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WOMAN'S CITY CLUB OF GREATER CINCINNATI



Leslie Cannon 1943 - 2016

We were very saddened to learn of the unexpected death of our friend Leslie Cannon. A terrific leader with great imagination, wit, warmth, kindness, and writing skills, Leslie was a past WCC president and instrumental in founding our leadership retreats and national speaker forums. We will really miss her.

A celebration of her life will take place Friday, March 11 at Columbia Center, 3500 Columbia Parkway. Her daughters invite friends and family to share memories or tributes at 7 p.m., with a reception starting at approximately 7:30.

In lieu of flowers, kindly make donations to the Leslie Cannon Memorial Scholarship for Young Women's Programs at Women Writing for (a) Change: http://www.womenwriting.org/home/donate_now.html. Full obit at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/cincinnati/obituary.aspx?n=leslie-cannon&pid=177983598>

Road Dedicated for Cincinnati Civil Rights Activist Marian Spencer

City's first black council member championed human rights

CINCINNATI —CINCINNATI —Cincinnati City Council passed an ordinance to name the 100 Block of Walnut Street, adjacent to the Freedom Center after Cincinnati civil rights activist Marian Spencer. "To be able to see the changes that have occurred in this life span, I consider myself one blessed person," said Marian Spencer.

Picture caption Judge Ted Berry, Jr., Mayor John Cranley, Marian, Council members Wendall Young and Yvette Simpson. Council is planning a street gala event as soon as the street sign is ready to be placed.



The *Bulletin*, together with the *Bi-Weekly Updates* and *News from the Network*, keeps our membership connected. The next issue will appear in the first week of May. The deadline for copy will be **April 15, 2016** (Word limit 250 words.)

Sealongood Foundation Doubles Award for WCC's 2016 National Speaker Forum



Janet Buening

Woman's City Club is very excited to announce that the Murray and Agnes Sealongood Good Government Foundation has awarded a \$4,000

grant to the 2016 National Speaker Forum (NSF). In addition to the \$2,000 the Foundation has granted in recent years to help assure the financial success of the event, this year the club will receive an additional \$2,000 to extend the outreach of journalist and historian Isabel Wilkerson's presentation by distributing up to 100 tickets free of charge to organizations and individuals who might not otherwise attend the program.

Wilkerson will speak on the topic "Black Migration to Racial Justice: Are We There Yet?"—and is uniquely qualified to lead a dialogue on how far have we really come since the days of Jim Crow. Awarded the Pulitzer Prize for her reporting in *The New York Times*, she is also a regular commentator on national programs, including PBS's *News Hour* and NBC's *Nightly News*. A passionate but calm voice of reason as she discusses the events that have led to angry cries of "Black lives matter," she speaks with great authority, having spent 15 years researching and writing her best-selling book *The Warmth of Other Suns*, a remarkable work that tells the story of the Great Migration

from the South to the North and West of more than six million black Americans.

The NSF Committee seeks to bring all constituencies in our community into today's dialogue on racial justice. It plans a broad outreach to diverse groups, including community members directly affected by racial injustice, journalism students who need to be inspired to dig deep and tell important stories, members of organizations that work to combat violence and prejudice, and law enforcement officers and other City employees who face racial issues in a clear and present way in their daily work. The committee will work with community leaders, City officials, and agencies such as the Contact Center and the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission to determine fair and appropriate ways to distribute the free tickets.

WCC is deeply grateful that the Sealongood Foundation agrees Wilkerson's message is one many stakeholders in our community should hear. Their generous support will help us put into action our mission to educate, empower,

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Kinship Care and Lifting Children Out of Poverty

A Meeting with Councilman Young and WCC members at Contact Center



On January 7, 2016, City Council Member Wendell Young joined a potluck to listen to concerns about children being raised in poverty in our inner city. Young has already signed off on a letter to Governor Kasich urging support for the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program.



The safe & stable families campaign for kinship care has a bill. **Ohio House Bill 458** will do the following when passed by the Ohio General Assembly:

“Provide foster care maintenance payments for children in the care of a kinship caregiver without requiring the caregiver to be certified to provide foster care.” Payments are funded through Title IV-E of the “Social Security Act.” Relatives can be approved to provide foster care to their relatives’ children without receiving a licensing certificate.

“Require the creation of the statewide program of kinship care navigators.”

Thirty two states have already implemented this bill! Why not OHIO? It would provide equal financial support to grandmas (and other relatives) raising related children to equal what foster care providers receive.

~ Cassandra Barham

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Our Mission: Woman's City Club is committed to building a strong Greater Cincinnati community through educating, empowering, and engaging all citizens to participate in promoting the common good.

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

Our Values: Collaboration -- Citizen Empowerment -- Civic Literacy -- Equity and Justice -- Children and Youth on Positive Trajectories to Achieve their Dreams and Lead Constructive Lives -- A Thriving City of the

Calendar of WCC Events

March 16th 7-9pm

Warmth of Other Suns
Book Discussion
First Church
536 Linton St Cincinnati OH

March 20th 2-6pm

WCC Strategy Meeting
Crossroads Mason
990 Reading Rd Mason OH

March 22nd 6:30-8:30pm

Crafted Stories
Redtree Art Gallery and Coffee
3210 Madison Rd Cincinnati OH

March 27th 6:30-8:30pm

Changing CO2urse Series
Earth From Space
St. John's Church
302 Resor Ave Clifton

March 31st 5:30-7:00pm

Pre-School Promise
United Way
2400 Reading Rd Cincinnati

April 14th 7:30-9:00pm

National Speaker Event
Isabel Wilkerson
Cincinnati Music Hall

1241 Elm St Cincinnati

April 24th 6:30-8:30pm

Changing CO2urse Series
Climate Refugees
St. John's Church
302 Resor Ave Clifton



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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)

CINCINNATI CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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