

THE BULLETIN

January 2018

WCC HONORS FOUR FEISTY WOMEN AT 8th ANNUAL FEIST TEA

GREEN HOUSEHOLD TIPS

- ◆ Diverting waste from the dump uses up less of our resources.
- ◆ Reusing and repurposing benefits everyone.
- ◆ Recycling metal, batteries, ink cartridges, paint, lightbulbs, and electronic gadgets takes time but it is worth the effort.
- ◆ Call me with any questions.



~ Mary Gerson

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Woman's City Club held its eighth annual Feist-Tea Fundraiser Sunday, December 3, 2017 at Kennedy Heights Arts Center. Woman's City Club honored four of its feistiest members: Jan Michele Kearney, Marge Davis, Melissa Rowland, and Rina Saperstein. Nearly 90 people attended the event. Here are a few of the highlights about the honorees.

Jan-Michele Lemon-Kearney practiced law in Cincinnati with Taft, Stettinius and Hollister and then branched out into a solo law career when she joined the publication company, KGL Media Group, Inc. dba Sesh Communications. She is now president of Sesh Communications, the company that publishes the award-winning *Cincinnati Herald*. Jan-Michele actively promotes Woman's City Club on her WLWT Channel 5's "Issues" weekly public affairs program. Each year, she invites Woman's City Club representatives to the "Issues" program to publicize our National Speaker fundraising event.



Marge Davis worked for 30 years at Children's Services, standing up for and advocating for children at her agency, in the courts, before the commissioners, and at the state legislature. At Children's Services, she is proudest of having started the 241-KIDS child abuse hotline. Marge currently serves as WCC's Vice President of Administration, and is always the go-to person to make sure that something gets accomplished – whether planning wonderful programs, as administrative vice president running the office (and that without computer expertise), leading the CAAG, showing up to help on



Marge Davis

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The Monthly *e-Bulletin* keeps us connected with our membership, our network and our community. The next issue will appear FEBRUARY 1. Deadline is January 25.

~ Editorial Board: Jeanne Nightingale, Sarah Gideonse, and Anne Skove

myriad committees. With Ruth Cronenberg, she initiated and worked on the committee that put together WCC's Centennial cookbook.

Melissa Rowland served as Woman's City Club office manager for two and a half years. She took over after an unexpected resignation and mastered the technology needed to run a modern organization. As a victim of childhood abuse, Melissa not only spoke out courageously against her accuser, but as an adult created an exhibit with mannequins to educate others about domestic violence. She now leads a new effort to engage young women and men in our Act One program.



Melissa Rowland



Rina Saperstein works as a non-profit Management Professional at the United Way of Greater Cincinnati. Before that she worked as executive director of *Power Inspires Progress*, building it from its grassroots heart into a more sustainable nonprofit organization. Rina serves as Vice President of Civic Engagement promoting WCC's involvement in the city's civic issues. She managed WCC's five-year strategic plan last year, and spearheaded this year's *Town Hall Conversations with the Candidates* forums.



Young Marge Davis with her activist mother, Mrs. Frank G. Davis and a volunteer from the Girl Scouts.



**UNITED
WE STAND**

CINCINNATI WOMEN'S MARCH

JANUARY 20, 2018 • 12:00 NOON

NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FREEDOM CENTER

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HEAR OUR VOTE

Letter from the President:

Expectation in 2018

Once a year we have a time of *expectation*: What will the new year bring? What can we each bring to the new year. Now is a time to begin again – and to continue with activities we have planned, with a new outlook and a renewed energy.

Woman's City Club continues to plan for our National Speaker, this year, Martha Raddatz, on April 16, 2018, in Memorial Hall downtown. But along with this event, we continually look for new energy to build up the Club, increase membership, inform our members and interested community members about activities that will improve our community and to honor people who have helped to make our



community a better place in which to live. We do this all because it is our *expectation* that our efforts will bring about change. Perhaps not in new buildings or new organizations, but more likely, in each of us a renewed enthusiasm for working together to make this a vibrant and effective organization for the next hundred years in Cincinnati.

Nancy

“Positive expectations are the mark of the superior personality.”

~ Brian Tracy, *Maximum Advancement: Strategies and Skills that Will Unlock Your Hidden Powers to Succeed*

“What I have since realized is that if people expect you to be brave, sometimes you pretend that you are, even when you are frightened down to your very bones.”

~ Sharon Creech, *Walk Two Moons*

“To wish was to hope, and to hope was to expect.”

~ Jane Austen, *Sense and Sensibility*

“Would you like to know your future? If the answer is yes, think again. Not knowing is the greatest life motivator. So enjoy, endure, survive each moment as it comes to you in its proper sequence — a surprise.”

