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The color of success is Red

Red was the color of the evening on Tuesday, February 28, as hundreds of friends and members of the Dayton Urban League descended onto the Schuster Arts Center to participate in the League's newest event, the **Red Tie Affair**. The Winter Garden glowed in red as those in attendance were elegantly dressed in red dresses, red suits, red shoes, red scarves and, of course, red ties.

The evening opened with a cocktail reception followed by a brief welcome from the Master and Mistress of Ceremony, Jonathan Hollingsworth and Carol Mason, both former DUL chairpersons. Sharon Howard, DUL Board Chairperson and Willie F. Walker, President and CEO, shared the new vision of the League, which was followed by testimonials from clients and long-time supporters. The highlight of the event, however, was the induction of 150 inaugural members into the Dayton Urban League's new member society, the Circle of Influence (COI). The COI is a membership society made up of people who are committed to using their influence and resources to support the League's mission to enable individuals to improve their social and economic opportunities through education, training and services.

That night, every new member was called to the stage to be recognized as a member of the Circle

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Circle of Influence Members and guests line up to attend the Red Tie Affair



Dr. Karen Townsend, Chair of the membership committee for the DUL Board of Directors, poses for a picture with Willie F. Walker, President and CEO and event emcees Jonathan Hollingsworth and Carol Mason



Sharon Howard, DUL Board Chair presents J. Bernadette Gerren with Lifetime Membership Plaque



Meet the Circle of Influence – names of members and add'l pictures at www.daytonurbanleague.org

How do you define success?

Success Is... is the theme for the Dayton Urban League's 59th Annual Dinner to be held on Tuesday, May 9 at the Dayton Convention Center. Denver Post Editor, Gregory Moore is this year's guest speaker. CDO President and CEO, Al Wofford, this year's Honorary Chair will join him.

The evening of activities will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a youth reception followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Once again GE Retail and WHIO TV will be presenting scholarships to deserving graduating seniors.

This dinner has been a sell out event for the last five years and this year prom-

ises to be no different. So purchase your tickets today! Tickets are \$60 (\$55 for Circle of Influence members). Order by phone by calling 220-6650 or buy on-line at www.daytonurbanleague.org. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

DUL New Board Directors



Ginny Strausburg

Welcome to Ginny M. Strausburg and Dr. George H. Sehi who recently became board directors for the Dayton Urban League.

Ginny Strausburg joined Dayton Power & Light (DP&L) in 1978 and has worked her way up to the position of Executive Director of The DP&L Foundation. She is responsible for the administration and distribution of foundation and corporate grants to educational and community organizations throughout the region. Strausburg also represents DP&L in the community as part of the foundation and corporate contributions program.

Strausburg holds a B.A. degree in Organizational Communications from Wright State University and serves on various community boards and participates in many community activities.



George H. Sehi

George H. Sehi, Ph.D. is Dean and Professor of the Engineering & Industrial Technologies Division of Sinclair Community College. Sehi is responsible for total operation and management of the division which serves over 5,300 students each quarter; administers ninety-five full-time faculty and staff, eighty part-time faculty and ten part-time support staff with

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an annual budget of \$10 million dollars.

Sehi received a B.S. in Civil Engineering, a M.S. in Thermal & Environmental Engineering and a Ph.D in Academic Administration from the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He is also a graduate of Harvard University Institute for Management and Leadership.

Sehi's academic experience, certification, successful research and grants awards, publications, accreditation activities, selected presentations, professional affiliations, professional activities and honors and awards are quite extensive. To say that he is 'involved' is putting it mildly.

The DUL Board of Directors welcomes these two highly qualified and community committed individuals as new members.

DUL appoints two new directors

Clarence Ray, III, newly appointed Vice President of Operations for the Dayton Urban League recently promoted two staff members to Director positions.

Leon Hardin, program coordinator for the Dayton Urban League's Male Responsibility Program, was promoted to the position of Director of Employment. Leon has been with the agency for eight years and has proven himself to be a very reliable, hard working member of the



Leon Hardin

League's team. He has shown his dedication to the work of the League in many ways and the DUL looks forward to working with him to take the employment program to another level.

Hardin received his degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration from Western Illinois University and is pursuing his Masters Degree in Public Administration from Wright State University. Leon has received numerous awards and commendations.

Sharmin Philpot, who served as the program coordinator for the League's

Alternative Learning Center Program, was recently promoted to the position of Director of Education. Philpot has been working with youth in the education field since 1999. She is an alumnus of Central State University where she received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Philpot also possesses a Masters in Human Resources Management from Central Michigan.



Sharmin Philpot

Are you in the Circle?

If you haven't joined the Circle of Influence Society, it is not too late. Funds generated from membership dollars support academic and employment programs that help nearly 3,000 families a year. Our goal is to extend services to 4,800 families by 2008 and we need your help to meet our goal! As a member, you will be entitled to a number of benefits including free and discounted admission to the Dayton Urban League greatest events such as the Gala and Annual Dinner. For more information on becoming a member, go to our website at www.daytonurbanleague.org or complete and return the application on the back of this newsletter.

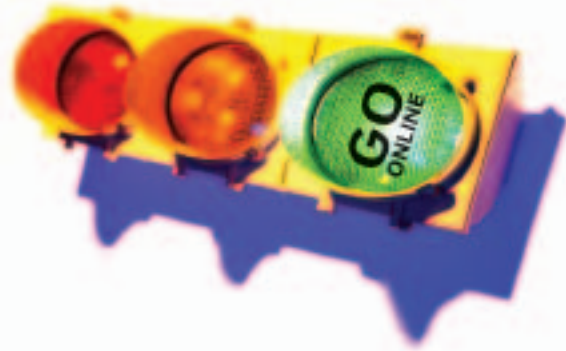
This year, the Red Tie Affair was open to the public, but next year it will be for members only. Join the Circle today!

