

January -
February 2014

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since 1915*

February
GREEN TIPS

From
**Mary
Gerson**



*A few recycled suggestions to
start 2014:*

- Use B.Y.O. bags.
- Skip bottled water, use sports bottle. Cincinnati has great water.
- Cut down on junk mail.
- Go organic. Look for USDA Organic label.
- Use faucet aerator. Cuts down on water use and cost of heating water.
- Frequent your local farmers' market
- Reduce/Reuse/Recycle.

~ Mary Gerson

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The Bulletin

Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati



Carrie Chapman Catt

2014 NATIONAL SPEAKER FORUM OPENS WCC CENTENNIAL YEAR

Thursday, March 13, 2014 7:30 p.m.
Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church

Woman's City Club's 21st National Speaker event March 13 opens the celebration of the Club's 100-year history and its continuing contributions to civic reform.

This time-honored tradition held each spring brings a nationally known woman to address and enlighten our community. It builds on our history of presenting scholars, reformers, and civic leaders, beginning in 1916 with Woodrow Wilson, and followed in 1918 by education reformer John Dewey and social worker Jane Addams and in 1923 by women's rights activist Carrie Chapman Catt.

Year by year, since 1994, our National Speaker Forum has brought a succession of inspiring women to Cincinnati – political leaders, human rights advocates, news analysts and columnists, scholars and other engaging and renowned speakers.



This year, WCC proudly presents **Candy Crowley**, CNN's award-winning political correspondent, as our 2014 National Speaker. She will address the timely topic:

"THE WHITE HOUSE VS. CAPITOL HILL"

Based in the network's Washington, D.C., bureau, Crowley is the network's chief political correspondent and anchor of the network's "State of the Union" Sunday program. You may remember her assertive performance as moderator of the Obama vs. Romney debate last fall. Her career has been characterized by the Los Angeles Times as "sophisticated political observation, graceful writing, and determined fairness," and her style characterized as "no-nonsense" and "straight shooter."

We expect Crowley's talk to help demystify the political process and current issues dividing Washington and directly impacting budget allocations here in Cincinnati.

Following the lecture: Ms. Crowley's lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. Immediately following will be an ample **question and answer** period in which all are welcome to participate. A separately-ticketed private dessert **reception** follows immediately after.

Location: The Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church on the corner of Grace and Erie Avenues in Hyde Park, 45208

WE NEED MEMBER SUPPORT FOR THIS HISTORIC FUNDRAISER ~ see page 2.



Mark Your Calendar for the
Fourth WCC Public Forum

NEW POLICE CHIEF JEFFREY BLACKWELL

To Speak on His
Youth Engagement Platform
For Cincinnati

Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Location: First Unitarian Church,
Corner of Reading and Linton, Avondale

WCC is honored to present Cincinnati's New Police Chief Jeffrey Blackwell speaking on his "Youth Engagement Platform." The Chief believes that engaging youth in the city will cut down on crime, including homicides, most of which are being committed by gangs or drug dealers. Come listen to his ideas and see how you can help.

2014 National Speaker with Candy Crowley

WE NEED MEMBER SUPPORT FOR THIS HISTORIC FUNDRAISER

The National Speaker program is our major fundraising event for the year. Your support and co-sponsorship of this year's event will enable WCC to continue to provide public leadership and civic education programs so important for the Greater Cincinnati area.

The Woman's City Club is proud of its century of service to our community. The tradition began back in the Club's early history when WCC invited outstanding national leaders to speak in Cincinnati. In 1916, **Woodrow Wilson** came to address our city. He was followed in 1918 by education reformer **John Dewey** and social worker **Jane Addams** and in 1923 by women's rights activist **Carrie Chapman Catt**,

The Speakers' Forum was revived in 1994, when WCC invited Harvard professor and civil rights activist, Lani **Guineer**. Now a nationally recognized event, the forum has given the Cincinnati community the opportunity to enjoy many engaging and renowned speakers including Cherokee Chief **Wilma Mankiller**,



Surgeon General **Joycelyn Elders**, syndicated columnist **Molly Ivins**, congresswoman **Pat Schroeder**, NPR correspondents **Susan Stamburg**, **Terry Gross**, **Charlayne Hunter-Gault**, and **Michel Martin**, actress-playwright **Anna Deavere Smith**, NY Times columnist **Gail Collins**, BBC anchor **Katty Kay**, human rights activists **Naomi Tutu** and **Kerry Kennedy**, and in 2013, Mideast scholar and journalist, **Robin Wright**.

