April 2012

Lighting the way since 1915

April GREEN TIPS From

Marv



Has this warm weather gotten you outside and working in your yard and garden? Do you have bags of yard waste that you aren't sure what to do with or you don't have room to compost it all? If you're a Hamilton County resident, look no further than the last page of the Bulletin. Drop Off sites are now open!

For more information, call 513 -946-7766 or visit www.HamiltonCountyRecycles. org.

- Mary Gerson

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The Bulletin



Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati

WOMAN'S CITY CLUB 2012 Seasongood Luncheon



Candace S. McGraw

CEO of Kenton County Airport Board Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport

"The Reinvention of the CVG"

Friday, April 20

Crowne Plaza Hotel Blue Ash/Cincinnati at I-71 and Pfeiffer Rd.

Woman's City Club invites the public to it's April 20 Seasongood Luncheon to hear Ms. Candace McGraw, the first woman in her position, address the importance of rebuilding the CVG airport and its role in keeping Cincinnati's business economy vital and growing in 2012 and beyond. Ms. McGraw notes that, "Air service is an issue in which the entire community must engage and reach consensus. The airport itself cannot and should not dictate the manner in which air service is provided to this community."

The luncheon honors Agnes B. Seasongood, a founder and benefactor of Woman's City Club, a 95-year old civic organization whose mission is to "secure a more just and livable community for all. Woman's City Club's programs educate, encourage, and equip citizens to play an active role in civic affairs." Woman's City Club offers monthly forums and engages in civic action in collaboration with like-minded organizations. More information about Woman's City Club can be found on its website www.womanscityclub.org.

Luncheon cost is \$35 for WCC members; \$40 for non-members; Luncheon + WCC 2012-2013 Membership Renewal is just \$70!

RSVP by Monday April 16:

- by phone at 513-751-0100
- by email at wcc@womanscityclub.org
- online at WCC's website www.womanscityclub.org.
- by mail at 103 Wm. H. Taft Road, Cincinnati 45219 (make checks payable to "Woman's City Club")

Please indicate your meal preference:

Chicken Marsala, Salmon with Citrus Sauce, or Vegetarian

A Word from the President





Dear WCC Members.

Central to WCC's mission is to strengthen the role of the civic voice in the governance of our city. We do this through our civic education program series, our town hall forums, our informal gatherings, and our collaborative partnerships. We must continue to provide leadership by taking courageous stands ourselves as a Club on issues that are congruent with our core values.

We were inspired and energized by the words of Kerry Kennedy this past week as she recounted stories of women who have heroically defended human rights throughout the world, speaking truth to power despite their experience of oppression. This past week, WCC members marched at the Anna Louise Inn rally downtown to demonstrate our support for women who need a safe haven as they rebuild

their lives.

This past year we have sponsored an ongoing conversation on Building a Just and Sustainable Economy, using the current economic and environmental crises as an opportunity to build community resilience at the local level. We need to find a way to support our African American youth who have started a movement to engage the Black community through cultivating political awareness and responsible activism as they work to restore the greater good of our community. To begin this partnership, we have invited

Chanel Wood to come tell us at our May 1 monthly meeting about how we can support young people who are participating in the process of governance and making council pay attention to issues such as securing jobs for returning citizens, fair affordable housing, neighborhood safety, and strong urban schools. These goals are in keeping with WCC mission and values.

Speak Truth to Power comes from a charge given to 18th-century Quakers: "We speak power to the American people who are the final reservoir of power in this country and whose values and expectations set the limits for those who exercise authority."

If you want to order the book Speak Truth to Power autographed by Kerry Kennedy, please call the office. The cost of the Book is \$25.

- Jeanne Nightingale



The family of Ruth Brown Davis would like to thank Woman's City Club for its donation to the Beechwood Home in her name. My mother was a member of many civic groups and organizations, but Beechwood always held a special place in her heart. WCC's thoughtfulness is most appreciated.

