

**September-
October 2015**
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THE BULLETIN



GREEN TIPS

for
September
Mary Gerson:



- Use a sponge or rag instead of paper towels.
- Use real dishes and silverware instead of paper or plastic.
- Buy things with less packaging.
- Never throw away batteries. Take to e-waste center.

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Save the Date!

**A Public Forum to sort through
the weeds and find the facts.**

When: Monday, Sept. 28, 2015, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Greater Cincinnati Red Cross Auditorium,
2111 Dana Ave. (near Dana Exit on I-71)



Legalizing Marijuana

Is it Responsible for Ohio?

On this November's ballot, Ohio voters will have the choice of whether or not to legalize marijuana for recreational and medical use. Theirs is a consequential decision and difficult to make, with passionate arguments for and against both legalization in general, and specific proposals.

Several civic organizations are presenting this forum in an effort to help voters to "sort through the weeds" and provide factual information, pros and cons, about the marijuana legalization issue before the voters. Moderated by Jeffrey Stec of Citizens for Civic Renewal and featuring panel members Chris Stock from Responsible Ohio, a representative from the Drug Free Alliance, Commander John Burke of the Warren County Drug Task Force, and Dr. Jeffrey Goldsmith of the Veterans Administration Hospital, the program will discuss all sides of the issue.

Event co-sponsors: The Cincinnatus Association; Citizens for Civic Renewal; AIR, Inc.; League of Women Voters; Woman's City Club.

Letter From Our President

KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM!

It is the goal for Woman's City Club this year as I take over the presidency. I am proud to be a member and president of this impressive organization.



I thank my predecessor, Susan Noonan, who did an amazing job of leading WCC through its Centennial year. We, the board and I, will continue WCC's mission to **educate** and **engage** citizens to participate in promoting the common good.

For our first forum of the season on September 28, we plan to **educate** the public about the marijuana ballot issue (details on page 1). We will present different sides of the issue so you can make an informed decision when you vote. Of course, there are many more forums and events planned this year.

OCTOBER FORUM: What is "Thriving Cincinnati"?

October 20, 2015, 7:00 pm.

Geier Room, Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church,
103 Wm. H. Taft Road 45219

In May, Woman's City Club inaugurated **Thriving Cincinnati**, a movement dedicated to addressing the consequences of inadequate income. To develop an understanding of what **Thriving Cincinnati** represents, this forum will endeavor to explain and build excitement for the movement. The Louise Spiegel Committee, a Subcommittee of the Status of Women Action Group, believes that a movement to support adequate income will help alleviate a lot of the poverty. It contracted with Pushpop Media to create a video and a website called Thriving Cincinnati to engage partners.

We are hoping to create a community partnership to combat income inadequacy and its disproportionate harm to women and minorities, to move families from *surviving to thriving*. **Thriving Cincinnati** is built on the understanding that ALL segments of our community are intertwined and bound to one another in large and small ways; therefore, we seek to enlist all segments of the community: residents, policy makers, non-profits, businesses, and funders.

Please join us and learn more about **Thriving Cincinnati** at ThrivingCincinnati.org and learn how to become a partner! More information needed? Call Susan Noonan at 513-378-4122.

New MEMBER RECEPTION at 6, preceding the forum. An opportunity to socialize and network with old and new members—all are welcome. See the following page for details.

Watch for your weekly update to keep informed about Woman's City Club's programs.

To **engage** citizens, we continue to roll out our new initiative, **THRIVING CINCINNATI**, which will enlist supporters to commit to actions that will move families from surviving to thriving. As you know, the income gap is widening, and with it, stagnant wages and income insufficiency particularly affecting women, families and minorities.

This effort will provide a platform for individuals and organizations to demonstrate their power by joining together in an effort to raise consciousness about economic justice and promote action. Visit the website (thrivingcincinnati.com) to find out more about this effort and join in.

This will be another exciting year for Woman's City Club, and I hope you will make every effort to become part of our events and action.

Alice Schneider, President



Membership Matters:

SEPTEMBER CITY CONVERSATIONS:

Does Feminism Unite or Divide Us?