The 2014 Forum is only two months away, so it's time for members and sponsoring organizations to buy tickets and purchase sponsorships. The National Speaker Committee has sent out letters

to WCC members and friends outlining sponsorship levels for this event. Members are encouraged not only to purchase their own tickets, but to contact others who may wish to support the event, and organizations that may wish to sponsor.

See page 13 for a ticket order form you can send in by mail.

Alternatively, you can purchase tickets online at www.womanscityclub.org. Contact Carole Donnelly for more information at 513-221-6531. or carole.donnelly@uc.edu.

David Singleton Lecture Postponed

WOMEN'S PRISON VISIT SCHEDULED Tuesday 2/18

To learn more about women's difficulties in prison (see article below), WCC has arranged with David Singleton to meet with him and a few of his clients at the Dayton Correctional Institution **Carpools** are being arranged. We'll meet in the First Unitarian Church parking lot, the corner of Linton and Reading in Avondale.

Reservations are required; please call Mary Wells at 513-281-0793 or e-mail her at her WCC address: m.wells@womanscityclub.org.



Third WCC Public Forum

David Singleton

Executive Director
Ohio Justice & Policy Center

Speaking on

WOMEN IN PRISON

~~Tuesday, January 21
7:00 pm~~

POSTPONED

Location:
First Unitarian Church
536 Linton St at Reading Rd.
Ample parking across the street.

**... to be rescheduled
for April**



Mr. Singleton is also an Assistant Professor at the Chase College of Law.

Mr. Singleton received his JD degree from Harvard Law School, and his AB degree in Economics and Public Policy from Duke University. Before moving to Cincinnati, he practiced public law for several years in New York and Washington, DC.

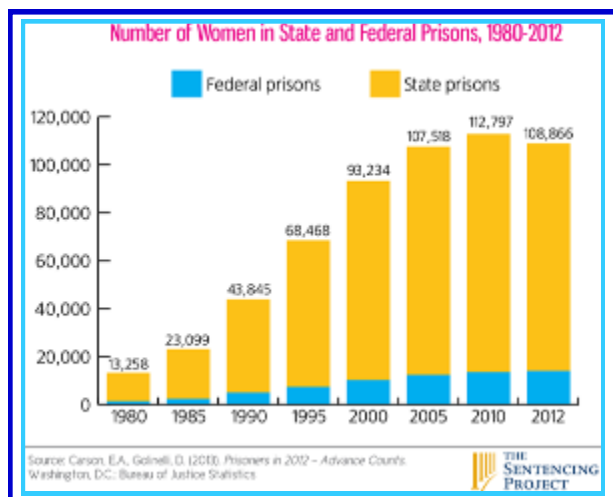
Join us as WCC continues its series on the criminal justice system with David Singleton exploring issues for women in prison.

In the past quarter century, women and girls have increasingly become involved in the criminal justice system, in part as a result of the war on drugs and severe sentencing policies for non-violent offenders. According to the ACLU, more than 200,000 women are behind bars and more than one million are on probation and parole.

Too often these women struggle with substance abuse, mental illness, and

histories of physical and sexual abuse. Few get the services they need. Their imprisonment leaves many women vulnerable to re-victimization. They may face loss of parental rights. As women, they experience especially difficult challenges as returning citizens.

Since 2002 David Singleton has served as Executive Director of the Ohio Justice & Policy Center. The OJPC is a public interest law firm in Cincinnati whose mission is to create fair, intelligent, and redemptive criminal justice systems through client centered advocacy, policy reform, and community education.



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hoping you all had a wonderful holiday season! Do you feel, as I do, that time is passing more quickly? It is very hard to say goodbye to 2013 and usher in yet another year! For WCC, this is the beginning of our 99th year of existence as we start a period of celebrating ourselves, our past accomplishments and our plans for the future – what a remarkable period of time to be a member or friend of WCC!

As I have said, I am honored and humbled to be serving as President during this exciting time.

The Centennial Committee is hard at work planning exciting events and programs, working with Rachel Powell on the last 50 year documentation of Woman's City Club's dedicated women and accomplishments, videotaping some of our longtime members, and starting work on a celebratory dinner to be held on **March 6, 2015** - our actual 100th birthday! Please **SAVE THAT DATE!**

On November 19th, we had a record crowd attending the combination Forum / City Conversation to hear Carter Stewart, US Attorney for the Southwest Region of

Ohio, speak on "The School to Prison Pipeline: A Travesty." I refer you to Mr. Stewart's remarks in this newsletter... I do want to mention that as a result of Mr. Stewart's talk, WCC is working with other groups trying to pass SB 167 to eliminate "Zero Tolerance Policies" in Ohio, which have profound consequences on children's lives.

We were surprised and pleased to have Jeffrey Blackwell, Cincinnati's new Police Chief attend and speak with us briefly after Mr. Stewart's speech.

