

## FEIST-TEA: A TIME TO CELEBRATE

**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 — Lead Constructive Lives — A Thriving City of the Future.

### 10th Annual Feist-Tea

**Sunday, December 8**

**1:30 pm - refreshments**

**2 pm – Program**

**Kennedy Heights Arts Center Annex**

**6620 Montgomery Road 45213**



Join us as we gather for an elegant tea to honor four of our most feisty members who have contributed their skills and passions over the years to build a more just and sustainable community, both through the club and in the community.

#### Mary Asbury

Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati

#### Ethel Guttenberg

advocate for sensible gun laws

#### Arzell Nelson

former Executive Director of the Cincinnati Human Relations Council

#### Future Vincent-Hicks

retired teacher and civic activist.

These honorees are individuals to emulate as we work toward fulfilling our purpose as a club.

In keeping with our tenth anniversary celebration, Women's City Club invites ALL past Feist-Tea honorees to attend and be recognized. We also hope that new members will join the party and be recognized.

Feist-Tea is a free event, but we welcome your donation in honor of our 2019 honorees. Donations support the Seasongood Education Awards (given in May), whose purpose is to encourage responsible civic awareness in graduating high school students.

***Power Inspires Progress  
caterers will again provide  
their delicious refreshments***



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## Grateful

Last Christmas my eldest daughter spent a lot of time during her visit home making a Jar of Awesome for me, her dad, her sister, her brother, and herself. She rounded up some tall jars, decorated them with glitter and stick-on stars, topped them with a sparkly ornament, filled them with blank strips of brightly colored paper, and wrote out the instructions: "Keep the jar in plain sight and each day write down one awesome thing, big or small..." This Christmas we will take time to read aloud some of the slips from our jars, to be thankful for all the awesome things that happened and "...remember how great it was, even if it was also hard."

It is a fun and creative way to count your blessings, even if it does leave a glitter trail each time you open the jar. And I am looking forward to sharing our bits and pieces of awesomeness along with the Christmas cookies and cocoa.

Perhaps I should make a Jar of Awesome (but without the

glitter) for the Woman's City Club office. So many awesome things are happening in this organization — and I am grateful for all of it: the dedicated members who plan our major events and programs, set up the room, bring food, and stay to clean it all up. The people — friends and newcomers — who attend our programs and enrich the conversations. The generous supporters whose contributions to the Marian Spencer Statue Fund have already brought us halfway to our goal, and whose donations to the Fund Drive ensure that WCC will continue to operate.

I am grateful to the awesome committee chairs and board members who take on the countless tasks that keep WCC running — and make it all look easy; to the members who manage our website, social media, and public relations; to those who fold, stuff, and seal our bulk mailings; to our office manager who is part of it all; to everyone who contributes in any way to WCC and supports its mission.



Recently I was at Memorial Hall for a tribute honoring Todd Portune, our County Commissioner and former City Council Member who is retiring from public service to battle cancer. Many powerful, important people spoke movingly of Todd's countless achievements and his major contributions to our city. But when Todd finally took the microphone his own heartfelt and true words were to thank everyone who made it possible for him to bring his vision to reality. "None of us does what he does without the support of others," he said firmly.

I came home, wrote that down, and put it in my Jar of Awesome. ~ Janet Buening

*None of us does  
what he does  
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of others.*

*~ Todd Portune,  
Hamilton County  
Commissioner*



## WCC's 2019 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

Do you love the programs, the activities, the civic partnerships, the vision for a positive future for our community? WCC is your club, and it needs your financial support. While much of our work is volunteer, our expenses

include meeting spaces, office and office equipment, website and social media expenses, speaker honorariums, our kindergarten tutoring program, partnerships, refreshments, bookkeeping and accounting, education awards, and our fabulous part-time office manager to keep things together.

Our 2019 Annual Fund Campaign runs until December 31. You can donate online at [www.womanscityclub.org](http://www.womanscityclub.org) or mail your contribution to 103 Wm. Howard Taft Road, Cincinnati OH 45219. You can send a one-time or monthly gift, or set up a recurring e-gift through your banking institution or credit card. Please give generously. Your support will allow WCC to continue to **Light the Fire** and **Lead the Way**.

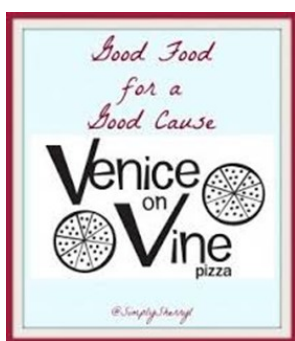
~ Rina Saperstein, Treasurer



# HOLIDAY GIVING FOR GOOD — LUNCH FOR THE CONTACT CENTER

**Tuesday, December 3**  
**Noon – 1:30 pm**  
**Venice on Vine Pizza**  
**1301 Vine Street, Over-the-Rhine**

WCC invites members and friends to gather for a holiday lunch and to bring items for the Contact Center to sell to neighborhood families during the



holiday season. The families will have the opportunity to select items at minimal cost.

