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THE BULLETIN

MAY 2021

A CONVERSATION WITH GABE DAVIS OF THE CINCINNATI CITIZENS COMPLAINT AUTHORITY

Monday, May 10, 6:30-8:00 pm

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.

WCC invites the community to hear Gabe Davis, executive director of the Cincinnati Citizens Complaint Authority (CCA), The CCA is a key component for carrying out the 2002 Collaborative Agreement on policy community relations and police accountability. A graduate of Yale and Harvard Law School, Mr. Davis is an experienced prosecutor. He worked most recently as a prosecutor in the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he specialized in prosecuting law enforcement misconduct cases and hate crimes.

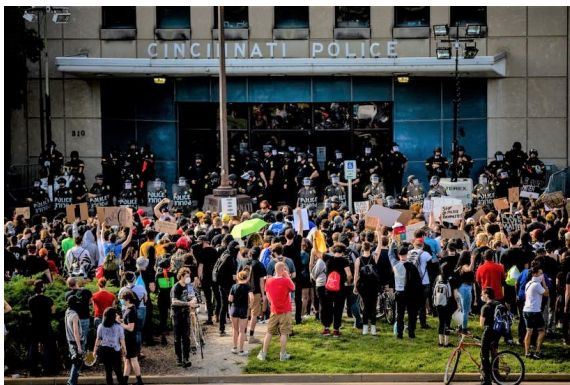


"We will give our citizens what they deserve, a voice — as well as what they demand — a watch dog."

An update of the CCA is timely as Cincinnati is observing the 20th anniversary of the death of unarmed 19-year old Timothy Thomas at the hands of the police and the impassioned and complex community response. These events led to the 2002 Collaborative Agreement that, in part, aimed to increase police accountability through the Citizens Complaint Authority.

The CCA is the civil oversight agency with the legal authority to investigate complaints against Cincinnati Police Department officers, identify patterns in complaints, and issue training and policy recommendations to improve policing and minimize future complaints. The CCA had been underfunded for several years with a large backlog of cases and without a director for several months when Mr. Davis took office last September to reinvigorate the agency as part of the Collaborative Agreement Refresh. At the time the Cincinnati Enquirer's Sharon Coolidge reported that Mr. Davis pledged that the agency would become the "gold standard" in police review.

Mr. Davis will talk about the new energy he been able to bring to the CCA's leadership and the fundamentals of how it is currently working. There will be ample time for audience questions and comments.



**REGISTER HERE FOR
ZOOM LINK**



This forum is co-sponsored
by our public library.

~ Sarah Gideonse

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Woman's City Club welcomes new members. Visit our website, www.womancityclub.org, to learn more about us and how to join.



THE STRUGGLE FOR JUST POLICING CONTINUES

There is nothing more fundamental to a functioning democracy than justice.

Since the founding of our nation, we have struggled to ensure that our justice system is fair to all people, regardless of sex and sexual orientation, age, ethnicity, nationality, disability, mental illness, religion, creed or individual political opinions—but discrimination on the basis of race is particularly persistent, especially in policing.

We are repeatedly confronted with cases in which black people die at the hands of police through force that is vastly disproportionate to offenses that are trivial, like unlawfully selling a handful of cigarettes. The death of George Floyd under the knee of a Minneapolis police officer after passing a counterfeit \$20 bill was so egregious to everyone who witnessed it, in person or in the media, that a cry for change was universally heard across the nation and throughout the world.

You would think that police everywhere would be newly sensitized to the need to take better care when arresting African Americans. While there is some solace and satisfaction from the guilty verdict of Minneapolis officer Derek Chauvin, at least six more people have since been fatally shot by officers across the United States. Black and brown Americans still continue to be killed at

the hands of police. There is an urgent and continuing need for reform of policing practices.

In Cincinnati, we are observing that twenty years have passed since the death of 19-year-old Timothy Thomas, who was shot dead as he was fleeing police. His death sparked days of civil unrest, but it also resulted in efforts to improve police-community relations. A class action lawsuit by the Cincinnati Black United Front and the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio and investigation by the US Department of Justice of patterns and practices of Cincinnati's Police Division, led to a Collaborative Agreement, signed in August 2002, with the Fraternal Order of Police.