In December, WCC celebrated four more Feisty members at our annual Feist-Tea event at the Barrington of Oakley. We have so much fun at this event! We laugh and exclaim -or maybe even tear up – as we listen to fascinating stories about the women whose lives we are celebrating. This year's honorees are *Sarah Gideonse*, *Harriet Kaufman*, *Helen O'Neal*, and *Mary Wells*. Congratulations again ladies – you are all truly feisty women!



Please remember to "Like" WCC's Facebook page, check out our updated website, and save the calendar of events on the last page of your Bulletin. It is also time to reserve your spot at our National Speaker event on March 13th at 7:30 pm, with Candy Crowley, CNN's Award Winning Journalist who moderated one of the presidential debates. See you at one of the programs!

Susan

IN MEMORIAM:

Jeanne Bonham, President of WCC 1977-1979



We are sad to learn of the death on November 2 of Jeanne Bonham, a Woman's City Club board member and president during the Seventies.

Jeanne was in many ways a Renaissance woman and among the last of her generation of full-time volunteer women that so benefited the community with their passionate, informed and skilled leadership.

A frustrated feminist, who had sought training and positions inhospitable to women, Jeanne was a co-founder of the Friends of Women's Studies at the University of Cincinnati. When Jeanne joined the UC Board of Trustees (1986-95), she was the only woman.

Her leadership position included presidencies of Planned Parenthood's board and the Community Mental Health Board, where she was instrumental in getting the first mental health levy passed; and she was director of the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission.

Before her death a fascinating feature article about Jeanne by Krista Ramsey appeared in the Enquirer. The piece summarized interviews with Jeanne and her admirers and provided fascinating anecdotes about her many adventures, which they plan to turn into a memoir. To see the article, go to www.cincinnati.com and search for "Jeanne Bonham."

The piece quotes Jeanne as saying simply, at a recounting of her accomplishments, "I don't think you should shrink." This is an attitude we could all emulate.
- Sarah Gideonse

ACT ONE

HANDS-ON CIVICS IN CINCINNATI

Engaging A New Generation of Young Members



Desirae Futel, Melissa Rowland and Lindsay Riehl

The Woman's City Club has joined forces with the League of Women Voters to offer a free one-year joint membership to young women and men 18 to 35 years of age.

Introducing a new generation of members to the work of our two distinguished

organizations will help sustain the future of both clubs with the revitalizing breath of youthful energy. In return, the new young members will benefit from nearly two centuries of experience as represented by both clubs, broader opportunities for peer and intergenerational networking, access to community leaders, a chance to study and develop a point of view on city issues, and a solid platform upon which to become active participants in civic affairs.

Just getting started, the WCC and LVW has been assigning mentors to our new young members so that we can share our experiences and aspirations on a personal level and together translate our dreams into action.

We are planning to meet monthly as a group, each club taking turns at planning the program. In between times, mentors will meet one-on-one with ACT ONE members.

Report on the second ACT ONE meeting 1/13/14.

Woman's City Club and the League of Women Voters held their second monthly meeting with our new ACT ONE members on Monday, January 13 in the Social Hall.

At the January meeting, the League led a discussion on how we can work together to enhance Voter Services in our region: Voter Protection, Voter Registration, and Voter Education.

Our new young members offered fresh new perspectives and innovative ways to reach

out to students on Greater Cincinnati's campuses and answer frequently asked questions about voter eligibility, establishing residence on campus, and the confusing variances in state laws governing voting rights. Also suggested was to enhance plans for Youth Voter Registration Education by contacting community colleges concerning Voter Registration opportunities on campus. A suggestion was made to add these ideas to the information the League offers on their website and continue to develop them as a White Paper designed for use on college campuses.

The meeting also gave us an opportunity for mentors to work with new members on their civic projects. They will continue this work one-on-one in between monthly meetings.

At next month's meeting, WCC will lead a discussion on planning public speaker program series, the annual National Speaker Forum, the monthly "City Conversations," and planning programs for our centennial year. These events can provide a platform -- both formal and informal -- for community dialogue on timely issues that concern all ACT ONE members. New members who are currently working on their own civic projects are also welcome to collaborate with WCC's Action Groups to explore together how we can engage citizens in the work of social, economic, and environmental justice.

If you were unable to attend the January meeting, we hope you will decide to join us in February at the next meeting on **Monday, Feb. 3 at 6:30 pm** at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church, 103 William Howard Taft, Cincinnati, OH 45219.

*~ Jeanne Nightingale, VP Civic Engagement
(J.Nightingale@womanscityclub.org)*



Nazly Mamedova, Christina Brown and Lorita Shrider. Photos by Marty Harrington.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS through ACT ONE!