~ Vera Nazarian, *The Perpetual Calendar of Inspiration*



Free Public Forum

“More than a Dream: Dream Act 2018”

January 17, 2018, 5:30 pm
First Unitarian Church
536 Linton Street 45229

Presenters: DACA recipient José Cabrera and members of the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center’s Youth Educating Society (YES) Program

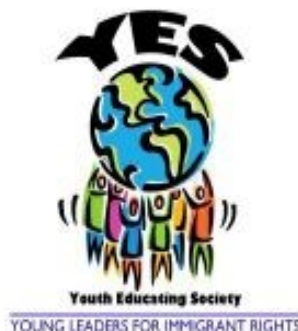
Topics to be discussed:

- The Deferred Action for Children Arrivals initiative and proposed Congressional legislative solutions
- The bigger picture
- Ways we can support and advocate for our young friends

Come at 5:30 for networking and a light meal. The program and interactive discussion starts at 6.

Restoring and enhancing the DACA initiative is not only a matter of justice – it is also a great benefit to our country because of these young people’s contribution to the economy, their families, and a vibrant community. Join us to learn about Dreamer legislation and to be part of a call to action!

This program is cosponsored by the Woman’s City Club, Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center, the First Unitarian Social Justice Committee, and the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center and its YES program.





WIN-WIN WITH NEHEMIAH

JANUARY 26, 11:30 AM – 1:15 PM
Geier Room, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church
103 Wm. H. Taft Road, Cincinnati 45219

Founded in 2009, Nehemiah Manufacturing partners with companies and entrepreneurs to license/acquire small brands, innovate new product concepts, and contract manufacture products. Their mission is to build brands, create jobs in the inner city, and change lives.

Join us to learn from CEO Dan Meyer and team members Cami Dawson-Moody, and Katie Schad about how Nehemiah in carrying out its mission helps people needing a second chance become successfully employed.

Presentations to be followed by audience discussion and story sharing. Brennan Grayson, Executive Director, Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center, will facilitate the program.

Sponsored by:



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PEACE CENTER



WOMAN'S
CITY CLUB
OF GREATER CINCINNATI



Business and
Professional
Women/OH

WIN-WIN STRATEGIES FOR THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE

Celebrate innovative employers and the employees whose lives have been improved.

Second in a series presented by Woman's City Club and Thriving Cincinnati

Speakers:
CEO Dan Meyer
and other team
members,
Nehemiah
Manufacturing

Lunch provided
Please RSVP —
713-751-0100 or
womanscityclub.org

Changing CO₂urse: Local Solutions to a Global Crisis

Saturday, January 27 at 6:00 - 8:00 pm
St. John's UU Church, 320 Resor, Clifton

- Doors open at 5:30 pm for socializing and snacks -

A community screening of:

DIVEST: THE CLIMATE MOVEMENT ON TOUR



This remarkable documentary chronicles 350.org's Do-the-Math bus tour across the United States in 2012 as it launched its fossil fuel divestment campaign onto the national and ultimately international stage.

Now three years later, over 500 institutions representing over 3 trillion dollars in assets have committed to divest. The campaign is winning. But with the clock ticking down, the question remains: will the victories add up enough to matter?

"Part documentary, part call to action, one comes away asking not, 'What did I think about the film?' but 'What am I going to do now that I've seen it.'"

- Paul Wapner, Professor of Global Environmental Politics, American University, Co-editor, *Global Environmental Politics: From Person to Planet*.

Featuring: Bill McKibben, Naomi Klein, Reverend Lennox Yearwood, Dr. Sandra Steingraber, Josh Fox, Terry Tempest Williams, Winona LaDuke, Desmond Tutu and Ira Glass.

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Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati is proud to present

MARTHA RADDATZ

Chief Global Affairs Correspondent
for ABC News

As the featured speaker at our 25th annual
National Speaker Forum and Fundraiser

**“What in the World:
Global Hot Spots and U.S. Foreign Policy”**



**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!

Forum tickets on sale
January 2018
at womanscityclub.org
Or call Memorial Hall
is 513-977-8838

Lecture: \$40
Private reception with
Ms. Raddatz following
lecture: \$100

Information on
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Ms. Raddatz is the author of a best-selling book, *The Long Road Home: a Story of War and Family*. This past fall, the National Geographic channel aired an 8-hour miniseries inspired by the book.