The Agreement called for the adoption of Community Problem Oriented Policing and other reforms. The agreement was monitored by the Justice Department until 2007 based on assurance that the reforms were being fully implemented. The city also established a Citizen Complaint Authority (CCA) to conduct independent investigations regarding complaints against police officers. The CCA was initially chaired by WCC member Nancy Minson, who was a strong advocate for good government and mental health. Over the years, however, the CCA languished due to



lack of funds and attention. Now it is being revived under the leadership of Gabe Davis, its new Executive Director.

Woman's City Club continues to focus public attention on fairness in policing and Social Justice issues. Last fall we presented two well-attended forums on the Collaborative Agreement refresh and criminal justice reform. In April we offered "Insights and Innovations: City County and Suburban Policing," and on May 10, we will present

"A Conversation with Gabe Davis, Executive Director of the CCA."

We hope you will attend and support efforts in Greater Cincinnati to root out systemic, generational racism that still survives in this country. We stand in solidarity with all seeking justice and reform through peaceful protest, informed dialogue, and focused actions.

~ Beth Sullebarger



THE NATIONAL SPEAKER FORUM



National Speaker Forum with Denise Kiernan

Generations of Grace: Inspiring Women Who Shaped American History

Tuesday, May 18 at 7 pm
New title, topic, and venue

Woman's City Club is pleased to announce that the postponed 2020 National Speaker forum featuring Denise Kiernan is taking place on Tuesday, May 18 at 7 pm. Kiernan's talk has a new title and topic – and is taking place in a new “venue.” The program will now be virtual in the interest of continued safety for the audience and the speaker.

Her presentation entitled ***Generations of Grace: Inspiring Women Who Shaped American History*** — is drawn from her new book, *We Gather Together: A Nation Divided, A President in Turmoil, and a Historic Campaign to Embrace Gratitude and Grace*. Kiernan will outline the changing roles of women from the Civil War through modern times. From the earliest days of the colonies through the mid-twentieth century, women have shaped and influenced American culture. With true stories of “Mother of Thanksgiving,” Sarah Josepha Hale; Gilded Age trendsetter Edith Vanderbilt; and the women who worked on the Manhattan Project during World War II, Denise Kiernan's books share incomparable and irreplaceable tales that continue to resonate today.

An engaging speaker and TV/radio commentator, Denise Kiernan offers a keen and authoritative

perspective on periods of American history that have shaped our country.

Tickets are still available if you have not already purchased them. As in the past, your support of our National Speaker events helps WCC continue its record of public leadership and civic education programs in the Greater Cincinnati area.

There are two ways to register for the event:

REGISTER and purchase a ticket to the Forum at \$40.

If you choose to support WCC at the \$140 level or above, you will get an additional link to the virtual reception with Ms. Kiernan, be listed in the program as a sponsor, and be eligible for a signed copy of Ms. Kiernan's new book, *We Gather Together*.

SUPPORT WOMAN'S CITY CLUB with a tax-deductible donation directly to the Woman's City Club to underwrite the cost of this event.

We appreciate your support for WCC and look forward to “seeing” you at the virtual Forum May 18!



THE ANNUAL AGNES B. SEASONGOOD AND THE WCC AND MICHAEL RAMUNDO MEMORIAL EDUCATION AWARDS



Elizabeth Pierce

SPEAKER

**Elizabeth Pierce, President & CEO
Cincinnati Museum Center**

Thursday, June 3, 2021

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Event Price: \$40

All profits will benefit the Education Awards Fund

Make a reservation with a check payable to "Woman's City Club" and mail to Woman's City Club, 103 Wm. Howard Taft Road, Cincinnati, OH 45219 or make a reservation online at www.womanscityclub.org.

The Zoom link will be sent after registering.

Please make a reservation by June 1st.

WCC invites members and friends to this annual event, traditionally a luncheon, when we continue to honor the legacy of Agnes Seangood (1890 - 1982).

Mrs. Seangood was an early and longtime WCC member and benefactor, and a leader for social reform in Cincinnati. For many years, the event has included educational awards to promising senior high school women.

Part of the tradition has been to invite a local woman leader to speak. An advocate for early childhood education and lifelong learning, Elizabeth Pierce began her career at Chicago Children's Museum. She carried that passion to Cincinnati, serving as a communications consultant to Cincinnati Museum Center in 2001. She joined The Children's Museum Advisory Board in 2004, before joining staff as vice president of marketing & communications in 2007. In 2015 she was appointed president of the Museum Center, the multi-museum complex housed at Union Terminal.

