

**March-April
2015**

**Lighting
the way
since 1915**

GREEN TIPS

**From
Mary
Gerson**



As you begin to think about your garden and make plant selections, please consider plants friendly to bees and monarchs. The monarch larva only hosts on milkweed, and the tropical (asclepias urassavica) is their favorite. You can Google bee-friendly plants for choices.

Remember to consider native plants, which are hardier for our region. Stay away from neonicotinoid weed killers whose spray has a lethal effect on bees.

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THE BULLETIN

**Proud of the Past, Focused on the Future —
Woman's City Club Celebrates Its Centennial**



On March 6, 2015 —the exact 100th Anniversary of its founding— Woman's City Club observed its birthday with a gala event at the Netherland Plaza Hall of Mirrors. The room was lit with WCC colors, decorated with banners, and filled with 350 guests ranging in age from twenty-something to ninety-four. MUSE opened the program with songs of hope and commitment. "Woman's City Club Day" was proclaimed at the state, county, and

city levels by Denise Driehaus on behalf of the Ohio House of Representatives, Commissioner Todd Portune for Hamilton County, and City Vice Mayor David Mann.

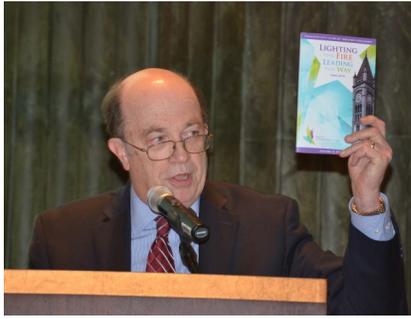
Keynoter Daniel Hurley, citing Robert Putnam's *Bowling Alone*, noted the decline of volunteer organizations and the rarity of a civic group reaching its centennial. He saluted WCC for the perseverance that has kept it an active force in the Greater Cincinnati community and the dedication to ongoing reevaluation and change that keeps the organization relevant and effective.

The video *WCC: Voices from 1965 to 2015*, featuring long-term members Louise Spiegel and Marian Spencer along with current officers and members, gave an overview of WCC's many achievements over the past century and ongoing projects and initiatives.

WCC President Susan Noonan spoke about the past 100 years and promised that WCC would never become complacent but would continue to rely on collaborations throughout the community. In her closing remarks, just before Elementz dancers concluded the program with a rousing performance that earned a standing ovation, Noonan declared, "We will continue to make WCC a force to be reckoned with, a constantly evolving group of dedicated, feisty, intellectually gifted members and friends for the next 100 years!" A perfect finale to an evening filled with pride in the past and hope for the future!

Don't forget to buy a sponsorship or tickets for our centennial national speaker event on April 23rd. Mariel Hemingway will be speaking on an issue of immense importance to all of us: mental health. See page 5.

Pictures from the Centennial Gala Event!



Key note speaker Dan Hurley displaying WCC's new history, *Lighting the Fire, Leading the Way, 1954-2015*



President Susan Noonan accepting proclamation from Hamilton County Commission Todd Portune

Congrats on a VERY successful and moving event last night - fitting for a 100th birthday party!
-- Brewster Rhoads.



Judge Nate Jones and Marian Spencer



Mary Roman and Tim Kraus



Bob Newman and Mary Asbury



Harriet Kaufman, Louise Spiegel, Laure Quinlivan, and Todd Portune

I am taking up your challenge to attract new and younger members into their fold, by joining myself. Happy birthday, and here's to many more years of civic engagement and action! -- Michelle Dillingham.



MC Courtis Fuller

Pictures from the Centennial Gala Event!



President Susan Noonan speaking at the podium



Vice Mayor David Mann issuing proclamation in behalf of the City.