September 15, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

First Unitarian Church, 536 Linton Street and Reading Road

WCC's regular City Conversations meeting will be devoted to an informal workshop facilitated by *Act One* member Maria Yunker to develop skills in "conscious communications."

This topic was inspired by last year's viewing of Jennifer Lee's documentary *Feminist Stories of Women's Liberation*. Rediscovering the power that "consciousness raising" -- sharing stories across the generations -- gave to the early feminist movement, we concluded that today's Social Media may be eroding our ability to communicate with each other face-to-face and thus affect transformational change.



ACT ONE Happy Hour!

September 22, 6:30 pm

Mecklenburg Gardens,
302 E University Ave.



An opportunity for all League and City Club members to re-connect and to meet new and ongoing *Act One* members.

For more *Act One* news, see pages

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

October 20, 6 - 7 pm (precedes forum, "What is *Thriving Cincinnati*?")

Geier Room, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church, 103 Wm. H. Taft Road, 45219

Join us for this opportunity to socialize and network with old and new members—all are welcome. New members can learn more about Woman's City Club and ways they can become engaged. Old members can learn about the skills and interests of our new members, as well as just learn from them!

Hearty hors d'oeuvres will be served. Park in the back of the church, accessible off Taft (driveway before the church) or off McMillan. Enter through doorway off the parking lot. Turn right after entering and follow the hallway to the Geier Room.

Reminder! Members who want their names in the 2015-16 WCC directory must pay their dues by September 15.

Percentage of Women who
favored gender equality in
2015: 82%

Percentage of Women who
considered themselves
"feminist" in 2015: 23%

ACT ONE Update

The *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. The program has been extended for a third year into 2016. We are offering a new free one-year membership to women and men ages 18-40 in Woman's City Club and the League of Women Voters (This extension includes one additional free year to all existing *Act One* members.) See flyer on page 12.

Act One offers us all a unique opportunity to network across the generations, share viewpoints across our memberships, and join our voices as active participants in civic affairs. Already, *Act One* members have joined the League's Unit Meetings and the City Club's Committees and Action Groups. A few have even joined their boards.

At our April meeting, we shared ideas for action projects that could connect us across the generations: health & reproductive rights, income inequality, wage theft, economic insecurity, mass incarceration of black men as a women's issue, food & water security, the equal rights amendment, exploitation of marginalized people, marijuana legalization, money in politics as corrosive of our democracy, the need to engage High School students in civic life.

ACT ONE
HANDS-ON CIVICS
IN CINCINNATI

ACT ONE Upcoming Programs:

September 15, 7 pm. City Conversations "Does feminism unite or divide us"? See page 3.

September 22, 6:30 pm. A Happy Hour at Mecklenburg Gardens, 302 E University Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45219. See Page 3.

Save the Date November 17, 7-9pm. City Conversations "Sustainable and Resilient Communities" at First Unitarian Church with Dr. Kathleen Smythe.



Woman's City Club's Book Club Reconvenes

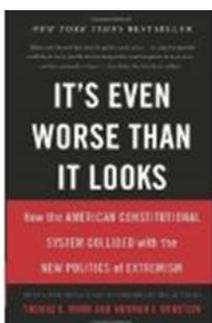
October 24, 2015, 10:00 am

At the home of Erna Olafson, 1553 Oak Knoll Drive, North College Hill, 45224

RSVP – eolaf@yahoo.com or 513-558-4067

Along with the unrolling of the 2016 political season, we will be discussing *It's Even Worse than It Looks*

By Thomas E. Mann & Norman J. Ornstein Paperback edition, 2013



First published in 2012, this volume continues to be relevant. It describes how hyper-partisanship and acrimony have become a permanent state of affairs and have seeped into every part of the political process. It identifies the overriding problems that have led Congress—and the United States—to the brink of institutional collapse. The paperback edition, published in 2013, has a new preface and afterward bringing the narrative through the beginning of President Obama's second term and assessing whether the authors' analysis continues to be accurate. Expect a lively discussion, as we do the same.

News from the Catalyst for Achievement

Action Group tutoring project:



Change a Brain, Change a Life!

How many times when serving as a director of a youth center, did I walk into a home and find no books, no toys, no alarm clock, few clothes, and maybe a mattress on the floor to sleep on?

