

Empowering Women & Girls for
90 Years in the Middletown Area



Middletown Newsletter

April 2016

Book Sale Preview before Soup Supper

Our April meeting will be combined with a final review of the book sale. On Monday, April 4 we will meet at the book sale site between 4:00 and 6:00 pm to preview and help, and will then move to the Middletown High School Media Center (library) for supper and meeting. Please contact Michelle Piepgrass (mvpiepgrass@gmail.com, 465-4932) to let us know what you can bring for supper. Members can bring drinks or things like cheese and crackers or dessert. The slate of officers for 2016-2017 will be presented for a vote.

Our scholarship dinner will take place at the First Baptist Church on Riverview and Breiel on Monday, May 9. Additional details will be forthcoming about the menu and reservations.

60th Annual AAUW Middletown Used Book Sale

Our largest fundraiser of the year, the Book Sale, is in full force. A steady group of volunteers have been working diligently the last several weeks to prepare for the event which begins on Thursday, April 7. We ask that all members inform their friends, relatives, and neighbors to have their books to the site by April 1 so that we can process them for the sale. We work on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30am. If these times are not convenient as a "drop-off" time, please contact Tina Newlin, Sharon Dowden, or Libby Abele and we can arrange a time that will work for you.

The book site will be open on Monday, April 4 and all members are encouraged to visit from 4:00pm to 6:00pm before our regular Soup 'n Supper at 7:00pm at the Middletown High School Media Center. This will be a good time for you to make some purchases and also to sign up to work specific times during the sale. Bookmarks are available to take to places that you visit. As usual, we have a large assortment of books and hope that we sell every one of them!

Our "Preview Night" for the public is Thursday, April 7 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. There is a \$5.00 admission fee for the chance to have "first dibs" on the books. We hope for a large attendance. Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 we will open at 10:00pm and close at 8:00pm. On Sunday, April 10, our hours are 12:00 (noon) until 5:00pm and will be a Bag Sale. \$6.00 for a bag and you can fill it up with all the books you can!

Please remember that the purpose of this sale is to make as much money as possible to continue support for our mission of helping to provide scholarships for area students of all ages....pre-schoolers, Be Wise Camp students, high school seniors, college students, and non-traditional students as well as providing funds for educational research programs.

Please help to make this Book Sale a success! Hopefully, you will find some books that you MUST have!

Calendar of Events

April Branch Meeting

Monday, April 4
Book Sale Site 4-6pm
Supper, MHS Media Center 6pm

Used Book Sale

Middletown Shopping Center
Thursday, April 7, 5-8pm
Friday, April 8, 10am-8pm
Saturday, April 9, 10am-8pm
Sunday, April 10, noon-5pm

AAUW/Ohio Convention

April 8 & 9, 2016
Crowne Plaza in Worthington, Ohio

Women Enriching Lives Luncheon
Dolly Parton Imagination Library
Saturday April 16, 10:30am-1:30pm

Joy Luck Book Club

Thursday, April 21 at 7 pm
Dinner at 5:30 pm
Oakwood Club, 2414 Far Hills Ave.
in Dayton (optional)
*Consider The Fork: A History of How
We Cook and Eat* by Bee Wilson
Jan Runkle's home (Oakwood)

Board Meeting

Monday, April 25, 7:00 pm
MidPointe Library

Voluntary Simplicity

Tuesday, May 17, 7:00pm
Carolyn Smith's home
436 Parkview Court, Monroe

Joy Luck Book Club

Thursday, May 19 at 7 pm
Carol Friedman's home

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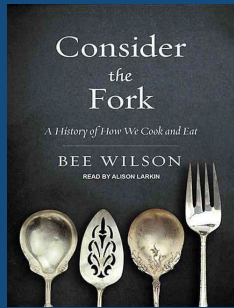
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“Joy Luck” Book Club

Thursday, April 21 at 7 pm
 Optional Dinner at 5:30 pm at the
 Oakwood Club, 2414 Far Hills Ave. in
 Dayton

*Consider The Fork: A History of How
 We Cook and Eat* – Bee Wilson
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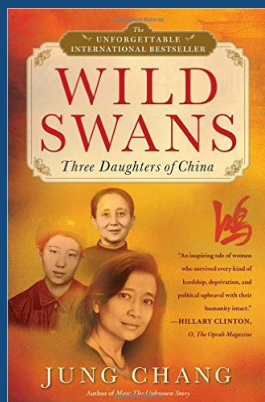


Award-winning
 food writer Bee
 Wilson provides
 a wonderful
 and witty tour
 of the evolution
 of cooking
 around the
 world, revealing

the hidden history of everyday
 objects we often take for granted.
 To further extend our food theme,
 those who wish are welcome to
 come early and meet for dinner at
 the Oakwood Club at 5:30 pm. If
 you plan to attend, please RSVP to
 sharon.p.williamson@gmail.com by
 April 20.

Thursday, May 19 at 7 pm
*Wild Swans: Three Daughters of
 China* – Jung Chang
 Carol Friedman’s home
 (Middletown)

The story of three generations in
 20th century China that blends
 the intimacy of memoir and the
 panoramic sweep of eyewitness
 history—a
 bestselling
 classic in 30
 languages
 with more
 than 10
 million
 copies sold
 around the
 world.



