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GREEN TIP FOR MAY:
A good time to declutter!
Consider items that can be reused
repurposed
donated

This keeps them out of the landfill.
Places that will pick up items:
Volunteers of America
American Vets
St. Vincent de Paul
Goodwill
Valley Interfaith
Or give me a call!

~ Mary Gerson



Public forum

“Common Sense Solutions to Gun Violence”

Wednesday, May 9, 6:30-8 pm
Doors open at 5:30 for light refreshments

Community Action Agency
1740 Langdon Farm Road, Cincinnati 45237

Panelists

- Michele Mueller**, Cincinnati Local Group Lead and State Leadership Trainer, Ohio Chapter, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
- Ethel Guttenberg**, grandmother of Jamie Guttenberg, a Parkland victim of gun violence
- Rasleen Krupps**, student at Wyoming High School
- Josh St. Pierre**, student at the University of Cincinnati

A generation of students raised in the shadow of gun violence is sending a loud unity message to lawmakers: Enough is enough. What’s next for this new national movement against gun violence?

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The Monthly *e-Bulletin* keeps us connected with our membership, our network and our community. The next issue will appear June 11. It will be a special issue that includes WCC’s Annual Report 2017-18. The deadline for submissions and committee reports will be Wednesday, June 8. ~ Editorial Board: Jeanne Nightingale, Sarah Gideonse, Jo-Ann Albers, and Anne Skove

GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

AMERICA'S GUN MURDER RATE IS MORE THAN 20 TIMES THE AVERAGE OF OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

AMERICAN WOMEN ARE 11 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE SHOT AND KILLED THAN WOMEN IN OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

SINCE NEWTOWN, THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 150 SCHOOL SHOOTINGS—ONE ALMOST EVERY WEEK

NEW DATE FOR WCC'S NATIONAL SPEAKER FORUM

Tuesday, May 29, 7 pm at Memorial Hall

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

We want to thank you – all of our ticket holders – for your understanding at this difficult time.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the original date for the National Speaker Forum had to be cancelled at the last minute. The weekend **Martha Raddatz**, ABC NEWS Correspondent, was scheduled to come to Cincinnati was the same weekend the White House ordered strikes in Syria, and our speaker was required to remain in Washington to cover the news. Her topic could not be more timely!



"What in the World: Global Hot Spots and U.S. Foreign Policy."

Please know that the tickets for the April 16 presentation will be automatically transferred to **May 29, 7 pm at Memorial Hall** in downtown Cincinnati. If you plan to attend the rescheduled event, no action is required; simply bring your original tickets to the May 29 event, or appear at Will Call to receive them. If you cannot attend, but wish to donate the value of your tickets to Woman's City Club, we request that you please inform the Memorial Hall Box Office at (513) 977

-8838 (Tuesday – Friday, 1pm – 6pm). If you cannot attend, and wish to receive a refund, please contact the Memorial Hall Box Office. A limited number of tickets are still available on a first come basis. Contact the Box Office or order online at <https://www.memorialhallotr.com/cincinnati-shows/new-date-for-martha-raddatz-speaker-event-sponsored-by-womans-city-club/>.

Don't forget your opportunity to meet and speak with Martha Raddatz if you buy a ticket for the reception! Her book, *A Long Road Home: A Story of War and Family*, will be available for sale at Memorial Hall.

~ Nancy



P.S. Mark your calendars for WCC's Annual Meeting 2018 on **June 20** this year in the Geier Room at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church. And remember the Seasongood Award Luncheon this month: **Friday, May 25** at the Quality Hotel (formerly the Crown Plaza), Cincinnati Blue Ash, located off I-71 at the Pfeiffer Road exit. This year's speaker will be **D. Lynn Meyers**, Director of the Ensemble Theater.

Woman's City Club has refreshed its website: www.womanscityclub.org.

It's now more mobile friendly.

Check it out!



Woman's City Club cordially invites you to

The Annual Agnes B. Seasongood Luncheon

Friday May 25, 2018m from 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Quality Hotel (formerly Crowne Plaza Hotel), 5901 Pfeiffer Road, Blue Ash, Cincinnati, OH 45242

Speaker:

D. Lynn Meyer, CEO of Ensemble Theater

"The Ensemble Theatre and Its Artistic Director - History and Hopes"

Also: Presentation of WCC's Seasongood Education Award Winners

Luncheon Price: \$40

Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Mail RSVP form and check payable To "Woman's City Club" at

Woman's City Club 103 Wm. Howard Taft Road, Cincinnati, OH 45219

Or reserve online at www.womanscityclub.org

D. Lynn Meyers is in her 22nd season as the Producing Artistic Director of the Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati where she has directed over a 80 world and regional premieres, including GEORGIA MCBRIDE, HANDS ON A HARDBODY, DETROIT '67, I AM MY OWN WIFE, NEXT TO NORMAL, and THE DANCING PRINCESSES.

