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Welcome

Dinner begins at 5:50 p.m.



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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:
SAMANTHA GOLDFEDER
VALERIE DALEY**

NOMINATED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2022-23

OFFICERS

President: Connie Roesch, second term.

Vice President: Rhonda Holyfield Mangieri, first term.

Secretary: Alpacino Beauchamp, second term.

Treasurer: Sam Brewer, first term

AT LARGE DIRECTORS

Tom Beridon*

Matt Strauss

Melissa Currence

Susan Noonan

John Young

**Tom will also serve as compliance officer for the Cincinnatus Community Foundation.*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair, Mark Neikirk; **Members:** Harry Blanton, Kimberly Haverkos, Ioanna Paraskevopoulos and Endia Santee

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2021-22 YEAR IN REVIEW

CELEBRATION AND REFLECTION



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OUR MISSION

It is the mission of the Cincinnatus Association and its members to initiate, recognize, participate in, and promote projects that improve the quality of life for all citizens in the Greater Cincinnati region through, among other things, the study of critical issues surrounding the region, the engagement of community leaders, and the nonpartisan shaping of public policy.



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OUR FOCUS

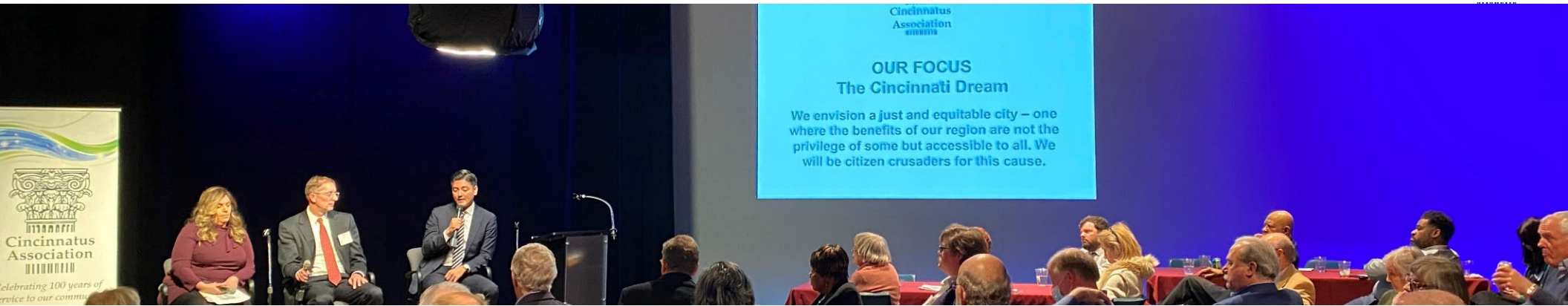
The Cincinnati Dream

We envision a just and equitable city – one where the benefits of our region are not the privilege of some but accessible to all. We will be citizen crusaders for this cause.

HEALTH OF THE ASSOCIATION

- ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP BUT ROOM TO GROW
- SOLID FINANCIAL POSITION, MAINLY DUE TO DECREASED MEETING EXPENSES DURING COVID AND STABLE MEMBERSHIP
- STRONG EXECUTIVE AND PANEL LEADERSHIP AND GOOD PARTICIPATION ON PANELS AND COMMITTEES
- INCREASING REACH AND INFLUENCE THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH RESPECTED COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND EVENTS LIKE SPENCER AWARDS

OUR MEMBERSHIP



- CURRENT ROSTER - 78 ACTIVE MEMBERS
- INCREASINGLY DIVERSE
- 77% PARTICIPATE ON ONE OR MORE PANELS
- 56% LIVE IN THE CITY OF CINCINNATI
- 85% LIVE IN HAMILTON COUNTY
- 13% LIVE IN NORTHERN KENTUCKY AND SOUTHEAST INDIANA
- 100% POSITIVELY IMPACTING GREATER CINCINNATI