The thing is, it takes these things to build the brain for language. So what we're about with making sense of language arts tutoring is rewiring the brain to help children bridge the literacy gap by the time they leave kindergarten. That means in one hour a week, you can change a child's life forever. He or she will learn to associate letters with sounds, decode words (read), encode words (write), and visualize meaning (understand).

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Investing in quality early learning programs is the most efficient way to affect school and life success and to reduce social expenditures later, according to research by Prof. James Heckman, a Nobel laureate in economics from the University of Chicago. Returns are greatest for the most at-risk children. For that population in particular, quality early learning programs can result in reduced costs later on special education, remedial classes, and even incarceration.

Heckman's research also shows early interventions for disadvantaged children "raise the quality of the workforce, enhance the productivity of schools and reduce crime, teenage pregnancy, and welfare dependency. They raise earnings and promote social

attachment." Heckman contends, "The real question is how to use available funds wisely. The best evidence supports the policy prescription: Invest in the very young."

So if you have a heart for children, the discipline of raising expectations for them instead of making excuses, and an hour a week, join us for tutoring at risk kindergartners.

Tutors Needed:

We tutor on Wednesdays at Rothenberg and Thursdays at Winton Hills elementary schools. Tutoring will get underway by late September or early October. We will be hosting a training Thursday, September 17th at 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Existing tutors are asked to attend the first hour. The location is to be determined so if interested please call Linda Wihl at 513 477-3428. Need more information, check out our website at www.makingsenseoflanguagearts.org

The pleasant surprise is that tutors find they gain from the experience as well, a sense of purpose, community and the delight on knowing they've made a difference!

~Linda Wihl

Environmental Action:



The City Club's Environmental Action Group and the League's Natural Resources Committee have joined forces to work on two specific projects this year.

1. **Greening the Sewers.** Work with the Miami Branch Sierra Club and the Environmental Community Organization (ECO) to institute affordable sewer rates through greening the storm water infrastructure and to create local jobs through an apprenticeship program in green technologies.

2. **Reducing plastic bags.** Study strategies used by other cities to reduce the use of plastic bags.

Our monthly *Changing Course* series will continue into its third year offering the wider community an opportunity to come together to explore local solutions to global environmental and economic problems. In the next months, we will continue to look at the world's worsening water woes: drought and desertification, floods and submersion of islands and coastal towns, accelerating glacier melt, as well as the water impacts of climate change right here in Cincinnati.

What can we do locally and collectively to build resilience in our city? While our city will not suffer drought, climate change will bring more frequent flash floods and micro-bursts to our area increasing the load on our antiquated sewer system and a disproportionate burden on low-income rate payers. We need to incentivize local green solutions that make everyone's rates affordable, conserve and retain storm water, and keep combined sewer overflows from polluting our watersheds.

Changing Course forums meet most months on the 4th Sunday evening, 7-9 pm at St. John's Unitarian Church in Clifton; watch for announcements of each forum. The next program, September 25, will focus on greening the school curriculum.

~Jeanne Nightingale

Flash News: Spencer and Christenson to be on C-SPAN2 Book Notes

Check TV listings on **September 19** to watch members Marian Spencer and Dot Christenson discuss Marian's new biography, *Keep on Fighting: the Life and Civil Rights legacy of Marian A. Spencer*. The book is now available on Amazon, Kindle, at Joseph Beth and at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House.

NATIONAL SPEAKER FORUM FOR 2016 IS SHAPING UP

Our featured speaker for 2016 is **Isabel Wilkerson**.

A multiple award winner and critically acclaimed author of *The Warmth of Other Suns*. This book, a the New York Times' bestseller, brings to life one of the epic stories of the 20th century through three unforgettable protagonists who made the decision of their lives during what came to be known as the Great Migration. A gifted storyteller, Wilkerson captivates audiences with the universal human story of migration and reinvention, as well as the enduring search for the American dream.



Isabel Wilkerson

Ms. Wilkerson won the Pulitzer Prize for her work as Chicago Bureau Chief of *The New York Times* in 1994, making her the first black woman to win a Pulitzer Prize. Her commentary and articles appear regularly, as do her appearances on national news programs.