She directed Off-Broadway at the York Theatre with Marsha Norman's TRAVELER IN THE DARK and James McClure's MAX AND MAXIE. She has directed extensively throughout the US and Canada and began her career as Associate Artistic Director at Cincinnati Playhouse.

In addition to her directing work, she is a member of the Casting Society of America having cast for PBS, CBS, BBC, HBO, MTM, Paramount and MGM. Her favorite feature credit is serving as Location Casting Director for the Academy Award winning SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION. She recently was Location Casting Director for CAROL, MILES AHEAD, A KIND OF MURDER, THE GOAT, THE PUBLIC, THE OLD MAN WITH THE GUN and EXTREMELY WICKED, EVIL AND VILE.

She was a named one of four finalists for the Zelda Fichandler national award, honoring directors whose work is making an impact on the art form and their community. And is a past recipient of the YWCA Career Woman Of Achievement Award and a 2018 recipient of the Girl Scouts Of Western Ohio Women of Distinction Award.



D. Lynn Meyer

Member Profile: Jill Bley



In her psychology practice, **Dr. Jill Bley** has testified in many trials for battered women who were divorcing or killed by their abusive partner, for transgender individuals who were abused, for rape victims, for sexual harassment victims, and for victims of employment discrimination.

Jill holds a BA, MA and PhD from the University of Cincinnati. She is a native Cincinnati. In her early thirties, she was co-founder and counseling and training coordinator at Women Helping Women/Rape Crisis Center. She has enjoyed watching the Women Helping Women/ Rape Crisis Center grow into the fantastic community service that it is. When she was working there WHW partnered with the YWCA to sponsor a community "Speak Out" of Battered Women (WHW had already started its Telephone Hotline for Battered Women) to help the YWCA bring attention to the issue in our community.

Her clinical psychology practice started when she was 40 and she is now in her 36th year of practice. "There is certainly no joy in the horrendous stories of abuse," she says, "but there is much joy in watching people heal." Her main specialty is sexuality therapy. She helps couples and individuals heal whatever sexual problems they may have. Bley has published a number of books on human sexuality.

A WCC member since 1989, Jill joined "because I heard about the organization from a friend who told me what the organization did. I was interested because I had been a political activist from the Civil Rights Movement to the Anti-Vietnam Movement to the Women's Movement," she said. "When I went to graduate school and then started my own clinical practice I didn't have time to be involved in political movements. By 1989 my two children were raised and my practice was doing well, so I had time again to get involved in civic affairs." Jill served on WCC's board of directors, as Membership Chair for a few years and Program Chair two years. She was on the Seasongood, Feist Tea, and the National Speaker committees and the Status of Women Action Group for a number of years. She helped plan the first Fountain Square Expo. She says she gets most joy in her life from her husband, children and grandchildren.

Jill's other volunteer activities include lobbying in Columbus for changes in the rape laws and credit laws. She was on the YWCA's Task Force to implement the harassment and menacing law and to help set up the Y's AMEND program. As a member of NOW she went to one of its national conventions in Washington, D.C. "And I got to meet Alice Paul!" she said.

~ Jo-Ann Huff Alber

ACT ONE UPDATE

All new ACT ONE members and ACT ONE alums are invited for an informal meet up and social gathering on **May 5 @ 5 pm at Mad Tree Brewing on 3301 Madison Road** in Madisonville – the first modern craft brewery to can its beer in Ohio.

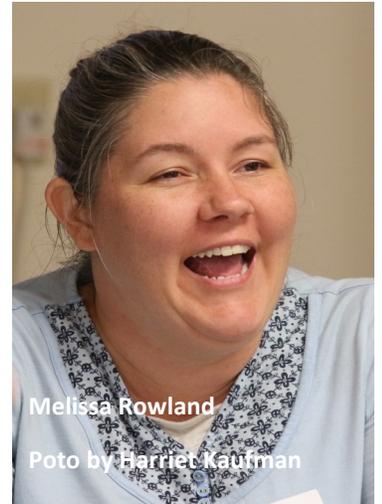
Wood-fired pizza is available!

This will be an opportunity to get to know one another, discuss the issues on the ballot May 8 Primary and exchange ideas about summer projects.

We are excited to announce that 15 new ACT ONE members have signed up in 2018! Applications will remain open on the websites of both the League and WCC, so people can join at any time. **Melissa Rowland** and **Rebecca Elliot** have been at work updating the data base and forming new ways of communicating and connecting with members through an open group on Facebook.

