space.

Both are changing for Cincinnatus Association — at least so far as our monthly meetings are concerned.

Over the past year or so, we've met at different venues, including the United Way headquarters, the Taft law offices, and the Freestore Foodbank. And, of course, our two awards banquets (Spencer and education) are "away games" as is our annual holiday party.

We're not abandoning the University Club, but we are expanding our venue horizons. This morning's meeting at CityLink continues this trend, coupled with another: trying out different times of the day.

Traditionally, Cincinnatus meetings have involved dinner, and we'll still doing that at times. Maybe even more often than not. But this month and next, we're trying breakfast and, later in

the year, we'll likely try lunch again.

Driven by our strategic planning discussions, these changes have the potential to draw new members and energize our veterans. They also save a little money (a useful benefit given that our budget is tight). Let the Executive Committee know what you think of these changes.

Meanwhile, we'll keep experimenting.

Next month, we'll be at Philippus United Church of Christ in Over-the-Rhine. This beautiful and historic church (built by some of the founders of Cincinnati's beer brewing tradition — Christian Moerlein was a member) is reviving its neighborhood ministry, with an eye on spiritual needs but also on how to create pathways out of poverty. That is, its efforts align with our own interest and strategic focus on economic opportunity.

We'll begin at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast, and start our program. Bring a guest!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER / BOB SCHRAGE

SORRY FOLKS, NO DONALD FOR THIS ELECTION

Presidential primary season wearing you out? Well, take a break from national affairs and think about Cincinnatus affairs. It's our election season, too.

I have appointed a Nominating Committee to recommend board officers and Executive Committee members for the next fiscal year, which starts July 1.

John Norwine has agreed to serve as chair of the committee. Other members include Jack Painter, Brewster Rhoads, Ericka King Betts, and Kristine Frech. If you are interested in serving on the Executive Committee, contact John at jcnorwine@cincybar.org.

Next few months: Cincinnatus programs will be geared toward educating members on the issues of poverty in our region. Today we are at CityLink, learning about its efforts. Next month, we'll remain on this topic. Bring a guest next month. There's no charge, and we want to share what we're learning.

Voting procedures: We are all aware of our quorum problems. Our October meeting, where we couldn't vote on issues for lack of a quorum, was embarrassing. The Executive Committee is studying our procedures and will come back with a recommendation. This could include options such as reducing the number of members necessary to be present or creating a procedure for electronic voting. I'd welcome your ideas.

Reach Bob at schrage10@gmail.com.

CHEERS TO OUR EDUCATION AWARD WINNERS



James N. Jacobs Outstanding CPS Administrator
Susan Bunte, director of student services



John E. Pepper Outstanding Volunteer
Sandra Smythe at Oyler High School



Cincinnati/Woodward Trust Distinguished Teacher
Dorothy Lickert, Hyde Park School



C3 Outstanding Teacher
Tiara Anderson, Purcell Marian HS



C3 Outstanding Teacher
Emily Futscher, Oak Hills Schools



C3 Outstanding Teacher
Tina Record, Pendleton County Schools

An Excellent Collaboration

Mount Saint Joseph University hosted our annual education awards on Feb. 9. The awards include three given by our Association along with three outstanding teacher awards, coordinated with the C3 Education Awards of our region's universities: University of Cincinnati, Xavier University, Northern Kentucky University and the Mount.



C3 Outstanding Teacher
Cindy Silber, Crosby Elementary School, Harrison

Welcome Kevin

Kevin Osborne is the director of communications for Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley. He's also the mayor's liaison with the LGBTQ community. You may remember Kevin from his media career, where he built a reputation for balanced, insightful reporting. He covered City Hall for The Cincinnati Post, then for City Beat and later for WCPO.com. Connect with him at kevin.osborne@cincinnati-oh.gov.

Meet today's host

CityLink is a city-wide initiative started in 2012 by a group of social service agencies that recognized the need for integrated services for adults and their families in Greater Cincinnati. Through CityLink, top social services, community volunteers and church partners work together to impact lives. Learn more at citylinkcenter.org.

Bring a canned good

For 2016, the Executive Committee is encouraging members and guests to bring a donation of nonperishable goods to our regular meetings. These will be given to **Cincinnati Area Senior Services (CASS)**. CASS services allow seniors to age with dignity and independence, staying at home among friends and family. The CASS mission aligns with our strategic focus on poverty and opportunity.

Inclusion RSVP

Consultant Deborah Heater will facilitate the Inclusion Panel's next meeting, April 4th at 10:30 a.m. at Interact for Health in Rookwood. We'll explore how we can best fit our projects with the focus of Cincinnati. Interested? RSVP to snoonan@fuse.net.

Bring guests

Our next two meetings are excellent opportunities to bring guests:

- **April 12, 7:30 a.m.** breakfast at Philippus United Church of Christ, 106 W. McMicken St in Over-the-Rhine. Bring a guest!

- **May 10, 5:30 p.m.**, second annual Donald & Marian Spencer **Spirit of America Awards** at the Hilton Netherland Plaza. Please consider sponsoring a table.