- Marge Davis, WCC member and daughter of Ruth Brown Davis

2012 NATIONAL SPEAKER KERRY KENNEDY RECEIVES WCC'S FIRST STANDING OVATION



This year's National Speaker Forum ended with the audience on their feet giving Kerry Kennedy the first standing ovation in the history of the nineteen-year event.

Kennedy told riveting stories of her personal life growing up as the daughter of Robert and Ethel Kennedy and her amazing work in the field of international human rights.

She told of courageous women around the world who have stood up to their governments to fight for women's rights and social justice.

Kennedy praised Cincinnati for having organizations dedicated to the same struggle, pointing to the hundred year history of the Woman's City Club and the work of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

During the Question and Answer period, a person in the audience asked what we could do and how we might start volunteering. In response, she asked everyone in the audience who volunteers to stand. When over half the audience stood, she advised the questioner to join the Woman's City Club.

Francie Pepper, known in Cincinnati for her impassioned advocacy for women and children particularly those who are victims of violence, offered a warm and personal introduction to Kerry Kennedy whom she greatly admires.

Kennedy spoke to an audience of 400 people. 160 of them stayed to greet her at the reception. As a result of the event, 13 people have joined the WCC as new members.

- Jeanette Rost, Chair, National Speaker Committee with Deb Rose-Milavec



TWO EXCITING PROGRAMS

"MERCHANT OF VENICE" COMBO

May 8, 7:30 pm Cincinnati Shakespeare Company Theatre, 719 Race Street, Downtown

5:30—Wine and cheese reception

6:00—A lecture by Michael Cioffi on "Solving Shylock: The Reconciliation of Shakespeare as Anti-Semite and Enlightened Humanist." Mr. Cioffi, a lawyer, has been writing and teaching about the law and the humanities in this country and abroad for many years. He is a partner in the Blank Rome law firm and professor at UC College of Law, where he teaches, among other subjects, a course entitled Law, Literature and Philosophy. This course explores the concepts of justice and law and their relationship with the larger culture. Members and friends may remember his tour de force lecture last fall, "Strange Brew: Divine Law, Human Law and Presidential Politics," preceding a performance by CSC of A Man for all Seasons.

7:30—Performance of the *Merchant of Venice* by the wonderful Cincinnati Shakespeare

Company. From CSC's website: "Passion, betrayal, and a bargain with a terrible price. In one of the Bard's most controversial and thrilling plays, Antonio covers a debt for his friend Bassanio, from the complicated and persecuted Shylock—who has much reason to resent Antonio. Across lines of race and wrongdoing, Antonio must face a terrible fate, while Bassanio finds true love in the arms of the delightful Portia."

Tickets are \$32; Season tickets will be honored. Persons with Season tickets should RSVP at 751-0100. Pay online at www.woman'scityclub.org or send a check payable to the WCC, 103 Wm. H Taft Rd., Cinti, OH 45219.

TRENDS IN CONTEMPORARY ART May 15, 7 pm Barbara Myers home in Regency complex 2392 Dana Avenue, Cincinnati, OH

This Salon will feature Kimberly Allen-Kattus PhD, Associate Professor of Art History in the Department of Visual Arts at Northern Kentucky University. She completed her BA in Art and Art History at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1976; her MA in Art History at the University of Cincinnati in 1981; and her Ph.D. at The Union Institute and University in 1996 in an interdisciplinary program with an emphasis on Art History.

Although Dr. Kattus' research interests are varied, she has a strong interest in the accomplishments of women artists. Her master's thesis explored the ceramic work of Mary Louise McLaughlin, a major figure in the American Arts and Crafts Movement of the 19th century who was born and lived in Cincinnati, Ohio. She's known for developing a technique which, according to many, was the cornerstone of early Rookwood Pottery.