The forum will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 7:30 in historic Music Hall in Over the Rhine. Mark our calendars now for this memorable event.

For more information about Isabel Wilkerson, please visit www.prhspeakers.com/speaker/isabel-wilkerson.

Annual Meeting 2015: Delicious, Noteworthy and Newsworthy



The Woman's City Club Annual Meeting was a hoot! We combined great food with good company and an

opportunity to celebrate our centennial together as a community. Activities included a potluck meal with recipes from our *Stirring the Pot* Cookbook. Making sure that all eras from our 100 year history were represented ranging from 1915 war cake, 1950s Jell-O mold, and 2015 farro salad, Janet Buening brought in food critic Polly Campbell, who wrote a great feature story about Woman's City Club in the *Cincinnati Enquirer*.



Members new and old filled the meeting room of First Unitarian Church enjoying food, company and wine with friends. CAAG's Linda Wihl demonstrated challenges of dyslexic students. Outgoing president Susan Noonan shared an overview of the accomplishments of our 2014-2015 Centennial year, and incoming president Alice Schneider summarized strategic plans to carry the energy forward in the 2015-2016 year.

Movie makers Barbara Wolf and Maurice Harris were present to introduce their films. We enjoyed three movies made during the centennial year:



"Pennies on the Dollar: Moving Beyond Surviving to Thriving," "WCC: Voices from 1965 to 2015," and "Marian Spencer: Can you describe a 95 year life in 12 minutes?" a truly inspiring look at how one woman changed our city.

Thanks to all the folks who helped out with this event.

Community Engagement Initiative Hits Roadblock

Citizen Engagement means working together to make a difference in the life of a community, to improve conditions for others, and to develop the knowledge, skills, values and motivation to help shape the community's future. Citizen Engagement Action Team (CEAT) began work in January 2013 on a new grassroots initiative to build a robust culture of citizen engagement in the governance of our city.



CEAT's work was anchored in *Plan Cincinnati*, the city's comprehensive plan adopted by City Council in November 2012. The result of the Team's work was summarized in its study *Strength in Unity: A Proposal to Create a Flourishing Citizen Engagement Culture in Cincinnati*.

After two years of work led by Co-Chairs Peter Hames, Sue Wilke, and Jeanne Nightingale, including work in the City Manager's Office and the City's Human Resources Department, CEAT was poised to launch and embed its community engagement principles throughout Cincinnati government. City Council had approved statements of community engagement mission, vision, policy, and principles. It had given approval to create an Administrative Regulation providing direction to leaders and employees on the necessary requirements and behavior-based principles to fully embrace community engagement citywide. And it had approved the development of required training for all City of Cincinnati staff.

"Fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."
- Justice Ruth
Bader Ginsburg

Part of Council's motion called for establishing a Community Engagement Advisory Task Force of volunteers who reflect the many faces of our community. It is here that progress has slowed to a standstill. City Manager Harry Black seems reluctant to support CEAT's approach. Instead, he wants to offer grants to the winners of a citywide competition. While CEAT supports innovations in community engagement, we feel his approach does not address the need for a culture change within city government.

~ Jeanne Nightingale

WCC's Annual Feist-Tea -- December 6



Save the date! This year's Feist-Tea will be held on December 6th at the Clifton Cultural Arts Center. Lydia Stec, owner of the Om Eco Café on Ludlow Avenue, will provide the catering. As in past years, the event is a free fundraiser. While the terms free and fundraiser together may seem paradoxical, the events have been fun as well as effective.

The Feist-Tea Committee has decided to change the venue. We are thankful to the Barrington of Oakley for their kindness in opening their facility and providing us with an elegant ambience and excellent service for five years. The task of relocating the venue with such a high standard as we received from the Barrington has been a challenge.

As a result of contributions made at our Feist-Teas, we were able to reinstate our Woman's City Club Seasongood Education Award Program three years ago. And this past year, we could double the amount of the educational award for the three young women who won the essay contest. I mention this to demonstrate how vital the contributions for this event serve to support our civic goals and values.

Looking forward, we have a lot of work to do to prepare. We will be selecting our feisty women honorees and sending invitations. Please consider attending and making a donation.