The education awards were established to encourage responsible civic awareness among local high school

seniors who identify as female. The \$1000 education awards are presented directly to recipients to be used as needed to further their educational goals. Applicants submit an essay that addresses their ideas about "Growing into Citizenship: Trusting My Voice and Making It Heard," with WCC's mission in mind. WCC selects the young women who receive the awards on the basis of the essay, teacher recommendations, and other factors.



The young women who received Education Awards in 2019
with Beverly Thomas of WCC.



JOIN THE CONVERSATION

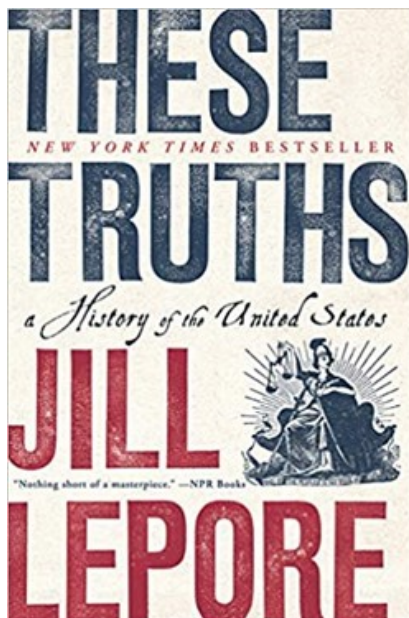
These Truths: A History of the United States

Introduction and Part One: The Idea

By Jill Lepore

Saturday, May 15, 10 am

The book club will read this book of 789 pages (in text) over four months. For May, we will be discussing Part 1. We feel there is just too much to talk about to read any faster! Feel free to participate as you can.



"In the most ambitious one-volume American history in decades, award-winning Harvard historian Jill Lepore offers a magisterial account of the origins and rise of a divided nation."

"Widely hailed for its 'sweeping, sobering account of the American past' (*New York Times Book Review*), Jill Lepore's one-volume history of America places truth itself—a devotion to facts, proof, and evidence—at the center of the nation's history. The American experiment rests on three ideas—'these truths,' Jefferson called them—political equality, natural rights, and the sovereignty of the people. But has the nation, and democracy itself, delivered on that promise?"

"*These Truths* tells this uniquely American story, beginning in 1492, asking whether the course of events over more than five centuries has proven the nation's truths, or belied them. To answer that question, Lepore wrestles with the state of American politics, the legacy of slavery, the persistence of inequality, and the nature of technological change. 'A nation born in contradiction... will fight, forever, over the meaning of its history,' Lepore writes, but engaging in that struggle by studying the past is part of the work of citizenship. With *These Truths*, Lepore has produced a book that will shape our view of American history for decades to come."

These Truths is available in multiple formats from book sellers and the public library.

The book club, which continues to meet via Zoom, invites all members to participate. Friends may join in, depending on space availability. To RSVP, receive the Zoom link, or ask questions, email SarahGideonse@womancityclub.org.



Historian Jill Lepore



SEASONED CANDIDATES, NEWCOMERS FACE OFF IN CINCINNATI MAYORAL FORUM

Depth of Experience vs. Fresh Perspectives

These were among the themes emerging during an April digital forum, sponsored by the Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati and 12 other organizations, featuring candidates for Cincinnati Mayor in the May 5 primary. The top two primary finishers will compete in a race to determine the city's top elected official on Nov. 2.

Moderated by Elizabeth Brown, co-president of the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area, and hosted by Action Tank, the forum included five of the six mayoral candidates vying in the primary. One candidate, Herman Najoli of West Price Hill, chose not to participate.

Organizers framed the forum around two issues:

- Racial equity and policing
- Affordable housing, including candidates' stances on Issue 3, a proposed charter amendment initiated by advocates and citizens requiring the city to spend \$50 million annually on affordable housing

A summary of the candidates' introductory remarks and responses to the issues follows.

Gavi Begtrup, Mt. Lookout

Begtrup, a scientist with a PhD in physics, entrepreneur and former policy advisor to former U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Gifford of Arizona, said he would offer a proactive, intentional approach to solving issues rather than the reactive response he characterized as City Hall's pattern in the past. He cited as an example the city administration's delay in providing crosswalks to busy traffic areas near public schools in Cincinnati until after eight students were struck in accidents. Begtrup said he is running for mayor "because I believe we can change the trajectory of Cincinnati" in a manner that will "break down barriers between us."