Jená Bradley
Lillian Bramasco
Christina Brown

Iamani Driskell
Desirae Futel
Kelly Glover

Kristin Luery
Nazly Mamedova
Sarah Noschang
Lindsey Riehl

Melissa Rowland
Lorita Shrider
Lauren Stoll

Emily Thobe
Maria Tangi
Emily Thobe

CHANGING CO₂URSE: LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO A GLOBAL CRISIS

4th Sunday of Every Month from **7:00 to 9:00 pm**

Usual Location: St John's UU Church, 320 Resor, Clifton

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Sunday, **February 23**, 2014: Saving the Planet ... With Your Fork!

***At our usual location, St John's UU Church, 320 Resor, Clifton**

Did you know ... that someone riding a bicycle following the Standard American Diet does more environmental harm than a vegetarian driving a Hummer? Cincinnatians eating meat just one day a week less accomplishes greater green house gas reduction than virtually anything else we can do.

WILLIAM MESSER, local artist, curator, critic, and first amendment and environmental activist, will lead a discussion on the impacts of meat production and consumption on our ecosystem.

We will view a short animated documentary *The True Cost of Hamburgers* as well as clips from *Making the Connection*, a British film that presents the benefits of a plant-based diet



More about William Messer: Bill serves on the City of Cincinnati's Environmental Advisory Council. He also chaired the Food Task Team of the original *Green Cincinnati Plan*, for which he wrote the Plan's initial food recommendation ~ making Cincinnati the world's first city (among many, now) to recommend reduced meat consumption to deter climate change.

POSTPONED

... rescheduled 2/23



Sunday, March 30, 2014. Revisiting Al Gore's *Inconvenient Truth*: New Realities and Local Impacts"

In 2007, Al Gore's documentary about climate change, *An Inconvenient Truth*, earned many awards including two Oscars. Al Gore's work was recognized with a Nobel Prize. A lot has happened since 2007. The threat of future climate change has turned into a reality whose effects we see almost every day. How has Al Gore's message changed since 2007? What does climate change mean for Cincinnati?

Larry Falkin, the City of Cincinnati's Director of Environment and Sustainability director, will give the updated Al Gore Climate Reality presentation and discuss what it means locally. In the summer of 2013, Larry spent three days with Al Gore and the Climate Reality Project receiving intensive training for this presentation.

CHANGING CO₂URSE SERIES COSPONSORS:

Woman's City Club ~ Environmental Action Group

League of Women Voters

Sierra Club

The Environmental Community Organization (ECO)

St John's UU Green Sanctuary Partners



WCC BOOK CLUB



POSTPONED

Next book for discussion: **... rescheduled 2/15**

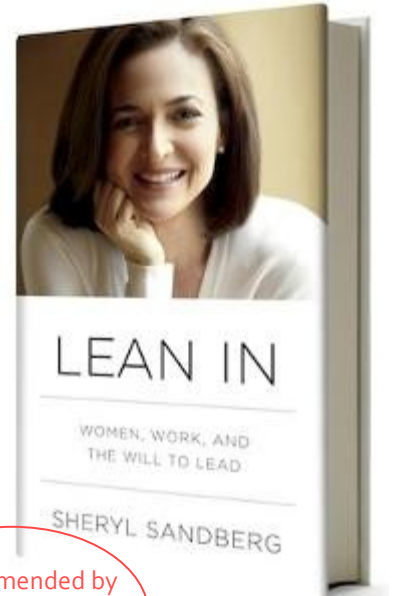
Lean In, by Sheryl Sandberg (2013), 172 pages

Date and time: Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 10:00 am

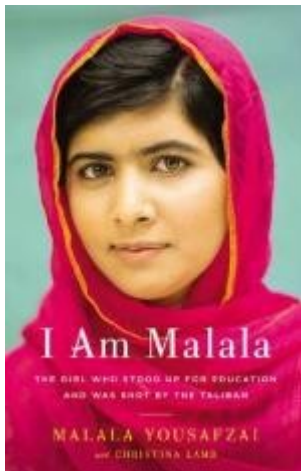
Location: Sarah Gideonse's home, 2570 Madison Rd., Apt. 20. Hyde Park

Sheryl is the chief operating officer of Facebook and according to *Fortune*, one of the 50 most powerful women in business. When Sandberg's book was published earlier this year, it created a terrific stir, receiving a cover story in *Time*, reviews in countless publications, and both praise and criticism. In the book she examines why women's progress in achieving leadership roles has stalled and explains what she believes are root causes—one, that women unintentionally hold themselves back in their careers. She proposes practical solutions for women, including "sit at the table," seek challenges, take risks, and pursue their own goals with gusto.

