



*Lighting the fire, leading the way,
since 1915*

THE BULLETIN

September 2019

WOMEN APPOINTED AND ELECTED



Saturday, September 28

9:00 -11:00 am

**St. John's Universalist
Unitarian Church**

320 Resor Avenue, Clifton

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 — Lead Constructive Lives — A Thriving City of the Future.

One hundred years of suffrage, yet women are still a minority in elected and appointed offices. The Woman's City Club is stepping up with a focus on expanding women's access to leadership roles in Greater Cincinnati to make our community a better place to live, work, and raise families. Please join us on Saturday morning, September 28, when WCC and multiple cosponsors present a free, nonpartisan workshop about running for office and serving as a civic leader.

This interactive program will offer conversations with women who have taken the initiative to run for elected office or appointment to civic boards and commissions. Participants will learn how and why to get involved in these roles as well as others such as school decision-making committees and neighborhood community councils.

The program will use a World Café format, with small group conversations on civic engagement with women who have stepped up to take leadership roles. No need to register or RSVP; just come and be part of this very special opportunity to learn from experienced leaders.

The cosponsors presenting this workshop along with Woman's City Club are **Appointed**, a project of the Women's Fund; **Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus**; **Invest in Neighborhoods**; the **Junior League of Cincinnati**, and the **League of Women Voters, Cincinnati Area**.

The building is wheelchair accessible. If interpretation or other communication accommodations are required, please provide advance notice. For more information go to wcc@womanscityclub or call 513-751-0100.

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Imagine the Future

I love September! The new calendar year begins in January, but this is the month of so many new beginnings: the time when we move from summer into fall with golden days and clear, warm nights; backyard gardens yield their abundance; schools are back in session; and so many volunteer organizations kick into gear. Such an energetic and productive time!

Woman's City Club is certainly in full swing – The Woman's Expo on Fountain Square takes place this Friday, the National Speaker Forum team is organizing the 2020 Forum with Denise Kiernan, Program Committee has events planned through December, the Board recently met for its annual retreat, and we just held WCC's first-ever Members' Picnic. A lot of power is at work for many worthy endeavors.

WCC is also taking the lead to get a statue made and placed in a public park to memorial-

ize Marian Spencer, a long-term member and former WCC president who spent her life speaking out and standing up for equality, justice, and her belief that each of us has the ability – and responsibility – to make the world a better place. Noted for desegregating Coney Island's Sunlite Pool and the Cincinnati Public Schools, and for many "firsts" – including first African American woman elected to Cincinnati City Council (1983) and to serve as Vice Mayor of Cincinnati (1984) – Marian knew it took hard work, not magic, to change the world.

At the many meetings and events that have taken place this month, some key themes are beginning to emerge. I am hearing, as WCC moves into its 105th program year, that while we want to honor many of the traditions that have shaped our club, we also need to re-examine how we put into active practice our mission to educate, empower, and en-



gage, making sure we serve equitably our increasingly diverse constituency. While continuing to develop working partnerships with many other organizations, we also want to find ways to offer expanded and meaningful membership benefits to those who support WCC with their dues and involvement.

These are issues that WCC's board and leaders will consider in the year ahead. I invite you all to imagine our future, too – and to share your ideas with me by phone or at wccpresident2018@gmail.com.

~ Janet Buening

*We do not need magic
to change the world.
We carry all the power
we need inside
ourselves already:
we have the power
to imagine better.*

- J.K. Rowling

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year – membership renewal season! Dues are an essential part of the revenue stream that keeps WCC in operation. If you read the *Friday Update* each week, attend our programs, or visit us on Fountain Square each year during our Expo but haven't joined yet, please consider becoming a member. You can [learn more on our website](#).

Members, do you have a friend who would love what we do here at WCC? A membership makes the perfect gift!

We offer five levels of membership :

Basic \$55 — Household \$75 — Sustaining \$150+ — Life \$1000 — Pay What You Can - adjustable

To help WCC keep up our wonderful work, please join or renew! It's easy to [renew online](#). Or mail your check to the WCC office: WCC, 103 William Howard Taft Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45219

Many thanks to all who have already paid their annual dues!



SIXTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S ECONOMIC, MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH EXPO

Friday, September 27

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Fountain Square, Downtown Cincinnati

WCC and its Thriving Cincinnati project invites everyone – especially people who live, work, and visit Downtown – to take part in its annual Women's Economic, Mental, and Physical Health Expo on Fountain Square at lunchtime on September 27. The year's theme is "Pennies on the Dollar: Equal Pay for Equal Work."

This expo, as in past years, celebrates women's health, promotes equity, and creates an opportunity for local organizations to share information about the services they offer to support these goals. Check out the full list of participating organizations in the flyer on our website.

Come to the square, peruse the tables, and stay to hear short talks by champions of pay equity:

- **Nicole Armstrong** of Queen City Certified, the first employer certification and leadership program for gender equity in the U.S. workplace
- **Michelle Thoman** of the Registered Nurses Association at the UC Medical Center
- **Tamaya Denard**, a member of the Cincinnati City Council

Keeping up a popular Expo tradition, the Pones dance troupe will close the event by leading the audience in an energetic routine of exercise and movement.

Come join in the fun! Learn some stuff.

~ Sarah Gideonse



Dancing with the Pones at a previous Expo—having fun while getting fit!



SALON: A NEW LOOK AT A CINCINNATI ICON

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

6:30 PM - SOCIAL

7:00 PM - PROGRAM

958 MARION AVENUE

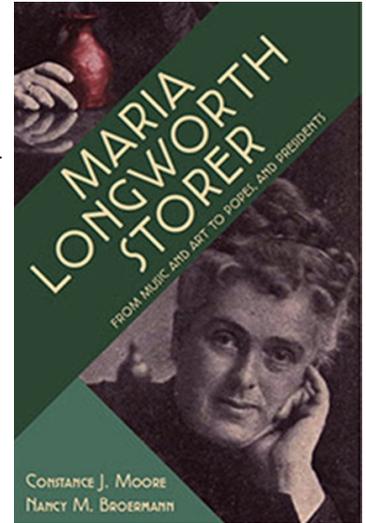
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Maria Longworth Nichols Storer may be best known for founding Rookwood Pottery, but her interests and influence extended far beyond that. Granddaughter of Nicholas Longworth, then the wealthiest man in Cincinnati, she was a feisty woman who founded the May Festival, challenged both a pope and a president, and cost her second husband his diplomatic post.

Much has been written about this complex woman who was a philanthropist, ceramicist, musician, civic leader, peace activist, and mother. This new book, ***Maria Longworth Storer: From Music and Art to Popes and Presidents*** (University of Cincinnati Press, 2019), coauthored by **Constance J. Moore** and **Nancy M.**

Broermann, takes a deep and personal look at the how and why of Maria's actions and agency, drawing on more than 1,800 letters and the extensive Archives of the Ursulines of Cincinnati at St. Ursula Academy, where Broermann is an archivist.

This salon is cosponsored by the Cincinnati Catholic Women's Association, which Maria founded in 1917, and will be held in the house that serves as their headquarters at 958 Marion Avenue, North Avondale. To keep the salon intimate, attendance will be limited to 45, and priority will be given to WCC and CCWA members. To reserve, please call the WCC office at 513-715-0100 or send an email to WCC@womanscityclub.org.



2020 NATIONAL SPEAKER FORUM

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020

7:00 PM

MEMORIAL HALL, OVER-THE-RHINE

WCC's National Speaker Forum Committee is pleased to announce the National Speaker for 2020: writer, journalist, and producer **Denise Kiernan**. She is best known for her well-reviewed and best-selling narrative nonfiction books, *The Last Castle* (2017) and *The Girls of Atomic City* (2013).

The Girls of Atomic City tells the hard-to-believe true story of young women during World War II who worked in a secret city dedicated to making fuel for the first atomic bomb—only they didn't know that.

Taking place during the Gilded Age, *The Last Castle* traces the fascinating story of the Vanderbilt family and the grand chateau they built, the iconic Biltmore House, in Asheville, North Carolina.



For more information about Kiernan please visit her website at <https://www.denisekiernan.com/media-kit>.

Stay tuned for sponsorship opportunities and more news about the event.