Dr. Kattus' doctoral dissertation investigated iconographic aspects of the paintings of Paula Modersohn-Becker, one of the earliest figures associated with early 20th century German Expressionism. Her more recent research focuses on contemporary art, especially artists Xu Bing, Cai Guo Qiang, Gu Wenda and El Anatsui.

All artists have been invited but are not yet confirmed; watch weekly updates for more details. RSVP (required) to Barbara at 321-4063. Space is limited to about 25 people, so preference is given to members.

OVER-THE-RHINE AND FINDLAY MARKET PARKING

As of Monday April 23rd, Findlay Market's three main parking lots will become pay lots. Included are the north lot off Findlay Street, the south lot between Race and Elm Streets, and the west lot at Elder and Logan Streets.

Payment will be required to park in the lots 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Fees are modest: Monday - Friday \$.50/hour, first hour free; Saturday and Sunday \$1.00/hour, \$2.00 minimum; a Monthly Permit is \$45.00.

An automated pay station will be located in each lot. Parkers will pay on arrival, entering parking space number and the amount of the time they wish to purchase. Weekday parkers must "pay" for their first hour. Pay stations accept exact cash, credit, and debit cards. As an additional convenience, parkers may pay by phone using either a smart phone or a conventional cell phone. Pay-by-phone parkers will get a reminder and the option to purchase more time before their parking expires. However parking is paid for, there will be a need to display a receipt in the car.

All revenue form parking fees will be used to maintain and improve Findlay Market, helping the Market become more financially independent. Most important, charging for parking will improve turnover and discourage long-term parking in the Market lots, thereby making more parking available for shoppers. This grows increasingly important as residential development and the streetcar come to the Market.

For more information, contact WCC member Cassandra Barham at the Contact Center, 513-381-4242.



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MEMBER PROFILE: Leslie Cannon

Leslie Cannon has been a Woman's City Club member since 1997.

Even though she was not a member, she went to a WCC retreat because it interested her. At the retreat she "found the women in the club to be a different kind of woman than the ones she knew. They were knowledgeable about politics and the City of Cincinnati. They were smart women."

She finally joined and has been working diligently ever since on numerous club activities.

Leslie was Board Chair for one year, and has been on the Board for three terms, working principally on the administrative work of the Club. She edited the newsletter for three years in the days when it had to be sent out for printing. She has been on all the club committees except Programs. On the Retreat Committee, she helped with four week-end retreats.

Having participated on Status of Women, the National Speaker, and the Nominating Committee, she believes the National Speaker event to be the most important for WCC.

More programs on Africa by the Club would be of interest to her, especially ones on Sudan and Rwanda.

Leslie grew up in North College Hill and was a stay-at-home mom to two girls. She has a Bachelor of Arts in English from Ohio University, and worked at the Enquirer once her children were grown. She enjoys writing essays and poetry.

She is in her third year on the Sustainer Board of the Junior League, having worked as an Office Manager for the League for twenty-four years. Her organizational, office machine, and computer skills have been of good use to WCC.

The club is grateful for all the assistance Leslie has given us over the years.

Thank You Leslie!



Allison Dunkle
University of Cincinnati
Communications
Graduate Student
and WCC Intern

The first in a series of meetings for the general membership was held in the cozy reception area at First Unitarian Church on Tuesday evening, April 3.

Members and a few visitors gathered in a large circle where President Jeanne Nightingale welcomed them.

WCC HOLDS FIRST ALL-MEMBER MEETING ON APRIL 3

Joy Haupt, Membership Committee Co-Chair, reiterated the purpose and hopes for these meetings: to enable members to become better acquainted with one another and the work of the Club through its committee and board structure; to provide greater opportunities for members to connect and to become engaged.

In our round of introductions, committee chairs described their work extending invitations to others to join their efforts.

The remainder of the evening was turned over to Allison Dunkle, a second-year graduate student in Communications, who recently completed a research project designed to help WCC consider new ways

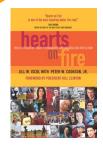
to attract younger members. Allison accepted our offer to take on this project as an independent study course. Over the past several months she has met with key board members, reviewed a number of WCC materials including historical documents as well as more recent bulletins, news releases and annual reports.

