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# THE BULLETIN

## November 2017

### November's Public Forum:

### Win-Win Strategies for Employer and Employee

#### GREEN HOUSEHOLD TIPS



- Run full loads in the dishwasher and washing machine.
- Use coffee grounds around your azaleas, rhododendrons, roses, and hydrangeas.
- Use cloth napkins, not paper.
- Replace the filter in your furnace.
- Turn off your computer at night.
- Pay your bills online.
- Stop unsolicited mail.

~ Mary Gerson

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Thriving  
CINCINNATI

**WHEN:** November 17, 11:30 am—1:15 pm (doors open at 11:00 am)

**WHERE:** Geier Room, Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church, 103 William Howard Taft Road, Cincinnati 45219

**SPEAKER:** Mardia Shands, Senior HR director of Miami Gaming and Racing

**FACILITATOR:** Brennan Grayson, executive director of the Interfaith Workers Center

**LUNCH PROVIDED:** Please RSVP 513-751-0100 or [orwcc@womanscityclub.org](mailto:orwcc@womanscityclub.org)

**Mardia Shands** and employees from Miami Gaming and Racing will share the company's innovations and their positive impact on the lives of workers and the business's bottom line.

**Brennan Grayson** will facilitate. There will be time for audience discussion and story sharing.

This program is the first in a series celebrating employees who are doing the right thing so that their employees can move "from surviving to thriving."

The Monthly *e-Bulletin* keeps us connected with our membership, our network and our community. The next issue will appear DECEMBER 1. Deadline is November 24.

~ Managing Editors: Jeanne Nightingale and Anne Skove

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Woman's City Club is a great place to meet friends – some who think like you do and others who think differently – but we've all agreed that discussions are in order and often help us to clarify our ideas about issues facing our culture. Because we are so focused on issues, we

sometimes neglect opportunities to show the real dimensions of our caring – about our friends and others we know less about. Let's make this month a time of renewing our friendships and each spend some time together sharing our personal desires on how we each can work with others to make this a more just and

sustainable community. Our greater community will be blessed by our compassion and caring in this uncertain time of change.

While I'm not usually on the edge of the future, my daughter sent me "Alexa" for my birthday. If you haven't experienced her, just ask Alexa for the weather for today. ...And then, yesterday, I received a copy of "The Future of Everything" from the Wall Street Journal. But remember, in the midst of the rapid change that lies ahead, we have each other and we must cherish our connections and friendships.

Please feel welcome to attend our programs this month. On November 17, Thriving Cincinnati is sponsoring a presentation on win-win strategies at the workplace. On November 21, our *City Conversations* program will provide an opportunity to share ideas about how we can respond locally to the challenges of a warming planet. Our environmental Task Force has joined other community organizations to push the city to regulate single-use plastic bags in Cincinnati. And finally, we are proud to announce that we have engaged our National Speaker for April 2018: Chief Global Affairs Correspondent for ABC News: Martha Raddatz. Planning for WCC's major fundraising event has begun in earnest, and tickets will go on sale in January.

~Nancy



### SAVE THE DATE!

#### Our 8th Annual Feist-Tea Fundraiser

**December 3, 2017**

**1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

at

The Kennedy Heights Arts Center Annex  
6546 Montgomery Rd.



### Honoring Four Feisty Women of Our Community

**JAN MICHELE KEARNEY, MARGE DAVIS, MELISSA ROWLAND, RINA SAPERSTEIN**

Join WCC President Nancy Walters & our Feisty Women  
for tea, sandwiches, dessert and fun.

**NO CHARGE!**

Look for your invitation coming in the mail soon!



**SAVE THE DATE!**

Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati is thrilled to announce  
the featured speaker at our 25<sup>th</sup> annual  
**National Speaker Forum and Fundraiser**

**CHIEF GLOBAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT**  
**for ABC News**

**MARTHA RADDATZ**

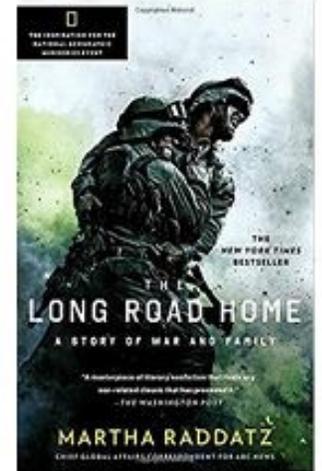


**Monday, April 16, 2018**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Memorial Hall**  
**1225 Elm Street,**  
**Downtown Cincinnati**

The United States is faced with multiple foreign policy challenges — the US role in conflict areas, nuclear threats, terrorism, trade, immigration, and policy disagreements with other countries. The country lacks consensus about the best way forward. Who better to help us sort through what is happening and help us understand than Martha Raddatz!