~ Sarah Gideonse

CINCINNATI CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE 2019: PREVENTING CONFLICT THROUGH CLIMATE ACTION

Hundreds of people gathered at Cincinnati City Hall on September 20 to join millions of school students around the world to march in the Climate Strike initiated by Sweden's Greta Thunberg. This strike seeks to raise awareness about climate change and advocate for aggressive environmental policy actions such as the Green New Deal. This first strike comes just before a United Nations climate summit. There will be another on September 27.

Speakers touched on the disproportionate impact a warming world will have on low-income populations, the role the fossil fuel industry plays in environmental carbon emissions, and the need for funding green energy alternatives. Greta says she is not calling for hope. She is calling for panic and action.



Green Kitchen Tips

- ◆ Plug-in kettles use less energy than stovetop ones.
- ◆ Microwaves use 75% less energy than stove ovens.
- ◆ Never microwave food in plastic container. (Leaches harmful chemicals.)
- ◆ Use cloth dishtowels and napkins instead of paper.
- ◆ For picnics and refreshments, use lightweight washable dishes instead of disposable plates.

~ Jeanne Nightingale

ORSANCO UPDATE



The Ohio River Valley Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) is a multi-state commission charged with protecting the Ohio River. For decades, it set Pollution Control Standards (PCS) for industrial and municipal waste water discharges to the Ohio River.

Last spring the commission voted to make the standards voluntary. This will effectively “water down” these standards.

So why has ORSANCO relaxed pollution standards now just when the U.S. government is rolling back Federal EPA regulations? We have discovered that China is investing \$83.7 billion dollars in a major petrochemical hub in Appalachia. This infrastructure consists of underground storage for fracked gas liquids, five ethane cracker plants and six to fifteen pipelines all along the Ohio River. This could potentially transform the Ohio Valley into another “cancer alley,” as is found along the Petrochemical Corridor of Louisiana. Ethane crackers use superheated water to “crack” the methane molecule into ethane, ethylene, propane and other products use to make plastics.

The Sierra Club is currently circulating a petition to demonstrate public support and to say NO to the establishment of the Appalachian petrochemical hub and the building of “cracker plants.” For more information, contact cheryl.johcox.sierraclub.org or go to www.nocrackerplantov.com.

~ Jeanne Nightingale, Environmental Action Group Chair





JEANNE NIGHTINGALE RETIRES AS MANAGING EDITOR

After ten years of service, more than a hundred issues, and countless articles, **Jeanne Nightingale** is leaving her position of managing editor for the *WCC Bulletin*. During that decade, Jeanne steered our monthly newsletter through many changes in design, production, and distribution, as improved word processing programs made more complex publications possible and communications moved from print-only to email and online distribution.



Mary Gerson has also stepped down as author of the Green Tips—and Jeanne has volunteered, at least for now, to fill that role.

On behalf of Woman's City Club, I want to thank both Jeanne and Mary for their many years of dedicated service. What a valuable contribution they have made to WCC! If you have never worked on a monthly publication you may not realize how much time and effort goes into planning the content, soliciting information, writing and editing the stories, finding photos and graphics. It is truly a labor of love—and incredibly labor-intensive.

And though they are not leaving the editorial team (and better not even think about doing that right now!), I also want to thank **Sarah Gideonse**, our long-term Communication Committee chair, for her extraordinary work on the *Bulletin* plus all our press releases and flyers. And I am grateful to **Jo-Ann Albers** who proofreads the weekly online *Update* and the *Bulletin*, and writes the Member Profile feature that has helped us all get to know our phenomenal WCC members.

It takes many engaged members to keep Woman's City Club in motion! Read on to learn ways you can help.

~ Janet Buening, WCC President

WCC COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE WANTS YOU!

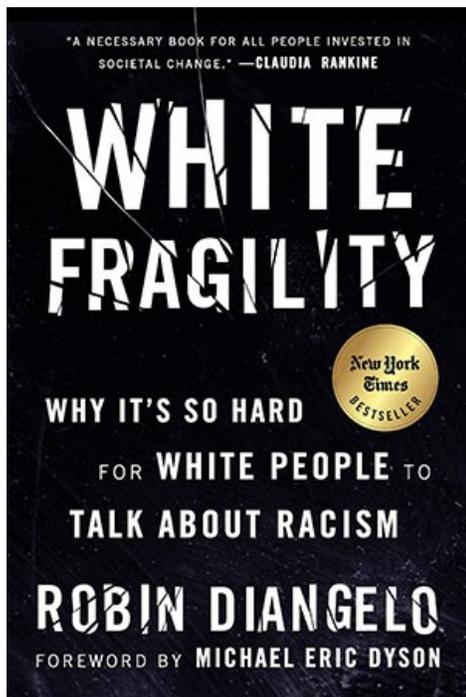


WCC's Communication Committee is hoping that our members, with all their terrific skills, might want to join our committee. We have jobs of different complexity and time commitments, depending on the interest and time available a member might have.

