

# Civitan Club of Dayton March 2008 Newsletter

Tony Massoud, Editor



## February Luncheon Programs

*On February 7, 2008, Leah Werner, Director of Community Building, East End Community Services*



**Figure 1** Leah Werner, East End Community,

East End Community Services was founded in 1998 as an outgrowth of the work of St. Mary's Development Corporation and became a separate nonprofit agency in 2001 focusing on the needs of persons living in eastern Dayton.

**Our mission is to listen to and work with the residents of Twin Towers and surrounding neighborhoods to create a healthy, caring and prosperous community.**

In fulfilling that mission, East End provides programs and services that assist individuals and families within this area which includes zip codes 45410 and 45403. The programs include the following services.

- **Miracle Makers** is a free after school and summer program serves 108 children between the ages of 5 to 10 years of age, providing academic tutoring, educational enrichment, and a curriculum designed to help youth acquire healthy behaviors. For three years, children attending this program have scored higher on standardized tests than a comparison group.

- **The Youth Center** provides tutoring, prevention programming, recreation, fitness, and cultural bridging activities with 350 youth between the ages of 10 and 22 years of age, including connection to a virtual charter high school for out of school adolescents. The program has been successful in helping youth remain in school and avoid many risky behaviors. These services are free
- **Family and Job Connections** program offers free employment assistance, job placement and case management support to more than 500 persons. The program also includes an advocacy program for the Latino families in the neighborhood. An elderly outreach program provides assistance to homeowners and renters 60 years and older. Evaluation results show that these programs are successful in helping individuals address their goals.
- **Community Building** is a program that helps the 1,400 Twin Towers households work together to create a safe, attractive and thriving neighborhood. The hallmark of this effort has been involvement of the neighbors and area youth in more than 1,500 hours of volunteering. The neighbors, East End and representatives from the City of Dayton, Montgomery County, County Corp and others have created a comprehensive housing strategy for the Twin Towers area. This effort also includes cultural bridging and celebrations conducted with Cityfolk.



**Figure 2** Kelsa Rieger, East End Community, Culture

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**On February 21, 2008,** Hope Arthur, *Director, WFD&CS Marketing & Conference Center, Phone: 937.512.3891, Fax: 937.512.5164 Sinclair Community College Montgomery County Levy Issue 39*



**Figure 3 Hope Arthur, Sinclair**

## Get Out & Vote for Issue 39 on March 4!

Sinclair works...for Montgomery County's working adults, high school graduates, employers and you! As one of the top community colleges in the nation, Sinclair delivers high-quality, affordable, accessible education preparing students for transfer to university and the jobs of today and tomorrow.

In the last 10 years alone, over 90,000 unique residents of Montgomery County have enrolled at Sinclair. Over 20% of local high school graduates attend Sinclair annually. Enrollment has grown more than 25% to 31,000 students annually, while state support has dropped by 20%.

Issue 39, the Sinclair levy, asks voters to approve a 2.5 mill replacement plus 0.7 mills. This equates to an additional investment of \$3.50 per month on a \$100,000 property. This small investment helps ensure affordability, allowing more working adults and high school graduates to attend college. The Sinclair levy also ensures quality programs and facilities. Sinclair offers more than 170 degree and career programs that prepare citizens for the jobs of today. And at its outstanding Downtown campus and suburban centers, students are guaranteed the best faculty, facilities and equipment.

Sinclair is here to ensure student success and the community's success. You know it works. ***Vote for Issue 39 on March 4***



**Figure 4 Ralph Wesgertes, Lions Club**



**Figure 5 Civitans and Lions Club Members**

## The Club President Speaks

Our club is very active, at least those of us who are attending and doing the work of Civitan. We are reading to children at the World of Wonder school, helping as instructors for Junior Achievement, aiding telethons and mail campaigns, helped the Police Athletic League in giving over three thousand books to the World of Wonder school and we have given funds to various groups throughout the year. Many of these projects are done by the same few people. We would like more help, and your input as to what we should be doing, also your attendance at the meetings, and most importantly recommendations for new members. If you cannot make the meetings, could you at least send us a list of future members with their addresses and phone numbers that we could invite them to a meeting, it would be better if you could bring them.

