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*Lighting the Fire;
Leading the Way
since 1915*

Welcome to the 2017 Annual Report for Woman's City Club



Alice Schneider

Through this event the club forged new relationships in the community and we hope to build on this work. In keeping with the immigration theme, this talk was preceded by a forum, *"Path to Citizenship: Panel and Stories."* We followed up with a conversation about refugee families in Cincinnati and ways we can help them.

WCC strengthened its powerful new collaborative project, *Thriving Cincinnati* which addresses income inadequacy in our community with the goal of moving Greater Cincinnati's families from surviving to thriving. We collaborated with Interfaith Worker's Center on the forum *"Fair Food Forum with the Immokalee Workers"* to bring attention to the issue of fair wages for workers.

Planning for our future, we will continue to work on our five-year strategic plan. We will focus on our mission and vision to deliver maximum value to our members and to the community. We face some challenges this coming year as our office manager is leaving to take a full-time job.

Longstanding committee chairs begin to burn out and we need to find replacements. We need to work to attract new and diverse members and mentor ongoing members to take on leadership roles. To improve the effectiveness of the club, we continue to employ the services of our professional publicist, **Regina Carswell Russo**. We depend on our ongoing consultant, **Roger Smith**, for our financial record keeping.. Cont. on page 2

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Welcome to the 2017 Annual Report for Woman's City Club. In the pages of this June Issue, you will find our annual financial report as well as summaries of activities and the work that Woman's City Club has accomplished this past year 2016 - 17.

This year 2017 marks the 102nd year of *Lighting the Fire and Leading the Way* toward a more just and sustainable community. This year we continued our four-step process: *Educate to inform. Inform to engage. Engage to empower. Empower to influence.*

To this end we held several successful forums such as *"Street Violence: Interventions That Work"* and *"Heroin Epidemic: Interventions That Work."* The club's programming also focused on immigration. Our national speaker this spring was Latina journalist **Maria Hinojosa**. Her talk, entitled *"The US Mambo, Three Steps Forward Two Steps Back,"* reflected her experiences with the immigrations system in this country.

The Monthly *e-Bulletin* keeps us connected with our membership, our network and our community.

The next issue will appear in July. Deadline is June 23.

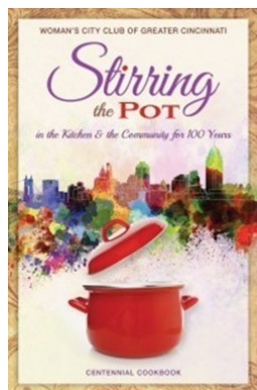
Managing Editors: **Jeanne Nightingale & Melissa Rowland**

Alice thanks the following board members who served diligently this year:

Ruth Cronenberg, Marge Davis, Carole Donnelly, Cheryl Meadows, Susan Noonan, Mary Owens, Nancy Lu Walters,

Rina Saperstein, Cindy Rowland, Barbara Elleman, Amy Katzman and Jeff Dey. She is also grateful for all our members, the contributions of our sponsors, and the support of the Greater Cincinnati community.

JUNE'S ANNUAL MEETING: Stirring the Pot



Woman's City Club will hold its Annual Meeting on **June 22 at 5:30 pm** in the Geier Room at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church. There will be a potluck dinner, and members are invited to bring dishes celebrating recipes from our own published cookbook *Stirring the Pot*.

In addition to reporting on our past year of work, the plan for the Annual Meeting

will be to re-vision and revitalize our Action Groups Members are invited to bring their ideas for "stirring the pot" and breathing new energy into the life of the Club. As we prioritize our areas of advocacy, this meeting will be an opportunity for us to share our passion for favorite issues: safe and equitable neighborhoods, environmental justice, affordable public housing, criminal justice, public education, quality public health, income equality and economic stability, responsive government and spirited civic participation.