The holiday sale also serves as a fundraiser for the Contact Center.

Please consider bringing:

- Toys, dolls, games, puzzles, books, and other gifts for children of all ages
- Warm items for children and adults, such as hats, gloves and mittens, scarves, and socks

Come for lunch! Venice on Vine is best known for its award-winning pizza, but salads and sandwiches are also available. If you are not able to make the lunch but want to contribute, you may drop items off at the WCC office during business hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8 am -1 pm.

**RSVP to Marge Davis, Sarah Gideonse, or the WCC Office (513-751-0100).**



## BEYOND THE BOOKS — WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**  
**6:30 pm Social 7:00 pm Program**  
**Geier Room at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church**  
**103 William Howard Taft Road, Cincinnati OH 45219**

Come meet Paula Brehm-Heeger, the Eva Jane Romaine Coombe Director of the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County, and find out everything you always wanted to know about the Library but didn't know who to ask!

Only the second woman to serve as Director, Paula is not your typical librarian. Her passion and enthusiasm, her focus on expanding access, community engagement, and innovation, and her staunch belief that the library is for everyone make her the ideal leader as the Library expands its facilities and resources.



Paula will present her vision of the positive impact the Public Library can have on the community, talk about some of the new services and programs offered at the many library branches and Main Library, and introduce the Facility Master Plan for future development that was shaped by listening sessions at branches across the county and the input of a large and diverse Community Advisory Council. The program will include ample time for questions and answers. You don't want to miss this!





# For WCC Members Only!

## WOMEN BREAKING BOUNDARIES TOUR

### WITH ANNE BUENING

**Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 pm**

**Meet in the main lobby at the Cincinnati Art Museum**

**953 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45202**

Join WCC's VP for Membership Anne Buening for an exclusive guided tour of the Cincinnati Art Museum's exhibition *Women Breaking Boundaries*. Anne, a curatorial assistant at CAM, will explore the role of women in art and art history through works from the museum's permanent collection, ranging from the Seventeenth Century to contemporary art. Artworks from across Europe, North America, and Asia in a range of mediums are featured, including paintings, metalwork, ceramic, prints, photography, and fashion.



The exhibition is the museum's main contribution to ArtsWave's city-wide *Power of Her* initiative that was inspired by the centennial anniversary of women's suffrage.

**Reserve your spot on the tour today!**

**Space is limited to only 20 guests.**

Please RSVP at [wcc@womanscityclub.org](mailto:wcc@womanscityclub.org)



## RECIPE FOR GIFT-GIVING: WCC'S *STIRRING THE POT*

Simplify your holiday shopping with this limited time sale offer on WCC's acclaimed cookbook. From now through December we are offering special holiday pricing – \$15 for one book; only \$10 each if you buy 2 or more (regular price is \$20)!



Cookbook co-chairs Marge Davis and Ruth Cronenberg selling cookbooks at New & Olde Pages Bookshoppe in Englewood, Ohio.

*Stirring the Pot in the Kitchen and Community for 100 Years* was featured at Books by the Banks and in *The Cincinnati Enquirer*. It is a welcome Secret Santa or hostess gift, a great stocking stuffer, and perfect for cooks of all abilities and interests – those who want quick and easy party dishes or those who want to master international recipes and heirloom breads. It is a book that is as much fun to read as it is useful to cook with: *Stirring the Pot* includes recipes spanning 100 years and tells the story of the evolution of the foods we eat and the kitchens we cook them in!

At this price the cookbook is also an excellent fundraiser for your school, church, or community holiday bazaar - buy books at \$10 and set your own selling price. Support both your organization and WCC!

Cookbooks will be on sale at the Feist-Tea. You can also order them from our WCC website; by calling the WCC office at (513) 751-0100 (no shipping charge if you pick them up at the office); or by emailing Janet Buening at [WCCpresident2018@gmail.org](mailto:WCCpresident2018@gmail.org).

~ Janet Buening

## WCC BOOK CLUB

Saturday, January 18, 10 am

At the home of Erna Olafson, North College Hill



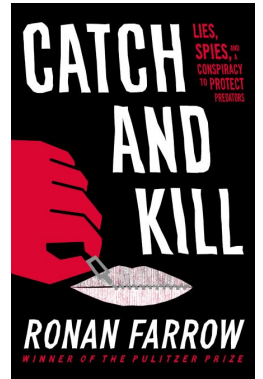
At our January meeting, our book club will be discussing two best-selling books that relate extraordinary investigative reporting by journalists as they pursue the story of Harvey Weinstein as a sexual predator. People may read one of the books or both, depending on interest and time available. Or just drop in for the discussion.

