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GREEN TIP:

A few fall reminders:

- Check air pressure in your tires. Cooler temps lower the pressure.
- Clean furnace and replace the air filter.
- Make sure air vents and baseboard heaters are not obstructed.
- Check window for proper caulking.
- Change direction of ceiling fans so they move clockwise.
- If you have a mulching mower your leaves can be mulched into your grass and used on your plant beds. Fewer sore muscles from raking.

-Mary Gerson

ART: IMPACT ON YOUTH

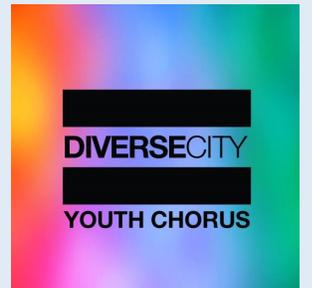
Wednesday September 14 2016 6:30-8:30pm

Lindner Annex, Kennedy Heights Art Center

6620 Montgomery Avenue Cincinnati 45213



Learn about how each program started, the program mission, where the youth come from, how people can get involved and what is needed to support these programs into the future.



Program Committee Plans a Series of Diverse Forums

The new program committee has met and planned an eclectic schedule of programs for the upcoming year!

First, we co-hosted a program on August 16th at the Universalist Church on Linton and Reading from 6-7:30 with The Center for Rehabilitation of Survivors of Acid and Burns Violence (CERESAV), a non-governmental organization established in 2012 to address acid violence in Uganda.

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Alice Schneider

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT:

**“Educate to inform. Inform to engage.
Engage to empower. Empower to influence.”**

What does Woman’s City Club Do?

This question often comes up from time to time. Simply put, Woman’s City Club is an organization employing a four-step process: **Educate to inform. Inform to engage. Engage to empower. Empower to influence.**

Educate to Inform

We offer forums that are thoughtful, balanced, and free of charge. These forums usually cover timely topics that are designed to inform the public of the issues. For example, last fall we offered a program about the marijuana issue that was on the ballot. We had a panel of five expert people who provided an in-depth overview of the issue.

Inform to engage

Most of our programs provide a

venue for different parts of our community to meet, listen and talk with each other. We allow opportunity for people who would not normally meet one another to interact and work together. Last spring we had Cathy Bailey, Director of the Cincinnati Water Works, discuss the Greater Cincinnati Water Works’ longstanding initiatives to ensure our city’s water supply is safe and lead-free. There was time for questions from the audience to discuss Cincinnati’s water supply and its quality.

Engage to empower

Woman’s City Club believes that engaged citizens can strengthen their voices to impact decisions that improve their lives. Therefore, we try to take action whenever there is an opportunity. For example, we held a forum about wage theft and then supported efforts to get City Council to enact legislation. It eventually passed. This year we hope to build into each of our forums a “call to action” to provide some active steps we can take to make a difference.

Empower to influence.

Woman’s City club provides a platform in the community in which our concerns and voices come together to strengthen our collective voice. A shared community can accomplish a goal. WCC is the conscience of Cincinnati because it speaks out on issues critical to the Greater Cincinnati community.

While this is a brief summary of what we do, it does not cover all we do. To find out more, check our website for upcoming events.



-Alice Schneider, President

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There have been thousands of voters purged from the roles. Be sure you are not one of them by going to www.myohiovote.com



City Conversations “Our Stories-Ourselves!”

September 20 7:00pm at Lydia’s Café on Ludlow Ave

Join us Tuesday evening, September 20, 7:00 PM at Lydia's on Ludlow Cafe (previously known as Om Eco Café) on Ludlow Ave in Clifton. Listen and celebrate with a diverse group of WCC members who will share some of the meaningful experiences in their lives.

City Conversations are small group events designed to connect members with one another in a more intimate way than is possible at open

community forums. Light refreshments will be served.

Directions: Lydia's is a few doors down from the former Kellers IGA (soon to open as a new grocery co-op). You can park along Ludlow or in the Merchant's Lot around the corner off Howell Ave. If you use the lot, make sure to take a ticket and have it stamped at the restaurant.



We look forward to seeing you there!

-Joy Haupt & Jeff Dey

Membership Co-Chairs

City Conversations serves as WCC’s regular monthly membership meetings and offers an informal venue for connecting younger and older members around a topic of shared interest. *Act One* is the youth contingent of WCC and the League of Women Voters (ages 18-35)

UPDATE on Cities for CEDAW



The Conference to Eliminate Discrimination Against Women is a movement to encourage individual cities to support ordinances to eliminate discrimination against women, since the United States was the only industrialized nation not to ratify the United Nations treaty.