ACT ONE was formed in 2013 as a joint initiative of the Woman's City Club and the League of Women Voters to attract a new generation of young people and young ideas to our century-old organizations. It offers us all a unique opportunity to network across the generations, share viewpoints across our memberships, and join our voices as active participants in civic affairs. For more information, go to our website womanscityclub.org or contact us at actone@lwvca.org. Hope to see you on May 5 at 5 pm!

~ Melissa Rowland



Melissa Rowland

Photo by Harriet Kaufman

WCC'S ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS

Members of WCC's Environmental Working Group, **Lynn Hamamoto** and **Jeanne Nightingale**, were instrumental in bringing world-renowned **Dr. Vandana Shiva** to Cincinnati as a speaker for Earth Day.

Cosponsored by Sustainability at Xavier, Green Umbrella Regional Sustainability Alliance, Ethics, Religion and Society at Xavier, Bridgeman Center for Dialogue at Xavier, the event was part of the Land Justice Series. The topic of her talk was:

Earth Democracy: Sowing the Seeds of Environmental Justice

Dr. Shiva has been named one of the top Seven most Powerful Women on the Globe by Forbes magazine in 2010. Trained as a physicist, she founded Navdanya, a national movement to protect the diversity and integrity of living resources, especially native seed, the promotion of organic farming, food sovereignty, and fair trade. Shiva fights to protect the biodiversity of the species as important for the survival of life on this planet, and she warns nations against the "desertification and monoculture of the mind."

Dr. Shiva combines the sharp intellectual enquiry with courageous activism. Among her many awards is the Alternative Nobel Prize (Right Livelihood Award, 1993).

Jeanne and Lynn had proposed Dr. Shiva as speaker for WCC National Speaker Forum, but when the committee voted this year to bring Martha Raddatz, they went to the Brueggeman Center for help to bring her to Cincinnati for Earth Day. Shiva told us that India will be the global host of 2018 World Environment Day on June 5. The theme is **"Beat Plastic Pollution."**



WCC's Environmental Action Working Group has been working with the BYO Bag Coalition whose goal through lobbying council and local merchants is to ban single-use plastic shopping bags in the Cincinnati area. We have become increasingly aware of the presence of plastics in our oceans, their effect on marine ecosystems and on human health, including endocrine disruption. Locally, the litter from single-use plastic carryout bags have compromised our waste stream and our stormwater systems, our landfills, our roadsides and parks. This has become a human-made environmental crisis that we have the power to rectify locally and collectively. Many other cities, states and countries throughout the world are passing legislation to put a fee on single-use plastic shopping bags or ban them altogether.

WCC's Environmental Working Group cosponsors the Changing Course Series. In April, they screened a documentary produced by UC professors, Dr. Adrian Parr, Jon Hughes and Sean Hughes, called **"THE INTIMATE REALITIES OF WATER"** one in a series of documentaries about how the diminishing resources of drinking water has become a shaping forces of lives around the world.

In May, we will screen and discuss Leonard DiCaprio's film, **BEFORE THE FLOOD**. (See flyer on page 7)

Changing CO₂urse: Local Solutions to a Global Crisis

SATURDAY, MAY 19 AT 6:30 - 8:30 PM

St. John's UU Church, 320 Resor, Clifton

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Screening of Environmental Documentary From Academy Award Winners

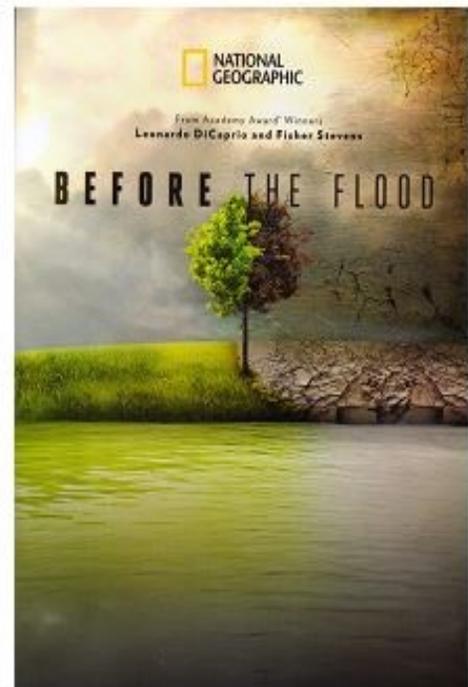
Leonard DiCaprio and Fisher Stevens

BEFORE THE FLOOD

The film is a collaborative project between some of the most recognised names in Hollywood in conjunction with National Geographic.

Spanning a course of three years, the film follows actor Leonardo DiCaprio as he examines the impact of global warming in various locales around the globe. The film documents the unsettling effects this phenomenon has on climate change while also discussing the potential of humankind to reverse them and prevent catastrophic disruption of life on our planet.