MEMBER MEETINGS

- EDUCATION - **CRITICAL RACE THEORY** – Zoom July 2021
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT - **MAYOR'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REFORM PANEL** - Zoom August 2021
- TRANSPORTATION – **AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES** – Zoom September 2021
- PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE – **COVID, VACCINE HESITANCY AMONG UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, MENTAL HEALTH** – Zoom October 2021
- EDUCATION - **HOW PANDEMIC AND OTHER SOCIAL ISSUES ARE AFFECTING OUR SCHOOLS** - Zoom November 2021
- SPECIAL NOVEMBER MEETING – **RESOLUTIONS OPPOSING TWO PENDING STATE RESOLUTIONS ON EDUCATION** – Zoom November 2021
- DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY – **Live Reunion Celebration** at CET

MEMBER MEETINGS

- **AFFORDABLE HOUSING - URBAN REAL ESTATE MARKET AND ITS IMPACT ON LOW INCOME TENANTS** – Zoom January 2022
- **EDUCATION - LEADER TO LEADER PROGRAM – PARTNERSHIP WITH CPS** – Zoom February 2022
- **LOCAL GOVERNMENT - DISCUSSION WITH MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER OF CINCINNATI** – Live at CET, March 2022
- **ARTS - LEADERS FROM CINCINNATI ARTS ORGANIZATIONS-** Live at the Kennedy Arts Center, April 2022
- **SPENCER AWARDS DINNER CELEBRATING INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY** – Live at the Hilton Netherland Plaza, May 2022
- **THE YEAR IN REVIEW** – Live at CET, June 2022

RESOLUTIONS PASSED – 2021-22

- **Opposing Charter Amendment to City of Cincinnati Charter (Op-Ed published in Cincinnati Enquirer)**
- **Supporting Tax levies for Children's Services and Great Parks of Hamilton County**
- **Supporting creation of a Housing Court in Hamilton County**
- **Opposing pending Ohio state legislation regarding Education**



Citizen Cincinnatus Award to Larry Kissel

PRESIDENT'S GOALS FOR 2022-23



- COMPLETE CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW – BYLAWS REVISIONS TO PRESENT TO MEMBERSHIP
- RECOMMEND A STRUCTURALLY BALANCED BUDGET
- IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH MEMBERS, PARTNERS, AND THE GREATER COMMUNITY
- CONTINUE TO DEVELOP STRONG PARTNERSHIPS
- DEVELOP TOOLS TO ASSESS OUR IMPACT ON CINCINNATI DREAM FOCUS
- SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE PANELS AND COMMITTEES AND ADDRESS SUCCESSION PLANNING FOR LEADERSHIP ROLES
- SUPPORT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF CITIZEN CRUSADERS
- WORK WITH TEAM TO DEVELOP GREAT PROGRAMS AND PARTIES!

PANELS – THE LIFEblood OF CINCINNATUS



- **ARTS**

- Co-Chairs: **Rhonda Holyfield-Mangieri** and **Gina Erardi**

- **EDUCATION**

- Co-Chairs: **Jeff Stec** and **Kent Friel**

- **GOVERNMENT**

- Co-Chairs: **Melissa Currence** and **Alice Schneider**

- **INCLUSION**

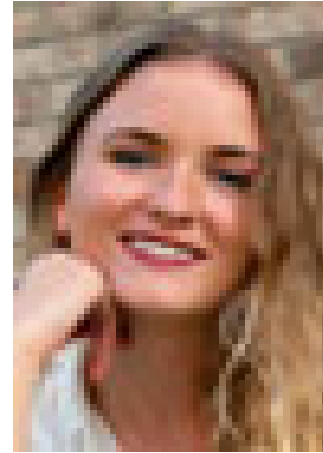
- Co-Chairs: **John Young** and **Sam Brewer**



I JUST LIKE THIS PHOTO! 😊



EXCELLENCE IN ARTS PANEL 2021-22



Co-Chairs: **Rhonda Holyfield-Mangieri** and
Gina Erardi

10 panel members

Meets 1st Thursday of the month via Zoom – 5pm

<https://cincinnatusassoc.org/panels/arts-panel/>



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Arts Panel Focus The Cincinnati Dream

We focus on facilitating access to the arts in our region, specifically for youth, senior citizens, and other underserved communities. We recognize the importance of art to the culture and health of the community and as a powerful force in eliminating racism and lifting youth and others out of poverty.