The city of Cincinnati adopted a resolution in early 2016 based on the principles adopted by the CEDAW treaty. A local CEDAW committee on which WCC is represented has drafted an ordinance and is waiting for feedback from the Vice Mayor and the Mayor’s legislative aides to

proceed with working for its passage this fall. An ordinance is a law that puts teeth into the resolution.

WCC has been represented on this committee by Susan Noonan and Alice Schneider. The committee includes representatives from University of Cincinnati, The Women’s Fund, YWCA, The Chamber of Commerce, Zonta International, TriState Freethinkers, Cincinnati Women’s Political Caucus, and Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition among others.

-Susan Noonan



Thriving

CINCINNATI

THRIVING CINCINNATI has over 400 partners on our Facebook page and just added two new partners to our website. The next “gathering” at which we share ideas and information will be in October.



PROGRAM REPORT

Please save these dates and join us to learn and meet people and have fun!

Wed September 14 ART: Impact on Youth

Wed October 19 Street Violence: Interventions that work

Wed November 16 Heroin Epidemic: Interventions that work

Wed January 11 Immigration: Path to Citizenship

Wed February 15 She Leads: Cincinnati's young women leaders

Thurs March 2 Cincinnati Ballet: Honoring Victoria Morgan

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They work to raise awareness of acid violence in Uganda and internationally, advocate for changes in laws on the sale and distribution of acid, and provide legal and health services to acid violence survivors. Now, CERESAV operates in the US through CERESAV USA which is based in Cincinnati and was founded by Dr. Angie Vredevelde, a clinical psychologist and native Cincinnati.

WCC will hold six public forums this year, City Conversations will meet on four occasions and Thriving Cincinnati will hold three gatherings. Of course, our other events will also continue: Feist-tea, National Speaker, Seasongood Luncheon and the Fountain Square Expo and Annual meeting. So it will be another exciting year!

Trying a varied selection of program subjects appealed to the committee; therefore, we will start on **September**

14 at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center with a program titled **ART: IMPACT ON YOUTH**. Research has shown that the arts can help at risk youth through creative and innovative programs. Featured will be a quartet from My Cincinnati, My Nose Turns Red Youth Circus, and the Diverse Youth City Choir. On **October 19**, we switch to a completely different topic: **STREET VIOLENCE: INTERVENTIONS THAT WORK**; on **November 16th** highlights another regional issue, **HEROIN EPIDEMIC: INTERVENTIONS THAT WORK** and in **December**, we will do something fun

– a holiday gathering at an arts venue. **January 11** has us looking at another important issue, **IMMIGRATION: PATH TO CITIZENSHIP**. On **February 15th**, we welcome women entrepreneurs and leaders of Cincinnati with a program titled, **SHE LEADS: CINCINNATI'S YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS**. On **March 2**, we will to join the Cincinnati Ballet at a special performance and honor Victoria Morgan on her 20 years as a female CEO of a ballet company!

-Susan Noonan, VP Programs

Dot Christenson and Jeanne Nightingale in Brazil

WCC members Dot and Jeanne joined a party of eight Americans who visited Brazil this past May as part of a mission of *Friendship Force International*. Four were from Cincinnati and three from Reno, NV. They spent two weeks with families in Ribeirão Preto and Rio de Janeiro, and a final week on a safari in the Pantanal jungle of central Brazil. Dot and Jeanne are pictured here near the Iguazu Falls on the border between Brazil, Argentina, and Paraguay.

The mission of the *Friendship Force International* is to provide opportunities to explore new cultures from the inside by bringing people together at the personal level, sharing meals, conversation, and the best sights and experiences of their region. In Rio they had a chance to observe some of the street rallies organized to impeach the current president Dilma Rousseff.

-Jeanne Nightingale



Woman's City Club Launches our 1st Annual Pledge Campaign and we need your support!

Between now and December 31st, we are asking for contributions for four categories; **Education Awards, Tutoring, Public Programs, and WCC Administration.**

The Annual Pledge Campaign will:

- Increase our annual **educational scholarships** to three high school seniors seeking to attend college;
- Cover **Public Program** expenses such as venue costs, refreshments, print handouts and honoraria for speakers;
- Provide curriculum materials, books, and field trip to Joseph-Beth Booksellers for young children in our **Tutoring program**; and
- Support WCC Administration expenses such as our indispensable office manager, Bulletin, website and social

media, bookkeeping, and office expense.

