



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

THE BULLETIN

January 2020

BEYOND THE BOOKS — WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

6:30 pm Social, 7 pm Program

**Geier Room at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church
103 William Howard Taft Road, Cincinnati OH 45219**

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.

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Come meet Paula Brehm-Heeger, the Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, and hear all about the many exciting new services, programs, and community partnerships offered at the Main Library and all its branches.



Paula's passion and enthusiasm, her focus on equity, access, community engagement, and innovation, and her staunch belief that libraries are for everyone make her the ideal leader as the Library expands its facilities and adds a wide range of resources.

She will present her vision of the positive impact the Public Library can have on the community and introduce the newly released Facility Master Plan that was shaped by listening sessions at branches across the county and with the input of a large and diverse Community Advisory Council. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Facility Master Plan and link to the Plan itself.

The program will include handouts about the Facility Master Plan and ample time for questions and answers.

Join us to be among the first to learn about this comprehensive a road map for improving all 41 library locations over the next 10 years. Please share this invitation with friends and colleagues. You don't want to miss this!

NEW YEAR, NEW DIRECTIONS



*A mind,
once stretched
by a new idea,
never regains
its original
dimensions.*

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

I am truly excited that we are kicking off the New Year with a program about all the new things happening at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County—with director Paula Brehm-Heeger as our speaker! I was honored to be invited, as president of Woman's City Club, to join the Community Advisory Council that helped shape the library's new Facility Master Plan. It was a delight to be part of this incredibly diverse, creative, and thoughtful group—and to reconnect with Paula, with whom I collaborated when I worked at CET and she was the Library's Teen Services Coordinator. This is going to be a terrific program—the Master Plan was approved by the library board just this December, so this is breaking news, and Paula is still passionate about the library and committed to innovation. Do plan to attend on January 15, at 6:30 pm at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church.

This is also a good time for WCC to consider new ideas and directions. We just had a

grand Feist-Tea—a wonderful event to honor four of our Feisty Members that also brought in generous donations for the Seasingood Scholarships. We continue to attract new members, had a successful Fund Drive, and post strong attendance at our programs. The Spencer Statue Committee is on target to reach its funding goal in early 2020, and work on the statue is well underway. Clearly we are doing many things right.

But as we begin not only a new year but a new decade, it is time to look at who we are and what we do, to see where we are and where we want to go. WCC was founded in 1915, five years before women in the United States gained the right to vote, to give civic-minded women a space where their voices could be heard and they could work to accomplish change in the City of Cincinnati. A century later, our membership is open to men as well as women. We have men serving on our board, and at the past two Feist-Teas we have honored feisty male members.



Yet we have continued to limit our scholarships to women and invite only women to speak at the Seasingood Luncheon and the National Speaker Forum. Is it perhaps time to change our practices and maybe even our name? How do we balance our cherished roots and traditions with our mission to educate, empower, and engage *all* citizens? It is complicated—since women are still underrepresented on boards, executive positions, and civic leadership.

I don't have any answers, but I do want to start the conversation. And I want to hear from all of you. Please tell me your thoughts by phone, by email to wccpresident2018@gmail.com, or by mail to our WCC office.

~ Janet Buening

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US GROW

Your support allows us to continue our programs and start new endeavors. WCC is deeply grateful to the members and friends who contributed to the 2019 Annual Pledge Drive:

Jo-Ann Huff Albers ~ Cassandra Barham ~ Janet Buening ~ Heather Rae Byer ~ Marge Davis ~ Nancy Dawley ~ Carole Donnelly ~ Barbara Elleman ~ Sarah Gideonse ~ Jane Ruwet Hopson ~ Barbara Jennings ~ Michael Maloney ~ Laverne Mitchell ~ Jim Neil for Sheriff Committee ~ Network for Good ~ Susan Noonan ~ Francie Pepper ~ Alice Perlman ~ Pamela Jo Rosengard ~ Jeanette Rost ~ Alice Schneider ~ Janice Seymour ~ Stephanie Stoller ~ Terry Susskind ~ Beverly Thomas ~ Sarah Thorburn ~ Howard & Nina Tolley ~ Frances Turner ~ J.M. Yacher ~ Dan Zavon





A SEAT AT THE TABLE: NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION ON WOMEN AND GIRLS

Please consider nominating yourself, suggesting it to someone else, or nominating a girl you know for a seat on this important, policy-making organization.

Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Driehaus founded the Commission on Women and Girls to give Hamilton County women a seat at the table and a powerful platform to help turn rhetoric into action. While women make up 50 percent of the county's population, they do not enjoy equal representation in the institutions making decisions that influence their lives, careers, and well-being. When women don't have a seat at the table, it is difficult for them to accomplish things like:

- Achieving pay equity and employment opportunity across genders
- Having more women in leadership positions
- Ensuring women and girls' health and safety

The commission is entering its third year and already, thanks to its work: Cincinnati has banned the practice of including salary questions on employment applications (which has been shown to disadvantage women); Hamilton County has begun work on identifying funding for domestic violence emergency response teams to dispatch with local government police forces; and Cincinnati Public Schools took action on free menstrual products in schools and on intimate partner violence training. The commission also sponsored community conversations on the effects of housing instability on health and education.



The Commission on Women and Girls is an official commission of Hamilton County Government with appointed volunteer membership. Twenty women serve staggered two-year terms; ten high school women serve one year terms. Commission members must be Hamilton County residents who identify as female; members are selected for diversity in geography, age, background, race, ethnicity, and political views. The commission meets once a month on Saturday mornings, with optional committee meetings in between. In order to make meetings accessible, child care is provided and the meetings are accessible by wheelchair and by bus.

Information about the commission is [here](#).

For a link to the application, please click [here](#).

~ Rina Saperstein

WCC BOOK CLUB

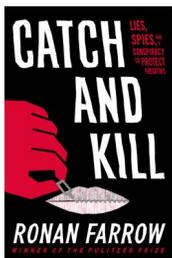
Saturday, January 18, 10 am

At the home of Erna Olafson, North College Hill

Join us to discuss two best-selling books that relate extraordinary investigative reporting by journalists as they pursue the story of Harvey Weinstein as a sexual predator. *She Said: Breaking the Sexual Harassment Story That*

Helped Ignite a Movement, by Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey, is packed with reluctant sources, emotional interviews, clandestine meetings, impatient editors, secret documents, late-night door knocks, toady lawyers, and showdowns with Weinstein himself. In *Catch and Kill: Lies, Spies, and a Conspiracy to Protect Predators*, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Ronan Farrow exposes serial abusers and a cabal of powerful interests hell-bent on covering up the truth, at any cost.

We expect a lively conversation and comparisons between the two books as well as articles on this subject and personal experiences. All are welcome. To RSVP and get directions email wccbookclub@womancityclub.org





WCC HONORS FOUR FEISTY MEMBERS

The 10th Annual Feist-Tea Fundraiser at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center on December 8 honored four remarkable Cincinnatians who embody the club's mission to educate, empower, and engage. The 2019 honorees

were **Mary Asbury, Ethel Guttenberg, Arzell Nelson, and Future Vincent-Hicks.**

WCC President **Janet Buening** opened the program by explaining that feistiness doesn't always mean being brash, loud, or confrontational. Many of the honorees are soft spoken, she said, but their feistiness manifests as a steely determination to work for change. Buening recognized former Feist-Tea honorees and honored Louise Spiegel, the "Queen of the Feist-Tea," for the immense good she has done for this community and for Woman's City Club.

Sarah Gideonse introduced honoree Mary Asbury as "many people's heroine," who has spent her life to help move the needle to reduce poverty and inequity in Cincinnati. An attorney, Asbury is executive director of the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati. She has been a long-time champion for legal services for the poor through the Volunteer Lawyers Project and for affordable housing, continuing as a board member of the Family Housing Developers, a non-profit developer for rental housing.