She then surveyed a small group of young women to determine their civic interests and involvements and how these might coincide with those of the club, taking into account their preferred sources of information/social media.

A bound copy of Allison's final report, entitled *Marketing and* Development Strategy
Proposal for Woman's City
Club of Greater Cincinnati,
has been placed in the WCC
office and is available for all
who would like to review it.
It is well written and
contains a number of
creative and workable ideas,
some of which we look
forward to implementing in
the very near future. We
envision a workshop in
social media soon!

Next All-Member Meeting is Tuesday, May 1, same time and location. We will continue to find ways of engaging younger members in the Club. Chenel Wood will talk to us about her work with CoreChange and SWAAGG THE VOTE. Check the Weekly Updates for further details. - Joy Haupt

WCC'S APRIL 16 BOOK GROUP POSTPONED



Members Encouraged to Attend Hearts on Fire Event at Freedom Center

The WCC Book Group originally scheduled to meet on Monday, April 16 has been postponed. We will find a new date in May to discuss Stephanie Coontz' book, A Strange Stirring: The Feminine Mystique and American Women at the Dawn of the 1960's. Instead, we are urging WCC members to attend the April 16 event at the Underground Railroad Freedom Center described below.

Please join the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center at a special event.

On Fire For Change

There is a spark within each of us. Fan the Flame.



An Evening with Jill Iscol and Jimmie Briggs

There are those in this world who have shown the courage to address social issues of paramount importance to humankind. In recognition of those who have made significant contributions, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati will provide an evening to honor these efforts.

On Fire for Change will place a strong emphasis on community dialogue and social empowerment. Jill Iscol, a social activist, educator, philanthropist, and author of Hearts on Fire, will speak about social responsibility and service.

The Freedom Center will also honor Margaret Singer of Su Casa with the Everyday Freedom Hero Award. In her role at Su Casa, Singer addresses the needs of recent immigrants; provides translation services, acts as a liaison with local schools and employers, assists with job searches and makes the transition to a new culture easier and more affable. Singer is a local Everyday Freedom Hero!

If you have an invested interest in helping to make the world a better place, join us and share your stories.

Monday, April 16, 6:00-8:00 pm

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center 50 East Freedom Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202

Program:

- Lecture by Jill Iscol
- Jimmie Briggs of the Man Up Campaign
- Panel Discussion
- Everyday Freedom Hero Award presentation
- Reception & Book Signing

Free to the public; limited seating, please RSVP to Pam Dock at PDock@nurfc.org or 513.333.7568

Parking: \$1 fee every half hour up to a maximum of \$8, in the Central Riverfront Parking Garage, directly under the Freedom Center



WISE TEMPLE FORUM

Cincinnati – Third in the Nation in Child Poverty: a Report Card for Change

Monday, May 14 7:00 pm

Wise Center, 8329 Ridge Road, Amberley Village

Panel: Elaine Fink, Attorney, Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati Georgine Getty, Executive Director, Interfaith Hospitality Network Kurt Reiber, President, The Freestore/Foodbank, Inc.

Anthony Smith, Assistant Superintendent, Cincinnati Public Schools **Moderator:** Marianna Bettman, Professor of Clinical Law, U.C. College of Law



Disposal of Toxic Waste from Fracking

Editor's Note: Joanne Gerson, WCC member and Co-Chair of the **Environmental Action** Group, has been our point person in our local fight against fracking in Southwest Ohio. Our region is being looked at as a possible site for injection wells, entombing forever an enormous volume of water and toxic frack waste deep underground, forever contaminating our ground water. our soils, and our drinking water. Our fundamental rights to clean air and clean water are at grave risk. JN

Studying the process of Horizontal Hydraulic Fracturing (fracking), we have learned that tremendous quantities of fresh water mixed with chemicals and sand are needed to frack the underlying shale to withdraw the natural gas from the solid rock thousands of feet below the surface.