Raddatz has covered national security, foreign policy and politics for decades – reporting from the Pentagon, the State Department, the White House, and war zones around the world. She is known for her extraordinary and often exclusive reporting from conflict areas, and the emotional detail of her stories.

Join us for what is sure to be a remarkable evening!



Beginning Tues., Nov. 7  
the National Geographic  
channel will air an 8-hour  
miniseries inspired by Ms.  
Raddatz's best-selling book,  
*The Long Road Home:  
a Story of War and Family.*

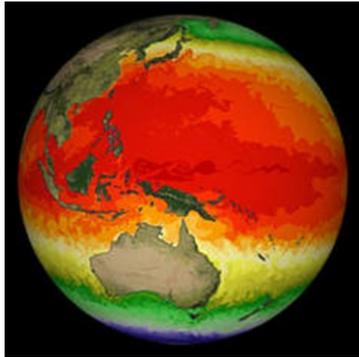
Forum tickets on sale  
January 2018  
womancityclub.org  
Or call  
513-751-0100

Lecture \$40  
\$10 for students  
\$100 for private  
reception with  
Ms. Raddatz

Information on  
organizational  
co-sponsorships:  
513-871-6927

# CITY CONVERSATIONS FOCUSES ON CLIMATE CHANGE IN NOVEMBER

**“Climate Choices: How Should We Meet The Challenges of a Warming Planet?”  
Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm.  
First Unitarian Church, Ellen Hall Room  
536 Linton St, Cincinnati, OH 45219**



Bill Muse, President Emeritus of the National Issues Forums Institute, will moderate a deliberative forum on **November 21<sup>st</sup>** on the issue of Climate Change, using an issue guide that was developed with the cooperation of the North American Association of

Environmental Education entitled “Climate Choices: How Should We Meet The Challenges of a Warming Planet?” The forum will employ a process of reviewing the nature of the issue and then considering three

alternative options as to how we as citizens might best respond.

Participants will be able to share their perspectives and to hear the views of others before making a recommendation. Input will then be collected on a questionnaire as part of a national study on the issue.

Those involved in the forum are asked to go to the NIFI website ([www.nifi.org](http://www.nifi.org)) where they can review a copy of the Climate Choices issue guide and obtain either a hardcopy or PDF version.

Come participate in this exciting conversation!



Bill Muse

~ Jeff Dey,  
Co-Chair  
Membership Committee

## CINCINNATI ELECTION 2017

### I. CONVERSATIONS WITH CANDIDATES FOR CINCINNATI CITY COUNCIL

Among the series of candidate forums and panels designed to engage and inform Cincinnati residents in October was an interactive session held on Saturday morning, October 7 at the American Red Cross.

The informal format was designed to engage candidates and citizens to listen to each others’ voices, create possibilities for consensus, evaluate differences, and find common ground. The topics for the morning were divided into two parts: “Race, Inclusion, Equity,” and “Economic Development, Jobs, Transportation.” This session was sponsored by the Woman’s City Club in collaboration with Applied Information Resources, Cincinnati, Cincinnati- Hamilton County Community Action Agency, Greater Cincinnati Regional Food Policy Council, Urban League, League of Women Voters, and the Urban Appalachian Community Coalition.

### II. POLICY LEARNING WITH CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL

On October 12, Woman’s City co-sponsored another interactive forum designed to promote interactive discussion with candidates, topic experts and citizens on how to address hypothetical policy scenarios. The purpose was to engage candidates and citizens in learning about key policy issues and about how their candidates go about making policy decisions. The topics for the afternoon were threefold:

“Race, equity & Health: How can the City address the health inequities in our neighborhoods?”

“Environment & Sustainability: What should the City do about food waste?”

“Housing & Economic Development: How should the City balance development with other community land use needs?”



### III. CONVERSATIONS WITH CPS SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

#### “What We Learned”

On Election Day, Cincinnati voters will find 13 candidates for the Cincinnati Public School’s Board of Education on their ballots -- with only 4 votes for 4 seats. To help voters make their choices, the public and the school board candidates were invited to meet together in a series of small group conversations on October 18 at the Mayerson Academy. Candidates moved from group to group, each time addressing a question and discussing it with 6-8 citizens at the table. The rule of engagement was: “Participants listen; candidates listen. Everyone learns!”

Questions included ways to engage the broader community and parents, ensure equitable education so all children have a chance to success, allocate additional resources, and make Cincinnati a “destination district” for public education. Groups were all asked to describe the core mission of public education. The planners meant for the questions to be challenging, and they were.



VERY lively conversations ensued! It was difficult to end each session and move on. Candidates liked the format and the opportunity to hear from the public; they were impressed by the enthusiasm, knowledge, and insight of the public’s representatives at the forum.