The first book, *She Said: Breaking the Sexual Harassment Story That Helped Ignite a Movement*, by Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey, is, according to the *Washington Post*, “an instant classic of investigative journalism. The book is packed with reluctant sources, emotional interviews, clandestine meetings, impatient editors, secret documents, late-night door knocks, toady lawyers, and showdowns with Weinstein himself. The cumulative effect is almost cinematic, a sort of *All the President’s Men* for the Me Too era, except the men are women, and they don’t protect the boss, they take him down.”

*Catch and Kill: Lies, Spies, and a Conspiracy to Protect Predators*, an account of violence and espionage, breaks devastating new stories about the rampant abuse of power and sheds far-reaching light on investigations that shook our culture. Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter Ronan Farrow exposes serial abusers and a cabal of powerful interests hell-bent on covering up the truth, at any cost. *Catch and Kill* is both a spy thriller and a meticulous work of investigative journalism.

These are new books, but the library will have multiple copies in multiple formats, and we have two months to read them. We expect a lively conversation and comparisons between the two books as well as articles on this subject and personal experiences.

All members and friends are welcome, but RSVPs are appreciated at [wccbookclub@womanscityclub.org](mailto:wccbookclub@womanscityclub.org)



## MAKE A LASTING CONTRIBUTION

WCC and the Marian A. Spencer Statue Committee are working together to place a bronze statue of Marian Spencer at Smale Riverfront Park. The dedication will take place on **June 28, 2020**, the 100th anniversary of Spencer’s birth!

Your tax deductible contribution will make a lasting memorial to a woman who worked tirelessly to make our community a better place for all its citizens. The statue will also tell her story to future generations, and inspire them to embrace her values and dedication.

Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated, but recognitions and special gifts are offered at six levels:

**\$20,000 Freedom Level**

- Donor’s name engraved on wall next to statue
- Unveiling presenter
- Recognition in media and in all printed materials
- One of 99 prints of artist’s original concept drawing
- Signed miniature replica of statue

**\$10,000 Equal Rights Level**

- Donor’s name engraved on wall next to statue
- Signed miniature replica of statue
- Recognition in media and in all printed materials
- One of 99 prints of artist’s original concept drawing

**\$5,000 Civil Rights Level**

- Donor’s name engraved on wall next to statue
- One of 99 prints of artist’s original concept drawing
- Recognition in all printed materials

**\$1,000 Freedom Rider**

- One of 99 prints of artist’s original concept drawing
- Biography of Marian Spencer: *Keep on Fighting*
- Recognition in all printed materials

**\$500 Supporter**

- Biography of Marian Spencer, *Keep on Fighting*
- Recognition in Dedication Program

**\$100 Friend**

- Recognition in Dedication Program



Please consider supporting this effort. Donate online at [womanscityclub.org/donate/marian-a-spencer-statue-fund/](https://womanscityclub.org/donate/marian-a-spencer-statue-fund/) or mail your check payable to the **Marian A. Spencer Statue Fund** to Woman’s City Club, 103 William H. Taft Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219.



## DENISE KIERNAN

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020

7 PM

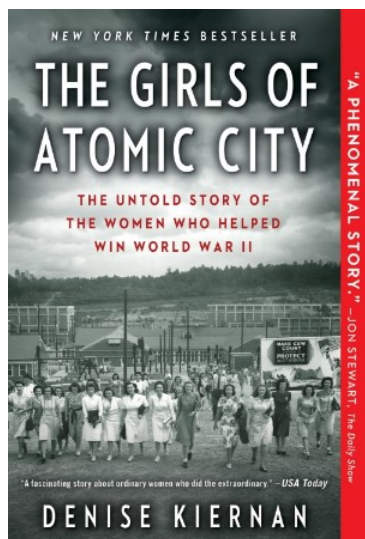
MEMORIAL HALL, OVER-THE-RHINE

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW AT [Memorial Hall](#)



Best-selling author Denise Kiernan will headline WCC's National Speaker Forum and fundraiser on March 30, 2020. Save the date and plan to attend to hear her speak on the topic, "Grit and Grace: Feminist Inspiration From the Gilded Age to the Atomic Age." More information about the speaker, the event and sponsorship opportunities will be forthcoming. In the meantime, Dot Christenson will acquaint us with this prolific author's work, beginning with a review of Kiernan's best known book, *The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II* (2013).

## BOOK REVIEW: *THE GIRLS OF ATOMIC CITY*



*The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan is an extraordinary, intriguing, and readable story -- a real, raw American history that changed the world forever. Kiernan writes the personal stories of 17 women, many now in their eighties, who were among thousands recruited from other jobs, along with an international group of male and female scientists in 1942-43, the middle of World War II. All were drawn to "take a train to nowhere," a secret place no one "outside" even knew existed. Everyone there had security clearances, but no one was allowed to discuss where or with whom they worked. "Nowhere" was a 24-hour operation on a vast 83,000 fenced acres of mud covered space. Everyone knew only that they were to produce something that would end World War II quickly.