Would you like to attend one of our forums and write it up as an article for the *Bulletin*? Who might have some innovative ideas for publicizing our events and our work, or have good contacts with the media? We are eager for people with skills and ideas for making our social media more vibrant. Or graphic design skills for flyers and other communications.

Want to discuss how you might contribute? Please contact Sarah Gideonse, sarah.gideonse@fuse.net. THANKS!

~ Sarah Gideonse, Communication Committee Chair



WCC BOOK CLUB

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism — by Robin DiAngelo

At its Saturday, October 18, meeting, WCC's Book Club will be discussing the best-selling **White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism**, by Robin DiAngelo. We'll be meeting at 10:00 am at the home of Jan Seymour in Hyde Park/Mt. Lookout.

The book explores the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality. In this in-depth exploration, DiAngelo examines how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.

We expect a lively conversation and comparisons with other books and articles on this subject and personal experiences.

The Book Club meets every other month. We are expecting in future meetings to discuss a book about breaking the Harvey Weinstein story, one about living on the border of the U.S. and Mexico, and one written by our 2020 National Forum Speaker, Denise Kiernan. Stay tuned.

All members and friends are welcome, but RSVPs are appreciated at wccbookclub@womanscityclub.org

Honoring Marian Spencer

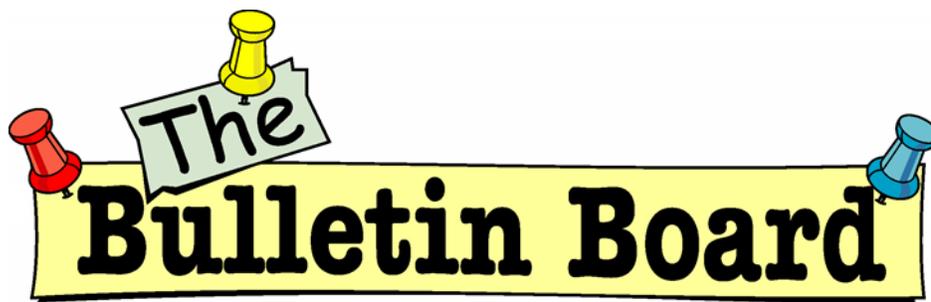
Marian A. Spencer accomplished so many “firsts”: first female president of the local NAACP (1981), first African American woman elected to Cincinnati City Council (1983), and first African American woman to serve as Vice Mayor of Cincinnati (1984). So it is only fitting that she will be the first woman to be commemorated with a public statue in Cincinnati.

Commissioned by the Woman's City Club and created by sculptor Tom Tsuchiya, the statue will celebrate Marian's extraordinary contributions to achieving civil rights for everyone in our community. It will be placed in Smale Riverfront Park, not far from the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center that she helped found. Our plan is to dedicate the statue on her 100th birthday, June 28, 2020.



Marian was an extraordinary woman of grace and dignity who spent her life working for justice and equality. This statue will tell her story to generations yet to come, and encourage future leaders to act with courage and integrity to make our city a welcoming place for all people.

Please consider supporting this effort by making a **tax deductible contribution** today. [CLICK HERE](#) to donate, or mail your check payable to the **Marian A. Spencer Statue Fund** to Woman's City Club, 103 William H. Taft Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.



The Bulletin Board

COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE'S



Communications Committee

Help get the word out about our wonderful Woman's City Club and what we are doing!