Elementz Dancers performing at Gala

Amazing evening! What a high burst of energy and enthusiasm! Bigger than I ever imagined. The Committee deserves so much credit. ... And Susan's enthusiasm and leadership helped to pull it off with panache. –Jeanne Nightingale



Kay and Dan Yount



MUSE Women's Choir performing songs of hope and commitment

Congratulations to ... everyone involved in the centennial celebration! Last night was absolutely wonderful from beginning to end—framed by entertainment and punctuated by insightful comments. The video was fantastic in presenting committed articulate women reminding us of WCC's important achievements. Dan Hurley's remarks were perfectly for the occasion, as were Susan's. The event was very well attended, including lots of WCC standouts and elected officials.... – Beth Sullebarger

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Celebrate - we are now 100 years old! Our Centennial Gala was such an exciting night of local stars – the Muse Cincinnati Women’s Choir Singers, Courtis Fuller, Dan Hurley, Brewster Rhoads taking photographs, and Elementz – urban youth dancers, as well as ALL of the WCC members who were there and are stars in their own right.

Marian Spencer, Louise Spiegel and Judge Nathaniel Jones sat at one table: how fortunate we are

to have these pioneers of race relations, civic and community empowerment, social justice and equality in our midst. We’ve all learned so much from them.

I want to again thank all of those who helped to make our Gala Dinner a huge success, starting with Nancy Sheckler, our office manager, and Roger Smith who keeps all of us financially organized.

Thanks to Lori Nuckolls, chair of the Centennial Committee and each and every one of the other hardworking members. Special thanks to the Cookbook Sub-committee, especially Janet and Anne Buening; the publicity group, especially Jo-Ann Albers and Regina Russo; and the fundraising subcommittee. Thanks also to Barbara Wolf and Tim Kraus who spent hours putting together a short video from interviews of club members such as Marian Spencer and Louise Spiegel. Thanks to Carole Miller and Lisa Albonetti who designed our book covers and prepared them for printing along with many edits by club members Janet Buening, Dot Christenson, Sarah Gideonse and Jeanne Nightingale. Thanks to WCC Board members without whose dedication and talent we would not exist.

Most importantly, a very special thanks to our generous Centennial sponsors: the Pepper Family Fund and Francie Pepper, Dr. O’Dell Owens, Louise Spiegel, Dot Christenson, Alice Schneider, Susan and Dave Noonan, Dick Weiland, Nick Haussmann, the Seasongood foundation and the Wilder Foundation – for their incredibly generous support of our historical video and new history book. Many thanks again to our honorary hosts.

Thanks also to our table sponsors: Francie Pepper, Louise Spiegel, O’Dell Owens, Dot Christenson, Susan Noonan, Nick Haussmann, Alice Schneider, Susanna Wong/Oriental Wok, Central Clinic, Cindy Rowland, Dick Weiland, Barbara Elleman, Rachel Powell, Jeffrey Dey, Hamilton County Sherriff’s Department, the Hilton Netherland Plaza Hotel, Planned Parenthood, Urban League of Southwestern Ohio, Cincinnati Political Caucus, Blank, Rome LLC, Dr Maria Kreppel, and the Charter Committee, as well as WCC members who shared tables.

Finally – Thank you to the esteemed group of 34 men and women who agreed to be our Honorary Hosts because they support our mission and represent so many different aspects of our community – most of you are here tonight – we are so grateful for your support.

We welcomed Barbara Milon, who had travelled the farthest to be at our 100th birthday party. Barbara was President during the 75th anniversary of WCC and was President from 1989 and 1990.

In 1915, we were celebrating 50 years since the civil war; now, in 2015, it's been 50 years since the first U.S. troops entered Viet Nam. Time is flying by! The world population in 1915 was 1.8 billion. Now it is seven plus billion - more than four times as many as in 1915.

That means more people; more problems to solve. WCC will *never* become complacent: there will always be new problems to face, Issues to research, and more work to be done on solutions through collaborations with others.

At the Centennial Dinner, we heard so many wonderful stories about the history of WCC’s last hundred years; I am here to tell you that the next 100 years will be just as historical, and the issues we will face and work to solve will be just as complicated. The programs we have scheduled for the remainder of the Centennial year will address many of the current issues our Community is facing. They are described in this issue, and we will hope to see you all at some, if not all of them.

