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GREEN HOUSEHOLD TIPS

Five ways to **GREEN** your holiday:

1. **BEST: A live, potted native tree.** Better: Local harvested tree. Okay: Artificial trees made in USA.



2. **BYO Bag!** Instead of coming home with 15 shopping bags.

3. **Switch to LED lights.** Some LED strands are even solar-powered.

4. **For parties, use real glasses, dishes, and flatware.** Use cloth tablecloths instead of throwaways.

5. **Consider sending e-cards or buy recycled cards.** Refashion old greeting cards into gift tags, post cards, and tree ornaments. (Almost 2 billion holiday cards are sent in the US every year!)

~ Mary Gerson

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Our eighth annual Feist-Tea Fundraiser will be held Sunday, December 3, 1:30—3:30 pm. Join us as we honor four feisty women of our community: Marge Davis, Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, Melissa Rowland, and Rina Saperstein!

The Feist-Tea will be held at Kennedy Heights Arts Center Annex, 6620 Montgomery Road.

No charge, but donations are accepted. Please r.s.v.p. to the Woman's City Club, 513-751-0100, or wcc@womancityclub.org.



Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney



Marge Davis—photo by Harriet Kaufman



Rina Saperstein—photo by Harriet Kaufman



Melissa Rowland— photo by Harriet Kaufman

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~ Managing Editors: Jeanne Nightingale and Anne Skove

Remembering Bobbie Sterne

Longtime WCC member and local political figure Bobbie Sterne passed away November 22.

As Cincinnati's first full-term female mayor, Sterne was an early champion of human rights. In 1979, decades before marriage for all couples was recognized in the U.S., then-mayor Sterne proclaimed "Lesbian-Gay Pride Day."

Howard Wilkinson, reporter for WVXU, called Sterne "a kind and gracious person who was passionate about the issues she cared about. She had been an Army nurse on the beaches of Normandy during World War II, so there was nothing that could happen at Cincinnati City Hall that could rattle her."

Please come remember her pioneering spirit and service during a service at Memorial Hall, Wednesday, December 6, at 11:30 a.m. Doors open at 10:30 a.m.



Former Mayor Bobbie Sterne

Pledge Drive Update

"Every drop in the ocean counts." — Yoko Ono

Thanks to our generous donors, WCC's annual Pledge Drive has been a great success! Thus far, we have raised \$5830!



Jo-Ann Huff Albers ~ Eve Appleton ~ Rita Armentrout ~ Louise Bangel ~ Ann Berghausen ~ Marge Davis ~ Jeff Dey ~ Carol Donnelly ~ Barbara Elleman ~ Carol Friel ~ Eleonora Fusco ~ Mary Gerson ~ Lynne Meyers Gordon ~ Joy Haupt ~ Barbara Jennings ~ Jessica Klett ~ Vivan Kline ~ Cheryl Meadows ~ William Muse ~ Susan Noonan ~ Mary Owens ~ Pepper Family Fund ~ Alice Perlman ~ Jeanette Rost ~ Rina Saperstein ~ Alice Schneider ~ Wilda Shaffer ~ Beverly Thomas ~ Sarah Thorburn ~ Nina Tolley ~ Marcia Tonneri ~ Nancy Lu Walters ~ Richard Weiland ~ Mary Wells ~ Dan Yount



SAVE THE DATE!

Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati is thrilled to announce
the featured speaker at our 25th annual
National Speaker Forum and Fundraiser

CHIEF GLOBAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT
for ABC News

MARTHA RADDATZ



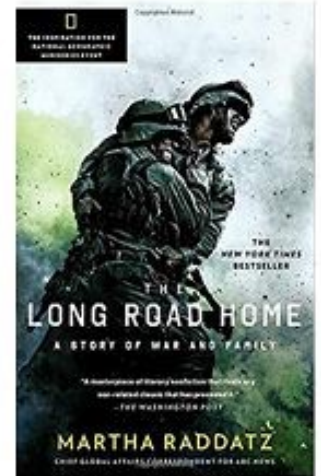
Monday, April 16, 2018
7:00 pm

Memorial Hall
1225 Elm Street,
Downtown Cincinnati

The United States is faced with multiple foreign policy challenges — the US role in conflict areas, nuclear threats, terrorism, trade, immigration, and policy disagreements with other countries. The country lacks consensus about the best way forward. Who better to help us sort through what is happening and help us understand than Martha Raddatz!

Raddatz has covered national security, foreign policy and politics for decades — reporting from the Pentagon, the State Department, the White House, and war zones around the world. She is known for her extraordinary and often exclusive reporting from conflict areas, and the emotional detail of her stories.

Join us for what is sure to be a remarkable evening!