Racial Equity & Policing: Begtrup said the success of Cincinnati Public Schools' Spencer Center for Gifted and Exceptional Students, where he is a parent, demonstrates the potential to create successful environments that reflect the city's racial and economic diversity. He would prioritize the city's relationship with public schools, promote small businesses, reform policing, and end "racist tax policies" that he said favor housing development in affluent neighborhoods over poorer ones. He said he would target one million dollars of the city's federal stimulus funding for leaders of the Collaborative Agreement to use to try new ideas for progressive policing.

Affordable Housing: Begtrup said he believes that affordable housing is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty. He advocates putting more city funding into its Housing Trust Fund, providing a fair playing field for developers by spelling out community requirements in advance, and taking a more holistic approach to housing ownership by also addressing job and transportation access.

David Mann, Clifton

An attorney with than five decades representing Cincinnati in political positions (U.S. Congress, Cincinnati Mayor and two stints on Cincinnati City Council), Mann said his experience, knowledge and grasp of the complexities of governing set him apart. He currently serves as Chair of Council's Budget and Finance Committee, which oversees the city's \$1.5 billion budget and funding for 6,000 employees. He said one of his priorities has been restoring the share of the budget devoted to human services, which will increase to 1.5 percent next year as a result of an ordinance he sponsored. Over the past eight years since he returned to Council in 2013, Mann said, "we haven't solved all the problems but we have made a lot of progress, in my opinion."

Racial Equity & Policing: Mann said he was involved in the Preschool Promise tax levy to ensure better access to quality preschool and prepare students start school ready to learn. He also supports the Project Lift initiative to help 5,000 low-income residents rise out of poverty. Acknowledging more needs to be done, he suggested that a portion of the city's \$291 million share of federal stimulus funds be targeted at addressing racial and economic disparities. He said policing is much better than it was prior to the city's Collaborative Agreement, implemented following civil unrest generated by the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man 20 years ago, but needs to continue to evolve through ongoing engagement with the community.

Affordable Housing: Assistance for long-time homeowners is needed as property values rise, and the City Council recently approved a 20 percent reduction in the city's share of property taxes. Mann said advocacy for property tax relief at the state level should be pursued for legacy home owners. He is opposed to Issue 3 because he believes it would hamstring city operations by requiring that one-eighth of the budget be spent on housing, and would put housing decisions into the hands of an unelected board not accountable to the public.

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MAYORAL CANDIDATES

Depth of Experience vs. Fresh Perspectives

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Raffel Prophet, Avondale

Prophet is a life-long Cincinnati with a long career in public service, including the Cincinnati Fire Department, where he was District Fire Chief prior to his retirement last year. In addition, Prophet served in the Ohio National Guard and U.S. Army, including deployments in Afghanistan and Iraq. He said he was motivated to run after the racial and economic upheaval of the past year and believes that his time in public service has prepared him to offer the “courageous, creative, and selfless” leadership needed by the city. “I am not an insider, which I actually see as an advantage,” he said.

Racial Equity & Policing: Prophet said affordable housing “is the answer” to racial equity in Cincinnati and the key to ending practices that have pushed residents into racially segregated neighborhoods. Prophet would ask experts from Cincinnati higher educational institutions to analyze data from city police, fire and public health departments to recommend the best structure to respond policing issues.

Affordable Housing: Policies should flow from establishing core values that honoring longtime residents while welcoming new ones, so neighborhood residents do not feel pushed out by new development. He said the city also needs a professional city manager, “which we have not had for the past three years.” He is a proponent of Issue 3, the proposed Charter amendment to require the city to spend \$50 million annually to create affordable housing.

Aftab Pureval, Clifton

Pureval, an attorney, served as Hamilton County Clerk of Court the past four years and was re-elected in November 2020 to a second term. He pledged to work to “lift all of Cincinnati” as mayor by acknowledging that the success experienced by the city over the past decade “has not been equal in all 52 neighborhoods” and focusing on racial and economic disparities among residents. He cited his experiences prioritizing racial justice in the clerk’s office by ending patronage and working to reform the bail system.