You choose! You decide how much of your tax deductible gift is designated for each category. You may specify 100% towards just one or divide it among several. Through the generosity of a member donor, we have matching funds for Tutoring, so every dollar designated towards **Tutoring** will be matched 100%.

***Watch for your pledge letter coming in the mail soon.**

You may send a one time gift through the Woman's City Club website at www.womanscityclub.org, mail a one-time or monthly gift to the WCC office or set up a recurring e-gift through your banking institution.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of Woman's City

Club so we can continue to fulfill our mission to educate, empower, and engage the citizens of Greater Cincinnati to participate together in promoting the common good.

-Susan Noonan

Tutoring Program donations will receive a 100% matching contribution!



Want to have a rewarding experience next July? BUILD opportunity, BUILD skills, BUILD confidence with Rosie's Girls

Make sure you grab the opportunity to volunteer for Rosie's Girls summer camp at Holmes High School next July.

Rosie's Girls® Program is a unique summer program for 11-13 year old girls designed to introduce girls to STEM related careers in the world of construction and build self-esteem, physical confidence, interpersonal cooperation and leadership skills through learning and applying basic skills in carpentry and other technical trades. Starting in 2008 the YWCA of

Greater Cincinnati and the National Association of Women in Construction has provided Rosie's Girls and has served one hundred and fifty six girls. Every summer girls spend time learning carpentry, architecture, information technology, electrical wiring, welding, plumbing, surveying, tiling, and more at this fun hands-on summer trades exploration. In 2015 auto mechanics was added to the curriculum.

The program gets its name from the fictional character Rosie the Riveter who symbolized the emerging strength and power of women who went to work in the defense plants

while men were fighting World War II. Rosie has inspired generations of women to take the path less traveled and to do it with courage and conviction.

Lots of different opportunities are available. This year, three of us volunteered to set up and serve lunch for the girls. It was amazing to see the girls grow in self confidence after three weeks. We will provide information and the opportunity next July!

-Susan Noonan



Rina Saperstein

Rina Saperstein doesn't remember when or why she joined the Woman's City Club. "I think it was wanting to emulate all the cool people who were already members," she said.

Today she's a model for younger members. She is director of the Strategic Planning Committee, serves on the Program Committee and is liaison to Rookwood Civic Collaboration. She's been a board member for two years.

Everything she does seems to be deliberate. A native of Detroit, she says whim brought her to Cincinnati.

Member Profile: Rina Saperstein

"I was living in Connecticut and missed the Midwest, picked five cities off the map to try out, liked the hills of Cincinnati."

A graduate of Cass Technical High School in Detroit, she went to Yale University for two, earned a bachelor's of urban planning at the University of Cincinnati and a master's in public administration from Northern Kentucky University.

For three years, she has been a tax program coordinator for United Way of Greater Cincinnati. Currently she coordinates the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA), which connects volunteers to help low- and moderate-wage workers file taxes and receive the refunds and credits they have earned. "Our special emphasis is the Earned Income Tax Credit, which is America's key anti-poverty tool to bring families with children out of poverty," she

said. "I am always looking for volunteers," she said. "So if you know someone who is computer savvy, detail oriented, likes helping people one on one, and free on Saturdays or weeknight evenings in February, March and April, please get in touch!"

The thing she enjoys most about WCC is working with Alice Schneider, current president. "I'll do pretty much anything she asks me to do," Rina said

She lives in Kennedy Heights. WCC is her hobby. She's active with League of Women Voters, likes to hike and take walks in French Park.

-Jo-Ann Albers

WCC Book Club to discuss

EVICTED: Poverty and Profit in the American City

September 17, 10 am

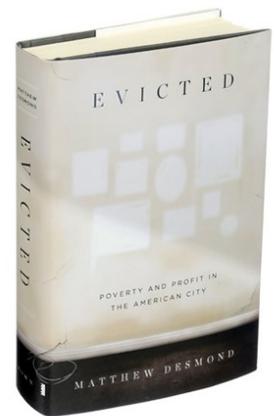
Home of Erna Olafson

Please RSVP: eolaf@yahoo.com

"Evicted," written by Harvard sociologist Matthew Desmond, is a hybrid of ethnography and policy reporting about the tragic lives of the two thirds of impoverished families forced to find housing in the private market. The housing is sub-standard, unhealthy, too costly, and unstable, as families are regularly evicted if unable to pay the rent. "If incarceration had come to define the lives of men from impoverished black

neighborhoods," Mr. Desmond writes, "eviction was shaping the lives of women. Poor black men were locked up. Poor black women were locked out" – millions each year. The New York Times quotes William Julius Wilson praising "Evicted" as "a call to action on par with Michael Harrington's 'The Other America.'"