The WCC will to continue to push for a stronger civic voice, representing every segment of our community, in government and addressing social justice issues where we need improvement; education, the environment, the criminal justice system – to mention a few. WCC will work to help assist young males assimilate into our community before they get caught up in gangs or drugs because they lose hope and think no one cares. This is why we invited Chief Blackwell to speak on his youth empowerment program.

We need to work to improve the lives of women and children living on “unlivable” wages, so a subcommittee of the status of women committee – “the Louise Spiegel Committee”-- is working on economic disparity in collaboration with many other agencies and will culminate with the economic, mental and physical health expo on Fountain square on May 29th. We are looking at immigrations issues: WCC has had DACA students (deferred action childhood arrivals) speak to us about their plight of living their lives in limbo.

We have so much left to do but we know that the hidden strength of the women – and men – in this club as they continue to advocate for minorities, children and families, low income women and other victims of social and economic justice, will be valued and emulated by others who believe in our mission and vision. We will continue to make WCC a force to be reckoned with, for the next 100 years! Thank you all for being a part of our “astounding 100 years” (according to Dan Hurley) organization!

Susan



OUR MUCH ANTICIPATED SPEAKER – MARIEL HEMINGWAY – APRIL 23

Woman's City Club continues its Centennial year with another extraordinary event. This year's National Speaker will feature actor and mental health advocate Mariel Hemingway speaking on "'Running from Crazy: A Life Journey with Mariel Hemingway.'" It's about a month away -- April 23 at 7:30 pm and will take place in the Music Hall ballroom. A special speaker and location in celebration of our centennial year, this evening will be a memorable.

Mariel Hemingway's talk will address her own family experience and her work with mental health organizations nationally. Both her grandfather, literary icon Ernest Hemingway, and her sister, super model Margaux Hemingway, committed suicide. Mariel has since courageously devoted her work to restoring balance to her own life through healthy living and, in her words, "raising consciousness and awareness that we as human beings are self-healing, self-sufficient, and self-sustaining."

Tickets to the lecture are \$40 each. Tickets to lecture and private reception are \$140 each. To foster the continuing work of WCC, if you are able please consider becoming a patron or a sponsor of the event. Sponsorships are at different levels, starting at \$140. People have two ways to buy tickets: online at Womanscityclub.org or by completing the order form attached to this *Bulletin* and mailing it with a check to Woman's City Club, 103 Wm. H. Taft Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45208.



RESCHEDULED : CATHERINE ROMA PRESENTATION

"HOPE FOR YOU"

New Spirituals Emerging from Modern Mass Incarceration

Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the First Unitarian Church, 536 Linton Street, Avondale

Catherine Roma will discuss and show films and recorded clips of the UMOJA Men's Chorus, which she founded in 1993 at Warren Correctional Institution in Lebanon, Ohio. Since the release of the first UMOJA Men's Chorus CD, the men have written compositions that serve, in many respects, as the spirituals did in the 18th and 19th centuries. Dr. Roma will be sharing some of these new spirituals in her presentation. ("Umoja" is Swahili for "unity").

For 40 years, Dr. Roma has been creating vibrant choral communities that reach across barriers of race, religion, class, sexual orientation and age. She uses music to translate the values of social justice and inclusion into our experience of community.

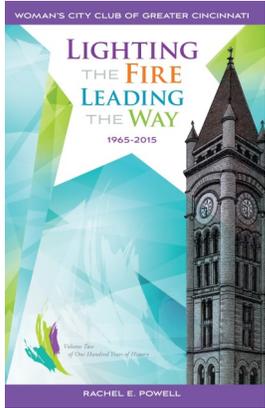
Founder and past Director of MUSE and the Martin Luther King Coalition Chorale, Professor Emerita of music at Wilmington College, past director of St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church Choir and now founder and Director the World House Choir, Catherine Roma has been working to build musical opportunities for men and women who are incarcerated in three area prisons. In addition to the **UMOJA** Men's Chorus, she has founded **UBUNTU** Men's Chorus at Madison Correctional Institution in 2012, and now a new women's choir **HOPE THRU HARMONY** at Dayton Correctional Institution in 2014. Last year Roma received the YWCA Gala Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her passion, vision, courage, and perseverance.