I asked an admittedly unrepresentative sample of attendees to say a bit about what *they* learned. Major themes:

Much praise for the format and for our facilitator Jeff Stec! It was a way “to really get to know the candidates when they have to respond spontaneously vs with practiced talking points.”

The slate this year has many good candidates, with different strengths – though “we need to understand that not all of our candidates can be the change we need.”

Candidates think that CPS communication with parents and the community needs strengthening and some had ideas for reaching out. However, they tended to understand “the community” as primarily parents rather than the broader public who are the majority of voters. Many candidates don’t have a sophisticated understanding of ways to engage this community and parents face to face prior to making important decisions.

Really good news: Parents for Public Schools reported that listening to the candidates helped them understand the implications of not engaging the parents and the dire need to advocate as a voice for those who remain silent. “Constructive plans are now underway to expedite best practices.”

Facilitator Jeff Stec: “The ultimate success of the event was how we modeled the kind of dialog that CPS needs to continually replicate at all levels of their decision-making.”

Led by Burt Roehr of the League of Women Voters, the forum was planned and presented by the Woman’s City Club and multiple nonpartisan organizations.

~ Sarah Gideonse

### OCTOBER’S PUBLIC FORUM:

#### THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN POVERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT



Laura Brunner, Cathy Bailey, Nancy Laird, Donna Baker, Donna Jones

The ravages of recent hurricanes remind us again of humanity’s vulnerability to natural disasters, particularly for families with the fewest resources. The lower a family’s income, the higher the likelihood the family’s health, safety, and livelihood will suffer not only from weather-related catastrophes, including climate change, but also from exposure to toxics in degraded air, water, and soil at home and on the job. This is true in our own city and state.

To help us understand why many lower income neighborhoods experience disproportionately poor environmental quality, Woman’s City Club

presented a public forum, “The Intersection between Poverty and the Environment,” on October 26 at the United Way Convening Center. **Heather Taylor-Meisle**, Executive Director of the Ohio Environmental Council moderated. The panelists were **Cathy Bailey**, Director of the Greater Cincinnati Water Works; **Laura Brunner**, CEO Greater Cincinnati Redevelopment Authority; **Nancy Laird**, a



Heather Taylor-Meisle

Lower Price Hill community volunteer active with the Urban Appalachian Community Coalition with her colleague **Donna Baker**; and **Donna Jones**, a Lower Price Hill expert on neighborhood environmental concerns. Lower Price Hill is a neighborhood especially impacted by environmental degradation.

The panelists described their personal experience with economic and ecological survival. They recounted stories of community efforts to mitigate industrial waste in their area, assure residents of clean air and water, and to secure their rights to economic and environmental justice.

**What we learned from the panel:**

- 1) Show up, be involved, be opinionated.
- 2) Find your people - and make sure to bring many voices to the table from difference backgrounds to show how many people care about the issue.
- 3) Provide basic education and greater communication vehicles so people understand the issue and can protect their families.
- 4) Look for opportunities to highlight the issue before the broader public so they understand what is at stake.
- 5) Work at the intersection between poverty and the environment demands a holistic approach. Affordability of services, stronger public education, adequate healthcare, and a livable wage, are all part of the solution.

~ Susan Noonan with Sarah Gideonse

## ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE SEEKS TO REGULATE PLASTIC BAGS

On Wednesday, October 25, WCC's Environmental Task Force joined other community groups to hold a press conference outside City Hall in an effort to push council to regulate plastic single-use carryout bags in Cincinnati. The group calls its movement "Cincinnati Past Plastic" or "BYO Bag." We have become increasingly aware of the harmful presence of plastic on marine systems and on human health, including endocrine disruption. By regulating the distribution of single-use carryout bags, Cincinnati can reduce plastic pollution in the environment, including our rivers and streams, our storm water systems, our landfills, our roadsides and parks. The plastic proposal has council support.

"We can do it thoughtfully and insuring those that are low income and if there is a fee, that we provide reusable bags for any people who need and want them," said Councilman Chris Seelbach. "But this is something that we need to do if we truly care about the environment."



To launch the campaign, the coalition of community groups will sponsor a screening and discussion of the feature documentary *A Plastic Ocean* at St. John's UU Church on November 12 at 6 - 8 pm. (See flyer) Children are invited. Refreshments are provided.

~ Jeanne Nightingale

### Green Tip:

Why should I use a reusable shopping bag?

One reusable bag has the life of 700 single-use plastic bags.

Only 1- 2 % are recycled.

A plastic bag takes up to 500 years to decompose.

We use an average of 350-500 bags a person a year. I use none, so some are using more than 500.

100,000 turtles and birds die each year from ingesting plastic.

