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Lucky hasn't been so lucky

Lucius Quintus Pigasus needs a little love

Lucky stood tall in Sawyer Park (far right) but now needs to be pieced back together.



Remember the Big Pig Gig? Back in 2000, our city had a little fun with its Porkopolis heritage, installing decorated, fiberglass pig statues around town.

Among them was our own Lucius Quintus Pigasus, aka, "Lucky." Our pig was a whimsical accompanist to our large bronze statue of Cincinnatus at the west end of Sawyer Park. Lucky was a favorite of park visitors — especially children — for over a decade.

We recently became aware that Lucky was damaged and has been removed to a Parks Department ware-

house. We would like to repair Lucky and get him back out into the park where he belongs.

But there's a cost: \$1,500. We hope to raise this from members and friends. So please consider a gift.

You can give a check to Roger Smith or donate online (select "contact us, donations & payments on the Cincinnatus website). If you want to mail a donation, here is the address: Cincinnatus Association, P.O. Box 19191, Cincinnati, OH, 45219.

No squealing. Lucky is counting on you.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER / BOB SCHRAGE

OUR STRENGTH BEGINS WITH OUR MEMBERSHIP

On behalf of the entire Executive Committee, thank you for the confidence you have placed in us as we begin the new program year.

Our first program was very successful and included the mayors of Dayton and Cincinnati to discuss common issues and cooperation. I hope that we continue to bring forth programs of interest to you, and I encourage each member to offer suggestions through your panel or to a member of the Executive Committee.

One of my objectives this year is to bring about a greater level of financial stability to Cincinnatus. A sponsorship program has been initiated, and that will help. However, the most important thing each of us can do is recommend a new member. We have launched a campaign to get our association membership up to the 100 level.

Marketing materials have been developed, many are at our website. They provide a wealth of information and tips about recruiting, and make it as easy for you to help us meet our membership goals. Please help by recruiting a new member.

I would also like to invite members interested in joining the new Arts & Culture Panel to contact Ray Kingsbury, who has taken the lead in re-establishing the panel and looking for members.

Also, in the next couple weeks I will be appointing a new membership committee to work with Vice President John Young. If interested, please let me know.

Thank you again for all the support and please know I am always available to hear your suggestions and ideas.



TONIGHT'S MEETING SPONSOR: Thank you, Freestore Foodbank.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER: Connie Roesch is our newest member. Take a moment to say hello.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT: Currently, we have 77 active members and another 53 in other membership categories for 130 total members.

REMEMBER YOUR DUES: Dues are due. If you have not paid yet, please do so promptly. You can pay online.

Dan Hurley puts in a good word for Cincinnatus

Have you seen Dan Hurley's story in Cincy Magazine about Cincinnatus? He used Cincinnatus to illustrate his point that leadership can be collective, rather than the one person. Here's an excerpt:

"In the popular imagination, a leader is a lonely, visionary figure who is driven and stands out ahead of the crowd. Recent studies, however, emphasize the importance of teamwork in effective leadership. Although history is often written in a shorthand way that credits a single individual with big changes and movements, in fact one of the critical characteristics of impactful leaders has always been their ability to attract and empower a group of talented, secondary leaders who become the team that co-creates, refines and implements a vision."

"That was certainly the case in the progressive reform movement that transformed not just the government, but also the culture, of Cincinnati after World War I. Too often the work of the Cincinnatus Association and the Charter Committee between 1920 and 1930 gets credited entirely to Murray Seasingood rather than the dozens of people who made these organizations effective enough to reverse 40 years of mismanagement and decline in the city under political bosses George Cox and Rudolph Hynicka."

Dan, for those who don't know him, is a local historian who directs Leadership Cincinnati and also hosts a Sunday morning public affairs show, *Newsmakers*, on Local 12/WKRC.

Want to read more about the history and accomplishments of Cincinnatus? You'll find lots about both on our website.

Reminder: New officers and Executive Committee

Along with a new president, we have new officers and a new Executive Committee.

Here's a rundown: Bob Schrage, president; John Young, vice president; Crystal Faulkner, treasurer; Elliot Grossman, secretary.

Joining them on the executive committee are the at-large members: Sam Brewer; Melissa Currence; Barbara Henshaw and Arlene Herman.

All welcome your thoughts and ideas.

From our September dinner at United Way



Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley



Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley

Turn our vote into action for CPS

At the September meeting, our membership voted to endorse the renewal of the CPS levy. If you are willing to work a phone bank to support the levy, contact Harry Blanton, the Education Panel co-chair at hblanton@hcdc.com.

You can have a say on charter review

Next Monday (Oct. 20), the Cincinnati Charter Review Task Force will hold a public discussion about city government: What works? What doesn't? Your participation is welcomed. And spread the word. The discussion begins at 6 p.m. at the Clifton Cultural Arts Center.

An update on shared services in Nov.

Our November meeting will provide an update from the Shared Services Committee by John Frank and Al DeJarnett. Cincinnatus has been in the forefront of this effort.

Silent auction items needed for Dec.

We'll have our third annual silent auction at the holiday meeting. We need donations! Let Roger or Bob know what you can donate.

Let's grow: Recruit a friend or colleague

Membership Chair John Young is waiting for you call or email. We grow when you suggest new members. Remember: There's a new toolkit online to help you recruit. Visit our website to see and use these materials.