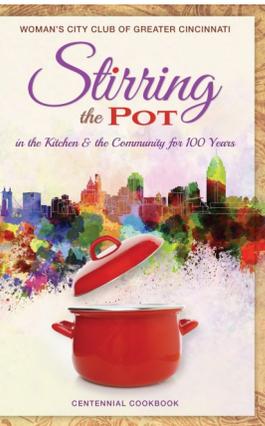
This is a WCC Public Forum/City Conversations event. Light refreshments will be provided.

Hot off the Presses!

The Centennial Dinner at the Netherland Hilton Plaza was a wonderful kick-off to Woman's City Club's 100th anniversary, but the big news for this month is that our two new books, published to celebrate the centennial, are finally here!



Lighting the Fire, Leading the Way, by Rachel E. Powell is the thoughtful, carefully researched history of the second fifty years of Woman's City Club, covering the years 1965 to 2015. Powell details how WCC not only survived but thrived as women's roles in society and the workplace changed, as our nation and our club wrestled with racial issues and moved toward desegregation, and as collaboration and partnerships with other local organizations gave our members a prominent and effective voice on local issues. The final chapter of the book, written by Jeanne Nightingale and Susan Noonan, discusses the significant contributions WCC has continued to make throughout the community over the past decade. *Lighting the Fire, Leading the Way* is 160 pages, including 16 pages of photographs, with a softcover. It sells for \$20.00.



Stirring the Pot in the Kitchen and the Community for 100 Years is a cookbook with a unique historical perspective. It includes vintage recipes from WCC's 1917 *Liberty Cookbook* and its 1952 *Recipes* along with contributions from current members— and also looks at the evolution of the kitchen and the foods we eat. It introduces strong women who made culinary history, shares advice from the past that is still apt today, and is seasoned throughout with commentary and quotations that give the book its own special flavor. Fun to read yet practical for everyday use with recipes as diverse as WCC's membership, *Stirring the Pot* captures the changing roles of women over the past century while honoring the constant role of women as the center of the home and family—whatever form either of those may take. *Stirring the Pot* is 208 pages, including a full index, with a durable cover and premium spiral binding that allows it to lie flat when open for easy use. At \$20.00 it is a great addition to any cookbook collection and the perfect gift for anyone who loves to cook.

Both books can be purchased online for \$20.00 each plus postage at womanscityclub.org. Or by calling the office at 513-751-0100. Books will be available at most WCC events as well!

Public Forum: "Ohio's Charter Schools: Are They Accountable?"

When: Monday April 20, 7-8:45 p.m.

Location: Clifton Recreation Center, 320 McAlpin Avenue, Cincinnati 45220

A public forum on April 20 will present varied perspectives on Ohio's "community schools," commonly referred to as charters. Panelists for "Ohio's Charter Schools: Are They Accountable?" will include Aaron Churchill, research analyst of the Thomas Fordham Institute, also a charter school sponsor; Steve Dyer, education policy fellow of Innovation Ohio; and Mary Ronan, superintendent of Cincinnati Public Schools. Journalist Krista Ramsey will serve as moderator for the forum.

Charter Schools were started in Ohio in 1997 to offer urban school children an alternative to their public schools and incubators for innovation as less regulated places to try out different approaches to educating students. They would also provide healthy competition to public schools, which would improve in order to maintain their enrollments. They have proved popular with families: There are about 380 in operation, serving over 100,000 students.

Unfortunately, as widely reported in the media, many have not lived up to this promise. In Ohio their performance has been lackluster – particularly among the for-profit schools -- and finances too often mismanaged.

Accountability is in question. Critics worry that charters are competing with public schools for scarce resources. While acknowledging these problems, proponents of charters argue they have been allocated too few resources to operate more effectively.

The panel will address these issues: cover basic facts about the founding and funding for charter schools, as well as their promise, performance, and strategies for improvement. Speakers will present their findings and answer questions from the audience. There will be ample time for audience questions.