Currently, Asbury is spearheading Project Lift, a potentially transformative public/private partnership working to improve the economic self-sufficiency of individuals and families.

In accepting her honor, Asbury noted that the Legal Aid Society and Woman's City Club both function as bridges in the community, connecting people with relative privilege and funds with those who have fewer resources but good ideas. WCC, she says, does this in a more creative, inclusive way than other groups.

Ruth Cronenberg introduced the second honoree, Ethel Guttenberg, an advocate for sensible gun-control laws. A passionate political volunteer and National Organization for Women member in her native New York, Guttenberg moved to Cincinnati in 1996 to help with her grandchild-

dren.

"We were a very normal family," said Guttenberg. "Everything was going along beautifully and then September 11, everything changed." Her New York City firefighter son Michael was a first responder on 9/11. He survived that day but died of cancer in 2017, as did many other firefighters who were at Ground Zero.

Guttenberg's life changed again in 2018 when her granddaughter, Jaime Guttenberg, was killed in the shootings at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Since Jaime's death, Guttenberg has worked tirelessly for Orange Ribbons for Jaime, an organization that promotes causes dear to Jaime's heart and advocates for gun safety laws.

Susan Noonan introduced the third Feist-Tea honoree, Arzell Nelson, with whom she worked at the Cincinnati Human Relations Council. Nelson, CHRC's retired executive director, is an educator, mediator, spiritual leader, and musician. "He is thought of as a deep thinker who always acted on his beliefs," Noonan said of her long-time friend.

As a new employee of CHRC in 1973, Nelson was tasked with reducing juvenile delinquency. His answer was to involve young people in music and theater programs. He later developed the Community Relations Monitor program, a buffer between police and African-American youth. Recognized internationally for his social justice work, Nelson has received keys to the city from three different Cincinnati mayors.

In accepting his honor, Nelson eschewed credit and bestowed it instead on the many people who shaped his life and gave him direction. He believes that mentoring is part of providing a better life for all. In addition, he believes that "The greatest education one can receive is that of diversity." We all come into the world with something, Nelson said, but we have to explore or we might not expand ourselves and discover who we really are.



The final Feist-Tea honoree was Future Vincent-Hicks, a retired teacher and civic activist. **Helen O'Neal** noted that Vincent-Hicks has been actively involved in supporting the community in a variety of programs, especially with young people, including Advocates for Youth Education. Vincent-Hicks is a charter member of and ambassador for the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

Vincent-Hicks earned a master's degree from Xavier University and was treasurer of the Cincinnati Federation of Teachers. A fitness enthusiast, she has participated in the Flying Pig Marathon. Her friend **Carole Cutter-Hawkins** commented that Vincent-Hicks has always helped young people and that she encouraged Carole to become more involved in politics.

Donations from the Feist-Tea support the annual Seansgood Education Awards, whose purpose is to encourage responsible civic awareness in graduating high school seniors.

~ Patty Kelly



**Susan Noonan,
Ruth Cronenberg,
Future Vincent-
Hicks**

*Photos by Harriet
Kaufman*



Ethel Guttenberg, Arzell Nelson, and Future Vincent-Hicks



Helen O'Neal, Future Vincent-Hicks, Susan Noonan, Arzell Nelson, Ruth Cronenberg, and Ethel Guttenberg



Arzell Nelson (above); Beverly Thomas (center)



Helen and Wendell O'Neal



WCC MEMBERS TOUR

WOMEN BREAKING BOUNDARIES

Membership VP **Anne Buening** kicked off a new membership benefit—special programs for members by members—by offering a guided tour of the *Women Breaking Boundaries* exhibit at the Cincinnati Art Museum.

Buening, a curatorial assistant at the museum, discussed the role of women in art and art history as she explained how pieces in this exhibit were selected from the museum’s permanent collection and grouped to complement each other by theme or design elements. Objects in this exhibit range from Seventeenth Century to contemporary art. Artworks from across Europe, North America, and Asia in a range of mediums are featured, including paintings, metalwork, ceramic, prints, photography, and fashion.



