

## Middletown's Marsh Sisters our November Speakers



Our November 9 meeting will take place in the Middletown High School Media Center at 7:00 pm. We are looking forward to hearing our guest speakers, educational consultants, Marla and Monica Marsh, who are former members of Middletown's AAUW. Marla retired from the Middletown City School District in January 2014 after serving as a teacher and principal, while Monica, who also worked for the Middletown district, retired in December 2013 from Butler Technology Career Development Schools. Both

sisters have co-authored two curriculums that focus on Cultural Competency and Character Education, and their work is now a general requirement course at their alma mater, The Ohio State University. They will be speaking to us about An Introduction to Cultural Proficiency.

Our December 7 meeting will focus on students. We hope to hear from our BeWise campers, and our performers for the evening will be from the Middletown High School Speech and Debate Team, under the direction of Bill Prater. We will be meeting at 7:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church.

## Holiday Bazaar

WORK DAYS will be Monday and Tuesday, November 9 and 10, door will be open at 9:00 am. Come when you can and help us price and make last minute preparations.

SWEET SHOP items can be delivered anytime on Thursday, doors open at 9:00 am. this gives us time to prepare the items for the Preview Sale.

PREVIEW SALE for the BRANCH MEMBERS will be Thursday, November 12 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Come and enjoy some hot cider, sample the goodies, shop if you like, see our event in full bloom and just enjoy the social time with other branch members.

INVITE family and friends to come to the fifth annual Holiday Bazaar on Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14 from 9:00-3:00 pm at 4312 Walton Court, Middletown. We have a nice inventory of holiday items and always have delicious homemade goodies in the Sweet Shop. We have worked diligently to be ready for this event so now spread the word.

LEFT OVERS - Yes, we always have items left over and we attempt to distribute them in a responsible way. If you know of an organization or project that could benefit from any of our stuff please give me a call and we will honor your request if at all possible.

THANKS! Rose at 513-424-1969 or edrosegrau@cinci.rr.com.

## Calendar of Events

### November Branch Meeting & Program

Monday, November 9, 7 pm  
Middletown High School Media  
Center

Speakers: Marla & Monica Marsh

### Holiday Bazaar Work Days

Monday and Tuesday,  
November 9 & 10, 9:00 am  
4312 Walton Court – Middletown

### Holiday Bazaar Preview for Members

Thursday, November 12, 6-8 pm  
4312 Walton Court – Middletown

### Holiday Bazaar

Friday & Saturday  
November 13 & 14, 9am-3pm  
4312 Walton Court – Middletown

### Voluntary Simplicity

Tuesday, November 17, 7pm  
Beth Crout's Home  
5389 Wayne Madison Road,  
Trenton

### Joy Luck Book Club

Thursday, November 19, 7 pm  
*The Faith Club: A Muslim, A  
Christian, A Jew – Three Women  
Search for Understanding*  
by Ranya Idliby  
Emilie Marcikic's Home

### Board Meeting

Monday, November 23, 7pm  
MidPointe Library  
Conference room B

A red Christmas ornament with the AAUW logo and the text 'empowering women since 1911' hanging from a gold chain.

Middletown AAUW  
invites you to our  
**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

Friday & Saturday  
November 13 & 14  
9:00am to 3:00pm

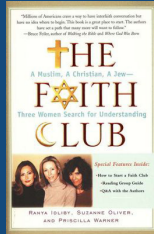
4312 Walton Court - Middletown  
(Central to Currier to Walton)

featuring  
New and gently used holiday decorations,  
gift items, hand crafted items, "Sweet Shop"

## "Joy Luck" Book Club

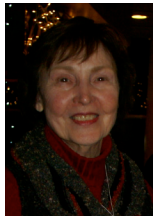
November 19 at 7 pm  
*The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew – Three Women Search for Understanding*  
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This book was recommended to us last September by guest speaker Shakila Ahmad, president of the Board of Directors of the Islamic Mosque in Cincinnati. Amazon calls it "a groundbreaking book about Americans searching for faith and mutual respect...[that] weaves the story of three women, their three religions, and their urgent quest to understand one another."



## Next Month's Book Club

SAVE THE DATE: Dec. 17 at 7 pm



## Nita Driscoll, Middletown Branch President

The 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon was a huge success. We had almost sixty enthusiastic participants and received proclamations from Middletown city mayor, Larry Mulligan, Jr., presented by Vice mayor, Joe Mulligan. The proclamation from Butler County Commissioners was brought by Flora Butler and presented by Middletown councilwoman Anita Scott-Jones. A proclamation from State Representative Tim Derickson is forthcoming. Our speaker Julie Graber gave an excellent program.

