

May 2013

*Lighting  
the way  
since 1915*

May  
GREEN  
TIPS  
From  
Mary  
Gerson



*A few of my **metal recycling choices** which you may want to incorporate into your lifestyle:*

*I've been saving my metal that cannot go into the recycling bin like aluminum pie pans, beer tops and metal lids.*

*If you clean up your work bench you can throw in nails and bolts.*

*There are places around the city that buy metal and it's good that this stuff is not going to landfills.*

*Go to Cincinnati Yellow pages on your computer and type in "metal recycling" under business and you'll find a place near you.*

*~ Mary Gerson*

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# The Bulletin

Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati



## ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 4 SEE PAGE 7



## LATE SPRING PROGRAMS EXAMINE SOCIAL JUSTICE

Lori Nuckolls, Co-Vice President for Programs, organized WCC's two final events for this program year. Both happen to concern justice and therefore are a terrific finale for the year's theme: "Building a Just and Sustainable Community." Our annual law and drama event with the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company occurs May 22. A forum on the right to counsel in civil case will take place at noon on June 18.

Annual Law and Drama Event featuring

### William Shakespeare's **MEASURE FOR MEASURE**

**Wed May 22**

5:30 – Wine and cheese reception

6:00 – Lecture by Michael L. Cioffi

**"Measuring Law, Justice  
and Morality  
in Shakespeare's**

**7:30 – Performance of the play  
by the Cincinnati  
Shakespeare Company**

**See flyer on page 9.**

### **The Right to Counsel in Civil Cases: Civil *Gideon* and Legal Services for the Poor**

**Tues June 18**

**See flyer on page 10.**



# SEASONGOOD LUNCHEON

## “A Smashing Success”

The annual Seasongood Luncheon is held to honor the memory of Agnes Seasongood, a true pioneer of the Woman's City Club and Cincinnati history. She was a champion for women and the disenfranchised in Cincinnati, improving jail conditions and becoming a founding member of Talbert House. Her bequest to the WCC in 1982 allowed the club to hold weekly Forums with local informative speakers for years. After the last disbursement of the bequest, the club initiated an annual Friday luncheon in honor of Agnes Seasongood.



This year's luncheon was held on April 12th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Cincinnati/Blue Ash, and was a smashing success with raffle baskets created by Marge Davis, Ruth Cronenberg, C.J. Pierce and Susan Noonan, delicious food, a wonderful speaker and over 50 people attending! Our committee continued the tradition of inviting a speaker who is "a first" or an incredibly accomplished woman in her profession or

position. Our speaker, Terry Garcia Crews, is the first Latino woman as CEO of a large transit company – Cincinnati Metro.

Terry was informative, entertaining and fun! She spoke of the good things happening at Metro, such as 14 new hybrid buses and 45 “Mini-hybrid” buses to improve air quality in our region, a Google transit trip planner, new fare technology and reduced costs to maintain fares for 3 years, working with the City of Cincinnati, OKI, Agenda 360 and Vision 2015 on a regional Bus Rapid Transit plan, and many other innovative programs. Terry manages 844 employees, 346 buses and 44 Access vehicles. She truly is a pioneer in her field.



Photos by Harriet Kaufman



The Seasongood Committee was thrilled to reinstate the Education Awards. Thank you to C.J. Pierce and Leslie Spencer for organizing the successful awards program, and to the WCC members who donated to the Education Award Fund. The awards were presented to Larissa Pearson of Woodward Career Technical Center, Rebecca Kahn of Wyoming H.S. and Ayrien Grissom of Colerain H.S. We were pleased to have CPS School Superintendent, Mary Ronan, present the awards. We wish these impressive young women much success in their college careers.

The Seasongood Committee donated the funds from the raffle - \$200.00 - to next year's Education Awards Fund. Thank you to the wonderful members of my committee: Ruth Cronenberg, C.J. Pierce, Mary Wells, Stephanie Stoller, Leslie Spencer, Kathy Ehlman, Kim Haas and Lisa Boh, Anne Fierst, Carole Cutter-Hawkins and Future Vincent-Hicks.