## Changing CO<sub>2</sub>urse: Local Solutions to a Global Crisis

**Sunday, November 12 at 6:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**St. John's UU Church, 320 Resor, Clifton**

Doors open at 5:30 pm for socializing and snacks.

**Screening and discussion of *A PLASTIC OCEAN*, a feature-length adventure that brings to light the consequences of our global disposable lifestyle. The wave of change starts with you!**

“In the center of the Pacific Ocean gyre our researchers found more plastic than plankton. *A Plastic Ocean* documents the newest science, proving how plastics, once they enter the oceans, break up into small particulates that enter the food chain where they attract toxins like a magnet. These toxins are stored in seafood's fatty tissues, and eventually consumed by us.”



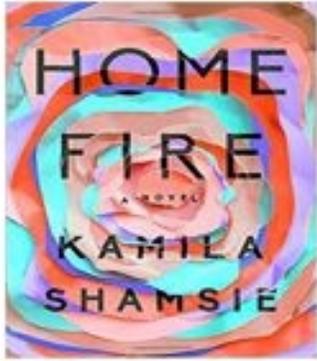
This screening celebrates the October 25 Launch of our Cincinnati campaign to regulate the distribution of single-use carryout bags. Plastic bags require a plethora of resources to produce and distribute; plastic litter compromises our waste stream, stormwater systems and landfills; plastic bags foul our waterways, roadsides and parks.

### **WHAT CAN WE DO IN CINCINNATI?**

- 1. Bring your own bag!**
- 2. Vote for City Council members who support finding a Cincinnati solution to single-use bags.**

**HOSTED BY: First Unitarian Church, Woman's City Club, Citizens' Climate Lobby, League of Women Voters, Miami Group Sierra Club, UC Cincinnati Past Plastic, Citizens' Climate Lobby, St. John's UU Green Sanctuary Partners**

## A CHANGE OF PACE FOR THE WCC BOOK CLUB!



**Meet and discuss:**  
**HOME FIRE: a novel**  
November 18 at 10 am  
Home of Jan Seymour  
23 Arcadia Place, Hyde Park

RSVP at [fergysgirl@gmail](mailto:fergysgirl@gmail.com) or 513-871-2153

Kamila Shamsie's explosive new novel, longlisted for this year's Man Booker Prize, is a bold retelling of Sophocles' "Antigone," set in contemporary London, in Amherst, MA, and in the Middle East. Through the complex saga of Pakistani family straddling worlds, the novel plays freely with Sophocles' drama but hews to its themes: civil disobedience, fidelity, and the law, especially as regards burial rights.

~ *New York Times*, Aug. 8, 2017

## Woman's City Club invites members and friends to A HOLIDAY GIVING LUNCH



Wednesday, November 29

11:30 am – 1 pm

Venice on Vine Pizza

1301 Vine St, Over-the-Rhine

Each year WCC collects toys, games, puzzles, books, and other gifts for the Contact Center to sell to families in the neighborhood during the holiday season.

The cost to the families is minimal, and the families have the opportunity to select items appropriate to their situation. The Contact Center's holiday sale also serves as a fundraiser for them.

If you are not able to attend but want to contribute, you may drop items off at the WCC office during business hours, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8 am -1 pm.

In addition to award-winning pizza, customers may order salads and sandwiches.

For more information and to RSVP – Marge Davis -- 321-6835 or

Sarah Gideonse -- 871-6927 or [Sarah.Gideonse@fuse.net](mailto:Sarah.Gideonse@fuse.net)



- 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

**Tuesday, November 7: Election Day!**  
**Note new address of Board of Elections** 4700 Smith Road, 45212.  
**Don't forget to vote!**

**Tuesday, November 7:** Begins 8-hour miniseries: *The Long Road Home: A Story of War & Family*, based on the book of the same title by Martha Raddatz, WCC National Speaker April 16, 2018.

**Sunday, November 12, 6 - 8 pm:**  
Changing CO<sub>2</sub>urse Program at St. John's UU Church: Screening and Discussion of Adventure Documentary, *A Plastic Ocean*.

**Friday, November 17, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm:** Program: "Win-Win Strategies for Employer & Employee," Geier Room, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church, 103 WH Taft Rd.

**Saturday, November 18, 10:00 am:**  
Book Club Discussion of novel *Home Fire*. At the home of Jan Seymour, 23 Arcadia Place, Hyde Park

**Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 pm:**  
*City Conversations - A Focus on Climate Change* In Ellen Hall Room of First Unitarian Church, 536 Linton Street, Cincinnati 45219

**Wednesday, November 29, 11:30 am - 1 pm,** Holiday Giving Lunch, Venice on Vine Pizza. 1301 Vine St. Over the Rhine.



### WCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

For the latest schedule of Committee Meetings, check our Website Calendar at [womanscityclub.org](http://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/](http://cincinnati-oh.gov/council/).



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