- **What civic issues are foremost in your mind?**
- **How can WCC best address them?**
- **What actions can we take to empower women and help families succeed in Cincinnati?**
- **What can we do to strengthen our engagement with city leadership?**
- **How can we help make our city a thriving City of the Future?**

FEIST TEA – ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2016

The Feist-Tea celebration was another gala event at the Kennedy Arts Center Annex on December 11, 2016. **At this occasion the club honored Linda Wihl, Jeanne Nightingale, Carole Cutter-Hawkins and Nancy Lu Walters, all "feisty" members who have distinguished themselves in the club and community. (Pictured L to R with Alice Schneider.)**

We also formally welcomed new members **Deborah Allsop, Hazel, Pegues, Carolyn Noe, Alison Murre, Shannon Long, Arzel Nelson, and Michelle Dillingham**, who had the opportunity to experience and connect with a larger, more representative group than has been the case at other past "new member" receptions.

Venice-on-Vine catered the food and it was nicely presented and delicious. The Chai tea station was a big hit as the people who staffed it were friendly and eager to share their expertise.



The income from the event was \$4170 and expenses were \$1384 plus \$1500 for scholarships. The net was \$1,286. Committee members who organized the event were: **Jeff Dey, Joy Haupt, Nina Tolley, Helen O'Neal, Stephanie Stoller, Marge Davis, and Beverly Thomas.**

~ Alice Schneider

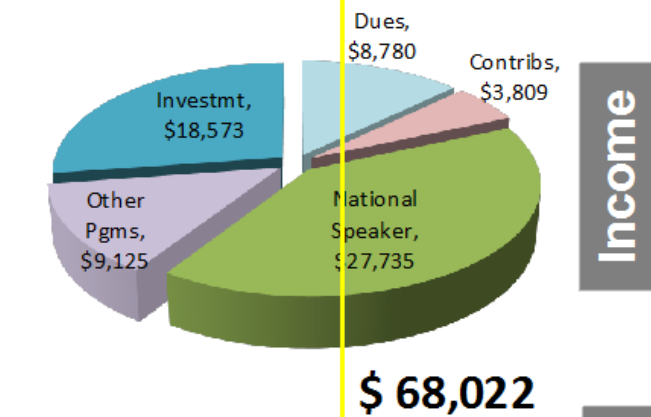
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Woman's City Club

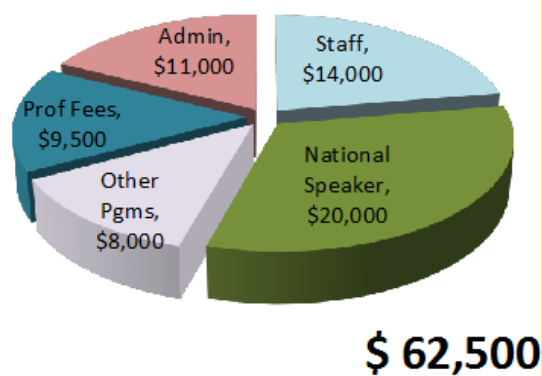
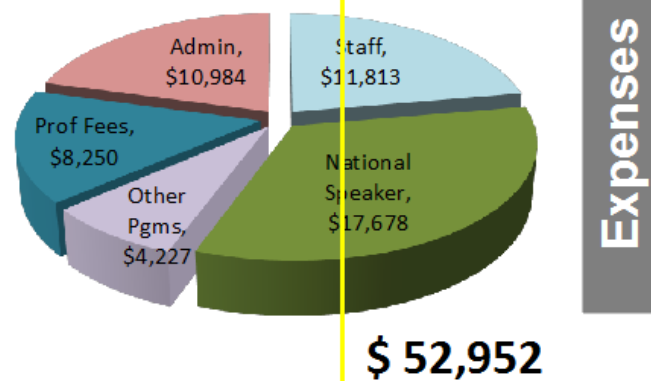
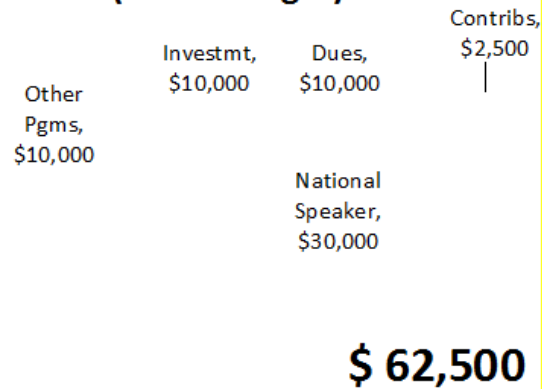
This is a preliminary report, not the final numbers.