This book is better than a novel. It is astounding to read who was recruited and from where; how they were treated, and how they endured working in such secrecy while living in shared sub-standard housing conditions with no privacy and no ordinary conveniences. Jim Crow was foreign to the Yankees but still existed, and there were hard lessons to learn from the vast diversities among the workers. Work hard they did, and "the Gadget" became the world's first atomic bomb.

The book portrays a great example of cooperation among countries in desperate need to end a terrible war. It is a marvelous story of isolation and liberation of thousands of women who, with their male counterparts, remain true unsung heroes.

Kiernan undertook seven years of research compiling information from the citizens and City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, many scientific books and articles about atomic fission, and biographies and notes from Robert Oppenheimer, Enrico Fermi, E. Lawrence, and the U.S. Army Command in the race against Germany to be the first to develop an atomic bomb.

~ Dot Christenson





## LAURIE FRANK

Laurie Frank, the 2019 Feist-Tea chair, joined Woman's City Club two years ago, ready to be an active member.

"I joined as I was searching for a constructive means to increase involvement in the greater Cincinnati community and to interact with dynamic individuals dedicated to supporting regional education, environment, and social justice initiatives," she said.

She believes WCC can "continue to move the speedometer forward relative to initiatives currently under way, possibly by developing a strategic plan to fine tune the direction WCC would like to navigate." And she's willing to help, as her leadership of Feist-Tea as a relatively new member attests.

Her favorite thing about WCC is its informational programming, such as the National Speaker Forum and other programs addressing current topics. She cites the recent forum with municipal judge candidates and programs on immigrants as examples.

A native of Salem, Massachusetts, she moved to Cincinnati with her family for her father's job at General Electric. She earned her BS at Miami University and her MEd at Xavier University, and then pursued post graduate studies at UC and Wright State.

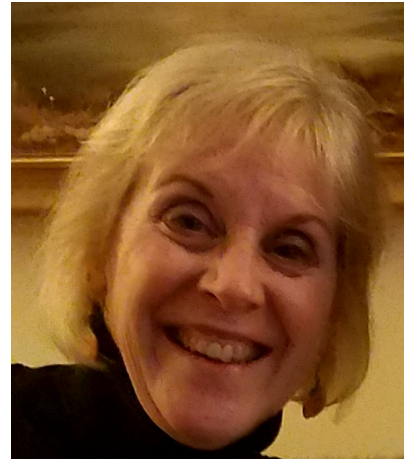
Laurie was employed at Sycamore Community Schools for 39 years as a teacher — general education, reading intervention, gifted intervention — and as an administrator. She served as an administrator with

Mason City Schools for three years and now is an adjunct in Special Education for Xavier University. She volunteers in her church community.

She and her husband, Dennis Finney, a retired urban planner for the city of Cincinnati, have two children — Leah, who has two children and lives in Cincinnati, and Rob, who lives in Los Angeles.

She finds the most joy in life in "family, pursuing hobbies — hiking, reading, music, traveling, supporting students pursuing a career in education — to name but a few. On a humorous note, I feel like too many interests, too little time."

~ Jo-Ann Huff Albers



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## WCC 101 - HELPING MEMBERS GET INVOLVED

Welcome to all of our new members who joined Woman's City Club this fall!

Now that you have joined, what's next? Like the rest of us, you want to use your talents and interests to make Cincinnati a better place for everyone. After all, WCC's vision is "A just and sustainable community where all citizens are engaged as informed stakeholders in the shaping of our shared future." So how do you do that? There are many opportunities through our committees and action groups. **Please join us on Monday, November 25 in the WCC conference room, 3rd floor of Mt. Auburn**

**Presbyterian Church, for WCC 101, an informational session that will give you a better idea of where to apply your skills.** There will be an overview of the club's functions and time for you to get to know other members while sharing how you would like to be involved. Come at 6:00 pm to enjoy food, drinks, and a little social time. WCC 101 begins at 6:30 pm. Contact Membership VP Anne Buening if you have any questions or to RSVP: [arbuening@yahoo.ie](mailto:arbuening@yahoo.ie).





## MARIAN SPENCER TAKES ON NEW LIFE AS PUBLIC ART

An engaged and enthusiastic audience that braved cold and snow to attend the November 13 program, “Public Art to Celebrate a Cincinnati Heroine,” was well rewarded!

Woman’s City Club is spearheading a campaign to raise funds for a public statue to celebrate Marian Spencer, a past WCC president, beloved civic leader, and iconic civil rights champion. WCC presented this program to tell the community more about Marian’s life and contributions, the importance of this statue as the first statue in Cincinnati of a named woman, the role public art plays in the community, and the sculptors’ vision and progress.