~ CJ Pierce

We are pleased to welcome our new office manager and ACT ONE member, Andrea Pfeiffer.



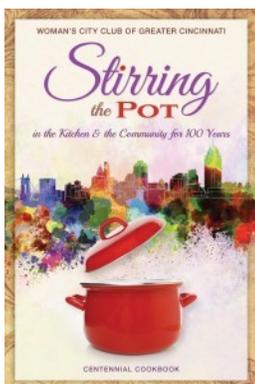
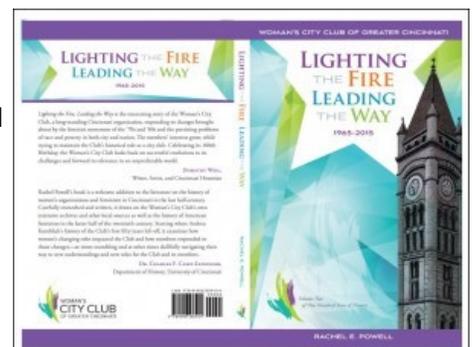
Andrea has a Bachelor of Arts in English from **Xavier University**. In her previous job she was manager of **blue manatee children's bookstore**, where she facilitated multiple events. These included writing publisher proposals for in-store author signings and meeting the objectives outlined by authors, agents and publisher representatives. Andrea also created a book club for girls aged 7-9 and their mothers to encourage parental engagement in girls' reading and to promote healthy, girl-positive role models in children's entertainment. Along with her husband, she founded **Ampersand, LLC** an online retail store. Amazon returned merchandise is purchased by Ampersand and then inspected for defects, repaired if needed and resold on Amazon and eBay.

As a new member of Woman's City Club through ACT ONE, Andrea looks forward to becoming more active in our community. Her passions for women's rights, income equality, and environmentalism have all found a home at Woman's City Club.

WONDERFUL CENTENNIAL BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!

Lighting the Fire - Leading the Way

This second volume of the history of Woman's City Club documents and pays tribute to its most recent 50 years. It describes how the generations of members have grown, changed, and been flexible enough to continue the mission of the organization—to secure a more just and sustainable community for all.



Stirring the Pot – in the Kitchen and the Community for 100 Years

Woman's City Club's new cookbook is filled with recipes that range from family favorites to company dishes to everyday quick and easy cooking. Incorporating two earlier cookbooks from 1917 and 1952, it is spiced up with culinary history and fascinating food facts.

Call the WCC office (751-0100) or go online (<http://womanscityclub.org/programs/centennial/>) to order your copies, and consider extra copies for friends' birthdays and holidays.

Education Award Winners and Essays



CJ Pierce, Co-Chair,
Education Awards
Committee

WCC believes strongly in civic awareness and the recognition of those who have achieved excellence. WCC presents the Agnes Seasongood Education Awards each year to honor high school senior women. The purpose of these awards is to encourage responsible civic awareness. Up to three education awards at \$1,000 are presented each year at the annual Spring Seasongood Luncheon. Named after a prominent Cincinnati citizen and WCC member, Agnes Seasongood (1890-1982), the Seasongood Luncheon features a local woman speaker who has distinguished herself by being first in her field.

With the mission of WCC in mind—to educate, empower, and engage the citizens of Greater Cincinnati to participate in promoting the common good—the essay topic for this year, recommended by Louise Spiegel, is “Growing into Citizenship: Trusing My Voice and Making it Heard.”



Tess Balsley graduated from Clark Montessori. She is attending Ohio University and majoring in sociology with a minor in anthropology. She would like to become an administrator in an organization that focuses on women’s rights or

the rights of the mentally handicapped. Tess’s essay:

“To be a true citizen, I think one has to be educated and gain perspective on an issue or idea by being exposed to various viewpoints of it. It is also essential to support your opinions and perceptions about issues by seeking out opportunities and taking action. I think schools should have some responsibility in exposing students to their roles as citizens and the many views and issues in the world in an unbiased way. My junior and senior high school, Clark Montessori does this quite effectively through its five core values: community, learning, respect, hard work, and peace; these values are enforced through the required community service students must do, causing them to be involved in their community.