2017 Annual Meeting Financial Report

Year Ending 5/31/17 (Actual)



Year Ending 5/31/18 (Draft Budget)



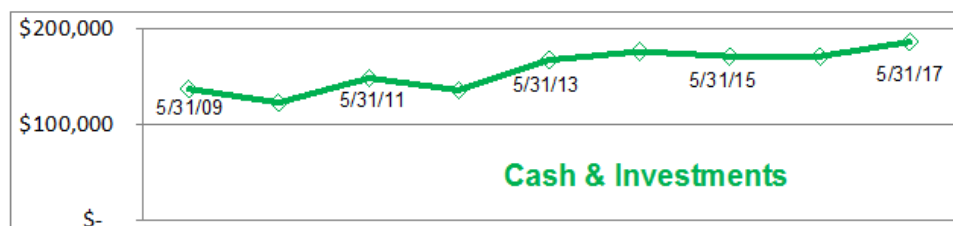
Programs

	Actual Results (fye 5/31/17)		
	Income	Expenses	Net
National Speaker.....	\$ 27,735	\$ (17,678)	\$ 10,057
Feist-Tea.....	\$ 4,170	\$ (2,884)	\$ 1,286
Seasongood Awards.....	\$ 1,030	\$ 1,356	\$ 2,386
Status of Women.....	\$ 650	\$ (268)	\$ 382

Continuing Funds

	5/31/16 Balance	Actual Results		5/31/17 Balance
		Income	Expenses	
CAAG Tutoring Fund.....	\$ 2,623	\$ 2,025	\$ (293)	\$ 4,355
Thriving Cincinnati Fund.....	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ (1,104)	\$ 10,896

For those interested, more financial details, including our annual IRS Form 990, are available upon request.



NATIONAL SPEAKER FORUM – ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2017



By all accounts the National Speaker forum for 2017 was a huge success. Our featured speaker, award-winning broadcast news correspondent and journalist, **Maria Hinojosa**, was spectacular. Her talk, *U.S. Mambo, Three Steps Forward Two Steps Back*, reflected her experiences with the immigration system in this country. Everyone in the hall could feel her passion for the plight of Immigrants and the undocumented. The audience loved her and gave her two standing ovations.

The speaker forum was held in the Netherland Hall of Mirrors, and its beauty and elegance did not fail to enrapture us. Five hundred enthusiastic attendees filled the Hall and left with insights and empathy for the immigration issues in our country. The question and answer session at the end allowed the audience to inquire about their particular concerns. Hinojosa answered all these issues, drawing on her experiences of travelling around this country and meeting with immigrants. The Interfaith Workers Center provided live Spanish translation through head sets. This availability added to the diversity of our audience.

The VIP reception with Hinojosa was held in the Continental room of the Hilton. Over 100 people had an opportunity to meet Hinojosa. Many told her their stories. She was lovely and gracious and made everyone who spoke with her feel special. She posed for pictures with groups and individuals.

The National Speaker Forum received widespread city coverage in the media. The *Enquirer* published an article on

April 19 about Maria Hinojosa and the upcoming event the next day. There was also information in the *Cincinnati Herald* as well as mention in *Cincinnati Movers and Makers*. Hinojosa also did a live radio interview on April 12 on *WCET's Cincinnati Edition* with **Mark Heyne** and WCC members **Carole Donnelly** and **Susan Noonan**. There were also two interviews with WCC president **Alice Schneider**, **Carole Donnelly** and **Marge Davis** on WLWT. **Mark Curnutte** of the *Enquirer* wrote a short article based on an interview with Hinojosa. This publicity not only helped publicize the event but also brought Woman's City Club to a broad audience.

