

Advancing Equity for Women & Girls



Middletown Newsletter

March 2017

Final Preparations for 61st Annual AAUW Book Sale

Your Book Sale Committee is planning on March going “out like a lamb” so that we will have nice weather and lots of shoppers at our sale on Thursday, March 30 - Sunday, April 2. We like our site in the Middletown Shopping Center and have already had lots of foot traffic and window shoppers. If you are attending the meeting this Saturday, March 11, at Mount Pleasant, please bring us some books you would like to donate; we will get them back to the site for you for sorting and pricing. Also, if you have not had a chance to sign up for selling for an hour or two, please do so at the meeting; the sign up sheets will be going around. We would like to invite members only to come and shop on Monday, March 27, from 5:00-6:00 PM before our next Branch meeting. If you want to shop and are unable to come at that time, please let one of us know (Tina Newlin, Libby Abele or Sharon Dowden) and we will meet you at the site. We have lots of very nice books. Tell your friends and neighbors!

PRE-SALE NIGHT \$5 Entry Fee

Thursday, March 30: 5-8pm

Friday, March 31: 10am-8pm

Saturday, April 1: 10am-6pm

BAG SALE – \$6 per bag

Sunday, April 2: 12noon-5pm



Saturday Morning Program in March

We will meet for our annual book brunch at 10:30 am on Saturday, March 11, at the Mount Pleasant Community Room. Our featured author will be Eleanor Stewart Gilmore, whose topic will be “From Sidewalk to Book Talk”.

Then, instead of the usual April meeting, we will have our book sale preview and election of officers on Monday, March 27. Members will meet from 5-6 pm at the book sale site at 629B S. Breiel Blvd. for a chance to view and purchase books. Then we will move on to the Olive Garden Restaurant for dinner and our business meeting, which will include the election of officers. This will replace the usual April meeting.



Calendar of Events

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays
10am-12noon – Book Sorting

Saturday, March 11, 10:30 am
Community Room, Mt. Pleasant
Retirement Village, Monroe
Speaker: Eleanor Gilmore, author
Topic: From Sidewalk to Book Talk

Thursday, March 16, 6pm

Joy Luck Book Club

The Secret History

by Donna Tartt

Brown's Run Country Club

Dinner compliments of

Nita Driscoll Please RSVP

Tuesday, March 21, 7pm

Voluntary Simplicity

Betty Patterson's Home *see article*

Monday, March 27, 5-6pm

Book Sale Site

Olive Garden 6pm

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Donna Tartt, winner of the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for *The Goldfinch*, established herself as a major talent with *The Secret History* in 1992. Considered

a contemporary classic, this novel concerns a group of clever, eccentric misfits at an elite New England college and their charismatic classics professor, with whom they discover a way of thinking and living that is a world away from the humdrum existence of their contemporaries. When they go beyond the boundaries of normal morality, their lives are changed profoundly and forever. A number of our members have tackled the 800 pages of *The Goldfinch* with relish, so hopefully this will introduce the rest of us to this popular author with a somewhat lower time commitment!

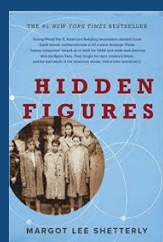
Thursday, April 20 at 7 pm

Hidden Figures

by Margot Lee Shetterly

Emilie Marcikic's home (tent.)

A New York Times best seller and now a hit movie, this is the phenomenal true story of the black female



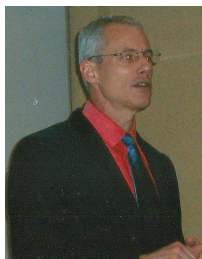
mathematicians at NASA whose calculations helped fuel some of America's greatest achievements in space.



Nita Driscoll, Middletown Branch President

Here we are moving into March and looking forward to our 61st Annual Book Sale! A huge Thank You goes out to our Book Sale Committee – Tina Newlin, Sharon Dowden, Libby Abele – and all the volunteers who make this event possible and successful.

Thank You also to February's Hospitality Committee – Debbie Worbis, Cari Hillman and Betty Jo Baker – and to our excellent speakers at the Atrium Medical Center.



Our first speaker was Dr. Will Andrew, a specialist in OB/GYN who spoke about women's health issues. Our second speaker was Cindy Santoro, a nutritionist at the Atrium Diabetes Wellness Center who presented guidelines for how women can lead a healthy lifestyle.



Each year our branch contributes to the National AAUW Educational Fund in the name(s) of members nominated and recognized for their contributions to our branch. Congratulations to the 2016 Named Gifts honorees: Debbie Worbis, Paula Lindon and Nita Driscoll.

The Leadership Nominating Committee – Chair Karen Jones, Lynne Rentschler and Beth Miller – are still looking for a few good women to fill the slate of officers for 2017-18. Make this your year to join our branch's leadership team! Contact Karen, Lynne or Beth today.

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

Saturday, April 8: The theme of this year's Dolly Parton Imagination Library Luncheon is "Women Enriching Lives" and will feature artist and author Beth Gully at Central Connections, 3907 Central Ave, Middletown, OH 45044. Because our branch is a local Imagination Library sponsor, members who make their reservations through AAUW will be given a reduced price. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can add you to our group reservation.

Friday & Saturday, May 5-6: AAUW Ohio Equity Day and Convention is at the Doubletree Hilton in Worthington, a suburb of Columbus. This year's theme is "Women: Be the Change."

Wednesday-Saturday, June 14-17: Our national convention is in Washington, DC, this year. We have 4 branch members already registered to attend. Won't you consider going too?



March Voluntary Simplicity

Voluntary Simplicity will meet at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 21, 2017. The location for our meeting will be: Mount Pleasant; Brownstone Clubroom; 500 Seminary Drive; Monroe, OH. The topic is: Earth Day and Contributions to Community.

Our speaker, Laura Bosse, President of KMB (Keep Middletown Beautiful), will share with us information about local and regional Earth Day events! Come join us as we learn about opportunities to support the VS mission in our community. Please rsvp our host with your plans to attend: Betty Patterson, (ewp7231@yahoo.com) or phone 513/402-7434.

Mission of Voluntary Simplicity: To serve as a support group to continue exploring ways to move toward a sustainable lifestyle, simplify life, being sensitive to our families, the environment, and the world around us.



Be WISE Camp Update

Nira Darlene-Renee Jouett, seventh grade student at Middletown Middle School, presented details of her 2016 Be WISE Camp experiences to AAUW members at the January STEM program. Jouett described camp activities and experiments and said the best part of camp was meeting new people and working in teams. One of her successes was learning to work with the wind while using the trial-and-error method to make a seven foot long bubble.

Jouett was one of two Middletown AAUW Be WISE Scholarship recipients in 2016. Ava Forbes, also a student at Middletown Middle School, was unable to attend the January program.

The 2017 Be WISE scholarship process is underway. Science and math teacher representatives have explained the Be WISE program and distributed applications to interested girls entering seventh and eighth grade next year.

Be WISE Camp is a STEM camp designed to foster interest, enthusiasm, and confidence in girls entering seventh and eighth grade. For more information on this program that is part of our branch funding mission, visit www.bewisecamp.org.



Great Decisions 2017 (www.fpa.org)

March 9

Saudi Arabia in Transition

March 23

**U.S. Foreign Policy and
Petroleum**

April 13

**Latin America's Political
Pendulum**

April 27

**Prospects for Afghanistan and
Pakistan**

May 11

Nuclear Security