~ Susan Noonan, Chair Seasongood Committee









# Reinstatement of WCC's Agnes Seasongood Education Awards



*CJ Pierce with honorees and their parents, and CPS Superintendant Mary Ronan.*

This year, after a three-year hiatus, WCC was pleased to offer our Education Awards again this year. We are grateful to the leadership of CJ Pierce and Leslie Spencer and to the generous donations from a few WCC members which made it possible to continue the awards. As we have in the past, WCC offered three awards of \$500 each to three promising young graduating high school women. CJ has also worked to keep in contact with former winners to see how the awards contributed to their life and work. (See letters on page 8.)

The winning students were **Rebecca Kahn** from Wyoming High School, **Larissa Pearson** from Woodward Career Technical High School, and **Ayrien Grissom** from Colerain High School. The three winners were presented with their awards by Superintendent Mary Ronan at the Agnes Seasongood Luncheon on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Rebecca Kahn** wrote about the power of uniting voices to speak up for justice. In her essay, she described her visit to Polish World War II concentration camps. "How can we overcome the intense fear of being the only one to speak up for what is just?" she wonders. "I believe the answer lies in solidarity and in unified affirmations." Her personal duty, she affirms "lies in helping others find and exercise the power of their voice."

**Larisa Pearson's** essay explores the meaning of "freedom of speech." She writes about the ability of young people to inspire and influence their peers in a way that adults never could. She concludes her essay with an observation gained from her experiences as a volunteer with the SPCA and with student government: "What we need is for our peers to show us that it is OK to stand up for what we believe in."

**Ayrien Grissom** tells of her volunteer work with those less fortunate. She concludes her essay with a reflection: "The things we go through in life, the people we help along the way, and the acts of kindness that we give are the true meanings of what citizenship is. In order for my voice to be heard, my actions need to speak louder, and that is what I do: make my actions speak louder than my words."

**Photos by Harriet Kaufman**



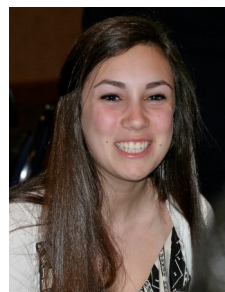
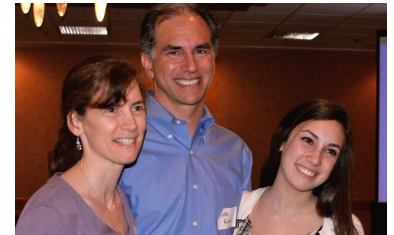
*Ayrien Grissom with Sup. Mary Ronan and with her mother.*



*Larissa Pearson with Sup. Mary Ronan and with her father.*



*Rebecca Kahn with Sup. Mary Ronan and with her parents.*



*Rebecca Kahn, Larissa Pearson and Ayrien Grissom.*



## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we reach the end of WCC's fiscal year, we look forward to our Annual Membership Meeting scheduled this year for June 4 from 6 to 8:30 pm. Please mark your calendars! This is the time of the year when we come together as stakeholders in the future of the Club to reflect on our past year and envision the years ahead. The Executive Committee is planning the program, and you will receive invitation cards in the mail.

Meanwhile, the Committee on Finance & Development has been reviewing the financial health of the Club and planning a budget for next year. The Nominating Committee has presented a slate of candidates for next year's officers to be voted on by the membership at large. The Centennial Committee, chaired by Beth Sullebarger and Lori Nuckolls, is plotting the course toward the celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Our annual Seasongood Luncheon was a great success again this year with speaker Terry Garcia Crews. The essays submitted by high school seniors on the topic "Growing into Citizenship: Trusting My Voice" were truly outstanding. By offering these awards, WCC can have such an important impact on young women's lives as they take on the civic responsibilities of adulthood. Membership has recommended we offer women under 35 a Junior Membership at half price. Our award recipients are eager to join. Students and young professionals cite a variety of reasons for joining WCC: they want to learn about the current issues facing the City, to formulate their own positions on these issues and enjoy networking opportunities with their peers and longer-term members who have made their mark on public life.