In addition to showcasing the work of WCC, the club realized \$4,500 in profit. Expenses were high including \$16,000 for the speaker and \$4,737 for the venue and reception. Over 500 event tickets and 125 reception tickets were sold. This year we had 25 cosponsors. In addition we received a very generous grant of \$6,000 from the Seaboard Good Government Foundation as well as several individual donations. The Cincinnati community has embraced this speaker event and it has become part of the fabric of the community.

The National Speaker committee did an outstanding job in organizing this year's speaker forum. Several new members joined that night. The success of this premiere fundraiser allows WCC to continue its mission to engage, empower and educate into the future. We are grateful for the support of our cosponsors and for the contributions of the Greater Cincinnati community

~ Carole Donnelly, Marge Davis



Maria Hinojosa

Thursday, June 22, 5:30pm

**Woman's City Club
Annual Meeting
Geier Room**

**Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church
103 William Howard Taft Road**

**Reminder: Please come prepared
to Stir the Pot and make a
difference!**

SEASONGOOD LUNCHEON – ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

The Annual Seasongood Luncheon is held to honor the memory of a true pioneer in the Woman's City Club and in Cincinnati history,

Agnes Seasongood. She was a champion for women and the disenfranchised in Cincinnati, improving jail conditions and becoming a founding member of Talbert House. Her bequest to the WCC in 1982

enabled the club to hold weekly forums with local informative speakers for years. After the last disbursement of the bequest, the club imitated an annual spring luncheon in honor of Agnes Seasongood.

This year's Seasongood luncheon was held Friday, May 26, at the Crowne Plaza in Blue Ash. Our speaker was **Angela Byers**, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Cincinnati Division, whose topic was "Women Who Lead: Challenges and Triumphs."

Due to unforeseen circumstances, **Major Charmaine McGuffey**, pioneering woman in corrections at the Hamilton County Jail, was unable to speak, and in her place we were pleased to present another dynamic woman in the field of criminal justice. In her talk, **Byers** discussed the challenges that women

in powerful position face within their organizations, as well as their outstanding achievements. Under her leadership, the FBI investigated the motives of home-grown terrorist Abdul Razak Ali Artan, who injured 11 at Ohio State last November.

This luncheon also honored:

Juliana Drischer: Mason High School



Kayla Nunn: Shroder High School



Katherine Seibert: Turpin High School



They each received an education award of \$1000 for writing an essay on how they became engaged in their communities in a contest for high school senior women.

~ Carole Cutter Hawkins and Future Vincent-Hicks

PROGRAMS – ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-2017

Our programs this year covered a plethora of important and timely topics that brought members and friends and community folks to our Public Forums this year. Attendance averaged 35 to 70. We interspersed cultural programs with relevant issues such as heroin and immigration. WCC collaborated on Forums with Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center, League of Women Voters, Ohio Environmental Council, Cincinnati Association, AIR Inc. and Community Shares to name a few.

Listed together below are our WCC and collaborative programs:

September 14, 2016	ART: ITS IMPACT ON YOUTH
October 19, 2016	STREET VIOLENCE: INTERVENTIONS THAT WORK
November 16, 2016	HEROIN EPIDEMIC: INTERVENTIONS THAT WORK?
January 11, 2017	PATH TO CITIZENSHIP: PANEL AND STORIES
February 15, 2017	CRACK VS. HEROIN EPIDEMICS: RACIAL IMPLICATIONS
March 1, 2017	A COLLABORATION WITH CIWC: FAIR FOOD FORUM WITH THE IMMOKALEE WORKERS
March 2, 2017	CINCINNATI BALLET – REHEARSAL PERFORMANCE AND HONORING VICTORIA MORGAN, 20 YEARS!
April 10, 2017	A COLLABORATION WITH PLAYHOUSE IN THE PARK: PERSPECTIVE SERIES - A PANEL ON MODERN AMERICAN FEMINISM
June 1, 2017	A COLLABORATION WITH THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL "HOW CAN WE PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT?"

~ Susan Noonan

MEMBERSHIP – ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-17

The membership committee has major responsibility for engaging current members in the work of the club as well as for the recruitment of new members. Both are ongoing tasks, requiring creative and strategic planning, assessment and follow-up.