Nita Driscoll, Middletown Branch President

Please join AAUW members and Women Enriching Lives for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library luncheon on Saturday April 16, 2016 from 10:30am-1:30pm. The event is at Miami University-Middletown and will feature raffle baskets, live auction, split the pot, meet and greet Children’s Book Authors, Children’s Art Exhibit. Light refreshments will be available while you browse. The guest speaker is Will Hillenbrand, children’s author and illustrator. The emcee is John Lomax, local 12WKRC-TV. Our branch is a Literacy Corporate Sponsor which allows us 4 tickets (value \$30.each).We will pro-rate the cost depending on number of members attending. If you would like to be added to the list please email me at rdriscoll@cinci.rr.com or call 513 423-5198 no later than 5pm on April 5.You can also signup at the April Branch meeting.

It’s not too late to make a reservation to attend the AAUW/Ohio Annual Equity Day and Convention on April 8 & 9, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza in Worthington, Ohio. Please review the latest edition of the state newsletter ORBIT for event details. Our board will pay all or pro-rate cost of registration depending on how many Middletown members attend. Please register online and let me know if you would like to represent our branch as a delegate.

A special thanks to Laura Desmond, Suzy Tadych and Melissa Worbis for their good work in selecting 2 students who are vey excited about attending BeWise camp this summer, to Katie McNeil for sending out “Thank you” letters to local women in elected positions. Also chairing the nominating committee with Anita Shew and Emily Pheanis. Thanks to Robin Becker for putting together the very nice raffle items for the state convention.

Branch Leadership - Nominations and Opportunities

At our April meeting, Branch members will vote on new officers for the 2016-17 year. See the slate of officers who have been nominated; nominations will also be received from the floor. Review the various positions in your Program book to see how you can participate. We need everybody’s participation to make the Branch work well. Consider helping out the Program or Membership VPs or saying “yes” to an appointed position. If you have any questions, contact Katie McNeil, Nominations chair.

- President** Nita Driscoll
- Program Co-VP** Debbie Worbis
 Paula Lindon
- Membership Co-VP** Emily Pheanis
 Tina Whitaker
- Recording Sect’y** Robin Becker
- Corresponding Sect’y** Lindsay Shockley-Ogg
- Financial Officers** Jackie Lankfer
 Lynn Rentschler

Voluntary Simplicity

Please come enjoy an evening of reflection, lively discussion, and light refreshments with our Voluntary Simplicity group. We will meet at 7:00pm on Tuesday, May 17, at the home of Carolyn Smith, 436 Parkview Court, Monroe. Our topic for the evening will be "Wrap up the year" – reviewing our goals, and planning "Where do we want to go from here?" We invite everyone's input to make our group work for you! The discussion leader will be Carolyn Smith and Becky Ward. Please rsvp to Carolyn Smith: csrsmith48@gmail.com, phone 513-360-0128, or Becky Ward: beckward@gmail.com, phone 424-8409.



Garage Sale in June

This is a "heads up" note that we will have our annual Garage Sale on Friday and Saturday, June 3 and 4. We discussed this at the March meeting and it was the consensus of the group present that we would have enough "stuff" to make another garage sale a profitable event. SO, start saving for this now. WHAT to save: Small appliances, kitchen ware, linens, tools, toys, games, CD's, DVD's, records, electronics (if they work), sports equipment, jewelry, shoes, purses. We do not take adult clothing. For questions/concerns contact: Rose at 513-424-1969 or edrosegrau@cinci.r.r.com

Author and artist, Linda Riesenberg Fisler, March's speaker, with Nita Driscoll & Debbie Worbis. Members look at afghans made by Karen Jones. Pay your dues early for a chance to win one!



At the April meeting, you will also receive this dues renewal with envelope. Please return to Treasurer Karen Jones or mail to our P.O. Box 118, Middletown, OH 45042. By listing your interests, this assists the Branch leadership in planning for next year.

AAUW Middletown Branch Membership Renewal

Name _____
 Address _____
 Home phone _____ Cell _____
 Email _____

I am especially interested in learning more about & participating in the following Branch projects and activities:

Advocacy & Programming

- Programs - Monthly
- Cultural Outings
- Public Policy - AAUW
- Diversity Awareness

Fundraising Projects

- Holiday Bazaar - Nov.
- Light Up Middletown - Dec.
- Used Book Sale - Mar.
- Garage Sale - June

Community Activities

- Dolly Parton Imagination Lib. Brunch - April
- National Night Out - July
- Middletown Arts Festival - Sept.

Special Interest Groups

- Joy Luck Book Club - monthly
- Voluntary Simplicity - bi-monthly
- Great Decisions - Jan. - April

Dues for the 2016-2017 are as follows:
National: \$49.00 (\$46.00 is tax deductible)
State: \$11.00 (paid lifetime members only pay state, local)
Local: \$10.00 (used for our Middletown branch)
TOTAL: \$70.00 due by June 1, 2016

PAYABLE AT THE MAY MEETING OR MAIL TO:

AAUW Middletown Branch
 P.O. Box 118
 Middletown, OH 45042



American Association of University Women

60th Annual Used Book Sale

April 7-10, 2016

Middletown Shopping Center, Breiel Blvd.



Thursday, April 7

\$5 Pre-Sale

5 pm - 8 pm

Friday, April 8

10 am - 8 pm

Saturday, April 9

10 am - 8 pm

Sunday, April 10

\$6 Bag Sale

Noon - 5 pm



**Fundraiser for College
Scholarships!
Promote Literacy!
Recycle!**

**Gently used books,
children's books,
puzzles, games,
CDs, DVDs**

**Books individually priced
- Cash only**



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