“During early October, I interned at one of the Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio locations with a community health educator. I loved what I experienced and learned there; the people were extremely kind, open-minded, and passionate about their work. It confirmed my desire to seek a career in social and community services at a

non-profit organization where I can advocate for a social issue or a group of people once I graduate from college.

“During my experience there I walked down the driveway daily to Planned Parenthood’s building and I had to tread quietly past the protestors standing out front. They would hold signs and yell about how evil Planned Parenthood and abortions were. It was an awful encounter I had to experience each morning and evening when entering and leaving the premises. The workers at Planned Parenthood aren’t allowed to say anything to the protestors to prevent the organization from getting a bad reputation. The protestors are aware of this and attempt to confront, challenge and provoke the workers. One morning, I walked past one of them, holding a spray bottle, and she asked me, “May I spray you with holy water?” to which I didn’t respond. When I kept walking, she started yelling that I was slaughtering children.

“It was very hurtful and frustrating dealing with them every day because no one wants to be attacked like that. I believe that in my silence, my voice was louder than those protesting because it showed confidence and trust in what my views and beliefs are. It seems to me that the louder a person is about sharing their ideas, the less confident they are that they are being heard, which is why they feel the need to express themselves so obnoxiously. This experience was very insightful for me because I learned that in life I will face many different kinds of persons who might have different values and beliefs from me. It is unfortunate that some of these persons will be disrespectful or mean when they learn, or merely perceive, that I think differently than they do.”

Education Award Winners and Essays (cont.)



Leah Hall completed Mason High School and is attending New York University. She has a dual major in music and theater. Leah's teacher praised Leah's ability to organize a Mason Race awareness

fundraiser for P.A.N.D.A. an autoimmune disorder. Leah's essay:

"I have never been afraid to speak up. But I have been afraid that what I've had to say was wrong. And this is the stigma that held me back from speaking up about social issues for the majority of my life. When my family discussed political agendas at the dinner table or when girls in my biology class gossiped about a lacrosse player, I stayed silent—too scared that what I had to say wouldn't be relevant to the conversation. Only recently did I discover it's *okay* to be wrong. It took me 12 years of schooling to finally feel confident enough in what I had to say to start saying it.

"But the turning point for me came last summer after attending the Mayerson Summer Leadership and Service Camp at Xavier University. The week-long camp consisted of volunteering at as many non-profits as we could fit into our schedule, meeting with people who had experienced or were experiencing homelessness, and at the end of the week, giving a \$1,000 grant to an organization of the campers' choice. It was the last part that made me truly realize just how much I needed to speak up. It was the first part that gave me the education to confidently do it. When Friday night hit and we all had to choose an organization to give our \$1,000 to, that's when I found my voice. The past week served as my confidence boost as I was educated on my community—I learned all about the different homeless coalitions and non-profits and charities in my area. I learned where grant money goes and what it benefits, and where the greatest need for grants lies in the Cincinnati area. So when we began our grant donation debate, I was able to confidently and adequately advocate for the Homeless Coalition of Cincinnati. By the end of our discussion, the campers were split right down the

middle—half of them had swung to my side with the Homeless Coalition and the other half were for Stepping Stones. In the end, Stepping Stones won by two votes. I didn't win the argument, but I used my voice and I was heard.

"The education was the key. Just as the Woman's City Club's mission lists, my engagement and empowerment stemmed from the education I received from the Mayerson Camp. Since this summer, I have made it my goal to brief myself on all social issues globally, nationally, and locally so that I, as a citizen of my community, can participate in discussions "regarding those issues and, eventually, be an integral part of the change that solves them.

"But I'm one lucky girl out of roughly 6.5 billion people who live on earth who was able to receive this education. Everyone should receive an education as I did at Xavier. As kids grow up, field trips become more and more infrequent until they're completely out of the picture. But why? Schools today have become so focused on churning out renaissance men and women—young people who are basically good at everything. But good citizenship gets lost somewhere between the student and the textbook. Until a student exits the classroom and walks into a soup kitchen or a homeless shelter or a rehabilitation center, the student will not fully understand what's going on in her or his community. And that makes it impossible to grow into citizenship and impossible to speak intelligently on any subject regarding the common good. But once the student is involved in those organizations, their awareness of social issues multiples ten-fold.