The committee sponsors an informal interactive series of “*City Conversations*” involving members and friends in small group conversations around issues of interest to foster social and personal interaction. Last fall’s *City Conversations* event, moderated by Ariel Miller, featured a diverse group of members -- **Brenda Merrick and Michael Maloney, Act One Member Desirae Futel and Xiaojie (Shau) Zavan** -- who shared personal stories from their life journeys.

In March, picking up on the women’s marches following the Presidential inauguration, members shared their experiences and reflections in “Women Marching: Then and Now” with **Dr. Renea Frey** of Xavier University providing historic analysis.

The most recent program, “What We Need to Know about Refugees in Our City & How We Can Help” (sponsored jointly with the League of Women Voters and organized by **Emily Thobe**), featured RefugeeConnect and Heartfelt Tidbits. All three programs involved interactive participation and planning on the part of our specially recruited 16-35 year old ACT ONE members.



Learning About Refugee Families

In December, new WCC members were recognized at our annual Feist-Tea honoring “feisty” members who distinguished themselves in the club and community. Other accomplishments include the revision of our fee schedule and a revised action plan for recruitment, retention and involvement with a goal to clarify and simplify the recruitment process. While individuals may join the club any time year-round, the spring National Speaker event continues to attract the largest single influx of new members. Current membership stands at 216.

~ Jeff Dey and Joy Haupt



ACT ONE
HANDS-ON CIVICS
IN CINCINNATI



To bring in a new generation of members, WCC’s Membership Committee collaborates with the League of Women Voters to sponsor the ACT ONE program. Together the two century-old organizations offer a two-year complimentary membership to young men and women under 35. These new members will be gaining access to over two centuries of civic leadership experience as well as a chance to network across the generations of men and women committed to educating, empowering, and engaging citizens in the collective effort to improve the lives of all Cincinnatians.



Rebecca Elliott



Carolyn Noe



Jamie Stinson

Woman’s City Club welcomes our ten newest members of Act One: **Carolyn Noe, Kathleen Colley, Jamie Stinson, Angelica Hardee, Lisa Rebecca Elliott, Amanda Carliski, Taylor Hoffman, Lauren Miller, Jenny Burger and Michelle Scaglione**. We are planning a meet-up on June 9th at Iris Book Café to begin networking and discussing ideas for future projects. Stay tuned!

~ Jeanne Nightingale

COMMUNICATIONS – ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-2017

The purpose of the committee is to ensure effective internal and external communications, to enhance the Club's profile, and to provide a public platform for the civic voice. Responsibilities include connecting members, collaborators, and the public through the WCC website, the monthly Bulletin, email, and social media about WCC activities, news from our network, and through publicity about the Club and its events and projects. Style standards for all publications are a goal.

This year, we ended our past experiment with bi-monthly Bulletins, supplemented with bi-weekly updates. The Bulletin is now published monthly, with updates – flyers, announcements, and so forth, sent out as needed by the office. Bulletin archives are available on our website.

The committee worked with other committees to publicize their events. The Woman's City Club website is being refreshed and designed to be available for use on mobile

platforms. With the expert help of our consultant **Regina Russo**, we were successful in engaging more media outlets and "influentials" to get the word out, drawing in more community members to the events.

WCC has significantly increased its presence on social media about our work and relevant topics, with postings on WCC's Facebook page, LinkedIn, and Twitter, through the efforts of **Alice Schneider**, **Rina Saperstein** and **Melissa Rowland**. We currently have 512 followers on FaceBook and 385 on Twitter. **CJ Pierce** of the *Thriving Cincinnati* project maintains a vibrant Facebook page on economic self-sufficiency and related topics.

Sarah Gideonse, chair; **Jeanne Nightingale**, secretary and Act One coordinator; **Jo-Ann Huff Albers**; **Joni Baker-Sullivan**; **Barbara Elleman**; **Susan Noonan**; **Melissa Rowland**; **Alice Schneider**.
~ Sarah Gideonse

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT – ANNUAL REPORTS FROM ACTION GROUPS

Civic Engagement is the action arm of WCC where much of the energy of the Club is focused. It is through our Civic Engagement initiatives that we reach out to the community to make our collective voices more powerfully heard. Through our Action Group projects, our collaborations with other civic organizations such as the Rookwood Group and CEDAW, and our study of successful models of citizen engagement through CEAT, we implement WCC's vision of a stronger and more diverse Civic Sector in Cincinnati.