Most of the audience knew or knew about Marian but learned more from the fascinating 12-minute film made by cinematographer **Barbara Wolf** and introduced by Marian’s biographer **Dot Christenson**: Marian’s grandfather, a slave whose owner gave his freed slaves money to start over, bought property, then started a business and used the building as a polling place. Marian’s well-known contribution to integrating Coney Island had a wrinkle I didn’t know – the pool was in a different county from the rest of the park and required a second lawsuit to integrate. Marian’s motto was always to keep fighting as she ran for office, advocated for school integration, and argued for a fairer way to elect City Council.

**Jenny Ustick**, Assistant Professor in the School of Art at UC’s DAAP, showed slides of large scale murals she has designed, several through the aegis of ArtsWave, as examples of public art. The murals have different stakeholders and represent the voice of the community. Ustick spoke



Photos courtesy of Harriet Kaufman

about the “relationship between craft and democracy” – how visual language can be used to symbolize freedom or change or revolution, or to honor individuals who have contributed greatly to society, as is the case with the statue of Marian Spencer, who broke barriers of race and gender. Ustick reported that New York City is also addressing the large gender gap in public art, with statues of historically significant women planned for each of its boroughs.



**Tom Tsuchiya**, designer and sculptor, and **Gina Erardi**, apprentice and co-sculptor for this project, talked about the design and production of the bronze sculpture they are creating for placement in Smale Park. They wanted an interactive piece showing Marian as dignified and kind; a fighter who continues to “inspires us to do the right thing.” Children can approach the statue of Marian and two children and become part of it by holding the boy’s and Marian’s hands and closing the circle. The children are allegorical, with the African American girl and the younger white boy representing integration. The statue will be located in the Women’s Committee space in Smale Park looking south, close to the Suspension Bridge and the Freedom Center.

The sculptors invited everyone to their open house on December 6 and 7, from 6 to 10 pm at Essex Studios, 2511 Essex Place, Cincinnati, OH 45206, where the statue’s clay model will be on display.

**Alice Schneider**, chair of the Marian A. Spencer Statue Committee, briefed us on how we can help support the campaign to fund and install this memorial. Dedication of the statue will take place on what would have been Marian’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, June 28, 2020.

~ Sarah Gideonse





## CANDIDATES FOR MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE SPEAK OUT

October's public forum — "Who Are You to Judge?" — drew a standing room only crowd and with good reason: People need guidance about the issues and for whom to vote. This terrific forum (and last year's

with the appeals court judges) addressed the problem of so many people going to the polls and skipping or guessing when it comes to voting for judges, not knowing the candidates' qualifications or their views on such issues as bail bond or criminal justice reform. These non-partisan forums aim to help potential voters make informed choices.

At the October 17 forum, all but two judicial candidates made themselves available as a panel to answer questions presented by moderator John Williams of the Cincinnati Bar Association. The program began with the candidates introducing themselves, describing their qualifications and the experience and skills they would bring to the work of municipal judges. Moderated questions elicited legal theories and positions on some key issues: **We all have biases. How do you keep them out of your courtroom? What are your thoughts on alternative sentencing approaches? Would you reform bail practices? How?**

One candidate pointed out, "Criminal justice is often unjust." This was echoed by other candidates. There was considerable consensus about the need for bail reform and the hardship that even a few days in jail puts on some people when they are unable to raise bail. They lose their income



and often even their jobs, then they can't pay their rent so they lose homes — and the situation escalates.

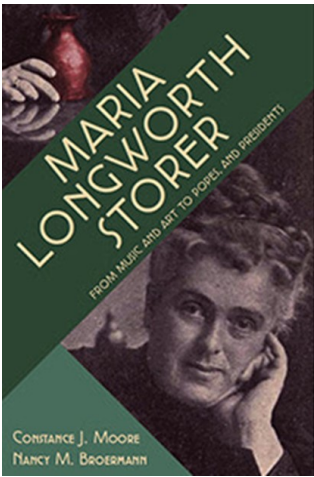
Another topic was the need for creating a more diverse jury pool. People with hourly wage jobs cannot afford to serve on a jury, as their employers will not pay them while they serve. Some candidates argued for the need to devise a system that will allow people to serve without experiencing financial hardship.

After the panel concluded, audience members had the opportunity to engage in conversation with the candidates.

The forum was jointly sponsored by the Cincinnati Bar Association, the League of Women Voters, the Urban League of Greater Cincinnati, and the Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati.

~ Sarah Gideonse





## MEETING MARIA — A MEMBERS' SALON

A lively group of 25 men and women gathered on October 24 at the Cincinnati Catholic Women's Association house in North Avondale to get better acquainted with one of our city's feistiest women in a salon cosponsored by Woman's City Club. Authors Nancy Broerman and Constance J. Moore shared stories, images, and correspondence from their new biography of Maria Longworth Nichols Storer.