Join us January 24 and weigh in on what is sure to be a spirited discussion. *Lean In* is not yet in paperback, but the Public Library has over 60 copies. Be sure to reserve promptly, as there is a waiting list.



Recommended by
Joy Haupt and
Erna Olafson



Book for discussion this coming spring:

***I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education
and Was Shot by the Taliban*** by Malala Yousafzai (2013).

Date, time and location To Be Announced

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. Last October, when she was 15, she was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive. Instead, Malala made a miraculous recovery, and she has become a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest nominee ever for the Nobel Peace Prize.

LET'S PUBLISH OUR OWN BOOK! *A Centennial Cookbook*

Marge Davis (321-6835) and Ruth Cronenberg (891-5163, r.cronenberg@womanscityclub.org) are starting a fun short term WCC project and are seeking members or friends to join us, especially new WCC members who are not yet involved with other committees. We plan to put together a WCC cookbook for the Centennial Celebration. Two old WCC cookbooks were located at the library, 1917 and 1952. Plans are to use some of their interesting information and recipes, then add new ones from current members. Call us with questions and help us put this enjoyable project together. ~ Ruth Cronenberg

FOUR FEISTY WOMEN IN FINE FORM AT WCC'S FOURTH ANNUAL FEIST-TEA

Braving an ice storm forecast, a crowd of celebrants gathered to honor Woman's City Club's 2013 crop of feisty women:

**Sarah Gideonse
Harriet Kaufman
Helen O'Neal, and
Mary Wells.**



All are longtime members who have worked for and demanded improvements in the status of women, the safety and education of inner city children, and the justice system.

As our Centennial approaches, we reflect on our history, which is peppered with stories of women who can smile and shake their fists while working for—and insisting on—change in our community. The mission of the Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati—to secure a more just and livable community for all—is a lofty one. To work toward this goal takes a high degree of feistiness. So each December we honor those among us who model this quality and who never give up. We do so by cheering their accomplishments and savoring anecdotes, drinking punch and enjoying delicious savory and sweet delicacies, and reminiscing, laughing, and planning more feisty work!

We are greatly appreciative for all the support given us by our friends at Barrington of Oakley. Many thanks to the dedicated committee who made this happen:

Jo-Ann Huff Albers
Susan Noonan
Future Vincent-Hicks
CJ Pierce
Doreen Quinn
Ruth Cronenberg,
facilitator

Cindy Rowland
Leslie Spencer
Jill Bley
Marge Davis
Mary Gerson
Kim Haas

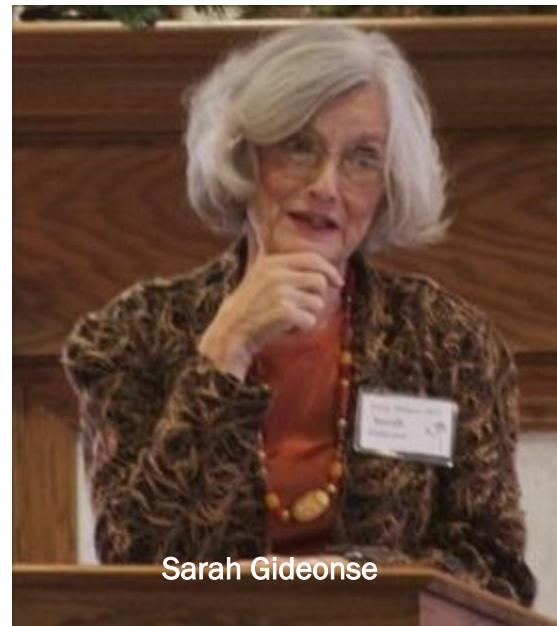
A video of the proceedings, courtesy of Thierry Lorthioir (a friend of Sarah), can be found on the Woman's City Club Facebook Page.