Aligning with the Cincinnati Dream

- Engaged six organizations in dialogue to identify:
 - Ways in which they were providing programs for youth, seniors, and other underserved communities
 - How Cincinnati could use our resources to partner with their organizations
- Cincinnati Public Schools Fine and Performing Arts
- ArtsWave
- Elementz
- Kennedy Heights Arts Center
- Clifton Cultural Arts Center
- ROMAC
- ArtWorks

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Reinstated Arts Panel and sought ways to connect with arts organizations, schools and community groups to provide access for fulfilling the Cincinnati Dream (Work in progress!)
- Sponsored “The Art of Justice Creative Vision for Peace exhibit hosted by the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center – November 2021
 - Through private donations sponsored a student and parent to attend the exhibit
- Incorporated the Youth Jazz Academy youth musical group into both the Cincinnati holiday party and the April membership meeting.
- Presented the April membership meeting at Kennedy Heights Arts Center featuring three panelists who highlighted their work in community outreach aligned with Arts Panel communities.

OTHER NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS/ACTIVITIES



- Conducted Arts Panel survey to ensure we were on track in meeting our purpose. (100% panel confirmation)
- Taking on next phase of the Citizen Cincinnati Carillon Bell project under guidance of member John Simpkinson. Preview launch concert held on May 29, 2022 – Bells are ringing once again in Sawyer Point Park!

OUR VISION FOR 2022-23



- Focus on implementing actionable items presented by our arts organization partners.
- Focus on communicating the Arts panel purpose to the general community.
- In conjunction with community Arts leaders, develop a white paper supporting the implementation of art in development of children and the healthy growth of our community.
- Continue the panel's research of other arts organizations that provide programs for youth, seniors and other underserved communities.
- **Recruit new members – come join us!**



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION PANEL 2021-22



Co-Chairs: **Jeff Stec** and **Kent Friel**

30+ panel members

Meets 3rd Monday of the month via Zoom – 4:30pm
(Jan. and Feb. meet 4th Monday) Evaluating return
to in-person meetings.

<https://cincinnatiassoc.org/panels/education-panel-2/>



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Education Panel Focus

The Cincinnati Dream

**WE INITIATE, RECOGNIZE, PARTICIPATE IN, AND
PROMOTE PROJECTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY
OF EDUCATION SO THAT ALL STUDENTS ACHIEVE
THEIR UNIQUE POTENTIAL AND BECOME
CONTRIBUTING CITIZENS.**

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Since 2007, the Leader-to-Leader principal engagement program has supported principals in doing great work and informed Cincinnati members about the real challenges facing our schools and students. Because of this they become better education advocates.
 - 24 Leader-to-Leader partners this past school year.
- In 2016, helped pass and launch the Preschool Promise levy and supported renewal levy in 2020. Deepened the relationship between independent preschool providers and Preschool Promise leaders. Continue to monitor and support.
- Since 1999, have partnered with other academic institutions to sponsor and plan the Education Awards, highlighting teaching excellence. Not held in 2022 ; being evaluated for 2023.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Information gathering, conversation, and discussion about race in education while addressing misconceptions around critical race theory. More dialogue needed on this issue
- Drafted resolution which was passed by the membership in November, 2021 condemning Ohio House Bills 322 and 327 which attempt to limit discussions about diversity issues in ways that harm student education.

OUR VISION FOR 2022-23

- Focus on addressing the crisis in student mental health and well being.
 - Was an issue pre-COVID but exacerbated through the pandemic.
 - Have been informed through discussions with CPS teachers, senior CPS administrator for behavioral support, and school resource officer program director.
 - In process of creating a plan of action for Cincinnati.
- Attracting more education related professionals to the panel, including teachers, administrators, and nonprofit leaders at both the K-12 and college levels. This expertise has been critical in helping to define and choose our current focus.



EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT PANEL 2021-22



Co-Chairs: **Melissa Currence** and **Alice Schneider**

30+ panel members

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month via Zoom – 4:30pm

<https://cincinnatusassoc.org/panels/government-panel/>



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Government Panel Focus The Cincinnati Dream

We identify judicious initiatives for improving government and researching issues to inform Cincinnatus members and the public. We have a special focus on Voting Rights, Local Government and Transportation.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Partner with the Greater Cincinnati Voter Collaborative, a nonpartisan alliance of organizations who are working together to advance civic and electoral engagement in Greater Cincinnati.
- To learn more about issues of local government corruption, we held a member meeting about the Mayor's Economic Development Reform Panel in August 2022 and met with the newly created City of Cincinnati Office of Ethics & Good Government and its director, Chris Liu.
- Following the passage of the 2020 SORTA levy with the Association's support, we monitor transportation issues, inviting the Cincinnati Region Chamber, SORTA and OKI to panel and member meetings.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Drafted resolution to oppose Issue 3, an Amendment to the City of Cincinnati charter, which included eight very different provisions to deal with City Hall corruption. The resolution to oppose the issue passed with the Cincinnati membership and the issue failed during the Nov. 2021 election.
- Drafted resolutions for Hamilton County tax levies for Children's Services and Great Parks of Hamilton County, which got Cincinnati member support and which passed with voters during the Nov. 21 election.

OUR VISION FOR 2022-23



- Focus on addressing our focal topics on Voting Rights, Local Government and Transportation
 - Voting Rights is a new topic for the panel so a subcommittee work to begin soon on creating a white paper for Cincinnatus to create a foundation around this work for the Association, especially as redistricting continues to be a hot topic in Ohio
- Expanding experience among panel members on evaluating ballot issues with the lens of the Cincinnatus resolution process.
- Continue identifying opportunities for Cincinnatus to weigh in on good government issues.
- Join us!



EXCELLENCE IN INCLUSION PANEL 2021-22



Co-Chairs: **John Young** and **Sam Brewer**

19 panel members

Meet 1st Monday of the month, 11:30am at the Wegman Company, 1531 Western Ave. On rare occasions meeting times and locations may change so check in with Panel co-chairs if not on roster

<https://cincinnatusassoc.org/panels/inclusion-panel/>



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Inclusion Panel Focus The Cincinnati Dream

Focused on the lack of quality affordable housing
which is a major impediment to achieving the
Cincinnati Dream.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Continue to partner and encourage advocates to develop a comprehensive strategy to address the affordable housing crisis impacting our region.
- Cincinnati Housing Trust Fund
 - Cincinnati Association was first contributor to the City of Cincinnati's Housing Trust Fund.
 - We continue to monitor the Trust Fund and encourage its implementation and focus on the needs of poor persons in our community.
- Developed a presentation posted on the website indicating the basic key information pertaining to the affordable housing challenge. Information updated periodically.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Housing Court / Eviction Prevention
 - Advocated unsuccessfully for development of a Hamilton County Housing Court.
 - Current focus on development of a robust eviction protection program.
- TANF – Rental Assistance Initiative
- Greenlight Foundation
 - Home Start Renew Collaborative

OUR VISION FOR 2022-23

- Continue to advocate for eviction prevention services.
- Monitor trust fund development and influence its expansion and focus where possible.
- Watch for opportunities for Cincinnatus to influence the “Housing Our Future” plan as priorities become clearer.

The Inclusion Panel seeks ways to interact with other panels and initiatives and we welcome suggestions and opportunities to collaborate.