Sarah Gideonse, Marge Davis, Shirley Maul, and Dot Christenson learn the story behind the exhibit from Anne Buening.

Women Breaking Boundaries is the museum’s main contribution to ArtsWave’s city-wide *Power of Her* initiative that was inspired by the centennial anniversary of women’s suffrage.



WCC’s Membership Committee plans to offer additional member-only programs and events in the months ahead. Please contact Anne Buening at ar-buening@yahoo.ie if you would like to share a talent, skill, or special opportunity with WCC members.

March with WCC on January 18th

Join WCC members for the Women’s March!

Make signs together on January 14 from 6:30-8:30. We will meet in the WCC conference room. Materials will be provided.

If you want to march with us, we will meet on Saturday, January 18, at 10:45 am in the WCC parking lot. Please r.s.v.p. so we can carpool efficiently.

Contact: Renee Hevia- reneehevia@gmail.com if interested.



INSPIRING PROGRESS ON MARIAN SPENCER'S MEMORIAL STATUE

The Spencer Statue Committee is more than 75 percent to their fundraising goal for the Marian A. Spencer Statue Fund. The response to this project has been enthusiastic and inspiring. The goal of \$125,000 will cover the artist's fee, park board endowment donation, and other expenses such as mailings.

As the new year commences, the committee is turning its attention to the dedication that will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2020. We hope to have a tent and reception at Smale Park. But all of this is in the beginning planning stages.

Tom Tsuchiya, the sculptor, shares the following update on the progress of the statue. "After the scale model was laser scanned, the digital version of the model was enlarged and fabricated in full size in foam carved by a CNC router. Currently, the figures of the boy and the girl are largely coated in the clay to allow for details to be sculpted."

Members of the committee were invited to Tsuchiya's studio to get truly hands-on with the project—helping to apply clay to the figure of Marian Spencer.

~ Alice Schneider, chair of the Marian A. Spencer Statue Committee



Tom Tsuchiya and Dot Christenson
Photo by Wendall O'Neal



Sculptor Tom Tsuchiya



Helen O'Neal, Dot Christenson, and Susan Noonan
Photo by Wendall O'Neal



Helen O'Neal, Susan Noonan, and Dot Christenson
Photo by Wendall O'Neal



DENISE KIERNAN

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020

7 PM

MEMORIAL HALL, OVER-THE-RHINE

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW FROM [Memorial Hall](#)

Best-selling author Denise Kiernan will headline WCC's National Speaker Forum and fundraiser on March 30, 2020. Save the date and plan to attend to hear her speak on the topic, "Grit and Grace: Feminist Inspiration From the Gilded Age to the Atomic Age."

If your organization would like to be a cosponsor, please contact the WCC office at 513-751-0100.

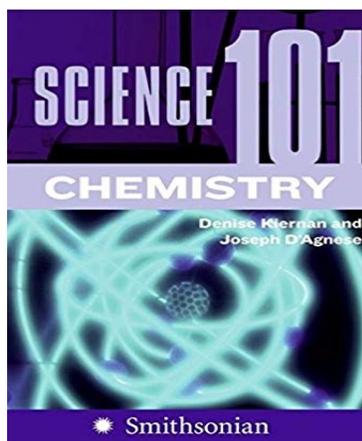
To purchase individual tickets, please contact Memorial Hall at 513-977-8838.



~ Sarah Gideonse

SCIENCE FOR NON-SCIENTISTS —

A BOOK REVIEW OF *SCIENCE 101: CHEMISTRY*



Science 101: Chemistry, co-authored by Denise Kiernan, this year's Woman's City Club National Speaker, is a great book for non-scientists and any student feeling daunted by the world of chemistry. Co-authored with her husband, Joseph D'Agnese, each topic is carefully illustrated and includes who, when, and where the elements or combinations of compounds were discovered. Entries on major contributions by women scientists such as Madame Curie, for her 1903 pioneering work in radiation, and Rachel Carlson's *Silent Spring* in 1963 are particularly interesting. *Science 101: Chemistry* concludes with a brief history of the science collections at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History and the scientific artifacts at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.

