



# Hot off the press/MARCH 2013

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

The **Inclusion Panel** is now planning the program for our May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
The subject will be **immigration**. Watch your inbox for more details.

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Photo courtesy of 21c

The rooftop garden at 21c offers stunning views of the city skyline. Cincinnatus will meet at 21c on Monday (different day!) April 8 at 5:45 p.m. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres (no dinner). Tours available after a short presentation at 6:30 p.m.

## Prepare to be Impressed 21c is downtown's newest showcase

**T**he Queen City knows art. And it knows classy art. Jazz? Try the Wisp. Classical? CSO. Dance? The ballet. Oils on canvas? The options abound, from CAC to the big guy in Mt. Adams. Theater? Where to start? The Playhouse. Cincinnati Shakespeare. ETC. All good.

Time to add another classy destination to downtown's art offerings — 21c.

Cincinnatus members will get an inside look at the new hotel at 609 Walnut Street at next month's meeting.

When the 21c opened last November, downtown added a showplace inside and out. The hotel was designed to create a space that is at once historic and contem-

porary. While it respects the character of the 100-year-old former Metropole Hotel, it also is an exhibit hall for the work of living, contemporary artists

Though we won't be eating a full dinner, consider coming back on your own. Executive chef Michael Paley's menu focuses on dishes using simple ingredients combined creatively and cooked in a custom-built, wood-burning hearth.

Take advantage of our visit. Stroll. Browse. Enjoy. Exclaim.

In 2000, native Kentuckians Laura Lee Brown and Steve Wilson sought to marry their passion for contemporary art with a desire to make a considerable

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## MEET TONIGHT'S PARTNER **COMMITTED TO CIVIL, CIVIC DIALOGUE**

THE DRAWING CARD FOR  
THE FORUM IS DISCOURSE

Our partner this evening is the Northern Kentucky Forum, a group formed to foster civil, informed dialogue in Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties.

Three nonpartisan groups are partners in the Forum: Vision 2015, Legacy (for young leaders) and NKU's Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement. The Forum is governed by a board of directors, appointed by the three partners. The current chair is Tara Ford.

"A democracy thrives on the exchange of ideas, especially at the local level. With that in mind, the Forum acts as a town square for Northern Kentucky," Ford said. "Our goals revolve around education and understanding of public policies and their application."

NEXT FORUM: April 2, 5-7 p.m., NKU ballroom, in partnership with Bridges for a Just Community, looking at new diversity and inclusion data.

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## ONE MORE SALUTE TO OUR EDUCATION WINNERS



### A NIGHT OF EXCELLENCE AT UC

All in all, a great night for education — and Cincinnatus — at last month's meeting. Go to our website to revisit the awards and read the Enquirer's coverage.

## WEBSITE REMINDER

### WE NEED YOUR CHECK ASAP

We're getting there! The online payment system brought a lot of new donations for our website redesign. We need \$3,000 to get this project moving forward. Please give your check to **Roger Smith** tonight or go online and make a gift of \$25 or more.

## FORM 990 AVAILABLE

### YOU CAN VIEW IT ONLINE

Form 990 (IRS information return) for Cincinnatus Association and Cincinnatus Community Fund Inc. for their fiscal years ended July 31, 2012, are available online at GuideStar.org or upon request. Contact **Roger Smith** or visit our website for more info.

## CPS POSITIVE NEWS

### HELP US TELL THE STORY

The Education Panel is developing its plan for the Cincinnatus Cincinnati Public School Experience. This project will be directed toward broadcasting positive developments in CPS. This will involve using several methods of communication (newspapers, social media, speaking engagements, emails). The panel is recruiting "ambassadors" willing to help spread the good word about CPS. If interested, email **Kent Friel** at [kpfriel@cinci.rr.com](mailto:kpfriel@cinci.rr.com).

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER A WORD FROM MARK SILBERSACK

In this season of Lent, Christians take stock of where we are going in our lives and what changes we need to make. This pause to reflect on our overall welfare also applies to our civic endeavors. So how is our association doing?

I have to answer: Just all right. We have a core group of active members working on good projects; our administration is solid; and our finances are at break even. But there are a few concerns I want to share.

As a volunteer organization, we rely on members who are willing to engage with others in the enthusiastic pursuit of the kinds of community improvements that Cincinnatus exists to create. We look for members who match this description and then try to keep them active. We need your help to do this better in the future.

First, we have higher membership turnover than we'd like. The best fix is to increase retention. While we've been recruiting talented people, we must get them more quickly invested in our work. The burden is not just on new members to find their way; we all must invite and encourage their participation.

Second, if you haven't yet become more engaged because you don't see an association panel or task force working on something you think is important, don't despair. There are undoubtedly other members with a passion to address the same issue. We just need to make it happen. Contact me, and together we will find a way to get started.

Remember: This work belongs to all of us — not some of us.

## More about 21c...

contribution toward revitalizing downtown Louisville.

Their bold decision to create a contemporary art museum open to the public free of charge, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and to combine it with Louisville's first boutique hotel would create both an economic driver for the community and an oasis where art challenges, amuses, stimulates conversation, and provokes new ideas.

Brown and Wilson partnered with world-renowned architect Deborah Berke to reimagine a series of five deteriorating 19th century buildings along Louisville's West Main Street, with a design that highlighted the original brick, timber and wrought iron construction. The result was **21c Museum Hotel**, a 90-room boutique hotel with 9,000 square feet of exhibition space and an award-winning restaurant featuring locally and sustainably raised foods. The property opened in March 2006.

With the success of the Louisville property came opportunities for expansion. Brown and Wilson founded 21c Museum Hotels in 2007 to oversee the expansion and management of 21c Museum Hotels nationally.

With strong local partners who share the belief that art can be an economic driver for a community, 21c is expanding to new cities throughout the country. Cincinnati is the second property to open and the company will open its third hotel in Bentonville, AR, in the first quarter of 2013; projects have been announced in Lexington, Ky., and Durham, N.C.

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