Our programs in the next two years leading up to our birthday on March 6, 2015 will commemorate various topics in our past history. The centennial volume, covering 1965 to the present and scheduled to be finished by 2015, will be the focus of several promotional presentations in the next years. Rachel Powell, our historian, has been at work digging into our archives and researching documents. Her focus will be on how the Club views itself and how the

community views WCC. From her work so far, she sees WCC as a relevant force for change, especially true in the 60s, 70s and 80s when the Club was at the forefront of radical transformation in the city.

The second volume of our history will be entitled *Renewed Strength, Renewed Identity: The Woman's City Club Continues to Light the Way, 1965 – Present*. Rachel seeks to cover such themes as feminist activism (ERA, changing status of women as they enter the workforce, empowerment of women in poverty, etc.); race relations; international relations; coalitions and collaborative efforts; impact of Club on City policies; environmentalism. She will be doing a large part of her research in the summer months. We will also be taping interviews this summer.

To help Rachel, we are sending out a **Call for Stories** to the WCC membership. We need to fill in gaps in our ongoing story, especially where the archives are silent (early 1980s). We are looking for personal stories, memories, photos, letters, journal accounts, documents, newspaper clippings, annual reports, Bulletin articles, membership surveys, etc. We want to include a wide-ranging chorus of voices in this record of the Club's history in Cincinnati.

*Jeanne Nightingale*

## Rookwood Group Studies City Parking Privatization Proposal

The City Manager's proposal to lease out some parking garages and meters for 50 years has created controversy in the community. Members of the Rookwood Group have attended several informational meetings and followed the process closely. Both at the meetings and in correspondence, they have brought up concerns and made suggestions.

In May 2012, the Cincinnati Association, one organization of the Rookwood Group, submitted a detailed proposal to the City on ways to increase parking Downtown without construction of new parking garages and to increase parking revenues sufficient to offset the capital expenditures necessary to implement the parking improvements in two years. The proposal was mooted once the City Manager submitted his final plan to privatize parking.

~ Sarah Gideonse, VP Civic Engagement



# ANNUAL MEETING 2013

Tuesday, June 4 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Geier Room, Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church

Two years until our 100<sup>th</sup> year in 2015! Let's come together as stakeholders in the WCC's future, to share ideas about how we want to celebrate 100 years of past accomplishments and to shape a clear vision of the Club's future as we continue to Light the Way.

Invited Speaker:

**Rachel Powell, author Volume II of WCC's History**

***RENEWED STRENGTH, RENEWED IDENTITY:***

***The Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati***

***Continues to Light the Way, 1965 – Present***

Please join us to –

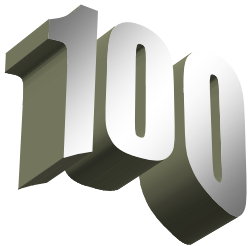
- Reflect on the progress of the past year and the challenges ahead.
- Share ideas about strengthening the vitality and impact of the Club.
- Help plan next year's programs and civic projects.
- Socialize and network with other WCC members and think about what WCC wants to be in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

6:00 to 6:30 pm    **Appetizers, beverages, deserts and social time**

6:30 to 8:30 pm    **Meeting begins promptly.**

**RSVP** to the WCC office at 751-0100 or  
wcc@womanscityclub.org before June 3.

## WCC Plans Centennial



Excitement is building for a celebration of Woman's City Club's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. March 6, 2015 will be the anniversary date of the club's incorporation, and the centennial will be a theme for programming for 2014 and 2015.

Already a Centennial Committee has held two meetings, resulting in an impressive list of ideas about how to observe the

event. Co-chaired by Lori Nuckolls and Beth Sullebarger, the committee includes Jo-Ann Albers, Jane Anderson, Dot Christenson, Marge Davis, Joy Haupt, Susan Noonan, Jeanne Nightingale, Marian Spencer, Louise Spiegel, and Mary Wells.

WCC recently hired Rachel Powell, a University of Cincinnati graduate student, to research and write the history of the club since 1965. This undertaking has received substantial funding from the Stephen H. Wilder Foundation, which supports inquiries of civic issues. Powell's book will serve as an update to the previous

club history, *Lighting the Way* by Andrea Tuttle Kornbluh, which covered 1915 to 1965.