The Three Action Groups – Catalyst for Achievement Action Group (CAAG), Environmental Education Action Group, and Status of Women Action Group – continue to evolve in their work as they adapt to changing circumstances. Status of Women has now spawned the new *Thriving Cincinnati* and connected with CEDAW. See Annual Reports from each Action Group below.

~ Jeanne Nightingale

CATALYST FOR ACHIEVEMENT ACTION GROUP



The Woman's City Club continued to provide funding for materials and field trips, as well as eight volunteers for the kindergarten multi-sensory tutoring programs at Rothenberg and Winton Hills Academies. The program makes use of a highly

effective curriculum called "Making Sense of Language Arts," developed by Linda Wihl, who also coordinates the tutoring program. Children learn letter sounds, blending words, and visualization to decode/read, encode/write and comprehend.

We are grateful to Beverly Thomas, a 30-year veteran educator, who volunteered to lead the program at the school, as well as tutor. Linda was unable to manage the program at Rothenberg because of a scheduling conflict. Sadly, WCC can no longer run the program at Rothenberg, as no one is available to lead it; 36 kindergartners were served this year. We could not complete year-end testing of the 11 children tutored at Rothenberg but hope to have access to their

standard testing scores to evaluate their progress. Of the 25 students served at Winton Hills, 20 made significant to extremely significant improvement by year's end. (Four of the five who did not had sporadic attendance). During WCC's 2016 Giving Campaign, 12 donors contributed to the tutoring program, and a benefactor generously matched their donations.

Together the tutoring program received \$2,425.00. CAAG members also volunteered in the successful CPS school levy campaign.

Co-chairs: **Marge Davis** and **Sarah Gideonse**. Steering Committee: **Mary Ann Berry**, **Harriet Kaufman**, **Helen O'Neal**, **CJ Pierce**, **Hera Reines**, **Beverly Thomas**, **Nancy Walters** and **Linda Wihl**.

~ Sarah Gideonse



Cathy Frank

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION – ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

The goal for the Environmental Action Group has been to elevate eco-awareness in our region, build community sustainability and advocate on issues of environmental justice through informative community discussions. In the past five years WCC has sponsored a monthly series of community discussions with speakers and documentaries that address climate change and environmental justice issues: *Changing Course: Local Solutions to Global Crisis*. Co-sponsors include League of Women Voters, Miami Group Sierra Club, the Citizens' Climate Lobby, Our Harvest Cooperative, Apple Street Market, Millcreek Watershed Council, Green Umbrella, Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center, and Green Sanctuary Partners of St. John's UU Church.

In this series, we have learned about climate refugees and the human face of climate justice; local efforts to heal our broken food system making it healthy, affordable, fair and sustainable; connecting to local sources of healthy food; Cincinnati's Union Cooperative Initiatives; protection of Cincinnati's vulnerable tree canopy; Cincinnati's new programs to manage the food waste; how the city encourages

local renewable energy; and impacts of the meat industry on human and planetary health and how we can change it. Most recently we discussed the crisis of diminishing biodiversity and how this impacts all particularly poorer nations; we studied how Cuba triumphed over adversity through cooperation,

conservation and community; and we learned about the devastating impact of the fashion industry on the textile workers of the third world and our own landfills.

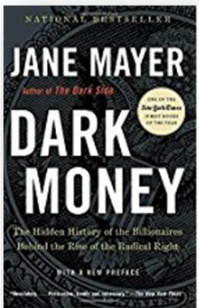
Environmental injustice, we find, can most often be corrected by the day-to-day choices we make as consumers in the developed world.

Thanks to **Mary Gerson**, we contribute Green Tips to each issue of the WCC Bulletin and we encourage Woman's City Club to live its values with respect to sustainable living.