FRACKING PART III: Should It Concern Us?

Fracking refers to the new technology *Horizontal Hydraulic Fracturing*, the method used to extract natural gas and oil from the shale rock thousands of feet below the surface by forcing water, sand, and chemicals through the shale at extremely high pressure.

The returning product contains the water and chemical mixture that was pumped into the ground with a special mud plus the gas. additional chemicals, heavy metals and radioactive isotopes material found deep underground. The terms "flowback," "waste water", "produced water," and "brine" refer to the returning fluid containing water, chemicals, mud, drill cuttings, and radioactive metals after the well is fracked.

This toxic stew is transferred by pipes into temporary storage pits at the first stage. Ground water contamination can occur when pipes leak, pit plastic linings tear, or pits overflows after rain events. In Ohio, the pits must be closed within 60 days of well completion in a rural area and 14 days in an urban area.

All returning waste water or produced water goes into large storage tanks. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, produced water from gas operations is often ten

times more toxic than water produced from petroleum production and can contain high concentrations of salts, acids, benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylene, and radioactive materials. (Source: A White Paper Describing Produced Water from Production of Crude Oil, Natural Gas, and Coal Bed Methane, 2004, U.S. Department of Energy)

The toxic waste water removed from the pits or storage tanks can be disposed of in three ways in Ohio:

- **1.** The brine can be sprayed on local roadways to reduce dust or ice, (Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 1509.226).
- **2.** The brine can go to a metropolitan waste water treatment plant.
- 3. The brine can be buried in injection wells in Ohio. Pennsylvania gas companies began hauling brine to Ohio injection wells after "a voluntary moratorium [there] last May, moved to stop municipal wastewater treatment plants from taking Marcellus waste because excessive salt

concentrations were found downstream in rivers. The wastewater has more than 30 times as much salt as seawater. Treatment to remove the salt is energy-intensive. Under the Interstate Commerce Clause Ohio cannot refuse to accept waste water from other states to its operating injection wells.

Here is an important and alarming fact:

The industry argues that it uses less water than agriculture or recreation, however, horizontal hydraulic fracture drilling forever removes all of the fresh water they consume by permanently contaminating it and forcing it underground into injection wells whereas agriculture and recreation sources return the water to be safely recycled.

~ Joanne Gerson



"Stop Fracking" yard signs (shown above) are available at the WCC office for \$7.00.

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Calendar of WCC Events

Monday, Apr. 16

Hearts on Fire Event

6:00 pm Reception follows FREE Underground Railroad Freedom Center 50 E. Freedom Way Cincinnati, OH 45202

Friday, Apr. 20 Seasongood Luncheon

11:45 am Crowne Plaza Hotel at I-71 and Pfeiffer Rd. Blue Ash/Cincinnati

Wednesday, Apr. 25 WCC Board Meeting

6:30-8:30 pm Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church, Geier Room (Note: unless otherwise specified, all future WCC Board Meetings will be held in the Geier Room.)

Friday, April 27

Final Friday Lunch 12:30 pm Details TBA

Tuesday, May 1

All-Member Meeting

7:00-830 pm First Unitarian Church 560 Linton Street Avondale

Friday, May 4

Fixing the Future: Green Building & Infrastructure

7-9 pm First Unitarian Church 236 Linton Street

Tuesday, May 8

Merchant of Venice

5:30 Reception 6:00 Lecture 7:30 pm Performance Shakespeare Theater Downtown Cincinnati

Tuesday, May 15

Trends in Contemporary Art Salon

7:00 pm Home of Barbara Myers 2392 Dana Avenue

Tuesday, June 5 All-Member Meeting

7:00-830 pm First Unitarian Church 560 Linton Street Avondale

Volunteer Opportunity

Woman's City Club seeks new Managing Editor for Bulletin. Contact: Jeanne Nightingale 513-471-6622