In their science series, Kiernan and her husband clearly explain complex science discoveries and interesting facts any non-scientists would enjoy knowing. *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Village Voice*, *Readers Digest*, *Discover*, and other national publications have published much of their work. Kiernan has also written three fascinating histories about our country that read like mysteries: *Girls from Atomic City*, *Signing Their Rights Away*, and *The Last Castle*.

~ Dot Christenson



CAROLE DONNELLY

A member of WCC for twelve years, Carole Donnelly joined after attending the 2007 Diane Rehm National Speaker Forum with her friend Eileen. They both were so impressed with the work the WCC does that they joined that night. Donnelly soon became a member of the National Speaker Forum Committee, on which she still serves. She was its chair for four years and now is on its venue committee.

The National Speaker forum is one of her favorite WCC events. She also finds the more intimate monthly forums very enriching and inspiring, as well as being helpful in understanding local and regional issues. A former board member and current member of the Finance Committee, Donnelly says she truly values the relationships with many new friends in WCC.

Born and raised in Queens, New York, she lived in Washington, D.C., and Pittsburgh for the first six years after she was married. She moved to Cincinnati in 1968 when her husband took a professorship at the University of Cincinnati.

She has a BA from Catholic University of America in speech correction, a master's degree from UC in education for the deaf, and a PhD from UC in speech-language pathology.

She worked as a speech therapist in the public schools in Washington and later for the Easter Seals treatment center in Lanham, Maryland, and as research assistant at Gallaudet College. After earning her master's degree she worked for the Hamilton County Office of Education in the pre-school deaf education program. After completing her doctorate, she was hired as a

professor and coordinator of school internships in speech language pathology and audiology in the department of special education at UC. She retired from that position after twenty years.



"My family," says Donnelly, "is my greatest joy in life, followed closely by my many friends who continuously amaze me with their caring ways and challenging intellects. Travel also contributes to my quality of life."

She volunteers at the Cincinnati Art Museum, a place she views as the cultural icon of Cincinnati.

She considers homelessness as a blight on our society and has volunteered at homeless shelters, particularly through the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHNGC).

Photography is her hobby. "I can often be seen on my back deck or at Spring Grove snapping pictures.

"I believe that WCC can make the greatest difference in our community by continuing with its mission to educate, empower, and engage citizens to promote the common good," she says.

~ Jo-Ann Huff Albers

WCC 101

Interested in how you can become more involved as a member? Join Membership Committee co-chairs **Anne Buening** (pictured at right) and **Jeff Dey** to meet new people and learn how you can contribute your skills and expertise to WCC.

Meet Wednesday, February 5, from 6-7:30 pm in the Geier Room at Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church.





MUNICIPAL COURT WATCH

In August 2019, the Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC), the League of Women Voters (LWVCA), and Woman’s City Club piloted its first Hamilton County Court Watch. The purposes of Court

Watch are to assure: that citizens who vote on judges, prosecutors, and judicial and sentencing policies have a more thorough understanding of what goes on in court; that we can observe how public policies such as bail reform and expungement play out at a local level; that we can gain an understanding of whether bias or disparities by income, race, gender, or class are playing a part in outcomes; and that we put our judges and court personnel on notice that we care about what goes on. Each Court Watch session starts with a training by a judge (Judge Rucker for September, Judge Bender for November), lasts one month, and ends with a debrief of volunteers and judges. The volunteers attend two or more Municipal Court sessions (weekday mornings—pick your own schedule), with multiple cases per session. Volunteers record what they observe and input online answers to a series of questions about the charges, the disposition of the case, and the way the Court is conducted. A researcher from the University of Cincinnati will review the results and perform statistical analysis after 500 observations are completed.

