

## Program to Support Domestic Violence Victims

On January 11 our speaker will be Fran Reese from the Dove House Protective Shelter speaking about domestic violence. *Members are asked to bring donations of toiletries for the victims of domestic violence. There is a change in location for the meeting. We will meet at the First Baptist Church on the southeastern corner of N. Breiel and Riverview at 7:00 p.m.*

## Betty Patterson to Lead Sustainability Discussion



United Nations  
Framework Convention on  
Climate Change

Please join Voluntary Simplicity for a global sustainability discussion led by Betty Patterson on January 19 at 7:00 p.m. Hostess

for the event is Betty Elworth, 4306 Rosedale Road. Patterson will discuss the Conference of Parties work provided by The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and update information from the Paris Agreement reached in December 2015. The international group began work in June of 1992 to monitor and stabilize greenhouse gases and negotiate agreements among countries to set limits on greenhouse gas emissions. Please RSVP to Betty Elworth, [bjelworth@yahoo.com](mailto:bjelworth@yahoo.com).

## Light Up Middletown Thanks

Thanks to all who participated in Light Up Middletown this year. This year's crowds were bigger than ever!

"Christmas Eve broke all the records - again. 1,060 vehicles and 3,964 people toured Light Up Middletown to break all the previous records."



(Middle) BeWise Camper, Madelyn Perdue with Laura Desmond spoke about her camp experience this summer. (Right) Forensics Team members Kiana Hughley who performed a prose and poetry and Elizabeth Lindon who performed a humorous piece.

## Calendar of Events

### January Branch Meeting & Program

Monday, January 11, 7:00 pm

**\*First Baptist Church**

Fran Reese, Domestic Violence

### Voluntary Simplicity

January 19, 7:00 pm

Betty Elworth's Home

### Joy Luck Book Club

January 21, 7:00 pm

*The Long Way Home*

by Louise Penny

Pam Pearson's Home

### Board Meeting

Monday, January 25, 7:00 pm

MidPointe Library

Conference room B

### Great Decisions

Thursday, January 28, 7:00 pm

MidPointe Library

\* change from previous location

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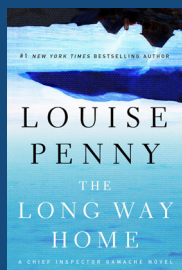
**[middletown-oh.aauw.net](http://middletown-oh.aauw.net)**

## "Joy Luck" Book Club

January 21 at 7:00 pm

*The Long Way Home* – Louise Penny  
Pam Pearson's home

Chosen as one of the best books of 2014 by newspapers in the U.S. and Canada, this novel "mixes some classic elements of the police procedural with a deep-delving psychology," according to The New York Times. The Richmond Times-Dispatch calls it "a story that examines the making of art and the struggles of artists... [that] is itself a work of art... a novel that transcends genre."

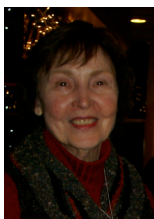
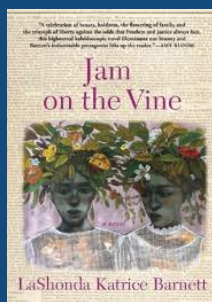


## Next Month's Book Club

February 18 at 7:00 pm

*Jam on the Vine*  
by LaShonda Katrice Barnett  
Need host

Amazon calls this "A new American classic: a dynamic tale of triumph against the odds and the compelling story of one woman's struggle for equality that belongs alongside *Jazz* by Toni Morrison and *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker." Precocious, book-loving Ivoe Williams flees the Jim Crow South with her family and settles in Kansas City, where she and her former teacher and lover, Ona, found the first female-run African American newspaper. Personally recommended by a Dayton friend and book club member, this debut novel is getting rave reviews.



## Nita Driscoll, Middletown Branch President

Although we haven't had snow and cold weather yet, we can look forward to that and another challenging year in 2016. We have many opportunities to make the new year even better than 2015.

On January 11, we will have an interesting program on Domestic Violence. AAUW was an advocate in the passing of the Violence against Women Act in 2013. The Great Discussion Group will begin in January with Katie McNeil.

Mark your calendars for the State Convention on Friday and Saturday April 8 and 9, It will be held at the Crown Plaza in Worthington, Ohio.

Thanks to our hospitality committee in December. Robin Becker, Jackie Langfer and Tina Newlin. Great job!

Keep all your New Year resolutions and have a Happy New Year!



On December 17 Ginny Palmer hosted the Joy Luck Book Club for a creative coloring book gathering.

## Discovery. Discussion. Decision. INSPIRING LEARNING ABOUT THE WORLD



### Discussion Topics: *Middle East*

Thursday, January 28 • 7:00 PM

### *The Rise of ISIS*

Thursday, February 11 • 7:00 PM

### *The Future of Kurdistan*

Thursday, February 25 • 7:00 PM

Hosted by the American Association of University Women, this event is open to the public and meets at the MidPointe Library Middletown. For more information, call 513-470-9031.

*Great Decisions* is a national, civic-education program that encourages participants to learn about U.S. foreign policy and global issues, discuss multiple viewpoints in a group setting and take part in a national opinion ballot survey on policy issues.