# April 2014

Lighting the way since 1915

February
GREEN TIPS

From Mary Gerson



Trees alter the environment by:

- moderating climate,
- improving air quality,
- conserving water and
- harboring wildlife

Planting of trees means improved water quality, resulting in less runoff and erosion.

Go to www.takingroot.info/ for information about planting two million trees by 2030.

~ Mary Gerson

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# The Bulletin

Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati



NATIONAL SPEAKER 2014:

CANDY
CROWLEY
GIVES THE
SCOOP ON
CONGRESS

"What is wrong with Washington?" We ask, wringing our hands. The government shuts down; major issues go unaddressed. In Congress, compromise has become a bad word. Gridlock reigns.

What we have in Washington, D.C., today is a government of misunderstanding, according to Candy Crowley, featured speaker at Woman's City Club's 21st annual National Speaker Forum on March 13.

Our elected officials' lack of trust in each other is a major problem, the award-winning journalist argued. "If you don't trust each other, you can't compromise. It's easier to deliberately misunderstand what someone else is saying. There's a whole art form of misunderstanding someone," she said at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church. Few members get to know one another across the aisles (they are so seldom in town during non-work time), so have less basis to find common ground.

The CNN senior political correspondent believes because most members of Congress were elected by large margins, in part because of gerrymandering, they find there is little reason to compromise. Playing to a constituency that favors their standing their ground, they don't budge from a favored position.

Crowley believes we have this confluence of circumstances bodes poorly for any serious compromising on major reform initiatives for many years to come. "The news cycle feeds into the separateness in Washington. It magnifies an official's power," she said. She noted the latest trend of the "pre-act," for example, on-air reaction to the President's speech before he gives it. This exacerbates the tendency to demonize each other's views.

So Crowley predicts not much will be accomplished on Capitol Hill in 2014. "Immigration? Not going to happen; tax reform? Not going to happen," she said. But she still contends that most people in Congress come to Washington with good intention to do what's best for their constituencies.

The event received a generous grant from the Murray and Agnes Seasongood Good Government Foundation and was cosponsored by 18 organizations.

--Jo-Ann Huff Albers and others

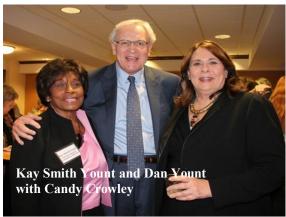
See National Speaker 2014 Photos on pages 2-3, compliments of Brewster Rhoads

































# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Members and Friends,

Fresh from the uplifting feeling of a great National Speaker Forum, welcome to a late spring! We do get a taste of it every few days now; daffodils and crocuses are popping up all over... it's the time of year for renewed energy and optimism. Enthusiasm that may have waned during this long, snowy winter returns and we are ready to take on the world!

Our national speaker, Candy Crowley, drew a crowd of well over 300, filled the Hyde Park Methodist Church, and entertained us with some fascinating viewpoints, anecdotes and a picture of the stalled process in Congress that is affecting us all. See the Bulletin article for more details. Thanks to Carole Donnelly, Jeanette Rost and the committee for a superb job! Thanks also to Carolyn Washburn who did a stellar turn at introducing Candy. The Committee is working on securing a well-known speaker for our Centennial Year -2015.

Speaking of our Centennial year, in addition the numerous informational and entertaining programs, we will hold our

Centennial Celebratory dinner on March 6th at the historic Hall of Mirrors in the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza hotel! We are honored and excited to announce our honorary hosts and hostesses for the event: Shakila Ahmad, Donna Jones Baker, Terry Garcia Crews, Nathanial Jones, Bea Larsen, Jan Michele Lemon-Kearney, Ann Lugbill, Betsy Mann, May Carole Melton, Dr. Santa Ono, Dr. Odell Owens, Francie Pepper, Roxanne Qualls, Doreen Quinn, Krista Ramsey, Brewster Rhoads, Lourdes Ribera, Mary Ronan, Marian Spencer, Louise Spiegel, Carolyn Washburn, and Richard Weiland.

Another very important accomplishment has taken place with a lot of hard work by the Communications Committee in the last few months: a refreshed Vision and Mission statement (see below) and soon to be new logo, to carry us into our next century and better depict WCC. We were careful to maintain our original purpose and meaning . Send us your comments!