Approximately twenty volunteers have participated so far and have found the process educational and “eye-opening.” Some comments from the debrief included:

- I thought everybody went to jail. It is interesting to see all the ways sentences are handled other than incarceration.
- It’s interesting to see the role of interpreters, and how immigrants are affected in the judicial process.
- I was impressed by how thoughtful and respectful the judges and bailiffs were. It was helpful to see them give thorough explanations to accused standing before them.
- The process is confusing, can feel chaotic, one can’t hear or interpret what is going on. Everyone is stressed and confused. If that is true for us, is the same true for defendants, witnesses, and family members?
- It seems so many people are here over and over and over again - lots of recidivism. This is hard on the system and we see the judges struggling to handle it. How do we address?
- Understanding the key issue of driving licensure sus-



pension and its impact.

- Everyone appeared to be poor. Do wealthier people end up in court? Why not?
- Public defenders are spread thin; we spend a lot of time waiting for attorneys who are assigned multiple courtrooms at once.

Judges were generally enthusiastic. At debrief, their comments were:

- Everyone behaves better when watched and that’s a great outcome.
- I want people to observe how good public defenders are.
- Public needs to understand how substance abuse is the overwhelming factor for everything.
- A lot of people don’t know they can watch; I like that people care what is going on.
- I enjoy having people observe who can be objective without the decision mattering personally.

In September 2019, Court Watch observed in the courtrooms of Judges Rucker, Triggs, Bender, and Greenberg; in November, we observed courtrooms of Judges Bouchard, W. Mallory, D. Mallory, Kissinger, and Ginocchio. In February court watchers will observe in the courtrooms of judges Berkowitz, Berry, Bratton, Russell, and Yates. You can pick your own (weekday) schedule, and can attend alone or with a partner.

Training for the program is on January 14 at 3 p.m. in the Geier Room at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Rina Saperstein.

~ Rina Saperstein



GREEN TIPS FOR DRIVING

- **Slow down:** Speeding increases fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions.
- **Quit Idling:** If you stop the car for more than 10 seconds, turn the car off. Idling costs more than restarting engine.
- **Check tire pressure** monthly: Get better mileage and reduce risk to safety.
- **Use CarWash:** Conserves and recycles water. Keeps detergents out of sewer system.

~ Jeanne Nightingale



LET'S BAG PLASTIC BAGS IN CINCINNATI!

We have become increasingly aware of the growing presence of plastic in our oceans, its 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 storm water systems, our landfills, our roadsides and parks. We are facing an economic

clash between the growing plastics industry and renewable initiatives. Plastic is out of control and the effects are irreversible. We are living in a plastic world. We are eating plastic for dinner!

But plastic pollution is a human-made environmental crisis and we have the power to rectify the problem locally and collectively.

Woman's City Club is one of the many partnering organizations of **Past Plastic Cincinnati**, a coalition that includes, among others, the Sierra Club, League of Women Voters, Enright Ridge Urban Ecovillage, UC Leaders for Environmental Awareness (LEAP), Community Earth Alliance, Vegan Earth, Citizens' Climate Lobby, and many church advocates. We have been educating our community about the harm caused by single-



Plastic bags clog the Mill Creek as it flows into the Ohio River.

use plastic; distributing reusable bags at local markets, parades, and fairs; and lobbying our city council members to ban single-use plastic from our groceries, restaurants, stores, and pharmacies.

Cincinnati City Council is now preparing legislation to roll out a ban against the sale of single-use plastic bags, but it faces obstruction in the form of a preemptive bill currently being heard in the State Senate that would ban all such municipal bans!

What can you do to help reach victory?

- Call your City Council person and make your voice heard on this issue.
- Attend hearing of the Education, Innovation, and Growth Committee in Council Chambers on **Tuesday, January 28 at 2 pm.**
- Sign and share [this petition](#) to push city council to move past single-use plastic bags.
- Bring your own reusable bags to the grocery store!