Episodes are available for screening at <http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/the-long-road-home/>

MEMBER PROFILE: Joni Baker Sullivan

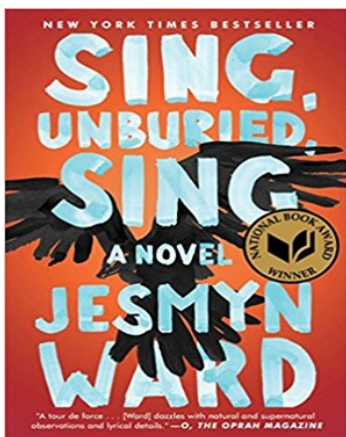
Joni attended Lincoln Christian University in Illinois, earned her B.A. (English) at Trinity International University and master's degree in journalism with PR emphasis from Northern Illinois University. She had married (Bill) in college and then moved to Aberdeen, Scotland, for his Ph.D. program. She did headquarters corporate PR stints in Aberdeen, Memphis, St. Louis and finally Cincinnati, accompanying Bill as he assumed different teaching positions. She and Bill, have twin sons – one in Knoxville, one in Nashville – and three grandchildren, with another on the way.

Her business, *Buoyancy PR*, specializes in working with Christian authors and nonprofit organization clients. Joni is an adjunct teacher at Cincinnati Christian University in Price Hill. She joined WCC after she invited Kay Smith-Yount's husband to coffee! "I had some interaction with Dan," she said, "so I invited him to coffee and Kay came along. When I said I was trying to learn more about my new city and meet more people, Kay immediately suggested I join WCC."



A former member of the WCC board, past chair of the Communications Committee, and member of the National Speaker Committee, Joni led the transition to the new WCC logo as part of the Centennial Committee. Prior to that she edited the Bulletin for a few years. What she likes most about WCC: "Any activity that draws our members into meaningful discussions and presentations. This has included programs but also some of the annual meetings, planning for the Centennial, even some committee meetings. I remain so impressed at the caliber of women involved with WCC and love the exchange of ideas," she said.

~ Jo-Ann Huff Albers



JANUARY'S WCC BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

Saturday, January 20, 10 am

Home of Erna Olafson

1553 Oak Knoll Drive

For directions and to RSVP, call Erna at 513-521-3625 or email eolaf@yahoo.com

Multiple award winner Jesmyn Ward just received her second National Book Award for *Sing, Unburied, Sing: a Novel*. "The NY Times: "*Sing, Unburied, Sing*,... combines aspects of the American road novel and the ghost story with a timely treatment of the long aftershocks of a hurricane and the opioid epidemic devouring rural America."

From an Amazon review: "Jesmyn Ward, tells the story of Jojo, a young black Mississippi boy raised by his grandparents, who is forced to become a man far before he should because his mother is a drug addict, his father is in jail, and his baby sister needs a guardian. When Jojo's dad is released from prison, Leonie packs Jojo and Kayla in the car, and drives north. What transpires is a nightmarish journey that weaves in and out of the present – Leonie's meth induced highs, when she dreams of her dead brother killed by white hands decades ago, and the past -- when a man named Ritchie served time alongside Jojo's grandfather. *Sing, Unburied, Sing* shimmers with mythic southern memories to tell a story of the drugged and the damned and the fluttering promise of youth."

~ Sarah Gideonse

WCC SPONSORS LEGISLATION REGULATING PLASTIC BAGS IN CINCINNATI



WCC's Board of Trustees has voted to join a coalition of community groups who have been sponsoring legislation to regulate plastic bags in Cincinnati.

By regulating the distribution of single-use carryout bags, Cincinnati can reduce plastic pollution in the environment, including our rivers and streams, our stormwater systems, our landfills, our roadsides and parks. We have become increasingly aware of the harmful presence of plastic on marine systems and on human health, including endocrine disruption.

WCC's Environmental Task Force joined other community groups in October, to hold a press conference outside City Hall in an effort to push Council to regulate plastic single-use carryout bags in Cincinnati. The group calls its movement "Cincinnati Past Plastic" or "BYO Bag." The proposal has Council support.

"We can do it thoughtfully and insuring those that are low income and if there is a fee, that we provide reusable bags for any people who need and want them," said Councilman Chris Seelbach. "But this is something that we need to do if we truly care about the environment."

To launch the campaign, the coalition sponsored a screening and discussion of the feature documentary *A Plastic Ocean* last November. We must now work with our new council members and urge them to act.

~ Jeanne Nightingale

Co-Chair Environmental Action Group

Did You Know?

- One reusable bag has the life of 700 single-use plastic bags.
- Only 1-2% are recycled.
- A plastic bag takes up to 500 years to decompose.
- We use an average of 300-500 bags a person a year. I use none, so some are using more than 500.
- 100,000 turtles and birds die each year from ingesting plastic.
- Toxins from plastic have entered our food chain, threatening human health.