Thank you all for continuing to support this wonderful institution - the Woman's City Club has shown many of us better ways to be involved in the civic life of our community, has us better informed and has provided inspiration and motivation to BE involved.

Susan

# WCC BOARD REFRESHES CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

**MISSION** 

To educate, empower, and engage the citizens of Greater Cincinnati to participate together in promoting the common good.

VISION

We envision a just and sustainable community where all citizens are engaged as informed stakeholders in the shaping of our shared future

**VALUES** 

COLLABORATION: WCC serves as a convener, partner, and catalyst for collaborative action that promotes social reform and responsive government.

CITIZEN EMPOWERMENT: WCC fosters shared leadership and encourages the voices of women, minorities, and youth to be more powerfully heard in public decision-making.

CIVIC LITERACY: WCC educates the community through open public forums and models the democratic process through courageous dialogue and debate.

EQUITY AND JUSTICE: WCC promotes social, economic, and environmental justice through advocacy and service, championing the rights of those facing inequities.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ON POSITIVE TRAJECTORIES TO LEAD CONSTRUCTIVE LIVES AND ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS: WCC supports excellence in public education and advocates for policies, resources, and services that improve children's lives.

THRIVING CITY OF THE FUTURE: WCC works to enhance the quality of public life. We support welcoming civic spaces, a regional transportation system, safe and resilient neighborhoods, quality affordable housing, active healthy citizens, and a flourishing life of the arts.

# SPRING EVENTS



# FORUM AND CITY CONVERSATION WOMEN IN PRISON (rescheduled)

# A talk by **David Singleton**, JD,

Executive Director, Ohio Justice & and Policy Center Tuesday, April 22, 7:00 pm

At the First Unitarian Church, Linton at Reading Road

According to the ACLU, more than 200,000 women are behind bars and more than one million are on probation and parole. Too often these women struggle with substance abuse, mental illness, and histories of physical and sexual abuse. Few get the services they need. Their imprisonment leaves many women vulnerable to re-victimization, and they may face loss of parental rights. As women, many experience especially difficult challenges as returning citizens.

Since 2002 David Singleton has served as Executive Director of the Ohio Justice & Policy Center. The OJPC is a public interest law firm in Cincinnati whose mission is to create fair, intelligent, and redemptive criminal justice systems through client centered advocacy, policy reform, and community education. He is also an Assistant Professor at the Chase College of Law. Mr.

Singleton received his JD degree from Harvard Law School, and his AB degree in Economics and Public Policy from Duke University. Before moving to Cincinnati, he practiced public law for several years in New York and Washington, DC.



For a 2006 City Beat article on Mr. Singleton's background and work, search on "City Beat David Singleton"

# STATUS OF WOMEN ACTION GROUP PUBLIC AWARENESS EVENT ON FOUNTAIN SQUARE

Presented by WCC's Status of Women Action Group FRIDAY, MAY 2 11:30 am - 1:00 pm



People are invited to visit agency tables filled with valuable information on all aspects of the "Status of Women" in our community: physical wellness, mental health, economic health, domestic violence, Affordable Care Act and more. Many agencies will be represented, including: Interact for Health, Planned Parenthood, CUB, YWCA, Take Back the Night, the Wellness Center, the Women's Fund, Women Helping Women, and Darkness to Light.

Several exciting speakers will present from 12noon to I pm. Among them will be Vanessa Freytag of the Women's Fund, talking about women's economic well-being and Kendell Fisher of Women Helping Women, speaking about violence against women. Denise Driehaus will present a commendation.

PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US FOR YOUR LUNCH HOUR!

\*Note: See related story on the Exhibit Finding Voice on Page 8 of this Bulletin.



# BETSY ROSS TO ADDRESS ANNUAL SEASONGOOD LUNCHEON

"PLAYING BALL WITH THE BOYS"

Friday, May 9 at 11:45 am Crowne Plaza, 5901 Pfeiffer Rd, Blue Ash

Betsy M. Ross was one of the first women to break into national sports news. She is President of Game Day Communications, a sports and entertainment communications firm based in Cincinnati. Growing up before Title IX, Ms. Ross mostly watched sports, then began reporting on them in college. Before anchoring SportsCenter and ESPN News, Ross worked at NBC News Channel and Cincinnati's NBC affiliate, WLWT-TV, for seven years.