“Right now we need strong leadership in the mayor’s office to come out swinging after Covid and accomplish what I know we can,” Pureval said.

Racial Equity & Policing: Pureval said his primary priority to dismantle the impact of systemic racism would be to launch an aggressive plan to increase black ownership of housing and businesses and work with community organizations that provide seed capital to increase black wealth. Crediting the Collaborative Agreement as a good framework, Pureval said he would work to

“continue to boldly reform” policing, including fully funding the Citizen Complaint Authority and revamping the 911 system to ensure that police respond only to the situations for which they are trained.

Affordable Housing: Pureval said Cincinnati has suffered from the lack of a comprehensive plan to address affordable housing, which he would address by leveraging city, private and federal funding to invest in the city’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund. He also would review tax abatements and other incentives given to developers to ensure greater housing equity and address tenants’ rights to help avert evictions. He opposes Issue 3.

Cecil Thomas, North Avondale

Currently serving his sixth year in the Ohio Senate, Thomas is a former Cincinnati City Council member and Cincinnati Police Officer who said he is running for mayor because he is the most experienced candidate in addressing city issues with a “bottom up” perspective focusing on equity. He served as a Cincinnati police officer for 27 years; after retiring from the force in 2000, he became executive director of the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission, playing a role in working to peacefully resolve civil unrest following fatal police shooting in 2001 and addressing underlying conditions contributing to the frustration. “I know what you do speaks for itself. I’ve spent 50 years working on quality of life for people,” he said.

Racial Equity & Policing: Thomas said he would focus on quality education and training in trades where jobs are unfilled to address the underlying issues contributing to racial disparities. He would assemble an expert panel to make recommendations to address poverty and back it with “substantial resources.” The city’s Collaborative Agreement has improved relationships with police but was “not a cure-all,” said Thomas, adding that policing needs to be reimagined to include units of mental health and social service professionals who can respond when needed.

Affordable Housing: Thomas said attempts to provide state relief on property taxes for longtime home owners have “fallen on deaf ears” so recommends local efforts to address the issue. He would work to set up a program of forgivable loans for seniors to fix up their homes so they can meet building standards and are not forced to sell their houses. He is opposed to Issue 3 and instead would designate a percentage of the city budget to focus on housing.

~ Patty Kelly



WCC MEMBER PROFILE



Hera Reines and Simcha, a Havanese

You can learn a lot about liberal religion if you view Hera Reines, a WCC board member, discussing Polydoxy in a YouTube video posted on Jan. 26, 2021. She is board chair of the Polydox Institute.

The institute was originally established in 1973 as the Institute of Creative Judaism by students of her late husband, Dr. Alvin J. Reines, a rabbi, philosopher of religion and professor at HUC. Polydoxy is a term he coined to describe liberal religion. A polydox religion is one in which the individual has the right to self-authority and freedom within religion.

Hera Reines grew up in Granville, New York, near the Vermont border. She left there to attend Syracuse University, graduating with a psychology major, and then taught fifth grade in Saratoga Springs, New York. She accepted a fellowship in the psychology department at Ohio State.

Two years into the program with completion of a master's degree, she met her future husband, Alvin Reines, who was on the faculty at HUC. They married in 1962 and lived in "a wonderful Tudor home on a no-outlet street in Clifton."

They had three children. Hera was active in Clifton School "and everything in Clifton." When her youngest child was in Walnut Hills High School, Reines earned a master's degree in Social Work at UC. In 1986 she went to work for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Association of Cincinnati "until it was clear that my husband was not well, and I needed to be at home." He died in 2004.

In the late '60s, Shirley Richardson had recruited her to join WCC. "Those were the years when there was a huge amount of energy around civic engagement as most of the members were stay-at-home full-time volunteers, and there were few competing organizations with similar goals. I adored the events and values of the WCC," she said.

Her children have been "and continue to be, a great source of pleasure. All work in jobs which help to make the world a better and safer place." Her granddaughter has just been employed by Ashoka in a multi-million dollar initiative to address systemic racism in housing.

Reines remains committed to the mission of WCC. "I regret that it is no longer as well known in the community and have no idea how to change this in a world of much larger operational budgets and professional staffing."