~ Mary Gerson

NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK

The following items are listed because they may be of interest to our members in keeping with our mission to educate, empower and engage citizens. A listing does not imply that Woman's City Club sponsors, endorses or has a studied judgment about the event, speakers or content.

“Life An Hour at a Time” Inspires WCC Members

Nazly Mamedova, former Act One member and human rights attorney, forwarded an article by Mike Curnutte in the January 5 *Cincinnati Enquirer* entitled “Life An Hour at a Time.” The article includes Nazly’s comments. [cin-cincinnatienquirer.oh.newsmemory.com/publink.php?shareid=02cf2ef52](http://cincinnatienquirer.oh.newsmemory.com/publink.php?shareid=02cf2ef52)

“The future of a 6-year-old boy hangs in the balance,” the *Enquirer* reports. “It’s an example of the complicated, messy, no-win, real-life situations that U.S. Immigration policy they must untangle. At the heart of the immigration case is this child, Ricky Solis, born in November 2011 at University of Cincinnati Medical Center to an undocumented Guatemalan national.” Ricky’s “Daddy” Yancarlos Mendez was stopped by police for driving a second time without a license and is being held in the Butler County jail as he waits being turned over to federal immigration authorities who will begin the deportation process.

Attorney Nazly Mamedova applied for a stay of deportation to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, giving the reason as “Medical condition of the child. Ricky is paraplegic and (in) need of special care 24/7, which only Yancarlos and the mother can provide, because they are trained specially by Children’s Hospital.” Ricky had been broadsided in an accident. Mamedova tells us, “Our plea is for ICE to exercise favorable discretion and allow Yancarlos to come home.”

As of January 7, the plea was rejected, and immigration officials are set to deport Mr. Mendez.

Thank you, Susan Noonan, for bringing this news story to our attention.



END SLAVERY CINCINNATI will hold an Anti-Human Trafficking Conference on February 2, 2018. They are partnering again with the American Red Cross to hold the conference at the American Red Cross (2111 Dana Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45207). Online registration will close Monday, January 29. Please go to endslaverycincinnati.org to register.



Community Shares Event Coming Soon!

On Friday, February 16 Community Shares invites you to attend their 2nd annual signature event “For the Love of the Community” benefiting Community Shares at the Phoenix in downtown Cincinnati. Typically fundraising events include entertainment, hearty food and drink, and great company as we support the causes we are most passionate about. This year Community Shares has added a few special features making the evening special.

They will announce their new 2018 Member Organizations, and offer a short keynote on “The State of Social Justice in Greater Cincinnati”. Community Shares and the scores of people and organizations who have been a part of it, make up the fabric that is the local social justice and equality community. In this time of great challenge to civil rights, woman’s rights, the environment, LGBTQ rights, healthcare, affordable housing, and more... Community Shares provides a space for our collective work that is at its most basic level, born out of love. They sincerely hope you will purchase tickets either online at cintishares.org/events, and join them at what will be THE progressive, social justice gathering of the year.

Come celebrate and uplift a vision of equality and justice with fellow supporters and friends of Community Shares
A special event to benefit Community Shares of Greater Cincinnati

For
The Love of the
COMMUNITY



Emcee Bruce Preston



Andrea Cefalo Quartet

The Phoenix

812 Race Street
 Cincinnati, OH 45202

Friday
Feb 16 2018
6pm to 9pm

Presenting Sponsor



Community Shares Presents:
"The State of Social Justice in Greater Cincinnati"

Join philanthropists, organizational leaders, community organizers, workplace partners, and friends at our 2nd Annual "For the Love of the Community" event. A celebration of our shared accomplishments as we set the stage for the important work ahead.

\$75 per guest includes dinner and 2 complimentary drinks

Silent Auction!

Purchase tickets at cintishares.org/events

Wine Raffle!

- 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, January 17, 5:30 pm:** Things Climate Can't Change)" by "More than a Dream." First Unitarian Church.
- February 27, 2018:** Program, TBA. Meets at Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church, Geier Room.
- Saturday, January 20, noon-2:30 pm:** Women's March. Starts at Freedom Center.
- 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, January 26, 11:30-1:15:** Win-Win Strategies for Employer/Employee, Part II. Lunch provided at 11:30 am; Program from noon-1:15 pm. Mount Auburn Presbyterian Church, Geier Room.
- Friday, May 25, 2018:** Seasongood Luncheon.
- Sunday, January 28, 6-8 pm:** Changing Course, St. John's Unitarian Church. A screening of "How to Let Go of the World (and Love All the



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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