Ross is the host of a weekly sports interview segment, "The Front Row," that airs Saturday mornings on WVXU-FM, the NPR affiliate in Cincinnati. She continues to be involved in sports broadcasting.

She is an author of *Playing Ball with the Boys: The Rise of Women in Men's Sports* (2010) that puts together conversations she had with nearly two dozen women who talk about their experiences, and offer advice for other young women, and men, who want to follow in their footsteps.

#### SAVE THE DATE: MAY 15

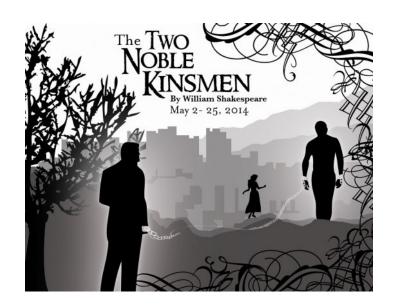
Woman's City Club and Cincinnati Shakespeare Company Present Their Annual

SHAKESPEARE AND LAW EVENT

### THE TWO NOBLE KINSMAN

**TICKETS:** Adults, \$31; seniors (60+), \$27; students, \$22.

Reserve tickets through Cincinnati Shakespeare Company Box Office: 381-2233 Ext. 1 by May 8<sup>th.</sup> Mention Woman's City Club when you reserve!



#### **EVENING AGENDA:**

**5:30 pm** – Wine and cheese reception sponsored by Blank Rome, LLP and the Villas at Monteverdi (<a href="https://www.monteverdituscany.com">www.monteverdituscany.com</a>)

**6:00-6:45 pm** – Lecture by Michael Cioffi. Mr. Cioffi, a partner at Blank, Rome, LLP, has been writing and teaching about the law and the humanities in this country and abroad for many years.

7:30 – Performance by CSC of the "Two Noble Kinsmen," followed by Q&A with the actors. Captured and imprisoned during war, two friends become impassioned rivals as they fall in love with the beautiful princess Emilia. Deceit and fighting arise in this romance, as Palamon and Arcite both vie for the princess' love.

LOCATION: Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, 719 Race St, Cincinnati, OH 45202

### **MEETING OUR GOALS**

### BOARD PERFORMS BI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF FIVE-YEAR PLAN

At our February Board meeting, WCC's Board of Trustees performed its Bi-annual Review of its Five-Year Strategic Plan. The Plan was drawn up back in 2010-2011 when we charted a roadmap to our 100th anniversary. We had envisioned six attainable goals in the areas of Leadership, Financial Stability, Programs, Civic Engagement, Communications, and Membership.

The Club committed itself to a set of action steps, timelines, and measures for implementing these goals, and we agreed to review our progress twice a year. We are happy to report that we are successfully achieving our goals in this our 99th year.

#### Some Recent History

We must not lose sight of our recent history, however, as we shape a vision for our second century. Things were not so glowing back in 2010 in the Club's 95<sup>th</sup> year when we found ourselves at a critical crossroads. Our membership and attendance at programs had declined, and we were losing revenue. We decided to establish a Governance Committee to evaluate the health of the Club. Governance formed a steering team of 17 past, present, and future leaders – the "Keepers of our History" – and together after assessing our options, we made a decisive commitment to revive the Club.

We conducted a membership survey and reported our findings at the annual 2011 Membership meeting. The Board drew up and endorsed a new set of goals, and charted a five year strategic plan, a roadmap to our 100th birthday. We revised our membership recruitment strategies and our programs calendar; we updated our bylaws and policies, our website and our newsletter.

# Here are the six goals the Board drew up in 2010-2011:

**Goal 1:** Pilot a Compelling Calendar of Monthly Programs Focused on "Building a Just and Sustainable Community"

**Goal 2:** Restore the Club's Financial Stability to Meet Our Budget and Build Our Endowment to Cover Expanded Programming and Outreach

**Goal 3:** Energize Club's Membership through Lively Programs, Creative Outreach, and Mentoring Strategies

**Goal 4:** Catalyze Collaborative Civic Action through "Rapid Response" Efforts and Convene Town Forums on Topical issues

**Goal 5:** Develop Plan to Improve Internal and External Communications

**Goal 6:** Provide Dynamic Leadership of Club by Sharing Equally as Partners in the Responsibility of Maintaining the Organization and Ensuring its Continuity