Before the Flood aims to encourage the common citizen to use their power to make the transition to a more sustainable society for the sake of the future of the natural world.



Co-Sponsors: Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati, League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area, Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus, Citizens' Climate Lobby, St. John's UU Green Sanctuary Partners

WOMAN'S CITY CLUB BOOK DISCUSSION FOR MAY

*Killers of the Flower Moon:
The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*
By David Grann

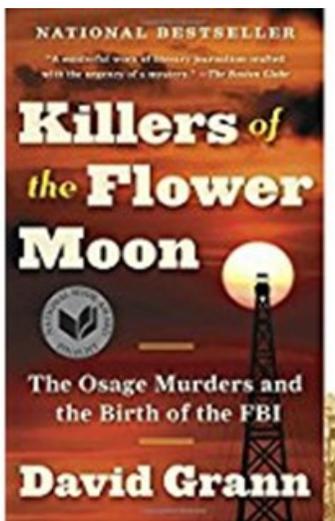
10 am, Saturday, May 19, 2018

Home of Sarah Gideonse, 2570 Madison Rd., Apt. 20, Hyde Park

For directions and to RSVP, call Sarah at 513-871-6927

Or email her at sarah.gideonse@fuse.net

All members are welcome!



In the 1920s, the Osage negotiated to maintain the mineral rights for their corner of Oklahoma, creating a kind of “underground reservation.” Soon countless oil rigs punctured the dusty landscape, making the Osage very rich. And that’s when they started dying.

Execution-style shootings, poisonings, and exploding houses drove the body count to over two dozen, while private eyes and undercover operatives scoured the territory for clues. J. Edgar Hoover’s investigation began to overtake even the town’s most respected leaders.

Exhuming the massive amount of detail is no mean feat, and it’s even harder to make it entertaining. But journalist David Grann knows what he’s doing. *Killers of the Flower Moon* reads like narrative-nonfiction as written by James M. Cain. Most sobering, though, is how the tale is at once unsurprising and unbelievable. (Edited from an Amazon review.)

The book is available in multiple copies at the library and in paperback April 3.

~ Sarah Gideonse

NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK

The following items are listed because they may be of interest to our members in keeping with our mission to educate, empower, and engage citizens. A listing does not imply that Woman's City Club sponsors, endorses, or has a studied judgment about the event, speakers, or content.



Green Umbrella

REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY ALLIANCE

Save the Date!



MIDWEST REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT

June 15, 2018
Cincinnati, Ohio

Announcing
Keynote Speaker Katharine Hayhoe

midwestsustainabilitysummit.org





Spring, 2018 we are holding our well-loved annual “friend-raiser” Gourmet Grub for Good on Saturday, May 12, 2018. If you haven’t personally experienced Gourmet Grub for Good, it is a cook-off with over 30 amateur chefs competing in various categories. Guests sample the dishes and vote for their favorite. Each “chef” represents one of our member organizations, and so it’s a great way for guests to also learn more about their work in our region.

Join Community Shares from noon—2:00 pm

St. Michael’s Sanctuary, 2110 St. Michael Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45204.

Register online here: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=089c47>.

- 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

Saturday, May 5, 5:00 pm: New ACT ONE members and alums meet up at Mad Tree Brewing, 3301 Madison Road in Madisonville.

Wednesday, May 9, 6:30-8:00 pm: Public Forum: "Common Sense Solution to Gun Violence," Community Action Agency, 1740 Langdon Farm Road, Cincinnati, OH, 45237 (off Reading near old Swifton Commons).

Saturday, May 19, 10:00 am: WCC book discussion. Home of Sarah Gideonse, 2570 Madison Road, Apt. 20, Hyde Park.

Saturday, May 19, 6:30-8:30 pm: Changing CO₂ course program: BEFORE

THE FLOOD. Screening and discussion of film. St. John's Unitarian Church, 320 Resor Ave., Clifton.

Wednesday, May 23, 5:00 pm: New member orientation. WCC Conference Room, 3rd floor, Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church, 103 Wm. Howard Taft Road, Mount Auburn.

Friday, May 25, 11:30 am—1:00 pm: Seasongood Awards Luncheon with speaker D. Lynn Meyers, Director, Ensemble Theater. Quality Hotel (formerly Crowne Plaza), Cincinnati Blue Ash, located off I-71 at the Pfeiffer Road exit.

Tuesday, May 29, 7:00 pm: **RESCHEDULED** National Speaker Forum with **Martha Raddatz**, Memorial Hall, 1225 Elm Street, Downtown Cincinnati.

June 20, 2018, 6:00 pm: WCC Annual Meeting, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church, Geier Room.



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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