

End of Program Year Celebration & Installation of Officers

It's time to make your reservation for the May 9 AAUW scholarship dinner and installation of officers. The banquet will take place at the First Baptist Church in the Celebration Hall at 6:00 pm. Grecian Delight will cater this year's dinner, serving a meal of chicken, rice, green beans, salad, and dessert for the price of \$15.00.

Reservations must be made by **Monday, May 2**, by contacting Program Co-Vice-President Debbie Worbis through e-mail to dworbis@gmail.com. You may also call or text Debbie at 513-292-5032. You may pay at the door by check or cash (exact change, if possible!). Membership fees for 2016-17 will also be accepted that evening.

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.

Annual Garage Sale Around the Corner

At the March meeting the branch membership decided that we should have a garage sale. So now is the time to get your stuff together and deliver the goods to 4312 Walton Court. Also, invite your family and friends to donate to this sale. The proceeds of the event support the mission and program of our branch.

Friday and Saturday June 3 and 4 from 8:00am-4:00pm the annual AAUW Garage Sale will be held at 4312 Walton Court in Middletown. We will start accepting donations after May 9. We will be having "drop off Saturdays" May 14, May 21 and May 28 from 10:00am- 2:00pm; however, if Saturday is not a good time for you just call Rose at 513-424-1969 and set up a convenient time.

We are looking for good clean stuff: household items, small appliances, dishes, linens, shoes, purses, jewelry, toys, games, puzzles, CD's, records, electronics (if they work), tools, sport items, vintage items. WORK DAYS: Tuesday, May 31 and Wednesday, June 1. SIGN UP SHEETS will be available at the May branch meeting. QUESTIONS/CONCERNS: contact Rose at 513-424-1969 or edrosegrau@cinci.r.r.com.

Calendar of Events

May Branch Meeting

Monday, May 9
6pm Dinner
First Baptist Church

Garage Sale Drop-off Day

Saturday, May 14, 10-2
4312 Walton Court, Middletown

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

Garage Sale Drop-off Day

Saturday, May 21, 10-2
4312 Walton Court, Middletown

Garage Sale Drop-off Day

Saturday, May 28, 10-2
4312 Walton Court, Middletown

Garage Sale Work Days

Tuesday, May 31 & Wed., June 1
4312 Walton Court, Middletown

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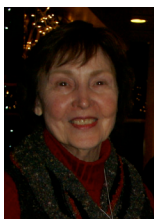
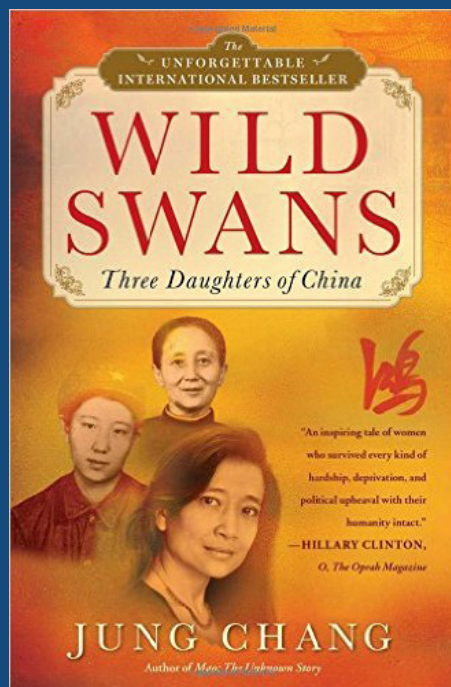
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"Joy Luck" Book Club

On May 19 at 7 pm, we will discuss *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China* by Jung Chang at Carol Friedman's home. It's 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.

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

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Nita Driscoll, Middletown Branch President

April was a very busy and productive month for our branch. We started on the first day, participating in the "Book It Downtown" project's First Friday

extravaganza. The project, which supports literacy for children, featured one of our members, author Paula Cohen, on its program. Linda Fisler, AAUW speaker and author/artist, was also featured. (Linda kindly donated several beautiful items for the State Convention raffle, which sold for \$40.) Thanks to those of you who staffed a table in the Triple Moon Coffee Shop to promote our book sale in particular and AAUW in general.

On April 4, members could visit the book sale prior to the Soup and Supper. Our speaker, Duane Gordon, Executive Director of the Middletown Community Foundation, told us about Ready, a fundraising campaign for our kid's future. He also had some good news for us – Suzy Tadych is the new designer of the Foundation's newsletter. Congratulations to Suzy!

Our annual book sale was held on April 7, 8, 9 and 10. Thanks so much to all the hard-working and dedicated volunteers who obtained the space, collected and organized the donations, and worked the book sale itself.

AAUW Ohio's annual State Equity Day and Convention was held that same weekend in Worthington, OH. My daughter, Dr. Linda Evers, joined me on Saturday. On Friday evening, with members from 23 Branches attending, state awards were presented. Our Branch received four awards: the Starz award for the ninth year, the Daffodil award for diversity, the Contribution award for philanthropy, and a Best Newsletter award. Saturday offered excellent keynote speakers and interesting breakout sessions. One breakout-session speaker was Francis Jo Hamilton, president of Restart. She discussed the work release advocacy programs for first-time women offenders.

The two keynote speakers were excellent. Gloria Blackwell, AAUW National's Vice President of Fellowships, Grants, and Global programs, told us about her Peace Corps experience in Africa. The other keynote speaker was Michaela Hunt, an award-winning journalist who spent 17 years in TV news. Her topic was Career Comfort Zones and How to Break the Habit. Some advice she offered was: Be a thoughtful leader, use your talents, delegate what you cannot do, be yourself -- honest and real, don't take anything personally, don't make assumptions, and always do your best. Good advice anytime!

On April 16, several members attended the Dolly Parton Imagination Library luncheon. We received a letter from Lauren Matus of Women Enriching Lives, thanking us for our donation of \$1,000. Since 2008 they have purchased and distributed more than 150,000 books to children ages 0 to 5 in our area.

I would like to express our Get Well Wishes to Jackie Lankfer and her husband, who were injured in an auto accident, and to Margie Homan, who suffered a fractured leg while on a special vacation.





2016-2017 Program Year Board of Officers

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for your great work. The following slate of officers were voted in at the April Branch meeting and will be installed at our upcoming May dinner.

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

Thank you to all who donated, sorted, priced and worked the book sale. We wouldn't have been able to pull off such a successful fundraiser without all of your support.

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