The Centennial history can be used in various ways, including presentations at local universities and bookstores. Other ideas include reprinting the original *Lighting the Way* and reading it together at the public library's "On the Same Page," program. The committee also plans oral history videos of long-standing members.

The main event will be a **celebratory dinner on Friday, March 6, 2015**, so put that on your calendars! By happy coincidence, March is National Women's

History Month, which provides an opportunity to place WCC's history in a national context.

Other ideas include national speakers on public policy topics of interest to WCC from national organizations, commissioning a centennial poem about the progress of women over the last 100 years, an exhibit of WCC artists, marching in the Opening Day Parade, and a City Proclamation.

The committee's next meeting is **Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at noon at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian**

~ Beth Sullebarger,  
VP Programs

# WCC Membership News

## Introducing WCC Junior Membership

The Membership Committee recommended to the Board of Trustees that WCC create a Junior Membership for young women under 35 years of age. The recommendation was unanimously approved by the Board at its April meeting.

Now college graduates and young professional women

can take advantage of a special *Under 35* membership at \$25 until they reach their 35<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Young women have a variety of reasons for joining WCC. They seek to learn more about the current issues facing the City and how they can advocate for sound, progressive policies. They also enjoy the networking

opportunities, both with their peers and with longer-term members who have been active in public life.

There will be no regular membership meetings on the third Tuesday of the month during May or June due to scheduling conflicts with the May and June Programs announced in this issue.

The next meeting of the Membership Committee meeting will be on May 15, 2013.

If you would like to participate in membership planning, please contact Mary Wells, chair of the committee at her WCC address:

[m.wells@womanscityclub.org](mailto:m.wells@womanscityclub.org).

~ Mary Wells

## Changing CO<sub>2</sub>urse *Local Solutions to a Global Crisis*

### Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 7:00 to 9:00 pm at St John's UU Church

**Sunday, May 26:** Discussion of TRANSITION TOWNS, a small-scale local response to the global challenges of climate change, economic hardship, and shrinking supplies of cheap energy. This movement is happening in thousands

**Sunday, June 23:** Kristen Barker will discuss the CINCINNATI UNION COOPERATIVE INITIATIVE based on the *Mondragon* worker-owned model that began in the Basque region of Spain after the Spanish civil war left the region devastated.

COSPONSORED BY THE WOMAN'S CITY CLUB AND ST JOHN'S UU CHURCH.



**Catherine Daniels** was a beautician for 28 years in Buffalo, NY, so when she came to Cincinnati and became an Americorps volunteer, it was a natural fit for her to go to Franciscan Haircuts from the Heart. This was 2 years ago, and she is still involved with them, even though she also selected a second site to volunteer with, Venice on Vine Pizza Parlor.

## Member Profile—Catherine Daniel

At Venice on Vine (also known as Power Inspires Progress), Catherine is currently a jill-of-all-trades. She is administrative assistant to the executive director, a coach and tutor for the trainees in the restaurant and catering program, and the arts program manager for Venice Vibes.

"On Final Fridays, we host opportunities for amateur musicians or artists to perform at Venice on Vine. As Over-the-Rhine is growing, so is Venice on Vine. This month it's a

bossa nova and samba trio. It's very inclusive as our trainees also get involved with the artists."

At Franciscan Haircuts from the Heart, Catherine, among other things, is the facilitator of a girl's day spa grooming program where young girls are taught grooming skills and tips for making their own grooming products from items they can find in their own kitchens.

Catherine came to know about Woman's City Club when we hosted our Friday lunches at Venice. Ruth

Cronenberg introduced her to WCC.

"The conversations I would over-hear about Woman's City Club piqued my interest, especially the programs having to do with empowering women. These are important issues to me. Every speaker has something to do with that. I felt really comfortable about being a part of that group."

~ Leslie Cannon



## LIKE! WCC FaceBook

Facebook (FB) has the power to communicate with a much larger group (in contrast to email) of people, easily, regularly, and continually. FB makes it easy to reach out. People don't have to be motivated enough to join a committee or ask to be put on a list.

**How it works:** Individuals "friend" the Woman's City Club on FB. To "Friend" or to "Like" means that you have established a connection with Woman's City Club's FB page so that postings to Woman's City Club's page automatically show up on your FB page where you can see them whenever you check your own FB page.