FROM LINDA WIHL – AN UPDATE ON HER PROJECT TO BROADEN THE ACCESSIBILITY OF HER KINDERGARTEN TUTORING CURRICULUM, “MAKING SENSE OF LANGUAGE ARTS”

The heartache of having Making Sense of Language Arts tutoring program furloughed from Winton Hills Academy not only impacts the children who have benefited from learning to read, write, and comprehend before leaving kindergarten. It also meant that the “seniors” who tutor them found themselves missing the sense of purpose tutoring gave them. After months of struggling with how to continue serving children affected by poverty and in need of language art skills **and** the tutors who find purpose and meaning, I finally realized it was beyond my skills to accomplish.

Fortunately, when I shared my concerns with Eileen Cooper Reed, she lit up and shared, “My daughter does this for a living!” Her daughter Jennifer Dunn is Chief Executive Officer Bunifu with over 20 years of educational experience in both the K-12 sector and adult education. She has provided direction for the development of comprehensive training records, a tracking platform for over 18,000 educators and has also performed hands-on architecture, design and development of training systems through eLearning tools.

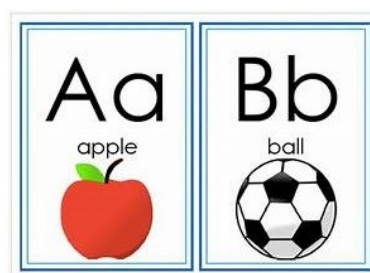
Since October, Harriet Kaufman and Linda Wihl, Woman’s City Club members, and Ann Dolder, a former tutor, have been working alongside the Bunifu team to convert Making Sense of Language Arts to a tutoring program that can be done remotely and still engage young and elder alike to transform each other’s lives. It will take training, a computer, practicing new skills — yet we will be able to continue making a life-changing difference with the children and ourselves.

Working with owners and staff of a Black owned business (the Bunifu team) has also empowered us to better understand racial inequity and the challenges faced by the families we serve. The children are not the only ones who will learn and grow from this transition.

The digitized lessons will include: Midline Exercises (to help children connect their right and left brains), See It/Say It vocabulary development, and value lessons, introduction to letter sounds and related words, identifying sounds and letters, writing words, reading stories, and more. The Tutor Guides explain each lesson, pacing of the lesson, where to locate resources on the website, what materials to use and more. It may seem overwhelming at first, but as it becomes routine, it Makes Sense!

Our hope is the impact of this digitalized curriculum will go far beyond what we have been able to accomplish on our own in the past and will amplify the impact we have on children throughout the country.

Thank you, Woman’s City Club, for your decades of support for Making Sense of Language Arts. You have served as tutors, funders, curriculum co-developers and more. I, other tutors, and the children who have benefited from your wisdom, time and financial support greatly appreciate the differences you have made in our lives!



Note: The WCC board has recently reallocated \$3000 from funds raised for the in-person tutoring program to the digitalization project.

While MSLA is seeking grants to complete the project, it would appreciate additional donations from members and friends. Please write checks to Making Sense of Language Arts, C/O Linda Wihl at 4714 Chickering Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45232.



DEDICATION OF MARIAN SPENCER'S LONG-ANTICIPATED PUBLIC STATUE TO TAKE PLACE IN JUNE!



The Marian A. Spencer statue is completed and ready for installation. However, the sculptor advised that it would be best to wait to install it until we are closer to the date of the dedication ceremony.

Installation will occur the week of June 21st in time for the statue dedication on Sunday, June 27 at 5 pm. The date, June 27, is the day before Marian's 101st birthday. We know she will be there in spirit to celebrate with us. The statue committee is in the process of planning this event. Look for more details soon.

*~ Alice Schneider, Chair
Marian Spencer Statue Committee*

GREEN TIPS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP

ASPIRE TO ZERO WASTE LIVING → Ideas from David Suzuki

- Tour your local landfill. Your consumption habits will be forever changed.
- Use a hankie and blow off paper tissue.
- Choose reusable produce bags instead of plastic.
- Waste less food. Create an "eat me first bin" in your fridge.
- Freeze foods you can't consume right away.
- Build community with clothing swaps.
- Shop in thrift & consignment stores.
- Don't treat "best before" as "expiry" dates.
- Use reusable wool dryer balls instead of dryer sheets.
- Compost.



