

March Program: Soup Supper & Sorting

The March meeting of Middletown AAUW will be on Monday, March 3 at 5:00 pm with the Annual Book Sale Soup Supper and Book Sale Prep as the program. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm. Members are encouraged to come early to prep for the sale which will begin the following Thursday, March 6. To avoid duplication, cooks should sign up with Carolyn Smith. Soup, breads, crackers, cookies, etc. will make fine fare for the work session. Contact Carolyn at 937-855-7459 or csrsmith48@aol.com.

We will also begin collecting dinner payment for the May 13 Installation of Officers and Recognition of Scholarship Recipients at Browns Run Country Club. The cost is \$22 and payable in advance to Judy Florence. Plan to sign up for dinner during the book sale or at the April 14 meeting with Justice Sharon L. Kennedy at MidPoint Library in Middletown.

Home Stretch for the Book Sale

It is so exciting to see our new book sale site almost ready for the book sale on March 6. Many books arrived in the last two weeks. Get ready to browse and work on the finishing touches at our branch meeting March 3. If you have not yet signed up to help work at the book sale March 6, 7, 8, and 9, plan to sign up at the meeting or email Chris Buchert at tcbuch@yahoo.com. Try to sign up for six to eight hours. You may also bring a significant other to work. Extra workers are needed this year because of the back rooms. We want the sale to go well in our new space. Members will also be needed at the end of the sale to clean up. The oldest books are sorted out then to donate to Roosevelt Thrift.

Working the sale is fun because you have an opportunity to find books you like, have time to discuss favorite books with shoppers, run into people you have not seen in a while, talk with other AAUW members, recycle books, count money, and help raise money for all our scholarships.

The book sale committee thanks all the members for working to sort and price books, sharing book sale information throughout the community and bringing in books. The AAUW used book sale is our signature event. Community members look forward to attending this event every year. Our branch looks forward to another successful sale.



Calendar of Events

Monday, March 3, 5pm

Soup Supper & Branch Meeting
Used Book Sale Site
2 South Main Street, Middletown

58th Annual Used Book Sale

Thursday, March 6, 5pm-8pm
Friday, March 7, 10am-9pm
Saturday, March 8, 10am-6pm
Sunday, March 9, 12noon-5pm

Tuesday, March 18, 7pm

Voluntary Simplicity
Barb Balsmeyer's Home

Thursday, March 20, 7pm

Joy Luck Book Group
Katie McNeil's home

Monday, March 24, 7pm

Board Meeting
MidPointe Library

Saturday, April 5, 10am-2pm

Imagination Library luncheon
Miami University Middletown

Friday, April 11- Sunday, April 13

AAUW Ohio Convention
Springfield, OH

Monday, April 14, 7:00 pm

April Program and Meeting
MidPointe Library

10 Ways to get involved with AAUW

Are you an activist? Do you volunteer? There are many ways to get involved and support AAUW's mission – advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Learn more at:

<http://www.aauw.org/get-involved/>

AAUW "Joy Luck" Book Club

We're going to read a suggestion from Pam Pearson this month. It seemed like the time for a good novel, and this one gets high marks from Pat Conroy, Lisa Genova and Nancy Horan, all great authors themselves.

Date: March 20, 7:00 pm
Book: *Songs of Willow Frost*
by Jamie Ford
Venue: Katie McNeil's



For those of you who may be considering the AAUW Ohio Convention read...

Female Chauvinist Pigs: Women and The Rise of Raunch Culture by Ariel Levy... I would tell you that MidPointe library has a copy and it's not a bad book. It didn't seem to have a lot of appeal for our group, but it's worth dipping into if you are interested in current culture or feminist history. It has a few interesting things to say on both.

VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY

March 18, at 7:00 pm the Voluntary Simplicity interest group will meet at the home of Barb Balsmeyer 4641 Wicklow Dr., Middletown. The topic for the evening will be "Simplifying Your Food Experience" How our eating habits impact the natural world. The discussion will be led by Carolyn Smith - come prepared to discuss shopping, pantry, and recipe ideas that help simplify food choices. We invite YOU to join us for this discussion. Please RSVP to Barb at 513-422-8928 or barbbalsmeyer@cinci.rr.com



Virginia Palmer, Middletown Branch President

Whether it comes in like a lion or a lamb, March starts for our branch with our 58th Annual Used Book Sale in our wonderful new location in downtown Middletown. Hats off to our committee - Libby Abele, Chris Buchert, Sharon Dowden, and Tina Newlin - and everyone who has volunteered with them to get us ready for this major fundraiser! Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll read about our Soup Supper Branch Meeting on Monday, March 3, and about the details of the sale weekend, March 6-9. I hope we have lots of member participation in all phases of next week's endeavors.

Our nominating committee is hard at work right now, too, assembling a slate of officers for 2014-15. Thank you to Chair Debbie Worbis and to committee members Robin Becker and Paula Lindon for taking on this important task. They're looking for a roster that will take our branch into our 90th anniversary year!