"I'm the president of my high school's chapter of National Honor Society. We have 174 members and only about half of them have worked in a soup kitchen. And only that half will grow up to be a good citizen with a drive to positively impact society. As a nation, it is time for our schools to make service a mandatory requirement for graduation. That piece of education is just as critical as any mathematic, linguistic, historic, or scientific lesson a student can be taught. Education allows an individual to trust their voice. Trust allows the voice to be heard. Voices allow change. Change leads to solutions. If we want an answer to our problems, we **MUST** educate our children."

Education Award Winners and Essays (cont.)



Sandra Oñate graduated from Hamilton High School. Sandra is attending Northern Kentucky University and is majoring in chemistry and a minoring in

French. Sandra's teacher writes "Sandra arrived in the United States at the age of 6, enrolled in school and became fluent in English within one year."

Sandra's essay:

"Change is like a thunderstorm, you know what is coming, but you have no idea what to expect. It could happen that this time the storm is more dangerous or less dangerous than the last one. Change is not exactly dangerous, but it is unexpected in the sense that we don't know when it going to come or what it will bring this time.

"This thought came across my mind once I stepped in that conference room. It was an old conference room with a couple of chairs and a foldable table. I was part of that unexpected change that would benefit a community. I was also part of the impact that would make our community go forward. I opened the door to the conference room and took a peek behind me. It was like seeing where I had come from and how far. I also looked ahead and realized I had a long way to go. One goal I had reached today was projecting my voice among a small community of Hispanic Latinos. I now remember how I made my voice heard among a prideful community. There were three keys to open up the door to this conference room. They were not physical keys. These three keys led me to make my voice heard among a prideful community.

"One of these keys came with the idea of education. In order to make my voice heard I had to educate myself in current issues that affect us day after day and seemed to be unresolved. Modernity has helped me understand the needs and issues pertaining to my community. Knowing that Latino

high school students thought of college and education as impossible was a realization that came to me when I reached high school myself. I also see this issue in my personal life. College for minority students like me seemed like an unreachable goal. Being part of San Carlos community and participating in various activities has demonstrated to me that this issue is not only a problem, but a reality.

"The engagement within my community has made me realize that this problem was not only my problem, but many others' problem. Engaging myself has made this problem personal and I have made it personal to those that contribute to solve this problem. Reaching out to tutors, mentors, and professionals and giving them a personal thoughtful side to this problem has made their engagement to San Carlos community a real one.

"The empowerment of a story with facts and most of all with emotions has made my voice along with many other voices, be heard across the Cincinnati area. This also makes the problem have a solution. With the inclusion of professionals we have made this problem local and the solution to be known faster among other communities in the area.

"All of this work was done through small meetings where one story turned into everyone's story, where one problem became everyone's problem and where one unfound solution gained higher probability of being solved. I became confident of my voice when I knew that there had to be some way to address this issue., but I made it heard when I narrated my story.

"By making your voice local, personal, and thoughtful you are making your voice heard. Making a connection with those that surround you will make problems heard and from there, there will be solutions that or plans of action that will begin. I am a firm believer of this strategy. Now I look into this conference room and see ways to learn from others' stories in order to expect the unexpected."

Changing CO₂urse: Local Solutions to a Global Crisis

Sunday, September 27 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.
St. John's UU Church, 320 Resor, Clifton

Growing Green School-Community Connections



Director Ginny Frazier

The directors of the *Alliance for Environmental Leadership and Interconnection* will come tell us about their Eco-Mentoring programs aimed at inspiring K-12 students to become better stewards of our planet and environmental ambassadors to our communities.

Beginning in 2003, ALI worked in collaboration with Cincinnati Public Schools, community leaders, architects and businesses, to design and build green and healthy schools in Cincinnati and across the nation. ALI helped lead the way for CPS to become greenest school district in Ohio.

Today, using the new green schools as teaching tools, ALI leads the *Sustainable Schools Task Force Initiative* with Green Umbrella to help school districts green their curricula, reduce their carbon footprint, increase energy efficiency, and help students participate in career pathways leading toward local green jobs.