Harriet Kaufman



Ruth Cronenberg



Sarah Gideonse



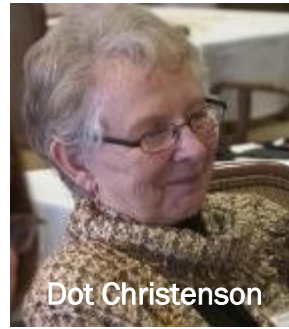
Terry Joyner for Helen O'Neal



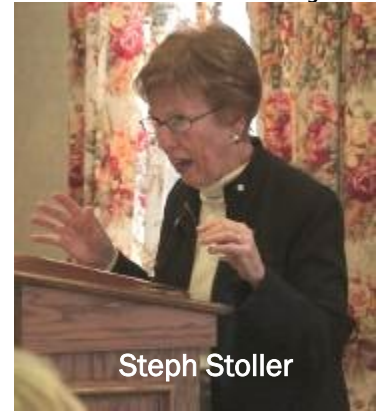
Mary Wells



Honorees with Louise Spiegel, Susan Noonan, and Ruth Cronenberg



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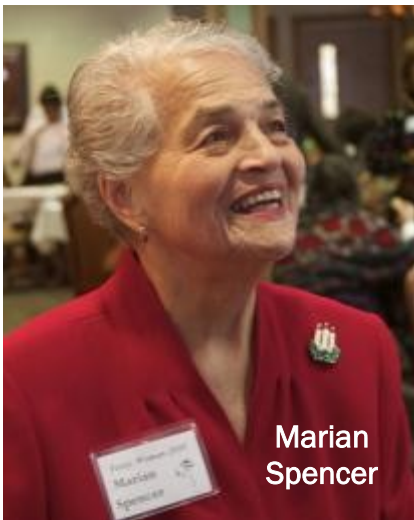
Steph Stoller



CJ Pierce



Louise Spiegel



Marian Spencer



Jane Anderson



Susan Noonan with Louise Spiegel



Marge Davis



Joy Haupt



Nancy Walters



Jill Bley



Terry Joyner

FORUM ON SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE DRAWS CROWD

A large crowd listened raptly on November 19 as US Attorney Carter Stewart described an alarming situation affecting today's children. Too many of them, because of recent public school policies of zero tolerance, are being suspended and expelled, often for minor infractions. These young people are at greater risk of educational failure, of



dropping out, and of involvement in the justice system. This is the "school to prison pipeline." As Stewart pointed out, "Any breakdown in the educational process can cause such widespread

damage and catastrophe throughout a community. Educating young people - in terms of principles and values as well as in terms of substantive knowledge - is really the foundation for the American dream, as Chief Justice Earl Warren says in this quote from *Brown v Board of Education*."



Stewart spoke at length of the possible causes of this trend and its serious consequences. Studies by the US Department of Justice (DOJ) and others have concluded that these disciplinary actions impact minority students and students with disabilities disproportionately.

Stewart reported that Attorney General Eric Holder and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan are developing guidelines to address the disciplinary policies and practices



that can push students out of school and into the justice system. [UPDATE: These Guidelines were released January 8, 2014 and can be accessed at www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/school-discipline. The Obama administration has recommended that public schools emphasize positive behavior and use law enforcement only as a last resort. For a pertinent New York Times article, search online for "Administration Urges Restraint in Using Arrest or Expulsion to Discipline Students."]

Educating young people ... is really the foundation for the American dream ...



Related WCC advocacy:

During the Q & A period, Elaine Fink, Managing Attorney, Children's Advocacy at the local Legal Aid Society, told us about a bill before the Ohio House that proposed to expand the length of time that school children can be expelled. The House



Education Committee was holding a series of hearings, and she encouraged us to become involved. With her help in providing a number of resources, we submitted written testimony against the bill. Elaine later reported that the bill was "indefinitely tabled," in part because of "the concerted effort of our community raising voices of opposition."

A progressive Senate bill 167 is now being considered that proposes to eliminate any policy of zero tolerance for violent, disruptive, or inappropriate behavior, including excessive truancy. WCC has submitted testimony in support of this bill.



Community Engagement.

WCC was pleased to have a number of city officials present, including newly re-elected City Councilman David Mann and new Police Chief Jeffrey Blackwell. During the Q&A period, Mr. Stewart briefly yielded the podium to Chief Blackwell who expressed a determination to have the police department address these issues during his tenure.

--Sarah Gideonse

WOMAN'S CITY CLUB ENDORSES PROPOSAL TO CITY COUNCIL

To Strengthen the Culture of Citizen Engagement in Our City

WCC's Committee for Civic Engagement, spurred on by Louise Spiegel's concerns about the city's weakening civic sector, has spent the three last years researching ways to strengthen the culture of citizen participation in the governance of our city. While business and governmental sectors have expanded their influence on decision-making, the civic sector has not kept pace.



For nearly a century now Woman's City Club has offered civic programs designed to educate, encourage, and equip citizens so that together we can secure a more just and more sustainable community for all. Our mission has been to strengthen the role of the citizen's voice in the governance of our city.

It is through our Civic Engagement initiatives that we reach out to the community to make our collective voices more powerfully heard. It is through our Action Group projects, our collaboration with other civic organizations, and our study of successful models of citizen engagement, that we implement WCC's vision of a stronger and more diverse civic sector in Cincinnati.

