

## **Board of Trustees: Greetings and Farewells**

Women Writing for (a) Change welcomes new board trustees and officers for 2017! Officers for this year are Elizabeth Mannion, board president, Dana Johnson, vice-president and secretary and Claudia Kasvin, treasurer. New trustees for this year are Laurel Chambers, Toni Lackner and Mary Jo Sage.

Laurel became involved with WWf(a)C a few years ago, joining the Thursday morning writing circle as a newly retired English and Journalism teacher. Laurel taught or ran programs at numerous schools in Cincinnati, including at University of Cincinnati, Xavier and most recently McAuley High School, where she spent more than fifteen years. She also participated in numerous professional development programs and taught at risk students in the Summer Bridge program.

Toni brings varied organizational and communications experience to the board, from her work as a private secretary, parish business manager, and finance manager. She has volunteered for several organizations and has served as Vice-president of the Mt. Healthy Garden Club, variety show writer and co-director, and manager of material donations to a transitional women's shelter. Toni belongs to two book clubs and has travelled extensively.

Mary Jo is a life-long educator, with a background of science education for all ages, pre-school to college. Her experience includes working as a Naturalist at the Cincinnati Nature Center, running Sage Journeys Travel Company, and teaching Basic Ecology and Environmental Ethics at Union Institute and University. Mary Jo spent a couple of years working in Saudi Arabia, and has volunteered or been on the board at numerous Cincinnati non-profit organizations.

Welcome Laurel, Toni and Mary Jo!

As we say hello, we also say farewell to outgoing board president Mary Wood-Constable and trustee Jane Pugliano, who both served from 2012 through 2016, and to trustee Barbra Druffel, who served from 2015 through 2016.

Many thanks for your loyal service, Mary, Jane and Barbra!