~ Jeanne Nightingale



WOMAN'S CITY CLUB BOOK CLUB – ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017



The Book Club is a discussion group open to all members and friends seeking stimulating conversation around a book and the issues and ideas it raises. The "Club" does not have an established membership, and people may join a discussion at any time. Between six and 10 people meet every other month, typically on a third Saturday at 10 pm at a member's home.

Each month, those present select the next book to discuss. We have chosen mostly non-fiction and focused on important public issues that reflect WCC's values and memoirs of role models and "heroes" engaged in the fight for justice, family well-being and equity. Announcements about the upcoming book selection and location appear in the Bulletin and other communications.

Books read and discussed during the 2016-2017 year:

- September – *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, by Matthew Desmond
- November – *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, by Bryan Stevenson.
- January – *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, by J.D. Vance
- March – *They Can't Kill Us All: Ferguson, Baltimore, and*

a New Era in America's Racial Justice Movement, by Wesley Lowery.

- May – *The People's House*, a political thriller about gerrymandering and a stolen election, by our own **David Pepper**.

For summer reading, WCC invites its membership to read and discuss *Dark Money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right*, by Jane Mayer, a highly regarded reporter and staff writer for *The New Yorker*. *Dark Money* argues that the Koch brothers and a small number of allied plutocrats – immensely wealthy right wing ideologues – have essentially hijacked American democracy and are shaping the fate of America today. *Dark Money*, an extraordinary example of investigative journalism, uncovers the agenda of this powerful group and documents how it has operated. It is revelatory and disturbing.

The book is long. We recommend reading as much as you can of the original, but several summaries are available on Amazon. The public library has many copies in different formats. Find an informative review at <https://www.nytimes.com/2016/01/24/books/review/dark-money-by-jane-mayer.html>

Please join us Saturday, July 15, 10 pm, at the home of **Harriet Kaufman**, Clifton. Kindly RSVP if possible so we have enough chairs and snacks: hkaufman@fuse.net or 513-751-6381.

~ Sarah Gideonse

THRIVING CINCINNATI – ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Thriving Cincinnati's mission is to emphasize the message that all parts of our community must thrive for any of it to fully thrive.

During the past year we've brought people together to discuss the following topics:

- Opportunities and challenges for workplace inclusion in our changing economy. (6/16)
- Promoting adequate wages and information on how to survive and thrive through a "Poverty Simulation." (12/16)
- "Good Food Procurement," what it means and where it can happen. The program was co-sponsored with Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center. (1/17)

On May 1, 2017, the *Thriving Cincinnati* Initiative received an award from the Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center for its efforts to promote equity for all in wages, stop wage theft



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and create a sustained effort to help families achieve livable incomes.

Our next event will be June 16, 2017, 11:30 am to 1 pm. It will be the fourth annual Women's Economic, Mental and Physical Health and Equity Expo on Fountain Square. The event includes entertainment and informative talks, and representatives from more than 20 organizations will be available to answer questions and provide information about their programs.

~ Harriett Kaufman

CEDAW: CONFERENCE TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST



Woman's City Club is involved in so many important issues – one of these satellite groups that report in at board meetings is the Cincinnati 4CEDAW coalition in which **Susan Noonan** and **Alice Schneider** participate as WCC members. Other WCC members represent other organizations: **Melissa**

Currence from the League of Women Voters, **Barbara Myers** from the Women's Political Caucus, and **Connie Roesch** from Zonta Club, to name three.

Jan Marie Fritz, a University of Dayton professor, began the local effort as a class project. As other cities around the country started passing resolutions, our group expanded, and in 2015, with council member Chris Seelbach's help, Cincinnati

City Council adopted a CEDAW resolution. When it came to passing an ordinance (since we know a resolution has no teeth), movement stalled. The coalition, now including other groups such as YWCA, the Women's Fund, TriState Freethinkers, Amnesty International, Chamber of Commerce, and several departments at University of Cincinnati, continue working under Co-Chairs **Susan Noonan** and **Connie Roesch**, and now with Vice Mayor **David Mann** and his chief of staff, **Ioanna Paraskevopoulos**.