A special thank you to Tina Newlin, Betty Jo Baker for their extra help at the luncheon and to Pam Pearson who designed the table centerpieces. Also to our loyal photographer, Suzy Tadych.

Every member's participation is needed to keep our organization moving forward. Paraphrasing Benjamin Franklin quote we must all hang together or we will surely hang separately. The upcoming events, the Holiday Bazaar and Light up Middletown offer an opportunity to volunteer.

The Book Sale committee is still looking for a home for the annual sale next year. They would welcome any ideas you may have.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Branch meeting.



From L to R: Branch President, Nita Driscoll with Vice mayor, Joe Mulligan, Flora Butler & Nita, Past Branch Presidents in attendance; Anita Shew, Virginia Palmer, Anne Frantz, Katie McNeil, Tina Newlin & Nita Driscoll, City Councilwoman, Anita Scott-Jones, Debbie Worbis, & Nita with speaker, Julie Graber.



## Middletown AAUW Branch Celebrates 90 Years!

Middletown Branch AAUW members and guests celebrated our 90th Year Anniversary with a special luncheon at Brown's Run Country Club, Saturday October 10, 2015.

President Nita Driscoll received three proclamations for the Branch on this Anniversary occasion. A Proclamations declaring this day as AAUW Middletown Branch Day was read by Middletown City Council Vice-Mayor Joe Mulligan. Anita Scott Jones, Middletown City Council, standing in for a representative of the Butler County Commissioners, read a Proclamation also declaring that date as AAUW Middletown Branch day. Also received, but not read at the luncheon, was a Proclamation from the Ohio House of Representatives, sent by Representative Tim Derickson.

Past Presidents were recognized for their service to the Branch; in attendance were Tina Newlin (twice), Katie McNeil, Anne Frantz, Anita Shew, Virginia Palmer (twice). Keynote speaker, Julie Graber, CEO of Gender EQA, spoke on the power of statistical data to show women's past and current status in corporate, governmental and educational arenas and the value of gender equalizing legislation (Title IX, etc.) in expanding career opportunities for women. Both her powerpoint presentation and the distributed quiz sheet illustrated her research.

Almost 60 members and guests enjoyed visiting at the tables decorated with college alumni yearbooks and other education-related memorabilia and reminiscing about the past years' Branch activities at the scrapbook tables.

Current Board Members are Nita Driscoll, President, Michelle Piegrass and Deborah Worbis, Program VP, Anita Shew and Beth Miller, Membership VP, Robin Becker, Recording Secretary, Karen Jones, Finance Officer, Paula Cohen, Corresponding Secretary, Paula Lindon, AAUW Funds, Melissa Worbis, Diversity, Ginny Palmer, Social Media & College & Univ. Relations, Katie McNeil, Public Policy, Libby Able, Sharon Dowden, & Tina Newlin, Book Sale Co-Chairs. AAUW, formerly the American Association of University Women, was founded on October 21, 1925 with 12 charter members. Know today as the "Used Book Sale People", the Branch has over the years contributed to area communities' quality of life, worked toward the solution of social and civic problems and expanded its philanthropy (primarily from its spring book sale event) beyond college scholarships to GED fees, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, STEM camp for Middle School girls, and national grants and fellowships.

—Anita Shew

## November Voluntary Simplicity

Please join us for our November Voluntary Simplicity gathering. We will meet at 7:00 pm. Tuesday, November 17, at the home Beth Crout, 5389 Wayne Madison Road, Trenton. Paula Lindon will facilitate a discussion about "Decluttering: Where magic meets hard work." We will also practice a mindfulness/meditation exercise. Please RSVP to Beth: (H) 513 988-9837 or (C) 513 460-8408.

We 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.

## Light Up Middletown

Light Up Middletown is coming soon. We will be working again this year each night Friday December 11 through Thursday December 17 at the gate greeting and accepting donations. We need four volunteers each night, working in two shifts. times are 5:45-8:00 pm and 7:45-10:00 pm. Spouses and friends can help. Please consider helping as you plan for the holidays.

## Great Decisions 2016

Visit [http://www.fpa.org/news/index.cfm?act=show\\_announcement&announcement\\_id=393](http://www.fpa.org/news/index.cfm?act=show_announcement&announcement_id=393) for information about the 2016 Foreign Policy Association's Great Decisions program.

Katie McNeil will register a study group with the Foreign Policy Association to meet at the MidPointe Library in Middletown, and take care of ordering study guides to sell to individuals as well as the PBS DVD.

2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7-8:30pm starting January 28.

January 28	Middle East
February 11	The Rise of ISIS
February 25	The Future of Kurdistan
March 10	Migration
March 24	The Koreans
April 14	The United Nations
April 28	Climate Change
May 12	Cuba and the U.S.

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