Debbie Clark, Pinky Kocoshis, Kathy Kugler, LEAP student, Jeanne Nightingale, Pete Cosco teaching at the Museum Center KidSpace.

~ Jeanne Nightingale, WCC Environmental Action Group Chair



CHANGING CO₂URSE: LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO A GLOBAL CRISIS

Saturday, January 18 2020 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm (Doors open at 6 pm)
St. John's UU Church, 320 Resor, Clifton

LOOKING INTO THE CLIMATE CRYSTAL BALL

A 2020 UPDATE ON GRASSROOTS ACTION



Tony Potochnik from the Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) will update us on current actions our government and our citizens are doing to meet the growing challenges of global climate warming.

- Learn about the basics of the bi-partisan Carbon Fee & Dividend Policy.
- Hear about the U.S. Army's grim predictions re: the cascading impacts & risks that will impact national security.
- Join us for the discussion! Light refreshments provided.



Tony and Debbie Potochnik
in New Zealand near its
highest peak.

The Citizens' Climate Lobby is an international grassroots environmental group that trains and supports volunteers to build relationships with their elected representatives to influence climate policy.

Action is the antidote to despair, says CCL. More than 175k CCLers put their worry, fear, and grief over climate change into action.

COSPONSORS: Citizens' Climate Lobby,
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League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area,
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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!

- ◆ **Volunteer for our committee.** We are 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. Occasional or longer-term articles are welcome!
- ◆ **Come to our meetings and share your communication ideas.** Our meetings are usually the last Tuesday of the month. Contact Sarah Gideonse for more information: sarah.gideonse@fuse.net.
- ◆ 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 at aliceschneider10@gmail.com.**
- ◆ Facebook users: kindly **share events and other items on the WCC Facebook page** and invite your friends.
- ◆ **Recommend friends and colleagues sign up to receive the monthly Bulletin.**

~ Sarah Gideonse



Membership Committee

Welcome new members! Now that you have joined, what is the next step? Please join the membership committee for the informational session WCC 101 where you can learn the best ways to be an active member. The next WCC 101 is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, in the Geier Room at Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church. Join us for food and socializing at 6 pm; the program will start at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to Anne Buening, Membership VP at arbuening@yahoo.ie.

~ 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. Her topic is "Grit and Grace: Feminist Inspiration from the Gilded Age to the Atomic Age." Tickets are now available through Memorial Hall. Contact the WCC office for information about organizational cosponsorships.

~ Alice Schneider

Program Committee



Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 6:30pm — Paula Brehm-Heeger, Director of the Public Library, will speak on the new programs and resources offered by the Library and the impact the Library has on the community.

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Calendar of WCC Events

Tuesday, January 14, 3-5 pm: Court Watch training, Geier Room.

Tuesday, January 14, 6:30-8:30 pm: Make signs for the Women's March. WCC conference room.

Wednesday, January 15, 6:30 pm: Beyond the Books program with Library Director Paula Brehm-Heeger, Geier Room.

Saturday, January 18, 10 am: Book club meets at the home of Erna Olafson.

Saturday, January 18, 10:45 am: Women's March. Meet in the WCC parking lot.

Monday, January 20: Martin Luther King Day. Office closed.

Wednesday, February 5, 6-7:30 pm: WCC 101 in the Geier Room.

Thursday, February 20: Bail reform panel. Meet in the Geier Room.

Monday, March 30, 7 pm: National Speaker Program presents author [Denise Kiernan](#). Order tickets through [Memorial Hall](#).

June 28, 2020: Spencer statue dedication. Dedication of Spencer statue, Smale Park.



WCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Monday, January 13, 6 pm: Program Committee meets in the WCC conference room.

Thursday, January 16, 11:30 am: Seasongood Committee meets at Summit: A Dolce Hotel.

Monday, January 27, 10 am: Spencer Committee meets in the WCC conference room.

Monday, February 3, 6:30 pm: National Speaker Committee meeting.

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