Please help us by "friending" or "liking" Woman's City Club on FB, posting information and comments about your Woman's City Club experiences. It's easy to stay informed of civic life through FB posts and links. To keep informed about WCC's activities, you need to "friend" Woman's City Club FB page.

**How to do it:** Log onto your FB page (given that you have joined FB), type Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati in the search bar – when our chapter's FB page pops up, click "Like" beneath the FB icon.

Some very informative links are posted on the page to help you stay informed of the topics that interest you. We hope you'll share that news with your FB friends.

*This is the way our club will continue to serve our community - by making important and interesting information readily available to members and yet-to-be members.*

~ Alice Schneider, Communications

## Thank You Letters From Former Education Award Recipients

**Allison Finely**, Seasongood Education Award recipient in 2001, wrote to express her gratitude to WCC for selecting her to receive the award. After her graduation, she was accepted into an accelerated six-year combined BS/MD program at North Eastern Ohio University of Medicine in consortium with Youngstown State University. In a follow up letter in 2010, we learn that she has succeeded in not incurring any debt, having received other such awards. In 2008, she married a man who graduated from Johns Hopkins, and she entered her second year of residency at Cleveland Clinic where she was Head Resident.

**Camilla Marie Hileman**, writing in that same year, went to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where she became a zoology major. The award helped relieve a significant component of the financial burden of college. A solid college education, she says, has been the basis for a lifelong journey of wisdom and culture.

**Karen Olson** wrote to express her gratitude to WCC for the generous education award which she used to purchase her fall textbooks and a computer. Karen went to Williams College where she majored in economics and political science. She graduated cum laude in 2007 with a B.A. in Economics, Political Science, and a concentration in Leadership

Studies. After graduation, she moved to Boston where she worked in Corporate Strategy & Research for Liberty Mutual. She was happy that WCC was interested in following up with past winners.

**Keri Finnell** wrote in 2003 to thank WCC for the honor of being a proud recipient of the Agnus Seasongood Education Award. She is pleased that WCC helps to ensure that the voices of women are heard on important community issues. Keri went to the United States Military Academy Preparatory School in Fort Monmouth NJ with aspirations of attending West Point. She sees herself growing confident as a leader. She considers the award important for recognizing young leaders who stand out among the crowd.

**Leah Sabato** wrote a letter of thanks to WCC in 2004 thanking the Club for the award and helping her pay for books and tuition at Ohio State.

**Ebony Deas** was very appreciative of the funds the award gave her in 2005. She graduated from Ohio State in 2009 with honors and worked for P&G. She was touched that we followed up with her to ask how she was doing in life.

**April Yee** graduated from Cincinnati Country Day in 2004 and attended Harvard from which she graduated

with degrees in history and literature in 2008. She worked as a summer intern for Newsweek and then had a six month internship where she traveled in Africa and climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro. She subsequently received a William Clinton Fellowship and left for Bangalore, India where she is involved in training and coaching teachers who teach children. Her mother writes that she values her WCC award and suggest we need post information about her winners on our website to continue to encourage young women.

**Courtney Giannini**, a graduate of Walnut Hills, wrote in 2008 that she used the funds to buy a laptop computer as she started her engineering education at Columbia University. Her plan was to make the most of her education there to become involved serving her new community in New York City.

**Lanese Layne**, after her graduation from Princeton High School, attended Hampton University in Virginia and graduated with a degree in marketing in May 2008. She works with Kraft Foods as a sales account manager in College Park, Maryland. She plans to go back to school to earn an MBA. She wrote to say she was grateful for the financial support she received from WCC and that every little bit helped.



Cincinnati Shakespeare Company &  
Woman's City Club Present  
An Annual Shakespeare & Law Event

A PERFORMANCE OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S

# Measure for Measure

PRECEDED BY A LECTURE BY

MICHAEL L. CIOFFI

## *“Measuring Law, Justice & Morality in Measure” for Measure”*



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22**

**5:30 Wine and Cheese Reception**

**6:00 Lecture by Mr. Cioffi**

**7:30 Performance of the Play**

**ADMISSION \$32**

**Season Tickets will be honored.**

CINCINNATI SHAKESPEARE COMPANY,  
719 RACE ST. DOWNTOWN CINCINNATI

MICHAEL L. CIOFFI is an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Cincinnati College of Law and a partner in the law firm of Blank Rome LLP. Mr. Cioffi has lectured on the topic of justice and William Shakespeare both in the US and internationally.