The League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area sponsors the forum with these cosponsors: the Xavier University School of Education; University of Cincinnati College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Service; Cincinnati Association; Parents for Public Schools of Greater Cincinnati; Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati; Applied Information Resources, Inc., Prepare the Future Ohio project of Faith & Community Alliance, and the Urban League of Greater Southwestern Ohio. For more information and questions, call 281-VOTE.

~ Barbara Glueck and Sarah Gideonse

AGNES SEASONGOOD LUNCHEON

DR. LAKSHMI SAMMARCO, HAMILTON COUNTY CORONER

“CSI – CINCINNATI”

When: Friday, May 22 at 11:45 am

Where: Crowne Plaza Blue Ash, 5901 Pfeiffer Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242

WCC is proud to present Hamilton County’s first woman coroner, Dr. Lakshmi Sammarco, as this year’s speaker at our annual luncheon in honor of Agnes B. Seasongood. She will be talking on the role of the coroner and her office in solving crimes.

Dr. Sammarco was appointed as the Hamilton County Coroner on February 2012 and was elected to the position on her own terms last year. She has been much in the news as she advocates for a new and modern crime laboratory, arguing as Krista Ramsey reported that “an adequately housed, efficient, well-maintained crime lab and morgue are essential infrastructure for any county. They are as crucial to public health and safety as are well-built bridges and properly functioning sanitation systems. Timely toxicology reports, firearms tests and DNA results are the means of convicting the guilty and, equally important, exonerating the innocent. And a well-run, efficient crime lab can save tax dollars because of unimpeachable results and upheld convictions.” Dr. Sammarco is also a board certified neuroradiologist who is in clinical practice in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is actively involved in the community.

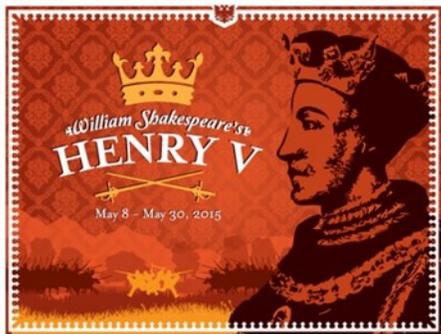
ANNUAL SHAKESPEARE AND JUSTICE LECTURE AND SHOW In Collaboration with the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company

When: Friday, May 14

Where: Cincinnati Shakespeare Company Theatre, 719 Race St, Cincinnati, OH 45202

5:30 p.m. Wine and cheese reception, sponsored by Michael Cioffi, 6:00p.m Lecture by Michael L. Cioffi

As a partner in the international law firm of Blank Rome, LLP, Mr. Cioffi manages the Cincinnati office that represents small businesses to Fortune 500 companies. Mr. Cioffi has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Cincinnati College of Law for more than 25 years, teaching a variety of courses including one titled *Law, Literature & Philosophy*, which explores the foundations of the concepts of justice and law and the relationships between these concepts and the larger culture. Mr. Cioffi is also a co-founder and trustee of The Justice Institute for the Legal Profession, whose mission is to provide educational programs based on the humanities for lawyers and judges in the United States and Europe.



From the CSC website: “In the play Henry V, the prodigal Prince Hal has cast off the unruly ways and companions of his youth, and has ascended to the throne of England. But the civil wars that brought his father, Henry IV, to the throne, have taken their toll. The country is bankrupt, and civil unrest bubbles just under the surface, threatening to erupt again. In order to refill the royal coffers and unify the country against a common enemy, the young King Henry sets his sights on the conquest of France. But his fervent army of nobles and commoners soon find themselves in hostile territory, surrounded and woefully out numbered. At the center of Shakespeare’s history cycle, and featuring some of the most powerful oratory in the canon, *Henry V* tells the unforgettable tale of those few, those happy few, that band of brothers who stood up against overwhelming odds to fight for God, King and Country. Don’t miss this history cycle favorite, as Shakespeare’s game of thrones continues.”