# CENTENNIAL YEAR PROGRAMMING: THE PAST MEETS THE FUTURE

The Centennial Committee is planning events as we begin to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Between now and the Centennial Celebration Dinner on March 6, 2015, we will have programs on some of the following topics:

- "Woman City Club's history and place in the history of Cincinnati over 100 years" a discussion with WCC historians Andrea Kornbluh and Rachel Powell.
- "Cincinnatians in Africa" a discussion with leaders of Cincinnati public interest organizations working in Africa.
- "Designing the City's Future" a discussion by members of Cincinnati's architecture, landscape and design community.
- "Conquering Unemployment" a discussion with leaders of local organizations working to get people employed.
- "Taking Root" a discussion with documentarian Andrea Torrice about her film on expanding urban forestry in Cincinnati.
- "In the Classroom" A panel discussion featuring *The Greater Cincinnati World Affairs Council* and *Faces Without Places* on raising awareness of international affairs and promoting retention.
- **"Feminist Stories from Women's Liberation Movement 1963-1970"** a screening and panel discussion of this documentary produced and directed by Jennifer Lee.
  - ~ Lori Nuckolls, Chair of Centennial Planning.

# ACT ONE NEWS

# NEXT MEETING MONDAY 4/21 AT 7:00 PM "WHAT'S NEW AT CITY HALL?" ALL ARE WELCOME!

The new Act One program brings Woman's City Club and the League of Women Voters together in a joint initiative to attract a new generation of young people to our organizations. Act One offers us all a unique opportunity to network across the generations, share viewpoints across our memberships, and join hands as active participants in civic affairs.

We have been meeting as a group every month, the LWV and WCC taking turns organizing each gathering. We are assigning mentors from both clubs to each of our new members so that we can personally engage their interests. To keep ourselves connected we have a new Act One FaceBook site.

Act One is keenly interested in voter registration and suggested innovative ways to reach out to students on Greater Cincinnati's campuses before the primaries. Together they held a voter registration drive at Cincinnati State offering red, white, and blue cupcakes to students who registered to vote!

Act One members have joined the City Club's Action Groups and the League's Unit Meetings . Working with Status of Women and fellow Act One members, **Melissa Rowland** will mount an art installation she calls *Finding Voice* that visualizes the healing process in the life of a child victim of sex abuse. Her exhibit will be the centerpiece of the health expo that Status of Women is planning for May 2 on Fountain Square. (See further description below.)



The next Act One meeting is Monday, April 21 at 7-9 pm. In the Geier Room at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church, 103 William Howard Taft Road, Cincinnati OH 45219.

This meeting will be about what's new at City Hall, including the newly installed council and mayor.

Organized by WCC, Jane Anderson, UC Political Science Professor, and Carolyn Miller, LWVCA's VP of Program, will be there to lead the discussion.

We will learn about the city's departments and council committees, and how best to connect with our council members. We will also discuss how the new policy on strengthening the culture of citizen engagement will open up access to the electorate. We hope to have a follow-up meeting at City Hall.

We encourage WCC members to become part of this new cooperative initiative. Volunteer to be a mentor, join the voter registration drive on campus, or join our tour of City Hall in May.

Contact J.Nightingale@womanscityclub.org for more information. ~ Jeanne Nightingale

# "FINDING VOICE"

# WOMEN'S ART TO STIR HOPE & INSPIRATION EXHIBIT BY MELISSA ROWLAND, WCC MEMBER

Sunday April 13 at 3:00 pm at St John's Unitarian Universalist Church, 320 Resor Ave

Friday May 2 at 11:30 am at WCC's STATUS OF WOMEN AWARENESS event on Fountain Square

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. WCC is fortunate to have as a new member an artist and activist who is engaged with addressing this issue. Melissa Rowland has created an exhibit "Finding Voice" that will be featured at WCC's Status of Women Awareness event on May 2, and before that, at St John's Unitarian Universalist Church on April 13.



Finding Voice is an interactive series of 7 altered mannequins. It depicts the stages of growth from child sexual abuse through adulthood, parenthood and restoration. The message is one of hope and inspiration. At the St John's showing of the exhibit, there will also be representatives from various local organizations that help people heal after child abuse.