Maria is best known for founding Rookwood Pottery, but there is so much more to her story. The granddaughter of Nicholas Longworth, then the wealthiest man in Cincinnati, she was born in 1849 in the house that is now the Taft Museum. At age 19 Maria (pronounced Ma-RYE-uh) married Civil War veteran and art archivist George Ward Nichols. While raising their

two children, Maria founded Cincinnati's famous May Festival in 1873 — an unusual endeavor for a woman of her time and young age. Her interest in the arts, especially china and pottery painting, next led her to open the celebrated Rookwood Pottery Studio, staffed largely by women. Its first piece was produced on Thanksgiving Day in 1880; in 1889 Rookwood won a gold medal at the prestigious Paris Exposition. Maria's extraordinary *Aladdin Vase* and other works are on display at the Cincinnati Art Museum.

After Nichols died in 1885, Maria married lawyer Bellamy Storer, who served in the U.S. Congress from 1891 to 1895, and then as foreign minister for the United States to Belgium, Spain, and Austria-Hungary. In 1892 Maria, an Episcopalian, heard Archbishop John Ireland speak about Pope Leo XIII's views on labor relations, and converted to Catholicism. She was particularly interested in the Pope's ideas about just working conditions because of her involvement in Rookwood Studios. Maria's later insistence that President Theodore Roosevelt intervene with the Pope to have Ireland elevated to Cardinal, along with her unauthorized use of Roosevelt's name in support of that cause, eventually cost her husband his diplomatic post, and the couple moved back to Cincinnati, where Storer resumed the practice of law. In 1914 they made a major donation to St. Ursula Academy to build a chapel and the west wing addition, and then took up residence in an apartment in the new wing. The Ursulines maintain an archive and museum that includes information and artifacts about the Storers. Maria's extensive correspondence is in the archive and provided an intimate view of her for this new book.

Maria's dedication to her new faith and her strong sense of patriotism led her to found and serve as the first president of the Cincinnati Catholic Women's Association in 1917. The membership grew quickly and made enormous contributions of knitted garments, bandages, rosaries and scapulars, and Red Cross and Christmas boxes for the soldiers fighting overseas in WWI. But by 1919, Maria had to resign from CCWA. While the Storers were in France visiting their daughter, Bellamy suffered a stroke that prevented their return to the U.S. He died in Paris on November 12, 1922. Maria remained in France where she died on April 11, 1932, at age 83.

~ Janet Buening



Nancy Broerman (far left, in doorway) and C. J. Moore (center, near screen).



## A NEW NAME, RENEWED FOCUS



The Catalyst for Achievement Action Group (CAAG) is giving itself a more understandable name, Education Action Group (EAG). This name better communicates the group's purpose of working to assure that children and youth are set on positive trajectories to lead constructive lives and achieve their dreams.

In recent years, under the aegis of CAAG, our work has focused on tutoring at-risk kindergartners using the highly effective *Making Sense of Language* curriculum, a multisensory literacy program developed by Linda Wihl. Donald Spencer had urged WCC to focus on helping young children learn literacy skills because children who know how to read by the end third grade are much more likely to graduate from high school and do well in life.

Some WCC members continue to tutor kindergartners at Winton Hills Academy. But the committee is exploring additional ways that our membership could engage in working with children of the same or different ages, or with other approaches, at different locations, in the public schools or elsewhere, such as the library. **As we plan, we want to gauge the interest of our members in taking part in these kinds of tutoring.** Please let the WCC office know of your possible interest, and co-chairs Sarah Gideonse and Marge Davis will follow up.

The Education Action Group is considering additional ideas and will continue to sponsor its Gatherings for Good luncheons for the Contact Center, Girls With Pearls, and other organizations.

New members for this action group are always welcome! Look for EAG news each month in the Bulletin.

~ Sarah Gideonse and Marge Davis

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## GIRLS WITH PEARLS - GLOWING AND GROWING



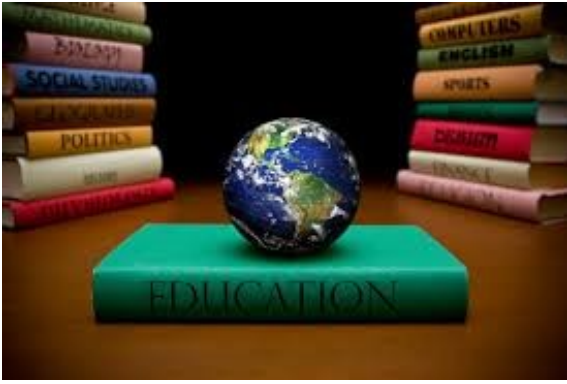
We've delivered all the goodie bags of purses, planners, and journals, so generously donated by members of the Woman's City Club, to our Girls with Pearls school leaders. The school leaders will again use the donated items as rewards for the girls for good attendance, etc. These items bought especially for the girls are so appreciated by all of us.

I am happy to announce that after more than a year as executive director of MVK's Girls with Pearls, Sherri Friedman, CEO of Most Valuable Kids, and her staff are ready to fully integrate the program into their organization. I am thrilled about the transition and look forward to staying involved:

~ Tamie Sullivan







## WCC MEMBERS GATHER FOR GOOD, SUPPORT YOUNG FEMALE LEADERSHIP

Members of the Woman's City Club recently donated items for Girls with Pearls, a school-based leadership development program for preteen girls, at a Gathering for Good fall lunch in Over-the-Rhine.