WCC members have recently been working with a broad group of neighborhood and civic organizations that formed the Citizen Engagement Action Team (CEAT). As the group surveyed cities like Cincinnati across America to find out how they engage citizens in the deliberative processes of city government, they discovered a growing national trend. Responding to Plan Cincinnati's goal to "Develop a civic engagement strategy to help increase the capacity of the public to participate in the decision-making process," CEAT drew up a proposal recommending that city council pass a resolution to adopt a set of policies and principles "to strengthen our magnetic city with energized people," a primary goal of Plan Cincinnati.

CEAT briefed all candidates for mayor and city council as well as the former city manager. Its proposal has received overwhelming support from newly elected council members. Both the former and current city managers offered to house the program's leadership in the Manager's office. To date, the proposal has received endorsement from a growing number of community councils and civic organizations including WCC. CEAT is currently working with the City's Information Technology Department to generate social media tools for engaging citizen participation.

- Jeanne Nightingale, VP Civic Engagement

MEMBER PROFILE: Carol Scott



Carol Scott with tutee at Winton Hill Academy

What a full and interesting career Carol Scott, a native Cincinnati, has had. Her first job as a biology teacher lasted just two years as she realized that an effective teacher required skills and expertise beyond mere subject matter. In her next position as an aquatic biologist she did research on algae and diatoms in our rivers to see if counts could help determine pollution.

In 1974, after raising two boys, Carol decided to train in a different field. Her interest in scientific inquiry, enjoyment of intellectual discussion and a passion for understanding human behavior led her to pursue a masters' degree in the

growing field of rehabilitation counseling.

Carol worked at the U.C. Rehab Counseling Center and then at the Clermont County Counseling Center, where she treated adults with mild to severe mental health issues. She served several years as president of the Association for Psychoanalytic Thought. Since this group presents mental health seminars, discussions and movies for professional and lay people, she found this pursuit very gratifying given her personality, skills and interests. She continues her affiliation with this organization.

After retiring in 1996, Carol joined WCC and soon was elected to the Board of Trustees. She was asked to serve as administrative vice-president because of her organizational skills. She has been active with the Status of Women Committee and the Catalyst for Achievement Action Group (CAAG) and tutored kindergarteners at Winton Hills Academy. Horticulture, especially the growth and research of native plants, has been a major hobby of hers.

Although Carol's activity is now curtailed by a debilitating illness, she reflects with fond appreciation on her involvement with WCC. She is grateful to WCC for the many friendships, meaningful discussions and insights into civic and organizational behavior that have enriched her life. She has faith in the organization's potential to grow, to cultivate and inspire new and thoughtful community leaders.

-Joy Haupt

Future Cities: Livable Futures

On November 9, 2013, a symposium at the Contemporary Art Center provided a platform for visionaries from around the world and across the disciplines to share and discuss the future of urban life on this planet.



Celebrating the process of urban change, *Future Cities: Livable Futures* offered a day of inspiration and reflection for the future. It was sponsored by the University of Cincinnati, the

Architectural Foundation of Cincinnati, the Contemporary Arts Center, the US Bank Foundation, Soapbox, and the Kroger Company

With the majority of the world's population now living in cities, new challenges have arisen in development and sustainability. Most cities are facing

complex social, economic, and environmental crises as a result of increasing population, inadequate infrastructure, poor social services, escalating health problems, and the challenges posed by climate change. The speakers drove home the point that the well-designed city may provide the last major survival strategy for the human species.

Designing cities to solve these challenges will require the best of human imagination. The process of sustainably developing urban areas is inherently interdisciplinary; no single perspective can address these challenges. If we don't innovate together, we will crash! The symposium concluded with a panel of local architects, planners, and developers who discussed Cincinnati as a case in point. They agreed that while this is an exciting time in the history of Cincinnati as the downtown and surrounding neighborhoods undergo rapid transformations, it is critical that we learn to model our city life on a

healthy ecosystem. We need to celebrate the cohesive diversity of the human community as a strength, minimize the consumption of natural resources, prioritize a mutually profitable exchange of information over goods, and engage all citizens systemically to participate in the planning and design of their shared living environments.

Professor of Urban & Environmental Policy & Planning at Tufts University, Julian Agyeman, provided a useful notion of "just sustainability" which he defined as *"the need to ensure a better quality of life for all, now and into the future, in a just and equitable manner, whilst living within the limits of supporting ecosystems."* This could stand as a vision statement for Woman's City Club as we move into our second century! The Symposium is available at www.futurecitieslf.com.

~Jeanne Nightingale,
VP Civic Engagement

An opportunity for WCC members to support local farmers

Our current food system is broken, and it did not happen by accident. Many people do not have access to safe, nutritious, affordable food; many farmers can't make a living; many regions of the country no longer produce the food they consume; and large-scale industrial agriculture pollutes our soil and water. Decades of misguided farm policy designed by agribusiness, combined with unchecked corporate consolidation and deregulation have wreaked havoc on family farmers, public health and rural communities.