2014 Education Award Recipients Thank WCC and Update Us on Their College Experiences.

On Dec. 3, Dezire Lowry, an award winner, who attended Purcell Marion High School, wrote us: "My first semester in college just flew by with the last exam day being on the 12th! Overall I have to say that it certainly has been a personal learning experience and a tad bit overwhelming! One of the main things I learned outside of classes is just how challenging being a commuter can be especially hard when only having the bus available as means of transportation. UC is great and has many opportunities available, but I honestly had a hard time taking advantage of these opportunities as a commuter especially in regards to making new friends and time management. However, I have thankfully been able to attend meetings of a campus ministry called CRU, which I have to say has been one of the best choices I've made all semester. As of now, I'm getting ready for finals week and trying to find some more financial aid so that I may either get a car for transportation or find somewhere near/ on campus to live next year. I want to thank you all again for the support you've shown me this year. I hope that you continue to impact young women's lives as you have impacted mine."

On November 1, Sabrina Neimeister, who attended Lakota East High School, wrote us: "First off I wanted to say thank you so much for the blessing this organization has provided me with. As I headed off to college, I noted ... an interest in being in Clinical Psychology, but because of the opportunities here at Ohio University I have expanded my interests. As of next semester, I am going to be double majoring in both Clinical Psychology and Sociology ... [with a forensic focus.] My experiences here at Ohio University

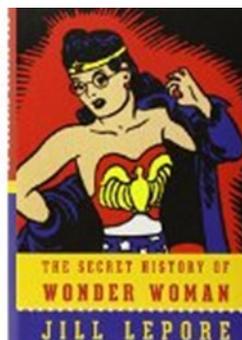
have been such wonderful stepping stones for other parts of my life and without the support of Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati, I would not have made it to this point.

"I am currently volunteering at Athens County Children Services as a part-time math tutor and attend events for the adoption of kids who have been in foster care. Also, the Athens County Animal shelter seems to be my second home. Each and every week I walk dogs and attend fundraising events to raise money for their facility.

"Besides volunteering, I am involved in many activities here. CRU, which is a Christian college club, has helped me stay focused on being in college for the right reasons. This club, along with basketball, sand volleyball, courted volleyball, and Psychology Club has been great assets for my studies. I am very excited to be involved in the community here as well as to start all over next semester.

"This opportunity was made available through organizations, such as this one, that have given back to the students they believe can make the scholarship into something bigger than themselves. No words can explain how grateful I am for everything that Woman's City Club has done for me both physically and mentally. The support has meant the world to me. Thank you once again."

WOMAN'S CITY CLUB BOOK CLUB – Is Wonder Woman a Feminist?



When: April 15, 10:00 pm.
Where: Sarah Gideonse home, 2570 Madison Rd., Apt. 20 in Hyde Park
We will discuss this work of historical detection about the origin of one of the world's most iconic superheroes, who was a part of the history of 20th Century feminism. Everyone is welcome. RSVP and directions – 871-6927 or s.gideonse@womancityclub.org.

Intrepid journalist shattered barriers



Excerpted from *100 Who Made a Difference* by Barry M. Horstman Copyright 1999 by the *Cincinnati Post*

Like Miss Bly, America's famous pioneering woman journalist, Miss Neely -- who used her maiden name throughout her career -- earned her reputation early this century through reportorial stunts ranging from flying a dirigible to sliding hundreds of feet down a fire escape device from the top of downtown Cincinnati's tallest building.

One of Cincinnati's earliest newspaperwomen, Miss Neely also was among the first women to work for a major metropolitan newspaper in the country, becoming an inspiring role model who helped crumble gender barriers in a profession then all-but-exclusively male.

Perhaps even more important was the broader, if intangible, message sent by her bylines in three Cincinnati papers over nearly a half century: that women need not regard any career as closed to them. Because if Ruth Neely could solo a dirigible, then who was to say that women couldn't do anything they wanted in the workplace? Of all the memorable stunts in a career..., perhaps the most impressive one was simply getting a newspaper job in the first place.

[She was] born in Kentucky in 1874 or 1875.... In 1903, ...working as a schoolteacher in Covington, she walked into the editor's office at the *Commercial Tribune* and asked for an unpaid trial "chasing down neighborhood items." ... Three weeks later, the editor told her to quit teaching and offered her a job at the paper.