The City's law department drafted the ordinance. All major "asks" were included: the \$8,000 funding from city, the creation of a task force, the gender analysis study and recommendations from the task force on actions needed, as well as a timeframe and annual progress reviews. The ordinance passed to budget committee on **May 8** and council on **May 10** received unanimous votes to support! This is a major move forward for women and girls in our city!

~ Susan Noonan



A TOAST OF GRATITUDE TO MELISSA ROWLAND: WCC'S OFFICE MANAGER 2015-2017

It is with heartfelt regret that Woman's City Club has accepted Melissa Rowland's resignation as our office manager. Rowland has been the welcoming face of the Club for over a year and a half. She is leaving this post to take on a

full-time job with Planned Lifetime Assistance Network (PLAN) of Southwest Ohio where she has worked more than a decade. Her passion has been to advocate for and support recovery from trauma and mental health-related conditions.

Rowland came to WCC as one of our first Act One members three years ago, and she immediately became active in the Status of Women Action Group and exhibited her art installations at the Expo on Fountain Square. She joined the Nominating and the Feist-Tea Committees, and she became a

founding member of the *Thriving Cincinnati* movement. She accepted the position of WCC's office manager in December 2015 and brought to the club the benefit of her creative skills in office management and computer publishing.

Rowland will be going straight to full time in June but looks forward to vacationing in the Florida Everglades in mid-June. She looks forward to being better able to balance her schedule between work and time with her 15-year-old son.

We all wish her well in her future job, but we are certainly not saying goodbye. She will continue to be an active member of WCC. She believes strongly in what the club is doing to engage, educate and empower the residents of the Greater Cincinnati community. But we will surely miss you in the office, Melissa!

~ Jeanne Nightingale

SAVE THE DATES FOR UPCOMING EVENTS IN JUNE

Thursday, June 1, 6-8 pm Public Forum: "How do we Protect the Environment Today?" The Ohio Environmental Council will present a panel. At a time when environmental protections appear under threat, the Ohio Environmental Council invites the public to join a conversation on how we can protect the environment in the future. A panel of leaders at the forefront of addressing environmental problems will address the questions: With the uncertain future of environmental protection, its laws, regulation and enforcement mechanisms, where do we go from here? What can be done (and what is being done) here in Ohio?

The expert panel includes **Jacqui Patterson**, director of Environmental and Climate Justice Program, NAACP; **Dr. Adrian Parr**, professor of Environmental Politics, Political Philosophy and Cultural Criticism, University of Cincinnati; **Mary-Anne Hitt**, Director of Beyond Coal Campaign, Sierra Club; and Hamilton County Commissioner **Denise Driehaus**. **Heather Taylor-Miesle**, executive director of Ohio Environmental Council, will moderate.

Friday, June 16, 11:30 am - 1 pm: Fourth Annual Women's Economic, Mental and Physical Health Expo on Fountain

Square. The event includes entertainment and informative talks. Speakers: **Margot Spence** of First Step Home and **Billie Mays**, organizer of the Women's March. Join us for an engaging and educational program during your lunch hour.

Thursday, June 22, 5:30pm
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Church

HOW DO WE PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT TODAY?



*Join us for a conversation on protecting the
environment from an uncertain future*



June 1st, 2017: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

United Way Building Convening Room
2400 Reading Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45219
OEC@theOEC.org or 614-487-7506

Registration Required



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 Future.

Calendar of WCC Events

Thursday, June 1, 6-8pm

"How do we Protect the Environment?"
United Way Convening Room
2400 Reading Road

Thursday, June 8, 7-9pm

ACT ONE Meet-up
Iris Book Café
1331 Main St

Friday, June 16, 11:30am-1:15pm

Annual EXPO on Fountain Square
"Equity for All"

Sunday, June 18, 7-9pm

Green Cincinnati Plan: Measuring our Progress
St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church
320 Resor Avenue

Thursday, June 22, 5:30pm

Woman's City Club Annual Meeting
Geier Room
Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church
103 William Howard Taft Road

Saturday, July 15, 10am

Woman's City Club Book Club,
Dark Money by Jane Mayer
Home of Harriet Kaufman



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

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