*April 12th the Cardinal District will be meeting in Westerville.* This is a Saturday, and starts at 8:30 a.m. I propose that the club pay for anyone that attends. The International President will be in attendance. This would be a great opportunity to learn what Civitan does beyond our club.

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I attended the 50th anniversary dinner of West Columbus Civitan Club, Saturday March 1st at the Florentine. They have had several governors from their club, plus an International President. One of

their governors, was a governor of Michigan, another was the last Ohio and first Cardinal District governor. They had displays of all their projects over the years, fund raising by selling fruit cake--one time over 5,000 lbs., candy, flowers, etc. and projects, the one that is most notable is working with the mental hospital almost from the beginning of the club. Most of the visitors were from the Columbus area clubs. They had proclamations from Gov. and Mayor of Columbus. Fred Kletrovets, Past International President gave a history of the club.

## February Club Projects

1. -February 19th, Tony Massoud did readings to 2 of Ms. Johnigan's third grade classes and to sixth grade. This was African American Month where volunteers read books from Black Authors.

2. - February 27th, Civitans Al Pierce, Sr., Laura Pierce, Stanley Clarke Wyllie, and Tony Massoud with the Montgomery County Police Athletic League, worked as a team to donate 3200 new books to World of Wonder Elementary School. Publicity from WDTN Channel 2 TV was provided on the evening news. A copy of this program can be viewed on the club website. Civitan supports PAL because of the work they do for the kids to keep them off the streets though athletic programs. Check Google for a PAL organization in your area. Contact Tony @ (937) 274-1319 if interested in volunteering.



Figure 6 Chief Plummer, PAL



Figure 7 Students of WOW



Figure 8 Dr Jackson, Principal of WOW



Figure 9 Al Pierce, Sr. at WOW

## March Programs and Luncheons

March 6, Chief Danny Hobbs, Miami Valley Crime Stoppers

\*March 13, Lions Club Nomination and Election of Officers.

March 20, Cynthia Davidson, Crime Watch

\*March 27, Coach Brownell, WSU Basketball

\*denotes Dayton Lions Club sponsored program

### 2008 Civitan International Cruise Convention

5 Day Cruise leaving the Port of New York - June 14-19 THE FEW REMAINING CABINS INCREASE IN PRICE IN JUST 3 WEEKS ON FEBRUARY 15, so reserve your space now by visiting [www.civitan.org/convention](http://www.civitan.org/convention).

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## Civitan Website:

<http://www.spiritgifts.com/civitan.htm>. Our Club is indebted to Dan Barrett for his wonderful work, Thank You Dan.

The Dayton Civitans and Lions Clubs meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month with lunch beginning at 11:30 am.

## Club Directory January, 2008

### Officers

**President-** Stanley Wyllie, 937-252-8496  
**President-Elect-** Tony Massoud, 937-274-1319  
**Treasurer-** Doug Kneisly, 937-836-5422  
**Secretary -** Mike King, 937-829-1010  
**Past President-** Tony Massoud, 937-274-1319

### Elected Board Members

Open (2 Yrs)  
Al Pierce, Sr. (2yrs) 937-890-7760

### Appointed Officers

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### Committee Chairmen

Auditor- Al Pierce, Sr, 937-890-7760  
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## The CIVITAN CREED

**I AM CIVITAN**, as old as life, as young as the rainbow, as endless as time.

**MY HANDS** do the work of the world and reach out in service to others.

**MY EARS** hear the cry of children and the call throughout the world for peace, guidance, progress, and unity.

**MY EYES** search for others to join in the fellowship and service of Civitan.

**MY MOUTH** utters the call to daily duty and speaks prayers in every tongue.

**MY MIND** teaches me respect for law and the flag of my country.

**MY HEART** beats for every friend, bleeds for every injury to humanity, and throbs with joy at every triumph of truth.

**MY SOUL** knows no fear but its own unworthiness.

**MY HOPE** is for a better world through Civitan.

**MY MOTTO:** Builders of good citizenship.

**MY BELIEF:** Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

**MY PLEDGE:** To practice the Golden Rule and build upon it a better and nobler citizenship