The September 24 gathering, organized by the Education Action Group, is part of an ongoing effort by WCC members to support education and empowerment in Greater Cincinnati, especially in area neighborhoods with high poverty rates.

Members collected planners, journals, purses, and jewelry to be used as rewards for good attendance and behavior for the Girls with Pearls program, which operates in seven schools in Greater Cincinnati. Co-founder Tami Sullivan wrote that the girls appreciated the gifts collected especially for them.

Using the Smart Girls curriculum developed by Boys & Girls Clubs of America, "PEARLS" also is an acronym for the values promoted through the program: Purpose, Attitude, Responsibility, Leadership, and Service.

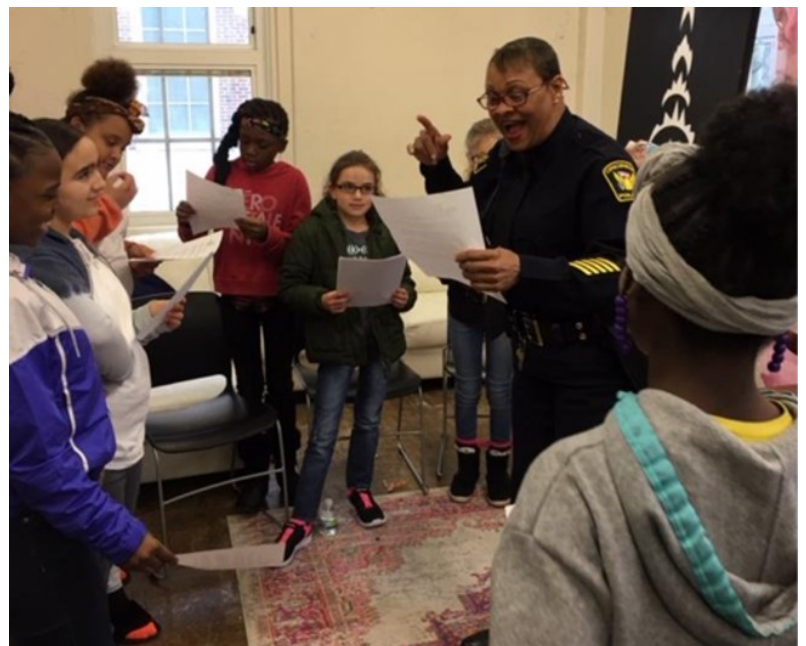
The program began in Cincinnati's Avondale neighborhood in 2016 through a partnership between WCC member Tamie Sullivan and Rockdale Academy Principal Belinda Tubbs-Wallace. In 2018, Girls with Pearls became affiliated with Most Valuable Kids (MVK) and then this fall was fully integrated into that organization. Besides Rockdale, the program now operates at Parker Woods Montessori, Rees E. Price School, Roll Hill School, and Ethel M. Taylor Academy in Cincinnati Public Schools; College Preparatory Academy, a charter school in the West End; and Ninth District Elementary School in Covington.

Rockdale Principal Tubbs-Wallace has witnessed the benefits of the program first-hand. "I've noticed an overwhelming growth of confidence, trust, and pride," she said. "The girls understand there is an expectation of them to be better, and that leads to greater responsibility and character development."

Phylicia Bailey, a social studies and language arts teacher who leads the program at Rockdale, believes Girls with Pearls also has heightened a sense of community among the girls. "They look out for each other and make sure they all are okay," she said.

The next Gathering for Good is December 3, noon to 1:30 p.m., at Venice on Vine Pizza, 1301 Vine Street, Over-the-Rhine. Donations of toys, games, puzzles, books, and other gifts, along with warm clothing for children and adults, will be collected on behalf of the Contact Center, which will sell them at minimal cost to neighborhood families. Proceeds benefit the center.

~ Janet Walsh



*The girls hear from guest speakers such as CPD Officer Princess Davis to focus on important topics not covered in a busy school day, such as personal safety and personal responsibility.*



## GREEN TIPS GO GREEN FOR THE HOLIDAYS



- Buy an actual tree. . . and plant it outdoors after the holidays.
- Compost or recycle your Christmas tree. . . go to [Earth911.com](http://Earth911.com) to find a local chipping facility.
- Avoid fake trees. . . You need 20 years of reuse before it's greener than a real tree.
- Be bright about lights. . . purchase LEDs.
- Use carbon offsets for holiday travel. . . go to [Earth911.com](http://Earth911.com) or [Pronto.com](http://Pronto.com).
- Create personal decorations, gift cards, and wrapping paper using last year's cards, old maps, wearable scarves, reusable shopping bags.
- Scrap the gift. . . or make your own, or donate to a favorite environmental organization, or give gift certificates to support local economy.
- Smile and DON'T choose two-day shipping. . . good to shop online, but rapid delivery boosts carbon emissions.

