

Advancing Equity for Women & Girls

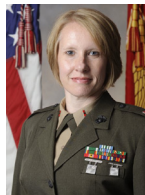


Middletown Newsletter

October 2016

Advocating for Veterans

Our October program will take place at the Middletown MidPoint Library Community Room at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 10, 2016. Our speaker will be Middletown native, Caroline Bier, Marine Corps veteran and first female Executive Director for the Butler County Veterans Service Commission. Her topic will be "Advocating for Veterans."



In November we will meet on Monday, November 14, at 7:00 pm at Central Connections, 3907 Central Avenue, to learn more about the Silent Witness Project.

Holiday Bazaar Just Around the Corner

It is time for the sixth annual holiday bazaar and we need your help to ensure that we have a successful event. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to donate items, as well, as attend the event. **WHAT DO WE NEED?**

DONATIONS of new/gently used holiday items including:

- Holiday decorations of all kinds
- Items that can be "regifted"
- Hand crafted items
- Holiday linens and dishes
- Holiday books, games, puzzles and toys
- CD's, records, DVD's and videos

SWEET SHOP DONATIONS – HOMEMADE

- Candy
- Cookies, brownies and bar cookies
- Specialty breads and muffins
- Snack mix and caramel corn
- Pie and cake
- Jam/jelly or other homemade items
- Specialty items: gluten free, no eggs and items for the diabetic diet.

NOTE: Mark items with the name and specify if there are nuts and/or fruit. Share the recipe and/or ingredient list if you want.

PACKAGE items in clear wrap or bags so they can be seen. Please bring your homemade sweet shop items on Thursday, November 10. The door will be open at 9:00 am

WORK DAYS will be Monday and Tuesday, November 7 and 8 from 9:00-12:00. We will be pricing and preparing for the sale, let me know when you can help.

DAYS OF THE SALE we will need two workers at the checkout table and some folks to circulate, helping customers and just being visible.

CALL ME to set up a time to bring your donations or watch for Saturday Drop Off Days.

BRANCH PREVIEW will be Thursday evening, November 10 from 6:00-8:00 pm

PROCEEDS ARE USED to further the mission and program of our branch.

SPREAD THE WORD about our Holiday Bazaar, posters will be available at the October meeting.

QUESTIONS and/or CONCERNS: Rose Grau at 513-424-1969 or edrosegrau@cinci.rr.com.

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 10, 7pm

October Program and Meeting
MidPoint Library Community
Room, Middletown
Speaker: Caroline Bier

Thursday, October 20, 7 pm

Joy Luck Book Club
The Miniaturist
by Jessie Burton
Pam Pearson's Home

Monday, October 24, 7pm

Board Meeting
Location TBD

Monday, November 7, 9-12

Tuesday, November 8, 9-12
Holiday Bazaar Work Days

Thursday, November 10, 6-8pm

Branch Holiday Bazaar Preview

Friday & Saturday
November 11 & 12

Holiday Bazaar
4312 Walton Court, Middletown

Tuesday, November 15, 7pm

Voluntary Simplicity

Thursday, November 17, 7pm

Joy Luck Book Club
*Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a
Family and Culture in Crisis*
by J.D. Vance
Lynne Rentschler's home

“Joy Luck” Book Club

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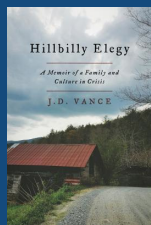
Originally recommended by Betty Patterson, *The Miniaturist* is a masterful debut novel set in 17th century Amsterdam, a city ruled by glittering wealth and oppressive religion. An international best seller, it is rich in atmosphere and shimmering with mystery, finding its inspiration in an ostentatious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

Next Month’s Book Club

November 17 at 7 pm
 Lynne Rentschler’s home
Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance

The book everyone in Middletown can’t wait to read...about Middletown. *Hillbilly Elegy* is a powerful memoir of growing up in a “Rust Belt town,” written by a poor white boy who went on to join the U.S. Marines and graduate from Yale Law School. Having ignited a broader discussion of what it’s like to grow up poor and white in America, J.D. Vance is being interviewed by NPR and reviewed by all camps, from the National Review and The American Conservative to The New York Times.

This book was suggested by numerous book club members. We’re giving you advance notice, as the library request lists are long. Several of us have purchased a copy, so there may be some copies to borrow if you attend the October meeting.



Nita Driscoll, Middletown Branch President

Reconnecting. We kicked off our 2016-2017 program with a well-attended potluck social in Miami University-Middletown’s Community Room. It was good to reconnect with everyone after our summer break. Following dinner, Katrina Wilson, CEO of Freedom Development Corporation, educated attendees about her non-profit organization’s important volunteer work with prisoners before and after they return to the community.

Named Gifts Awards. Each year we honor two members with the Named Gifts Awards. These women have shown exemplary support of AAUW’s vision, mission, and activities. The Branch makes donations to AAUW National’s Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) in their names and presents them with certificates of recognition. The LAF supports the legal rights of those who are facing sex discrimination. Send your nominees’ names, brief biographies, and AAUW accomplishments to Cari Hillman, AAUW Funds Chair, chillman@midpointelibrary.org. All attendees will vote for this year’s honorees at our November Branch meeting.

Vote! Please exercise your right to vote this year. October 11 is the deadline to register to vote in November 8’s Presidential election. If you are already registered, make sure your registration is active and current on the Ohio Secretary of State’s website: <http://voterlookup.sos.state.oh.us/voterlookup.aspx>

Save these dates! The Ohio AAUW Equity Day and Convention will be held May 5-6, 2017, at the DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel in Worthington, a suburb of Columbus, OH. AAUW’s national convention will be held June 14-17, 2017, at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, DC.

Next Voluntary Simplicity Gathering

Our Voluntary Simplicity group meets bi-monthly on the third Tuesday. We met in September to begin the new AAUW year and are continuing our study of Mindfulness.

Our next meeting will be November 15 on the topic of *Sensitivity and Simplicity: Dealing With Families*. As always, we invite you to join us.

The mission of Voluntary Simplicity is: *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.*

Register Now for the 2017 AAUW National Convention

Registration is now open for the AAUW National Convention! Join us June 14–17 in Washington, D.C., to lobby Congress, hone your leadership skills, and network with AAUW leaders. Register now to take advantage of the best-value rate and save more than \$25.

