



WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS: BARBARA SEIBEL AND HARRY BLANTON

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## TONIGHT'S MEETING

Announced by U.S. EPA a year ago, the Cincinnati WTIC (Water Technology Innovation Cluster) exists to develop and commercialize innovative technologies to solve environmental and public health challenges, to encourage sustainable economic development and to create jobs.

As a starting point, WTIC will focus on technologies in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana that will help protect the health of millions of people by developing state-of-the-art safeguards for clean water.

## Panel & Committee Highlights

### Education Panel

The *Campaign for Early Grade Level Reading* will be launched by Strive and the Northern Kentucky Education Council (NKYEC) in 2012. Education Panel Chair Jane Keller is on the steering committee to frame the initiative's action plan. Strive Executive Director Greg Landsman's "Call to Action" was for Cincinnatus members to sign on as tutors and mentors, proven strategies to change young lives.

### Inclusion Panel

The Inclusion Panel is looking for new members. Please keep us in mind when you make

your decision as to what panel to join. We need a larger panel to accomplish the task of making the Cincinnati area more inclusive. We currently have only five members. Contact Steph Stoller at 513-793-0873 or [steph@covap.com](mailto:steph@covap.com).

### Arts & Culture Panel

Our panel is pursuing options for Cincinnatus presentation about the *World Choir Games*. Future projects include planning, renovation and historic preservation issues associated with OTR. We also welcome our newest panel member: Chad Nieter, Financial Director of Cincinnati Union Bethel.

## UPCOMING

**FEBRUARY:** Our annual *Education Awards* will be at Northern Kentucky University on Feb. 7. NKU President Jim Votruba will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Votruba, who has been at NKU's helm since 1997, is retiring at the end of this academic year.

Award nominations this year exceeded last year (YEAH!). Thanks for taking the time to nominate individuals who help build bright futures for our young people.

**FUTURE MEETINGS:** Send programming suggestions to Melinda Kruyer at [Kruyer@aol.com](mailto:Kruyer@aol.com).

## President's Corner: A message from Al DeJarnett

### CINCINNATUS AND CIVIC ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Cincinnatus members are among the most prolific and creative social and civic entrepreneurs in our community. Here's a partial list of the civic and social initiatives that were created by, or are led by, Cincinnatus members: **Bill Scheyer** leads Vision 2015; **Candace Klein** founded Bad Girl Ventures; **Dr. Victor Garcia** created Core Change; **Alan Vicory** chairs the board of the Water Technology Innovation Cluster and **Jane Keller** is President/CEO of the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative. This sampling illustrates the richness of talent within Cincinnatus, and it offers some possibilities for engagement for members beyond the traditional panels (Excellence in Government, Excellence in Education, Community Inclusion and Arts & Culture) and committees. So if you've sampled the panels and you're still searching for a way to get engaged that makes you leap out of bed each morning, please consider some of the initiatives led by other members. And if you have a civic initiative that could use more support, please tell me about it ([aldejarnett@gmail.com](mailto:aldejarnett@gmail.com)) and I'll be glad to help publicize the opportunity.



## OUR THANKS, LARRY

UC Dean **Larry Johnson** (above) was presented with the Citizen Cincinnatus Award at our holiday party last month in appreciation of his work on our strategic plan.



**FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:  
SUBJECT TO A VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP TONIGHT**

The Executive Committee is recommending amendment of the Cincinnati Association's Constitution to clarify its process for ***Association Resolutions***, including public positions on ballot issues and other organizational stances. In response to several questions regarding required and appropriate proportions and procedures, a committee of Mark Silbersack, Ely Ryder and Steve Butler drafted the proposed amendment set forth below, which the Executive Committee unanimously recommends for approval.

**In accordance with established procedure, this proposed amendment will be voted on by the members present at the January 10th dinner meeting.**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

**Section 9 (Resolutions) of the Constitution shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with this provision:**

A resolution of the Association with respect to issues may be adopted at a meeting of the members only if the resolution has been presented in writing by a panel or committee to the Executive Committee at least 15 days prior to the meeting. However, this requirement may be waived by the members if, (1) it is decided by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of those voting that the resolution is of sufficient importance and urgency to justify immediate consideration, and (2) a copy of the proposed resolution has been sent by mail, fax, email or other communication device to all members eligible to vote at least five days prior to the meeting at which it is presented for adoption. Whether presented through the Executive Committee or directly by a member, notice of any proposed resolution shall be provided to all members eligible to vote at least five days prior to the meeting at which it will be presented and shall be accompanied by a summary objectively describing the resolution, its purpose(s), and reasons both for and against adopting it.

No resolution shall be voted upon at a meeting unless at least 50 members entitled to vote (i.e., Active, Service Roll and Honorary members) are in attendance when the vote occurs. Voting shall be by written ballot, with options to vote Yes or No, or to Abstain. Abstention shall be considered a vote not cast. For example, if 59 members are present on a simple majority vote, and 28 vote Yes, 28 No, and 3 Abstain, a resolution is not adopted, since only 28 of 56 votes cast (exactly 50%) is less than a majority. The requirement for a written ballot may be waived by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of those present and eligible to vote.

The **Women's City Club**, one of our Rookwood-6 partners, invites and encourages all Cincinnati members to attend an educational forum:

**COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS & THE  
TRANSFORMATION OF CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Thursday, January 12, 2012 from 7:30-9:00pm  
Pleasant Ridge Montessori School  
(5945 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio)

Find out what a Community Learning Center is, and why they are a signature strategy for CPS.

The Assistance League of Greater Cincinnati  
**Aspire Cincinnati Award Recipient**

**John J. Young**

CEO of the Freestore Foodbank  
(and Cincinnati member)

Thursday, February 9, 2012  
Luncheon from 11:30am-1:30pm  
Millenium Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio

*Recognizing an outstanding community leader  
with a legacy to Aspire, share the spirit and  
Inspire, breathe life into another.*