Beginning Tues., Nov. 7
the National Geographic
channel will air an 8-hour
miniseries inspired by Ms.
Raddatz's best-selling book,
*The Long Road Home:
a Story of War and Family.*

Forum tickets on sale
January 2018
womanscityclub.org
Or call
513-751-0100

Lecture \$40
\$10 for students
\$100 for private
reception with
Ms. Raddatz

Information on
organizational
co-sponsorships:
513-871-6927

City Conversations on Climate Change: Meeting the Challenges of a Warming Planet

"Climate Choices" was the subject of November's City Conversations. A small but active group gathered on November 21 with facilitator **Bill Muse** to discuss options to meet the challenges. Our discussion began with participants sharing their knowledge and understanding of climate issues and how it affected them personally.

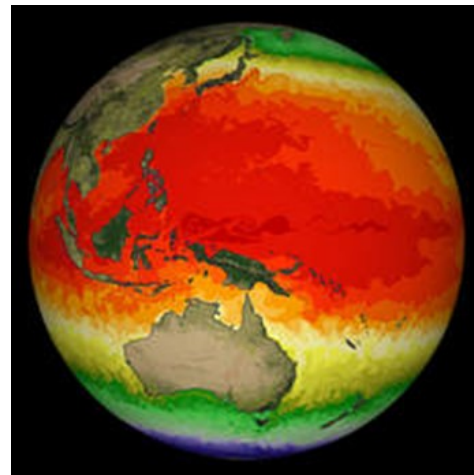
Utilizing material prepared by the *National Issues Forum Institute*, we examined three broad approaches to the problem: Option 1: Reducing carbon emissions; Option 2: Preparing and protecting our communities, and Option 3: Accelerating innovation. We shared ideas on priorities and examined potential trade-offs.

Following an animated discussion, participants prioritized their "choice" to combat climate change and some said we need to work on all fronts.

While there was a diversity of prior knowledge and (active) involvement with the issue, this deliberative process helped further our learning and rethinking about the complexities of climate change and its growing and far-reaching impact on our lives. For global warming is not just an environmental problem. It is also a public health issue, a threat to national security, a looming economic challenge, and it affects different people disproportionately.

The question remains: What should we do about it?

~ Joy Haupt



Forums in November: Thriving Cincinnati's November Luncheon

On November 17th, *THRIVING CINCINNATI* hosted a Fall Gathering to celebrate an employer that is providing innovative benefits for its employees as heard from the employees themselves! About 35 folks, including many workforce developers, gathered for a luncheon provided through the generosity of Louise Spiegel's contribution to *Thriving Cincinnati* and catered by Venice on Vine – a work development program. Brennan Grayson, Director of Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center (CIWC), facilitated discussion. Ms. Mardia Shands, Senior Human Resources Director of Miami Gaming & Racing, LLC, (MVG) along with 2 of her employees, Kiersten Shelton and Vantrice Hunter shared their stories of how Miami Gaming is helping their workforce move from "Surviving to Thriving".

Ms. Shands told us that local bank representatives come right to the workplace to help employees with credit, savings, loans. Lifespan, a Butler County Social Services agency provides onsite counseling and life skills services; MVG pays tuition costs up front instead of reimbursement. Two programs are in the works: helping with a down payment on a car and providing shuttle transportation for employees.

MVG hires returning citizens and also has a program with the Butler County Developmental Agency to hire employees. All training of employees – and promotions are encouraged – is done during work time. (88 % are fulltime employees with healthcare including medical, dental and vision.)

Ms. Shands said the company's bottom line is improved by the lack of turnover, training and other costs associated with high turnover. Vantrice told us this was the first time she applied for a job and didn't feel "judged" because of her "checkered" past. Kiersten reported she was given an opportunity to earn fair wages and now feels good about herself.

In January, TC will highlight Nehemiah Manufacturing, a business that gives everyone a chance to work.

~ Susan Noonan, Program Chair



- 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

Friday, December 1: Thriving Cincinnati Meeting at the home of Harriet Kaufman.

Saturday, December 2, 11 am—3 pm: WCC cookbook sale at The Bookshelf in Madeira. Stop by for free samples of *Stirring the Pot* recipes from noon-2 pm!

Sunday, December 3, 1:30—3:30 pm: Feist-Tea fundraiser honoring Marge Davis, Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, Melissa Rowland, and Rina Saperstein. Kennedy Heights Arts Center Annex, 6620 Montgomery Road.

January 17, 2018: Program, "The Dream Act We Need." Meets at First Unitarian Church, 536 Linton Street, Cincinnati 45219.

February 27, 2018: Program, TBA. Meets at Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church, Geier Room.

Monday, April 16, 2018, 7:00 p.m.: National Speaker Martha Raddatz, "United States' Impact on Global Hotspots." Memorial Hall, 1225 Elm St., 45202.

Friday, May 25, 2018: Seasongood Luncheon.



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

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