In the next year WCC's Book Club plans to meet every other month on



the third Saturday, at 10 pm at a member's home. We will announce titles for November 2016 and January 2017 meetings shortly.

-Sarah Gideonse, WCC Book Club

The Book Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday every other month at a member's home.

The Woman's City Club endorses three important tax levies on the November 2016 ballot in Hamilton County.

We believe these levies will support our vision of a resilient neighborhoods, healthy citizens, thriving families, and children on positive trajectories.

Supporting these levies is one more way Woman's City Club can fulfill our mission to educate, empower, and engage the citizens of Greater Cincinnati to participate together in promoting the common good.

Hamilton County Children's Services Levy



Details: RENEWAL (no tax increase). 2.77 mills, 5 years = approx. \$95/\$100,000 property valuation. Generates \$40 million/year. Property tax income is matched by federal funds to generate an additional \$40 million. Hamilton County Department of Jobs and Family Services, Division of Children's Services administers the levy funds.

How it is spent: provide federal and state mandated programs to protect children in cases of child abuse, neglect and dependency. Includes 241-KIDS, adoption and foster care, parenting programs, youth transition programs, and Bureau of Children with Medical Handicaps. Levy will allow Children's Services to restore

programming cut from retrenchment and to enhance existing services.

Cincinnati Public Schools Levy:



Details: NEW. 7.93 mills, 5 years = approx. \$277/\$100,000 property valuation. Generates \$48 million/year. Combined levy will be administered by Cincinnati Public Schools.

How it is spent: Per CPS resolution:

Grade and high school portion: \$33 million/year to expand school options including accommodating growing student bodies at 16 schools, strengthening neighborhood schools, improving workforce readiness, student access to technology, meeting deficit due to reduced state spending.

Preschool portion: \$15 million/year: to increase CPS preschool seats, bring community preschool programs up to state standards of quality levels, and provide scholarships to help 3 and 4 year olds access quality preschool education.

Great Parks of Hamilton County Levy



Details: Replacement. 1 mills, 10 years = approx. \$35/\$100,000 property valuation. Generates \$18.3 million/year (55% of budget). Great Parks of Hamilton County administers the levy funds. As a replacement, this levy has the same millage rate and purpose, but an increased cost to property tax payers due to changes in valuation over 15 years and changes to state law.

How it is spent: maintenance and operations at the 21 parks and nature preserves (17,000 acres) in Hamilton County (including Cincinnati and other cities, townships and unincorporated areas).

If you vote in Hamilton County, please vote for these levies. If you live outside Hamilton County, please share our endorsement with family and friends who do vote there. And remember to check and update your voter registration in September and to vote in November!





ART: IMPACT ON YOUTH

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6620 Montgomery Avenue Cincinnati 45213

Listen to **MYCincinnati**, a free, daily youth orchestra program for children in Price Hill.



Watch members of **My Nose Turns Red Youth Circus** performing amazing feats of juggling, hooping, unicycling and more!

Listen to the **Diverse Youth City Choir**, a group of diverse kids singing their hearts out!



An entertaining and educational forum brought to you by Woman's City Club.

Learn about how each program started, the program mission, where the youth come from, how people can get involved and what is needed to support these programs into the future.

We thank these co-sponsors for support making this event happen:

Kennedy Heights Arts Center

My Nose Turns Red Youth Circus

Price Hill Will



- 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

Wednesday Sept 14 6:30pm

WCC Forum: Youth and Arts
Kennedy Heights Arts Center
6546 Montgomery Rd. #1

Saturday Sept 17, 10 am

Book Club Discussion "Evicted"
Home of Erna Olafson
RSVP: eolaf@yahoo.com

Tuesday Sept 20 7pm

City Conversations
Lydia's on Ludlow
(previously Om Eco Café)
329 Ludlow Ave

Wednesday Oct 19 6:30pm

Program: Street Violence:
Interventions that work
First Unitarian Church
536 Linton St.



Watch for the next meeting of Thriving Cincinnati in October 2016

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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The *Bulletin*, together with the *Bi-Weekly Updates* and *News from the Network*, keeps our membership connected. The next issue will appear in the first week of November. The deadline for copy will be **October 17, 2016** Submit articles to wcc@womanscityclub.org with the subject line "WCC bulletin" (Strict word limit 250 words).
-Melissa Rowland, managing editor