Small and mid-sized farms are at the mercy of market fluctuations. Large scale agribusiness and supermarket mergers allowed a handful of companies that buy crops and livestock to dictate the prices that farmers receive. The four largest companies in each

industry slaughter nearly all the beef, sell half the groceries and manufacture about half the milk in the United States. On the plus side there is a growing movement of farmers and consumers working to rebuild local food systems and put more of the consumer food dollar directly in the hands of farmers. (Source:

Food and Water Watch)

Buying fresh produce at farmers markets helps local farmers but joining a CSA guarantees a demand for locally grown

produce. Supporting local farmers that grow food sustainably means the consumer buys healthy, fresh, non-GMO food of free chemicals. Members of the Women's City Club have an opportunity to join a CSA to support the development of sustainably grown food in our area.



CORV (Central Ohio River Valley) produces a local food guide that lists the many local farmer markets and CSA's and shows their locations. You can find it online by searching for **"CORV 2013 Local Food Guide."**

One of the local CSA's found in the CORV guide is **Our Harvest Cooperative**. This CSA is committed to strengthening the local food system by creating in Cincinnati family-sustaining jobs that produce sustainably-grown, local produce. Our Harvest is a union worker-owned cooperative that offers summer and winter CSA programs and training opportunities for new farmers on farm properties in Cincinnati. They have a dozen different distribution locations for picking up their produce. [Ed note—One location is Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church where the WCC office is located.] To find out more go to ourharvest.coop.

~ Joanne Gerson, Co-Chair; Environment Committee

TICKET REQUEST FORM for NATIONAL SPEAKER EVENT

Woman's City Club
presents

Candy Crowley
"The White House vs Capitol Hill"
Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 7:30 pm
Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church

FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW, OR BUY TICKETS ONLINE
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SUPPORT LEVELS	# of VIP TICKETS you will receive	# of RECEPTION TICKETS you will receive	Indicate your level of support with an "X" below
Angel \$1,250	10	10	
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Deadline to include your name in the program is February 25, 2014.

I would like to purchase _____ (# of) Regular tickets (speech only) at \$35.00 each, for a total of \$_____.

I do not want any tickets, but I would like to donate \$_____ to the Woman's City Club National Speaker Forum. (If the amount donated falls into one of the above categories, donor's name will be listed in the program as indicated. No tickets or goods will be received by the donor.)

Please make checks payable to "WCC" and mail to:
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Calendar of WCC Events

Thursday 2-13-14

Public Forum
Police Chief Jeffrey Blackwell on Youth Engagement

7:00 pm
Location: First Unitarian Church,
536 Linton St
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Saturday 2-15-14

BOOK CLUB: Lean In

10:00 am
Home of Sarah Gideonse
See page 7

Tuesday 2-18-14

Women's Prison Visit with David Singleton

Meet at First Unitarian Church. Time TBA
See page 3

Sunday 2-23-14

Changing CO₂urse Series: Saving the Planet ... With Your Fork

7:00-9:00 pm
Location: St John's UU Church, 320 Resor Ave.
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Wednesday 2-26-14

WCC Board Meeting

4:30-6:30 pm
Location: Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church, Geier Room

Thursday 03-13-14

National Speaker 2014: Candy Crowley

7:30 pm
Location: Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, 1345 Grace Ave, Hyde Park 45208
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Sunday 3-30-14

Changing CO₂urse Series: Revisiting Al Gore's An Inconvenient Truth

7:00-9:00 pm
Location: St John's UU Church, 320 Resor Ave.
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April 2014

(Precise date TBA)

Public Forum
David Singleton on Women in Prison

7:00 pm
Location: First Unitarian Church, 536 Linton St
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Committee Meetings

Membership Committee

3rd Monday at Max & Erma's at 5:30 pm
2-17-14, 3-17-14

Communications Committee

4th Tuesday at 5:30 pm at Ohm Café on Ludlow
2-25-14, 3-25-14

National Speaker Committee

2nd Monday at 6:00 pm
2-10-14, 3-10-14

Centennial Committee

Wed 1-29-14 at 5:30 in the Geier Room

For a full listing of committee meetings consult the WCC calendar at womanscityclub.org/events-calendar. Please notify the WCC office if you have meetings to add!

This e-Bulletin, together with emailed Weekly Updates and our website at www.womanscityclub.org, keeps our membership connected. The next issue will appear in March. Deadline for copy will be Feb 22, 2014 (word limit 250 words).



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