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and to receive his or her limited edition Circle of Influence inaugural pin.



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The following is a listing of the League's programs:

Employment and Career Development

Vocational Assistance to the Socially and Economically Disadvantaged (VASED) offers a full array of employment service to individuals and employers through DUL's Job and Skills Data Bank System. Services include orientation, job readiness, assessments, and referrals for education and training, interviews, counseling, job placement and retention follow-up.

Targeted Community- Based Collaborative Program (TCBC) offers support services to TANF/OWF eligible individuals at 200% of the national poverty level residing in the Residence Park, Westwood, Roosevelt, Edgemont, MacFarlane, Miami Chapel or Wolf Creek neighborhood. Services include job coaching, Life skills and referrals for violence prevention, parenting academic mobility, employment and employability (Job Center), etc. We also offer a 5 day a week GED Program which is one of the most highly successful GED programs in the county in terms of numbers of participants who complete the program and attain their GED.

Youth Employment & Training Program Services (YETP)



offers youth between the ages 14-21. The program is individually guided and focuses on five areas, Reading and Math Tutorial, Life Skills Training, Pre-Employment Training, Career Planning, and Employment Placement. Our goal is to enrich and enhance the lives of youth by providing an array of educational, life management, and self-employment and employment services.

Education and Leadership Development

Academic Enrichment Program (AEP) emphasizes mathematics and science in an after school program designed to improve the scholastic achievement of youth as evidenced by their performance on proficiency exams and their grades. This program builds on collaborating with students in grades 7-12, schools officials and family members to achieve results. Science, Technology, Arithmetic and Reading Support Program (STARS) is a program designed to assist youth through tutorial and computer technology services in grades 2-6.

Male Responsibility Program (MRP) addresses a cultural mandate to education, motivate and direct young African-American males to prepare for entry into the workforce. This program provides a full range of social, educational, and behavior modification services for youth ages 11-18. Self Expression for Girls Only (SEFGO) offer a forum for young women, ages 11-18, where they can share hopes, concerns and discuss issues in a safe confidential environment. Weekly group workshops and discussions assist participants in goal setting, conflict resolution, achieving educational objectives and career planning.

Living Insights Future Education (LIFE) presents a life skill programs focusing on enhancing resilient and protective skills among adolescent youth in Montgomery County. The program consists of five components: personal development, healthy lifestyles, family bonding, community service and academic enhancement. Youth also participate in one of the following workshops to enhance their career exploration skills: music appreciation, photography, computer design or art and crafts.

For More Information about these and other programs offered by the Dayton Urban League, please call us at 220 – 6650 or check us out the web at www.daytonurbanleague.org or just drop in. Office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Stars Come Out at Night

Glamour, Glitz and the Stars. Sound like the academy awards? Not quite, but close. It was the Dayton Urban League's Annual Holiday Gala held in November of last year. The theme, Nights Over Egypt: The Stars Await You, set the atmosphere for one the League's most phenomenal evenings of excitement and enjoyment. The evening was kicked off by a VIP reception, which featured dancers from the SMAG Dance Collectives, who were authentically dressed in Egyptian attire. A processional from the Gothic Hall to the Auditorium was lead by the dancers, who upon arrival performed an original work created especially for the event. Immediately following was the presentation of the Stars, people who have made a difference in the community workers, by **Sharon Howard**, DUL Board Chairperson and Executive Director of Community and Public Affairs for WDTN Channel 2, and **Willie F. Walker**, President and CEO of the DUL. Stars included: **Alexander Lee Nyerges**, Executive Director, Dayton Art Institute (The Arts), **R. Daniel Sadlier**, former President and CEO, Fifth Third Bank (Business), **Jim Johnson**, President of 1210 AM WDAO (Communication),

Norma J. Ross, President and Owner, Bob Ross Buick (Community Service), **Melissa Bess** Child Development Center (Education), **Robert E. "Bobby T" Turner** (Government), Reverend **Dr. Perry E. Henderson, Jr.**, Pastor, Corinthian Baptist Church (Religion), **Ervin B. Matthews**, President and CEO, Monique Shoe Stores (Rising Star) and **Retha Phillips** (Lifetime Achievement).

After the presentation, an evening of dancing, entertainment and fun commenced. Stacey Thompson and Marya Rutherford-Hardin orchestrated this star-studded event. Their cast included Deron Bell, Angela Blackburn, Anita Conway, Catherine Crosby, Juanita Darden, Sean Fields, John Fletcher, Ron Gable, Dora Garner, Mondine Holloway, Adrienne Jones, Stacey Lawson, Virginia Miles, Sheryl Oxendine, Quincy Pope, Elley White and Mildred White Rogan.

If you missed it last year, don't worry. There will be an encore performance this year. Details to come soon. For more information about upcoming events, check out our website at www.daytonurbanleague.org.

STARS



1 – Harry Delany and wife enjoy evening; 2 – Stacey Thompson, Gala co-chair enjoying the event with a gala guest; 3 – SMAG dancers lead guests to auditorium for STARS presentation; 4 – Hundreds gather for the STARS presentation; 5 – Marya Rutherford-Hardin, Gala co-chair with her husband, Leon Hardin and friends Robin Taylor and Yvette Kelly-Fields; 6 – R. Daniel Sadlier with his wife and friends at the gala.

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