

# Advancing Equity for Women & Girls



Middletown Newsletter

September 2016

## Celebrate Beginning of the 2016-2017 Program Year



We will kick off the 2016-2017 program at 6:00 pm on Monday, September 12, with a covered dish dinner in Johnston Hall-Room 142 at Miami University-Middletown. Drinks, disposable plates and silverware will be provided. Bring your favorite dish and come to chat before the evening's program begins.

Our speaker that evening will be Katrina Wilson, CEO of Freedom CDC, and her topic will be "Restoring Hope for Women: Moving from Incarceration to Restoration."

On Monday, October 10 at 7 pm we will meet at Middletown's Midpointe Library Community Room, to hear Caroline Bier, U.S. Marine Corps veteran and Executive Director of the Butler County Veterans Service Commission. She will speak to us about advocating for veterans.

We look forward to seeing our members again, and we encourage you all to bring friends who might wish to join.

## Garage Sale Report

Our June garage sale was another success - \$2,819.50. Forty members and friends contributed, worked and supported this effort. The money from the sale is used to support the mission and program of our branch.

The items left were distributed appropriately to:

- the Clothing Depot
- Christ Methodist Church
- Goodwill
- saved some items

## Holiday Bazaar November

The Holiday Bazaar will be Friday and Saturday, November 11 & 12 from 9am-3pm.

We will need new and/or gently used holiday decorations, linens, books, puzzles and games, craft materials, jewelry, items that can be re-gifted, new holiday cards, candles, etc. We will have a Sweet Shop with homemade goodies for sale. Look for more details in upcoming newsletters.

Invite your family and friends to donate to this cause.

These events serve several purposes:

- Great fund raisers.
- Provides our members with an opportunity to "simplify, clear out and recycle," which supports our Voluntary Simplicity Group.
- Opportunity to be visible in the community.
- Provides a time for members to work together for a common goal.

With questions/concerns contact Rose Grau at 513-424-1969 or [edrosegrau@cinci.rr.com](mailto:edrosegrau@cinci.rr.com). We will start accepting your donations October 1.

## Calendar of Events

**Monday, September 12, 6pm**  
Potluck and Program  
MUM Johnston Hall  
Speaker: Katrina Wilson, CEO of Freedom CDC

**Tuesday, September 20, 7pm**  
Voluntary Simplicity  
Becky Ward's Home

**Thursday, September 15, 7pm**  
Joy Luck Book Club  
*Euphoria*  
by Lily King  
Lisa Wilson's home

**Monday, September 28, 7pm**  
Board Meeting  
Nita Driscoll's Home

**Monday, October 10, 7pm**  
October Program and Meeting  
MidPointe Library Community Room, Middletown  
Speaker: Caroline Bier

**Thursday, October 20, 7 pm**  
Joy Luck Book Club  
*The Miniaturist*  
by Jessie Burton  
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**Friday & Saturday  
November 11 & 12**  
Holiday Bazaar  
4312 Walton Court, Middletown

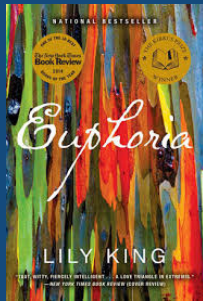
## “Joy Luck” Book Club

Thursday, September 15 at 7 pm

*Euphoria*

by Lily King

Lisa Wilson’s home

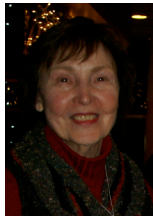


Winner of the Kirkus Prize for Fiction, one of The New York Times Book Review’s 10 Best Books of 2014 and a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle award, *Euphoria* is “a story of three young, gifted anthropologists in 1933 caught in a passionate love triangle that threatens their bonds, their careers, and ultimately their lives.” Inspired by events in the life of revolutionary anthropologist Margaret Mead, *Euphoria* is “a taut, witty, fiercely intelligent tale of competing egos and desires in a landscape of exotic menace.” (NYT)

## Next Month’s Book Club

*The Miniaturist* by Jessie Burton

This masterful debut novel is set in 17th century Amsterdam, a city ruled by glittering wealth and oppressive religion. An international best seller, it is rich in atmosphere and shimmering with mystery, finding its inspiration in an ostentatious dollhouse owned by the wife of an Amsterdam merchant, which is now displayed in the Rijksmuseum.



## Nita Driscoll, Middletown Branch President

Fall is fast approaching as we begin a new year of AAUW. As president again this year, I would like to thank the new board members, the appointed board of directors and all outgoing board members for their willingness to serve. A special thank you to Rose and Ed Grau for their continuing support of the garage sale. I am looking forward to an interesting and productive year.

The program co-vice presidents and I have been working all summer scheduling interesting mission based programs. Other board members and committees have been busy working on membership, special interest groups and projects. The program on September 12th will begin at 6 PM with a potluck dinner at Miami University Middletown in the Johnston Hall annex, room 136-37. The speaker will be Katrina Wilson, CEO of Freedom CDC. She will speak about women reentering the community from prison. This ties in with the U.S. Department of Justice declaring April 24-30 as National Reentry Week in 2016. Recently Butler and Warren Counties formed a coalition to address this issue. I attended the State Convention last April and one of the breakout sessions was Francis Jo Hamilton president of Restart. She discussed the work release program for first time women offenders and how reentering the community impacts us all. AAUW is a strong advocate of this issue.

At the September meeting we will be voting on the proposed budget for the 2016-17 year. Plan to attend Miami University Middletown’s 50<sup>th</sup> year Kick off Celebration on September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12-4 PM. There will be music, food and a free Kids’ Zone.

## September Voluntary Simplicity Gathering

Voluntary Simplicity will begin our new year on Tuesday, September 20. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. at Becky Ward’s home (618 Cambridge Drive). As stated in our Mission of Voluntary Simplicity, our focus will continue to be exploring ways to move toward a sustainable lifestyle. The topic for our first meeting will be about ways we can practice Mindfulness. We invite everyone who wants to become more intentional about simplifying their lives. Please RSVP to Becky Ward: [beckward@gmail.com](mailto:beckward@gmail.com) or 513/424-8409.

We will continue to follow our Mission of VS: *To serve as a support group to continue exploring ways to move toward a sustainable lifestyle, simplifying life, being sensitive to our families, the environment, and the world around us.*



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