WCC Seeking New Office Manager

WCC is losing its very valuable Office Manager, Jan Connelly, at the end of April. She is going on to other work and we wish her well. But this leaves us with an important gap in our organization. Do you know of anyone who may be interested in a part-time (up to 20 hours) job? Office skills are needed, with proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and Quickbooks. If the applicant knows other financial software, we may be able to train in Quickbooks. We would like to hire immediately so Jan can do some training. Contact Nancy Walters at nlwalters@aol.com.

WCC Bulletin invites your articles and input

The WCC e-Bulletin, together with the Weekly Updates and News From Our Networks, keeps our membership connected. We welcome your news and views.

The next issue will appear in March. The deadline for copy is Wednesday, April 25, 2012. (Word limit is 250 words.)

Jeanne Nightingale, Managing editor Jan Connelly, Layout editor The Woman's City Club & The Social Justice Committee of First Unitarian Church join the Office for Environmental Quality to present:

Fixing the Future: Building a Just and Sustainable Economy

A monthly Friday night program of films and speakers that challenge the idea that we must choose between a strong economy and a healthy planet.

Designing Intentional Communities

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Nancy Sullivan of Enright Ridge Ecovillage and Braden Trauth of OM Valley Permaculture will present practical models of sustainable living that encourage us to view lower energy availability not as a problem but as an opportunity to create more resilient communities. Learn new tools for active re-magining.

FEB 3



Cincinnati Documentary Premier Examines the superstitions and addictions we need to leave behind to become a sustainable civilization. One man takes on City Hall, Wall Street, presidents and the Pope as he questions the fundamental beliefs we have about economic growth and true prosperity.



The Economics of Fracking Screening of GASLAND

State Rep. Denise Driehaus and Matt Trokan of Sierra Club will discuss the risks of Fracking for Ohio. - Postponed due to weather. New date TBA -



Urban Farming and Local Food Security

Featuring Farmer Charles Griffin of Enright Ridge Ecovillage and other activists in Cincinnati's Urban Agricultural movement.

Urban Farming in Cincinnati



Green Building & Infrastructure

Learn about the Cincinnati Zoo's Go Green Initiatives with Mark Fisher, Cincinnati Zoo's Director of Facilities, Planning and Sustainability



The Monthly Friday night series will be held from 7-9 pm at the First Unitarian Church at Reading and Linton. (Open to Public & Free Parking)

2012 Yard Trimmings DROP-OFF SITES



- FREE to Hamilton County residents only.
- Bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license or utility bill.
- Landscapers and commercial establishments are NOT eligible to participate in this program.

Dates and Hours:

March 31 – November 25, 2012 Saturdays and Sundays 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

January 5 and January 12, 2013 Saturdays ONLY Noon – 3 p.m.

All sites closed Sunday, April 8



Locations:

EAST:

Bzak Landscaping MAP
3295 Turpin Ln. (off State Route 32), Anderson Township
(Open Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. in addition to hours listed above)
Closed May 28, July 4, Sept. 3 and Nov. 22

WEST:

Kuliga Park MAP 6717 Bridgetown Rd., Green Township

NORTH:

Rumpke Sanitary Landfill MAP 3800 Struble Rd., Colerain Township

Drop-off Site Rules:

- Landscapers and commercial establishments are NOT eligible to participate in this program!
- No large trailers or trucks larger than pickups.
- Cut brush and tree branches into lengths of 4 feet or less—branches must not exceed 1 foot in diameter.
- Bundle brush and tree branches with a material such as twine—bundles must not be heavier than 50 pounds.
- Bring yard trimmings to the locations in containers or bags—brown paper bags preferred.
- Containers and plastic bags will be returned.
- No pallets, boards, nails, fence or wire accepted.
- Hamilton County residents only.
- All children must stay inside vehicles.