Let's all work together for a safer and healthier community.

Detail from the Exhibit "Finding Voice"



"Walk through the life of a child victim of sex abuse. As an innocent child she is violated and to survive her body turns to stone. Her voice is lost until others speak up and give her the strength to speak out. She is scared but finds hope in community and learns that she can become who she was meant to be. Her child will be raised in the light of health and security because she refused to remain silent. " ~ Excerpt from the Exhibit "Finding Voice"

# A VICTORY AT CITY HALL FOR CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

On March 13, City Council passed a motion to support a proposal to strengthen the culture of Citizen Engagement in Cincinnati. Woman's City Club had endorsed this resolution along with 29 other civic organizations and community councils. For nearly a century now, WCC has offered programs to educate, empower, and engage citizens and to strengthen the role of their voices in the governance of our city. An informed and engaged public improves civic capacity, increases



community connectivity, values diversity of viewpoints, elevates marginal communities, grows trust in government, and enhances deliberative democracy.

The motion, passed unanimously, read as follows: "We move that the City Administration prepare and submit a report and any necessary resolutions or ordinances as early as possible to implement the recommendations set forth in the recent presentation. 'Strength in Unity: A Proposal to Create a Flourishing Citizen Engagement Culture in Cincinnati.' given to the Rules and Audit Committee. This report should also list any costs that would be necessitated by the implementation of the Citizen Engagement recommendation contained in the presentation."

The co-chairs of the Citizen Engagement Action Team (CEAT), Sue Wilke of Northside, Peter Hames of Over the Rhine, and Jeanne Nightingale of Price Hill, will meet with interim City Manager Scott Stiles to plan next steps. They were heartened by the statement appended to the motion:

"In accordance with the principles set forth in Plan Cincinnati, the City of Cincinnati should work to create a welcoming civic atmosphere. Increasing involvement and collaboration between citizens and their local governments is essential to ensuring that effective policies are being implemented on a neighborhood level. Following the footsteps of other major American cities like Minneapolis, New Orleans, Portland, and Seattle, Cincinnati should adopt a long-term strategy of Citizen Engagement that builds trust between citizens and city government, and also increases public participation in public policy development. The Citizen Engagement strategy developed by the City of Cincinnati should give special consideration to the most effective uses of technology and social media to ensure robust community collaboration in the decision making processes of city government."

> Jeanne Nightingale, VP Civic Engagement

# JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM AN ONGOING STRUGGLE

Long-time WCC member and former head of Center for Peace Education, Louise Gomer-Bangel has notified us about some important work by the ACLU of Ohio in behalf of juvenile justice reform.

In mid-March, after several failed attempts to stop seclusion in Ohio's juvenile detention facilities without litigation, the U.S. Department of Justice <u>filed a restraining order</u> against the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) to end seclusion of children with mental health needs.

In mid-December, 2013, the ACLU of Ohio submitted a <u>letter</u> to the ODYS asking them to protect the children in their care from sexual abuse. The ACLU also called on them to ban extended solitary confinement (referred to as seclusion) in detention. The Enquirer reports that "youths were in seclusion

units 209,266 hours last year"...an "average of 453 hours for each youth... whether in seclusion or not."

According to the ACLU, the facts are clear: <u>many experts</u> recognize that isolation is both mentally and physically destructive. Now, the federal government agrees. The Enquirer also reports that the Department of Youth Services has increased the number of behavioral health treatment hours by 55%.

~ Sarah Gideonse

To find more information on the internet, go to <a href="https://www.acluohio.org/blog-posts/buried-alive;">www.acluohio.org/blog-posts/buried-alive</a>; or search on "Ohio ACLU isolation."

# IN MEMORIAM CAROL SCOTT

# WOMAN'S CITY CLUB BOARD MEMBER

We are mourning the death of our friend and colleague Carol Scott, who died in March after a long illness that she battled with remarkable courage. Carol served on the WCC board of trustees early in this century and as vice president for administration. More recently, she was active in the Collaborative for Achievement Action Group. Carol was part of the team of tutors teaching literacy skills to kindergartners in inner city schools.

When Jeanne Nightingale and I visited her in hospice, she expressed frustration about trouble getting her ideas understood. But for us, we had always listened to her ideas and treasured them. As part of the CAAG steering committee, she frequently made wise and thoughtful contributions to our discussion, drawing on her wide experience as a social worker and her breadth of reading.