This event is presented in collaboration with Blank Rome LLP and Monteverdi Tuscany ([www.monteverdituscany.com](http://www.monteverdituscany.com)).

RSVP or questions to the WCC office at (513) 751-0100.  
Pay online at [womanscityclub.org](http://womanscityclub.org); or send a check payable to Woman's City Club, 103 Wm. H. Taft Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45208.







## William D. Dowling

Chair of the Ohio State Bar Association  
Committee on Access to Justice

## Mary Asbury

Executive Director of the Legal Aid  
Society of Greater Cincinnati

**Tuesday,**  
**June 18, 2013**  
**12:00 noon**

# The Right to Counsel in Civil Cases: *Civil Gideon* and Legal Services for the Poor

2013 is the 50th anniversary of the landmark decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in *Gideon v. Wainwright* regarding the right to counsel for criminal defendants who cannot afford a lawyer. While the right to a criminal lawyer is now well-established in the law, funding for defense counsel and subsequent decisions on effectiveness of counsel raise serious questions about whether we have met the promise of *Gideon*.

The provision of counsel to the poor in civil cases is even more problematic.

Poor Americans face a multitude of civil legal problems, from spousal abuse to child custody, mortgage foreclosure, landlord tenant and consumer law disputes. Yet they have few if any rights to counsel in civil cases and funding cuts have reduced the effectiveness of established legal aid programs.

This program will examine the concept of the right to counsel in civil cases and the state of legal services programs for the poor. Lecture will be followed by discussion.

## Cincinnati Bar Association 225 E. 6th St., 5th floor

Free and open to the public. Bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Sponsored by: The Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati, the Cincinnati Bar Association, BRIDGES for a Just Community, the Ohio Justice & Policy Center, the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area, and Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME)





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The mission of the Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati is to secure a more just and livable community for all. WCC programs educate, encourage, and equip citizens to play an active role in civic affairs.

## Calendar of WCC Events

### Wednesday May 22

**Annual WCC  
SHAKESPEARE EVENT:  
MEASURE FOR  
MEASURE**

See Flyer Page 9

5:30 pm

6:00 pm Lecture by Mr. Cioffi

7:30 pm Performance of play

Cincinnati Shakespeare

Company, 719 Race

### Sun May 26

**Changing CO<sub>2</sub>urse:  
Local Solutions to a  
Global Crisis  
Topic: TRANSITION TOWN**

7:00 pm

St John's Unitarian

Universalist Church

320 Resor Ave

### Tuesday, June 4

**WCC ANNUAL MEETING**

6:00 pm Social time

6:30 pm Meeting

Mt. Auburn Presbyterian

Church, The Geier Room

### Tuesday, June 18

**ACCESS TO CIVIL  
JUSTICE**

See Flyer Page 10

12:00 noon

Cincinnati Bar Association,

225 E 6th St., 5th floor

### Sunday, June 23

**Changing CO<sub>2</sub>urse:  
Local Solutions to a  
Global Crisis  
Topic: CINCINNATI UNION  
COOPERATIVE**

7:00 pm

St John's Unitarian

Universalist Church, 320

Resor Ave, Clifton

### Wednesday, June 26

**WCC Board Meeting**

6:30 pm

Mt. Auburn Presbyterian

Church, The Geier Room

## Call for Stories!

Send in your personal stories, memories, photos, letters, journal accounts, documents, newspaper clippings, annual reports, Bulletin articles, membership surveys, etc. We want to include many voices in this record of the Club's history in Cincinnati.



The e-Bulletin, together with the Weekly Updates and News From Our Network, keeps our membership connected. The next issue will appear in **August**. Deadline for copy is July 19, 2013 (word limit 250 words.)

- Jeanne Nightingale Managing Editor.

- Marty Harrington Layout Editor.