~ Jeanne Nightingale



ANNUAL MEETING 2021

STAYING STRONG AND ENGAGED

Monday, June 28, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

via Zoom

As we emerge from a year of coronavirus pandemic, we eagerly look forward to WCC's members and supporters coming together for the 2021 Annual Meeting. While many of us have been vaccinated by now, we will continue to rely on communication technology to keep us connected but socially distant as we meet via Zoom. Even though we will meet online, we plan to keep our Annual Meeting informative and interactive.

As usual, we will thank outgoing officers and board members, install new ones, hear updates about WCC's achievements and activities, and most importantly receive input from our members on how to plan for the year ahead. In three breakout sessions we will discuss timely and important questions such as: should WCC go back to in-person programs, continue to meet online or use a combination of both; what issues would you like WCC to address in the coming year; and how can WCC attract and involve new members in our programs and activities?

The plans are not set in stone, and we are still very open to your input. What would you like to talk about or learn about at the 2021 Annual Meeting? What new directions or programs do you envision for WCC? Please send your ideas and comments to wccpresident2020@gmail.com.

The meeting will take place via Zoom and begins at 6:30 pm, but the virtual doors will open at 6:15 pm to give everyone time to sign on and settle in. We will keep the meeting open for an additional half hour after the business and discussion to allow for social time and online chatting.

Everyone is welcome to attend, but registration will be required. Starting May 26, we will send an Eventbrite invitation to members and supporters that will link to the meeting information and the registration form. If you do not receive the invitation but want to attend the meeting you may also go to WCCAnnualMeeting.Eventbrite.com to register. Please join us on June 28!

~ Beth Sullebarger, President of WCC

WCC ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022

The following people will be officers for the Woman's City Club for the year 2021-2022:

President: Beth Sullebarger;

VP, Administration: Sharon McCreary;

VP, Civic Engagement: David Siders;

VP, Programs: Jeff Dey;

VP, Membership: Cathy Bailey;

Secretary: Anne Buening; and

Treasurer: Marcia Togneri

Three new people will be joining the board:

Aurelia Simmons,
Christa Zielke,
Dr. Sherri Adams-Davis.

Other board members for the year or longer are:

Michelle Dillingham
Amy Katzman
Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney
Jan Seymour
Beverly Thomas.

**We thank
all of these members
for serving on the board
of the
Woman's City Club.**

~ Alice Schneider, Chair
Nominating Committee

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Beth Sullebarger, *President* (2020-2021)
Helen O'Neal, *VP Administration* (2018-2023)
David Siders, *VP Civic Engagement* (2019-2021)
Cathy B. Bailey, *VP Membership* (2021—2022)
Jeff Dey, *VP Programs* (2016-2022)
Marcia Togneri, *Treasurer* (2020-2021)
Anne Buening, *Secretary* (2017-2023)
Janet Buening, *Past President* (2019-2022)

BOARD MEMBERS

Marge Davis (2019-2021)
Michelle Dillingham (2020-2023)
Amy Katzman (2016-2022)
Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney (2019-2021)
Sharon McCreary (2020-2023)
Hera Reines (2018-2021)
Jan Seymour (2020-2022)
Beverly Thomas (2017-2023)

CALENDAR OF WCC EVENTS

Monday, May 10, 6:30 pm: A Conversation with Gabe Davis of the Cincinnati Citizens Complaint Authority

Tuesday, May 18, 7:00 pm: National Speaker Forum with Denise Kiernan

Thursday, June 3, 6:30-8:00 pm: The Annual Agnes B. Seasongood and the WCC and Michael Ramundo Memorial Education Awards

Sunday, June 27, 5:00 pm: Dedication of Marian Spencer Statue

Monday, June 28, 6:30—8:30 pm: Annual Meeting of Members and Friends



WCC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 5, 5:30 pm: **Membership Committee Meeting** (Meets every month on first Wednesday.)

Monday, May 10, 6:30 pm: **Program Committee Meeting** (Meets every month on second Mondays.)

Tuesday, May 25, 6:30 pm: **Communications Committee** (Meets monthly on last Tuesday.)

For the latest schedule of WCC meetings, please check our calendar at 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/

The monthly *Bulletin* keeps us connected with our membership, our network, and our community. Our next issue will appear in early March. Deadline for submissions and committee reports is February 15. Please submit all material as they are ready to Sarah Gideonse at sarahgideonse@womanscityclub.org



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