It was a period when women were a rarity on city newspaper staffs, and when the few females in the newsroom generally had to choose between consignment to the women's department or being used almost exclusively for stunt stories. Miss Neely chose the latter path, realizing it would keep her closer to the "real" news.

As a stunt reporter, she distinguished herself at the first "flying circus," held in 1909 near Cincinnati. Aviation was then in its infancy, and Miss Neely was determined to get a personal experience story. Undeterred to learn that the primitive planes and airships at the show could accommodate only one person -- the pilot -- she persuaded the owner of a dirigible to allow her to make a 'solo ascension.' She almost came away with more than a story, because the big flapping crate drifted out over a lake. The wind, however, blew it back over land again; and she calmly dropped a rope to be pulled down -- her nerves and story intact.

Heights figured prominently in many of her stunt stories. She later became the first woman in the nation to fly in an Army airplane -- between Dayton and Cincinnati -- as part of a recruiting promotion. Once, she climbed to the highest point on the Roebling Suspension Bridge for an interview with a startled worker repairing the span. And for another story, she slid 34 stories down from the top of the Union Central Building to test a wire fire escape contraption. One of her most memorable exploits involved going undercover to

write about conditions at the Cincinnati Workhouse, a target of reform efforts early in the century. Miss Neely, according to a Post story, got herself "incarcerated, fingerprinted, garbed in uniform and assigned to a cell" in to order write a human interest story about how women found guilty of "loitering" -- in the chaste legal phraseology of the day -- lived behind bars...

The flair that she brought to such stories gradually led to more substantive assignments. She covered three national conventions, distinguished herself with her coverage of the 1913 Ohio flood and wrote award-winning stories on the 1931 funeral of U.S. House Speaker Nicholas Longworth. ...

An ardent suffragette, Miss Neely ... utilized her newspaper fame to become one of Cincinnati's most prominent activists in the battle for equal political and economic rights for women. **As an early member of the Woman's City Club**, she was at the fore of the club's international goodwill work during the '20s and '30s. ... When the boys began coming home at the end of World War I, ... she wrote an article in the *Woman's City Club Bulletin* arguing that military demobilization should not curtail women's employment opportunities. Instead, she called for the "reorganization of our industrial army on a sane and equitable basis," and suggested the slogan "Plan to Set Your House in Order" as an appropriate motto for the business world. Of her many honors, one that she prized most was having her name among those listed on a bronze plaque in the main corridor of the Hamilton County Courthouse for "having helped to win the day for woman suffrage."

When she died in August 1956, her pall bearers included former colleague Al Segal, whose "Cincinnati" column was the longest-running continuously published column in U.S. newspaper history. "She was a reporter who cared so much for people she wrote about, she cried for them, went out of her way toward making their lives better," Segal wrote. As Segal's fitting tribute made clear, Ruth Neely France on or off the ground was forever reaching heights in a distinguished newspaper career that had a lasting effect not just on her profession, but on her city.

Woman's City Club

presents

Marcel Hemingway

Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 7:30 pm

Music Hall Ballroom, 1241 Elm Street in Over-the-Rhine

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

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Deadline for inclusion in the program is February 25, 2014.

I would like to purchase _____ (# of) Regular tickets (speech only) at **\$40.00** each, for a total of \$_____

I do not want any tickets, but I would like to donate \$_____ to the Woman's City Club National Speaker Forum. (If the amount donated falls into one of the above categories, donor's name will be listed in the program as indicated. No tickets or goods will be received by the donor.)

Please make checks payable to "WCC" and mail to:

**Woman's City Club
103 William Howard Taft Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219**

ACT ONE UPDATE

Act One started off the year 2015 with a discussion led by Carolyn Miller on the City of Cincinnati's Charter Reform. Carolyn Miller and Jane Anderson have been chosen to be part of a Charter Review Task Force, which was created by a unanimous vote of Cincinnati City Council to oversee a complete and holistic review of Cincinnati's Charter.

The Charter is the city's constitution. It impacts essentially every aspect of city government. It defines the roles of the mayor and city council, sets the number of council members, determines who they represent, and how council and the mayor are elected. It establishes different types of taxation and maximum tax rates, and it determines how our park system is governed, how zoning changes can and cannot be made, and establishes the chain of command in times of emergency.