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Donald and Marian Spencer Spirit of America Awards

Susan Noonan & Rhonda Holyfield- Mangieri



SPENCER AWARDS COMMITTEE 2021-22



Co-Chairs: Susan Noonan and Rhonda Holyfield-Mangieri

11 committee members

<https://cincinnatiassoc.org/awards/spencer-awards/>

ALIGNING WITH THE CININNATI DREAM



- Equity for all is the very basis of the Cincinnati Dream
- The Spencer Spirit of America Awards dinner celebrates the legacy of civil rights icons, Donald and Marian Spencer
 - Among many other things, they fought for equal access to public facilities
 - Marian fought for affordable housing in the West End, a focus for our Inclusion Panel.
- The program publicly displays Cincinnati Association's commitment and vision for a just and equitable city, one where the benefits of the region are not the privilege of some, but accessible to all.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- After having to cancel the 2020 event and present it virtually in 2021 due to the pandemic, it was a significant achievement to regroup in 2022, add new sponsors and have record attendance.
- Partnered with the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky African American Chamber of Commerce to help in planning and promotion.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Over 7 years, program participation has increased from under 200 to almost 400 in 2022 – record attendance!
- If a profit is made, donations are given to the awardee non-profit organizations to help them continue their work of creating greater inclusion and diversity in our community.
- Complimentary tickets are given each year to groups that are unable to afford tickets.

OUR VISION FOR 2022-23

- Continue to strengthen our partnership with the African American Chamber.
- Identify a venue that permits a better presentation of the program.
- Continue to market nomination for Spencer awardees to groups and individuals.
- Seek out members of Cincinnatus to serve on the planning committee. Come join us!



Class of 2022!

Activities Beyond the Classroom
Avondale Development Corp.
Clifton Cultural Arts Center
Lighthouse
Santa Maria Community Services
TriVersity Construction



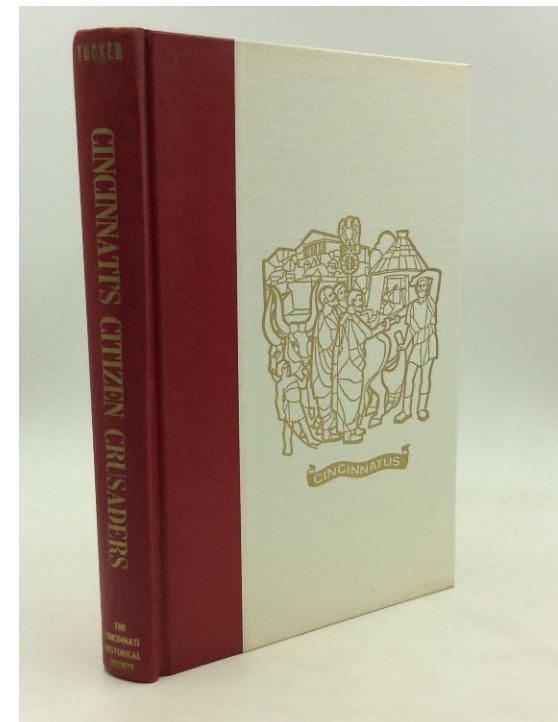
Cincinnati History

Two phased project to create a more accessible record of the organization's first 50 years and develop the story of its last 50 years

Cincinnati's Citizen Crusaders: A History of The Cincinnati Association 1920-1965

By Louis Leonard Tucker

Published by The Cincinnati Historical Society
(1967)



Phase 1: The First 50 Years

- ▶ Written in mid-1960s reflecting the author's “insider” status and using. . .
- ▶ A language of an earlier period of time, with
- ▶ References that are obscure, and containing
- ▶ Typographical errors and grammar inconsistencies.

Phase 2: The Second 50 Years

- ▶ Summarizing the further development, growth, challenges, changes and continued vital role of Cincinnatus from 1965 to 2023
- ▶ Providing an historical record of the impact of Cincinnatus upon the political, social and physical landscape of the region
- ▶ Highlighting individual Cincinnatus members, illustrating the qualities of leadership and commitment to community of the organization

Anticipated Timeline for Project

- ▶ Editing existing volume by Tucker
 - Simultaneously researching historical record
- ▶ Expected date of draft by end of June 2022
- ▶ Review of edited volume
 - Oversight provided by Cincinnatus members
- ▶ Research focus 1960's to present (2022 – 2023)
 - Reviewing records, collecting insights, interviewing members past and present
- ▶ Draft of new volume, fall 2023



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