Carol Scott with tutee at Winton Hill Academy

Carol had an interesting and varied career. She worked as a biology teacher, an aquatic biologist, and a rehabilitation counselor. She served for many years as president of the Association for Psychoanalytic Thought and on the board of Friends of Women Studies. Her passions included botany and gardening, and she nurtured a wooded area of native plants in her yard.

We will miss Carol.

~ Sarah Gideonse

### A LAST CONVERSATION WITH CAROL SCOTT

Susan Noonan and I visited Carol at Hospice a week before she died. She was weak but wanted to tell us about her life. She talked of how she had been a loner for many years, then decided that for her future and to serve the name of her family, it was important for her to make friends and have a broader life. Then Susan and I both told our story. Susan came to Cincinnati as an adult and struggled to reach out and

make friends after leaving lifelong friends in the Northeast. I told how after I retired, I became aware of the void in my life due to a limited number of friends.

We all three agreed that reaching out does not come easy at first, but the rewards are great. Then we all three agreed that our greatest source of good friends was the Woman's City Club. The big peaceful smile that came over Carol's face was amazing. I told her I would write this out to tell members of WCC how important they are and how important it is for each of us to reach out. It adds a wonderful dimension to life and makes a big difference to others. Do it for yourself, do it for others, do it for Carol.

~ Ruth Cronenberg

# Many thanks to our event cosponsors for National Speaker 2014

Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha
Charter Committee of Greater Cincinnati
The Cincinnati Enquirer
Cincinnati Federation of Teachers
Cincinnati Woman's Political Caucus
Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency
Cincinnatus Association
First Unitarian Church
Friends of Harriet Beecher Stowe House

Cincinnati Pro Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists
Jewish Community Relations Council
League of Women Voters
NOW Cincinnati
Planned Parenthood SW Ohio Region
Southwest Ohio Education Association
St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church Mission Council
Xavier University Brueggeman Center for Dialogue

Xavier University Gender and Diversity Studies Program

# WHAT'S COOKING?

# A NEW WCC COOKBOOK TO CELEBRATE OUR CENTENNIAL







Changes in what we cook, how we cook it, and in the kitchen itself parallel the changes we women have experienced over the past century as we moved from being primarily bread-bakers to becoming breadwinners as well. The Centennial Cookbook, to be available in spring of 2015, will tell this story through:

- vintage recipes from the 1917 and 1952 WCC cookbooks
- call-out boxes that compare and contrast culinary information from the early 1900s, the midcentury, and contemporary times, and
- new recipes that reflect our modern lifestyles and tastes.

Here is how you can help make this project a success:

We have copies of the 1917 and 1952 WCC cookbooks. If you know of—or have—other WCC cookbooks or information or photographs that you think will support this project, please call or email Cookbook Committee co-chairs Marge Davis (321-6835) and Ruth Cronenberg (891-5163; ruthc97@gmail.com).

Submit your favorite and unique recipes for consideration for the new cookbook. Please *do not* copy recipes verbatim from copyrighted cookbooks, but make some minor changes to make the recipe your own. Please *do* be sure to include pan sizes and cooking time/temperature; measurements or package/can size for all ingredients; the expected yield (how many servings); and full instructions for preparation.

We also ask that you use these standard measurement notations: tsp (teaspoon), Tbsp (tablespoon), Ibs (pounds), oz (ounces), pkgs (packages), and cups (not just "c").

Recipes can be emailed to Janet Buening at JanetRehlingBuening@gmail.com or mailed to her at 3520 Mooney Avenue, Cincinnati, OH, 45208.

With your support, we hope to create a cookbook that is as interesting as it is informative, as enjoyable to read as it is useful to cook with.

~ Janet Buening

# REPORT FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

"I have not heard of Woman's City Club" is too often a response that we hear from Cincinnati residents. The Communications Committee is working to change that.

Our goal is to **r**aise the visibility of Woman's City Club and improve our internal communications. We have been working on many fronts this year to accomplish that. We welcome any ideas that you may have to reach out and tell the community about our wonderful organization.