Campus Action Project Grant Hits Close to Home

Eleven campus teams, including one at the University of Cincinnati, have been selected to receive 2013-14 Campus Action Project grants. Based on AAUW's latest research report, Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success, the projects will address issues like improving access to child care, enrolling more women in science and math fields, and helping students transfer from community colleges to four-year institutions. Transferring from a community college to a four-year institution and the representation of women in STEM are critical issues for the University of Cincinnati's team. To address these two issues, the team plans to develop a peer mentoring program that matches students in a four-year institution to those in community college by academic disciplines. Mentors will serve as role models, offer encouragement and support, and spend time with mentees. Congratulations to our neighbors to the south!

"Going Red for Women" at February's branch meeting is (l to r) Stephanie Weidner, Judy Florence, Anita Shew, Sharon Dowden, Sharon McCall, RN (February speaker), Ginny Palmer, Nita Driscoll, Rose Grau and Laura Desmond.



AAUW Ohio Convention 2014: “*The Year of our Voice: Advocacy & Action*”

“A feminist is anyone who recognizes the equality and full humanity of women and men.” –Gloria Steinem

Join AAUW Ohio members for the 2014 AAUW Ohio Convention at the Courtyard by Marriott in downtown Springfield, Ohio, on **Friday, April 11, 2014 through Sunday, April 13, 2014.**

The Southwest AAUW Ohio branches & AAUW Ohio board members have planned a weekend filled with informative presentations, interactive sessions, and powerful keynote speakers designed to invigorate members. It is our hope that members return to their branches more informed, more empowered, and more committed to lead in AAUW missions.

Weekend Highlights & Featured Presentations:

- All-Convention Read: ***Female Chauvinist Pigs: Women and the Rise of Raunch Culture*** by Ariel Levy
- **Jamie Bryant, editor and developer KIKI Magazine.** *KIKI magazine* is designed for young girls with an emphasis on creativity, self-expression, STEM topics, but doesn't include the sexuality and consumerism found in most youth media.
- **Peggy Hanna, local activist.** Hanna has been active in her community advocating and acting on community issues from her early Vietnam-War protests to her current work with City Council to protect water resources.
- **Jamie Miracle, NARAL.** Miracle will share the latest developments on Pro-Choice work in Ohio. The 41st anniversary of Roe v. Wade is here and AAUW Ohio has work to do!
- **Deepti Gudapati, AAUW Director of Member Leadership Programs.** Gudapati will facilitate several in-depth, interactive sessions designed to provide members with resources and tools to support our local branches.
- **Beth Pinhero, AAUW Ohio Tech Trek.** Pinhero will share the details about the direction of TECH Trek in Ohio.
- **Donna Black-Brown, AAUW Ohio member.** Black-Brown will teach members about principled decision-making for a real change.
- **Melissa Cropper, Ohio Federation of Teachers President.** Cropper will focus on the future of public education today for students, for educators, and for communities.
- **Maria Maestro, New Faculty Majority.** Maestro will participate in a panel discussion with Cropper centered on the choices and challenges in education.
- **Jackie Evangelista and Karen Rainey, AAUW Ohio Public Policy.** Our Public Policy team will address the state of Common Core today and why the discussion is still relevant.

Start planning now to attend Convention 2014 on April 11-April 12! Registration materials attached.

Christine Siebeneck
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VP Programming



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Registration Form 2014

AAUW 19th Annual State Equity Day & 90th Annual Convention and Meeting

Please duplicate as needed. One form per person required.
 Registration forms can also be downloaded at www.aauwoh.org.

Name			
Address			
City, State, Zip			
Phone			
Email			
Branch			

Daily Registration Fee includes: Continental Breakfast, 2 breaks, lunch, supplies, room set-up, and speaker expenses.

Equity Day Registration: Saturday, April 12, 2014 I will attend at a cost of **\$60** for the day.

Convention and Meeting: Sunday, April 13, 2014 I will attend at a cost of **\$60** for the day.

**Special Needs and/or Dietary Needs: _____

Optional Awards Banquet Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 6:30-8:00 pm. The **\$35 fee** for this banquet is separate and IN ADDITION to Equity Day and Convention Day registration costs. A full-plated dinner will be served. Gratuity included.

Yes! I will attend the **Optional Awards Banquet** on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at a fee of **\$35**.

___ Grilled salmon ___ Grilled Filet of Beef & Chicken ___ Stuffed Portobello Mushroom with Quinoa

<p>Total of all costs for events I will attend (Saturday, Sunday, Saturday Banquet): **Registration form and payment are due by March 23, 2014 **For Registrations sent after March 24, 2014 add \$10 fee.</p>	\$
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Payment can be made via **PayPal** at www.aauwoh.org. Please send your completed electronic registration form to **sbigail@bgsu.edu**.

Make checks payable to: **AAUW Ohio**. Please mail check with this completed registration form to:

Susan Marie Bigaila
 217 Johnson Hall, Bowling Green State University
 Bowling Green, Ohio 43403

Hotel costs: Rooms at The Springfield Courtyard by Marriot are available for \$99/night+tax. Ask for AAUW rate when making reservations. Call The Courtyard by Marriott at **937-322-3600** **Reservations must be made by March 12, 2014 to guarantee this rate.**

The Springfield Courtyard by Marriott
 100 South Fountain Avenue
 Springfield, Ohio 45503