- ◆ We post regularly to Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. We suspect many of our members have great ideas for information and links about issues and events related to WCC's mission that would engage the public and spark interest in WCC. **Help us achieve vibrant social media by suggesting Facebook items to Alice Schneider.**
- ◆ Facebook users: kindly **share events and other items on the WCC Facebook page** and invite your friends.
- ◆ **Volunteer for our committee.** Come to our meetings and share your communication ideas. Our meetings are usually the last Tuesday of the month. Skills we can use: a passion for communicating about WCC, writing, editing, taking photos, social media, and graphic design skills to design flyers for our events. Occasional or longer-term contributions are welcome! Contact Sarah Gideonse for more information.
- ◆ **Recommend friends and colleagues sign up to receive the monthly Bulletin** (womanscityclub.org/media/bulletin/)

The next meeting will be September 24 at Lydia's on Ludlow.

~ Sarah Gideonse



Membership Committee

Thanks to everyone who made the Membership Picnic such fun! Contact me if you have new ideas for Membership activities, any questions about WCC membership, or wish to join this committee.

~ Anne Buening



National Speaker Forum Committee

Mark your calendars now for the 2020 Forum featuring author Denise Kiernan: Monday, March 30, 2020, at Memorial Hall in Over-the-Rhine. Consider being a sponsor or patron for this event! Information will be sent out later this year.

~ Alice Schneider



Program Committee

Come to "Women Appointed and Elected" on Saturday, September 28, 9—11am at St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church, 320 Resor Ave., Clifton. Join us on Thursday, October 17 at 6pm for the "Who Are You to Judge?" forum with candidates for Municipal Court judge at the Urban League, 3458 Reading Road, Avondale.

~ Amy Katzman



Thriving Cincinnati

Join us on Fountain Square on September 27 for the Sixth Annual Women's Expo! To learn more about the mission and work of Thriving Cincinnati, please pick up or request our updated brochure, available through the WCC office.

~ Susan Noonan

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

RACIAL JUSTICE BREAKFAST

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 • 8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Christ Church Cathedral Undercroft

Opening Remarks:

Taylor Branch, Pulitzer Prize winning author & historian

Panel Discussion:

If Dr. King Could See Us Now

Taylor Branch joins local activists to discuss current issues.

Taylor Branch	Michelle Dillingham
Tamaya Dennard	Carl Westmoreland

Event is free thanks to Taft Memorial Fund. All sponsorships directly support YWCA Racial Justice Initiatives. More info? Contact Tracy Wells - 513-361-2126 or twells@ywcacin.org

REGISTER YOUR GUESTS
by October 11, 2019 at ywcacincinnati.org

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE AT QUEEN CITY CLUB

Taylor Branch's landmark narrative history, *America in the King Years*, is hailed as the most masterful story ever told of the American civil rights movement.

Special thanks to our partners:
Christ Church Cathedral & Center for Closing the Health Gap



RESILIENCE:

**PLANTING SEEDS &
GROWING MOVEMENTS**

The 2019 Annual Gathering of the
Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center
Xavier University Cintas Center | 7:00 PM

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER
WINONA LADUKE

IJPC will recognize local peace builders
MARY ANNE BRESSLER and SR. MONICA MCGLOIN.



Tickets and event information available at:
www.IJPCincinnati.org/Resilience



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF CINCINNATI



CPS Board of Education Candidate Panel

Wednesday, October 3rd, 2019

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Columbia Center

Columbia Center | 3500 Columbia Parkway | Cincinnati, OH 45226

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Sunday, December 8:

Feist-Tea at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center Annex, 6546 Montgomery Road.

Monday, March 30, 7:30 pm: National

Speaker Program presents author [Denise Kiernan](#). Order tickets through [Memorial Hall](#).



WCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 25, 6:30 pm: Board meets in the WCC conference room.

Tuesday, October 8, 5:30 pm: Feist Tea committee meets in the WCC conference room.

October 23, 6 pm: Executive Committee meets in the WCC conference room.

November 20, 6:30 pm: Board meets in the WCC conference room.

For the latest schedule of WCC meetings, please check our calendar at womanscityclub.org.

CINCINNATI CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

For an updated list of City Council sessions and committee meetings, go to the City website at cincinnati-oh.gov/council/.



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The Monthly *Bulletin* keeps us connected with our membership, our network, and our community. Our next issue will appear in October. Deadline for submissions and committee reports is Monday, October 7. *Please submit all material to the WCC office. Editorial Team: Sarah Gideonse, Jo-Ann Huff Albers, Janet Buening, and Anne Skove.*