Come learn how ALI's programs have turned our CPS community schools into neighborhood resource centers.



Steve Schumacher, Training Coordinator



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SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, Oct. 25 7-9 pm: *The Changing Course* for October. Michael Roman PhD will present:

"HUMAN FACES OF CLIMATE CHANGE."

Kiribati, an island republic in the Central Pacific, is on the front lines of climate change. Mike Roman highlights native voices through a presentation of his own research and personal experience with the island nation over a 15 year period.

Calling those who are ages 18-40!

ACT ONE

HANDS-ON CIVICS IN CINCINNATI



Make a difference in your community!

League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area and Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati are recruiting for the 2015-2016 year of **Act One**, a joint membership initiative for young women and men aged 18-40.

WHEN YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF ACT ONE, YOU GET:

- ✓ Free memberships to Woman's City Club & League of Women Voters
- ✓ Leadership Training and Access to Community Leaders
- ✓ Peer and Intergenerational Networking
- ✓ Opportunities for Civic Engagement to add to your resume
- ✓ Access to two centuries of Cincinnati Civic Leadership Experience
- ✓ A Deeper Understanding of City, State and National Issues

Act One is accepting applications until September 22, 2015, from women and men aged 18-40 who are interested in joining both organizations for one year at no cost. The program will feature mentoring, opportunities for civic engagement and tailored networking events during the year of the program. This program will run for approximately 12 months starting September 2015.

Those interested can apply by emailing a response to this question in about 250 words to actone@lwcincinnati.org: "Why are you interested in joining Act One? What activities would you be interested in participating in?" We will contact you if you are selected.



League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.
lwcincinnati.org



Woman's City Club is a leading nonpartisan civic organization established in Cincinnati in 1915. Programs are designed to educate, empower, and equip citizens so together we can secure a more just and more livable community for us all.
womanscityclub.org



Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati

WCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

For the latest schedule of Committee Meetings, check our Website Calendar at womanscityclub.org (click on the "Calendar & Events" tab at the top)

103 William Howard Taft Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219
Phone: 513-751-0100
wcc@womanscityclub.org

The mission of Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati is to educate, empower, and engage the citizens of Greater Cincinnati to participate together in promoting the common good.

We envision a just and sustainable community where all citizens are engaged as informed stakeholders in the shaping of our shared future. Committed to promoting diversity and inclusiveness, we reach out to collaborate with other community organizations in the city and work toward shared goals.

Calendar of WCC Events

CINCINNATI CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

For an updated list, go to the City website at cincinnati-oh.gov/council/.

Tuesday, Sept 15

CITY CONVERSATIONS: *Does Feminism Unite or Divide Us?*
7:00 - 9:00 pm
First Unitarian Church,
536 Linton Street

Friday, Sept 25

FORUM: *Changing Course*
7:00-9:00 pm
St. John's Unitarian Church,
320 Resor Ave .

Sunday, Oct 20

FORUM: *What is "Thriving Cincinnati"?*
7:00 pm
Geier Room,
Mt. Auburn Church,
103 Wm. H. Taft Road

Thursday, Sept 17

Making Sense of Language Arts Tutor Training
9:00-11:00 am
St. Bernard's Church,
735 Derby Ave.

Monday, Sept 28

FORUM: *Legalizing Marijuana— Is it Responsible for Ohio?*
6:30-8:30 pm
American Red
Cross Building,
2111 Dana Ave.

Saturday, Oct 24

Book Club Reconvenes
10:00 am
Home of Erna Olafson
1553 Oak Knoll Dr.

Tuesday, Sept 22

ACT ONE Happy Hour
6:30 pm
Mecklenburg Gardens,
302 E University Ave.

Sunday, Oct 20

New Member Reception (precedes FORUM)
6:00-7:00 pm
Geier Room, Mt. Auburn Church
103 Wm. H. Taft Road



Search for Woman's City Club Cincinnati and click "Like" to keep up with the latest news and commentary.

The e-Bulletin, together with the Weekly Updates and News from the Network, keeps our membership connected. The next issue will appear in November. The deadline for copy will be October 20, 2015. Submit articles to sarah.gideonse@fuse.net with the subject line "WCC bulletin" (word limit 250 words.).

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