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*~ Pete Seeger, Folk Singer & Social Activist*

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## WHEN IS OUR NEXT CHANGING CO<sub>2</sub>URSE?

### People are asking!

Changing CO<sub>2</sub>urse is on hiatus until January 18, 2020. These are public gatherings on environmental issues that WCC cosponsors on third Saturday evenings at St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church to provide an opportunity for concerned citizens to exchange ideas, embrace our worries about the global crisis of climate change, and to create locally more resilient, sustainable, and equitable communities.

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



## COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUEÉS



### Communications Committee

Help get the word out about our wonderful Woman's City Club and what we are doing!

- ♦ **Volunteer for our committee.** We are hoping that our members, with all their terrific skills, might want to join our committee. We have jobs of different complexity and time commitments, depending on the interest and time available a member might have. Would you like to attend one of our forums and write it up as an article for the Bulletin? Who might have some innovative ideas for publicizing our events and our work, or have good contacts with the media? We are eager for people with skills and ideas for making our social media more vibrant. Or graphic design skills for flyers and other communications. Occasional or longer-term articles are welcome!
- ♦ **Come to our meetings and share your communication ideas.** Our meetings are usually the last Tuesday of the month. Contact Sarah Gideonse for more information: [sarah.gideonse@fuse.net](mailto:sarah.gideonse@fuse.net).
- ♦ We post regularly to [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#). We suspect many of our members have great ideas for information and links about issues and events related to WCC's mission that would engage the public and spark interest in WCC. **Help us achieve vibrant social media by suggesting Facebook items to Alice Schneider at [aliceschneider10@gmail.com](mailto:aliceschneider10@gmail.com).**
- ♦ Facebook users: kindly **share events and other items on the WCC Facebook page** and invite your friends.
- ♦ **Recommend friends and colleagues sign up to receive the monthly Bulletin** ([womanscityclub.org/media/bulletin/](http://womanscityclub.org/media/bulletin/))

~ Sarah Gideonse



### Membership Committee

Welcome to all of our new members who have joined Woman's City Club this fall! Now that you have joined, what is the next step? Please join the membership committee for the informational session WCC 101 where you can learn the best ways to be an active member. The next WCC 101 is scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2019, in the WCC conference room, 103 William Howard Taft Rd., Cincinnati OH 45219. Join us for food and socializing at 6 pm; the program will start at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to Anne Buening, Membership VP at [arbuening@yahoo.ie](mailto:arbuening@yahoo.ie).

~ Anne Buening



### National Speaker Forum Committee

Mark your calendars now for the 2020 Forum featuring author Denise Kiernan: Monday, March 30, 2020, at Memorial Hall in Over-the-Rhine. Her topic is "Grit and Grace: Feminist Inspiration from the Gilded Age to the Atomic Age." The committee will send invitations to individuals in early January, but tickets are now available. Please see p. 6 for details. Please consider becoming a sponsor or patron for this event! We will also be reaching out in mid-December to organizations to co-sponsor the forum.

~ Alice Schneider



### Program Committee

Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 6:30pm — Paula Brehm-Heeger, Director of the Public Library, will speak on the new programs and resources offered by the Library and the impact the Library has on the community. See p. 3. for details.



- 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 — Lead Constructive Lives — A Thriving City of the Future.

## Calendar of WCC Events

### November—December

Cookbook Holiday Sale — \$15 for 1 book; \$10 each for 2 or more. (Reg. price: \$20)

### Now until December 31

WCC's Annual Fund Drive. Your support is needed and deeply appreciated.

### Monday, November 25, 6 pm

WCC 101 for new members. WCC Conference Room, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church.

### Tuesday, December 3, noon:

Gathering for Good will meet for lunch at Venice on Vine and collect holiday gifts for the Contact Center.

### Thursday, December 5, 6:30 pm

Members Only Tour at the Cincinnati Art Museum, *Women Breaking Boundaries*.

**Sunday, December 8:** Feist-Tea at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center Annex, 6546 Montgomery Road.

### December 23 —27

WCC Office closed. Limited hours week of Dec. 30. Call before you come.

### Wednesday, January 15, 6:30 pm

Beyond the Books program with Library Director Paula Brehm-Heeger, Geier Room, Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church.

### Monday, March 30, 7 pm:

National Speaker Program presents author [Denise Kiernan](#). Order tickets through [Memorial Hall](#).

### June 28, 2020:

Dedication of Spencer statue, Smale Park.



## WCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

*For the latest schedule of WCC meetings, please check our calendar at [womanscityclub.org](http://womanscityclub.org).*

## CINCINNATI CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

For an updated list of City Council sessions and committee meetings, go to the City website at [cincinnati-oh.gov/council/](http://cincinnati-oh.gov/council/).



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