The last time that Cincinnati went through a comprehensive charter reform process, 90 years ago, it resulted in Cincinnati being crowned "the best run" city in America.

The role of the Task Force under the supervision of Councilman Kevin Flynn is not to rewrite the Charter themselves, but to facilitate an open, extensive community discussion about how city government should function, and the ways in which it should be held accountable to the citizens. The task force provides a framework and organization to make the process effective. The citizens and stakeholders of Cincinnati will provide the substance of the Charter review recommendations, and voters will ultimately decide what recommendations to adopt or reject.

In March, Act One participated in a League briefing regarding the film "Slavery by Another Name." The discussion after the film was facilitated by Rina Saperstein. This is the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution intended to abolish slavery. League Units will look at historical events following adoption of this amendment and discuss their impact on current events involving shooting by police and the mass incarceration of black men.

In April, we are proposing a program on the movements such as *Move to Amend* to repeal *Citizen United*, the Supreme Court ruling that many believe seriously undermines our Democracy. In May, we are considering opening up a series of intergenerational discussions that would serve to "bridge the gap" between our younger and older members. The word "Feminist," for example, has been taking a rough beating lately, and we need to reclaim it. We are considering hosting a screening of a film called "*Feminist Stories from Women's Liberation*." Award-winning film maker, Jennifer Lee, is concerned that her own daughter does not fully understand what the early movement fought for. The film features interviews with the bold women of the 60s and 70s who sowed the seeds of change for women.

~ Jeanne Nightingale



Changing Course: Local Solutions to a Global Crisis

Sunday, March 22 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.
St. John's UU Church, 320 Resor, Clifton

Connecting to Local Sources of Good Healthy Food

Can we build a sustainable system of local food distribution in Cincinnati?

Connecting local consumers with local producers?

The Central Ohio River Valley Local Foods Initiative (CORV) is a grassroots effort to connect community members with local farmers, markets, producers, restaurants, and fresh, healthy, local food.

CORV's Eat Local and Sustainable Food Guide is the most complete and beautiful annual Directory of Local food resources for Greater Cincinnati, Southwest Ohio, Southeast Indiana and Northern Kentucky.



Deborah Jordan

How do we get the word out about local food and the CORV Guide? What do we do to make sure we get healthy local food in our diet year round? Come share your thoughts.

Eat Fresh — Eat Local — Eat Sustainably



Guest Singers:
“Just Earth”

**With Jami Fota, Len Webb,
Paulette Meier, and Diana Porter**



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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.

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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, the organization reaches out to collaborate with other community organizations in the city and work toward shared goals.

Calendar of WCC Events

Sunday, March 22 - 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Changing CO2urse: Local Solutions to Global Crises at St. John's UU Church, 320 Resor, Clifton

Wednesday, March 25th , All Day. Whole Foods Market in the Rookwood Shopping Center, Norwood will host a "Five Percent Day" for Woman's City Club.

Saturday, April 11, 10:00 am. WCC Book Club will discuss *The Secret History of Wonder Woman*, by Jill Lepore (2014). At Sarah Gideonse's home.

Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 - 8:30 pm DR. CATHERINE ROMA "HOPE FOR YOU" New Spirituals Emerging from Modern Mass Incarceration at First Unitarian Church in the sanctuary.

Monday April 20, 7-8:45 p.m. Public Forum: " Ohio's Charter Schools: Are They Accountable" Clifton Recreation Center, 320 McAlpin Avenue, Cincinnati, 45220

April 23, 2015 - National Speaker forum with Mariel Hemingway, a mental health advocate speaking on "Running from Crazy: a Life Journey with Mariel Hemingway," in the Ballroom at Music Hall.

May 14th: Annual Shakespeare and Justice Lecture by Michael L. Cioffi. In collaboration with the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company's production of Shakespeare's Henry V.

May 22nd: Seasongood Luncheon. Dr. Lakshmi Samamarco, Crown Plaza Blue Ash.

May 29th Noon: Status of Women event on Fountain

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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