Joni Baker and Sarah Gideonse have updated the media list, as well as lists of community contacts, for publicizing our events. Larger and more diverse audiences as well as media

representatives have been attending our programs. Marty Harrington is capturing this information on our database so we can more effectively notify the community of upcoming events. She has also revamped the online weekly update to members so that it is more eye-catching and attractive.

Alice Schneider and C.J. Pierce are building our audience on Twitter and Facebook, increasing it by three fold this year. Jeanne Nightingale and other members of the committee working on updating and publishing a new brochure for the centennial.

~ Alice Schneider, Communications Chair



# LEEDing the Nation: Urban Green & Community Schools





# **Opening Reception**

for the Coalition for Community Schools National Forum



Tuesday, April 8th 2014, 5:30pm-7:00pm, Duke Energy Convention Center

Speakers: Michael Burson, former Cincinnati Public Schools Facilities Director, Lisa Laney, Sustainability Administrator,
Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, Eve Bolton, President, Cincinnati Public Schools Board of Education,
& Ginny Frazier, Executive Director, Alliance for Leadership & Interconnection (ALI)



# Changing Course: Local Solutions to a Global Crisis

4th Sunday of Every Month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. St. John's UU Church, 320 Resor, Clifton

Sunday, April 27, 2014:

# "ADVENTURES IN THE GARDEN OF EATIN"





Wes Duran, VP of Organic Landscape and Construction at Marvin's Organic Gardens, will help us explore the connection between nature, nutrition, and sustainable living.

Wes has held many workshops on planting native edible and medicinal plants in our local neighborhood and school gardens. He holds interactive seminars at schools and universities showing students, teachers, and parents how to integrate the concept of "The Edible Schoolyard" into their curriculum and into their daily practice as a sustainable source for nutritional school meals.

He and his family have a "Giving Garden" program at their farm near Lebanon, OH, that offers tips and incentives to encourage families to plant extra produce for local food pantries.

Wes will also talk about his two trips to the heart of the Congo on a mission to promote sustainable farming in a war-torn country highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change and famine.

COSPONSORS: St John's UU Green Sanctuary Partners, Woman's City Club, Environmental Action Group League of Women Voters, Sierra Club, The Environmental Community Organization (ECO)



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For more information, visit our website: www.womanscityclub.org.

# Calendar of WCC Events

# Tuesday 4-8-14 LEEDing the Nation: Urban Green & Community Schools

5:30-7:00 pm Location: Duke Energy Convention Center See Page 12

# Monday 4-21-14

Act One Meeting "What's New at City Hall?"

#### ALL ARE WELCOME.

7:00 pm Location: Geier Room, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church, 103 Wm H Taft Rd. See page 8

# **Tuesday 4-22-14**

Public Forum David Singleton on Women in Prison

7:00 pm Location: First Unitarian Church, 536 Linton St See page 3

# Wednesday 4-23-14 WCC Board Meeting

5:30-6:30 pm Location: Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church, Geier Room

### **Sunday 4-27-14**

Changing CO₂urse "ADVENTURES IN THE GARDEN OF EATIN'"

7:00-9:00 pm Location: St John's UU Church, 320 Resor Ave.

# Friday 5-2-14 STATUS OF WOMEN Public Awareness Event on Fountain Square

11:30 am—1:00 pm Location: Fountain Square, downtown Cincinnati See page 3

# **Friday 5-9-14**

### Seasongood Luncheon

11:45 am Location: Crowne Plaza, 5901 Pfeiffer Rd, Blue Ash See page 6

# **Thursday 5-15-14**

Shakespeare & Law Event:

#### The Two Noble Kinsmen

5:30-9:00 pm Location: Cincinnati Shakespeare Company, 719 Race St, Cincinnati, OH 45202

### **Saturday 5-17-14**

WCC BOOK CLUB
Discussion of Jimmy
Carter's new book,
A Call to Action:
Women, Religion,
Violence, and Power

The world's discrimination and violence against women and girls is the most serious, pervasive, and ignored violation of basic human rights: This is President Jimmy Carter's call to action. 10:00 am

Location: TBA

# 2015

SAVE THIS DATE!

Friday, 3-6-15
WCC Centennial
Celebration Dinner

This e-Bulletin, together with emailed Weekly Updates and our website at www.womanscityclub.org, keeps our membership connected. The next issue will appear in June. Deadline for copy will be May 19, 2014 (word limit 250 words).



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