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Middletown Newsletter

November 2017

Former First Lady of Ohio Hope Taft November Speaker



Our branch will gather on Monday November 13, 7:00pm at the Miami University Middletown Campus Library (Gardner-Harvey). Our speaker is Former First Lady of Ohio (1999-2007) Hope Taft. A recognized speaker, authority and advocate in substance abuse and treatment since the mid 80's, Mrs. Taft has championed for the cause of ending drug abuse. She served on the State Board that regulates the licensing of professionals who work to treat and prevent drug and alcohol abuse.

She has worked on various environmental and native plant projects. As the First Lady of Ohio she helped create the Ohio Heritage Garden at the Governor's Residence.

Since moving to Greene County in 2007 she co-founded the Little Miami River Kleeners and the Little Miami Watershed Network. She is the President of the Board of Trustees for the Tandara Foundation founded by her daughter Anna in 2006. The Tandara Foundation is a non-profit organization which weaves friendships and empowers communities in Ecuador and Mali, West Africa through scholarships and volunteer vacations focused on health care, gardening and community infrastructure. Mrs. Taft was reared in Camden, Arkansas and is a graduate of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

We have invited other like organizations to this meeting and AAUW members at large as well. **We will be collecting donated items (listed on the last page) at this meeting.** –Submitted by Nita Driscoll

November Voluntary Simplicity Gathering

At our September meeting, Betty Patterson presented information about REAL Certification (Responsible Epicurean and Agricultural Leadership) and "Green Eating." As a followup, for our November meeting we have reservations for lunch at the Wildflower Cafe in Mason on November 21 at 11:00am. After a presentation by one of their staff to tell us Wildflower's story as a farm-to-table restaurant, we will enjoy a meal prepared with local, seasonal, organic ingredients. Voluntary Simplicity participants who want to come to the luncheon and were not at the September meeting, please call Becky Ward (513/424-8409) by Monday, November 13 to add your name to the list.

We continue to follow our Mission of Voluntary Simplicity: 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.



Calendar of Events

Holiday Bazaar Member Preview

Thursday, November 9
6:00-8:00 pm

Holiday Bazaar

Friday, November 10, 9am-3pm
Saturday, November 11, 9am-3pm

Monday, November 13, 7:00pm

Program & Branch Meeting
Gardner-Harvey Library

Thursday, November 16, 7:00 pm

Joy Luck Book Club
The Other Einstein Marie Benedict
Lynne Rentschler's home

Tuesday, November 21, 11:00am

Voluntary Simplicity
Wildflower Café, Mason

Thursday, December 7 through

Wednesday December 13
5:45pm-10:00pm
Light Up Middletown

Monday, December 11, 7:00pm

Program & Branch Meeting
Pendleton Art Center

Thursday, December 14, 7:00 pm

Joy Luck Book Club
Book & Location TBA



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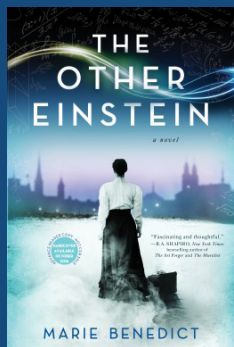
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“Joy Luck” Book Club

Thursday, November 16 at 7:00 pm
The Other Einstein – Marie Benedict
 Lynne Rentschler’s home

This novel, suggested by Lynne, is the story of Mitza Maric, Einstein’s wife, who was a brilliant physicist in her own right. Her contribution to the special theory of relativity is hotly debated and may have been inspired by her own profound and



very personal insight. If you enjoyed *The Paris Wife* or *Circling the Sun*, this may be right up your alley.

REVISED DATE!

Thursday, December 14 at 7 pm

We’re moving Book Club up a week earlier than normal due to the holidays.

If you’d be willing to host, please contact Sharon Williamson. Book to be announced soon.

Light Up Middletown

AAUW’s Light Up Middletown volunteers will work Thursday, December 7-Wednesday December 13. Volunteers are needed for 5:45-8:00pm and 7:45 until 10:00pm. Members may sign up to volunteer at the November meeting.



Carolyn Smith, Middletown Branch President

Some Comfort and Joy

I awoke to two inches of rain followed by wet snow as I took the dog out the morning I began this writing. There was a bounce in my step and Rowlf’s from the frigid air. But I also got excited because the days of comfort and joy are ahead. When fall creeps up, I long for blankets, comfort foods, reading by fire and time with family. I long to just sit back for a while and forget about the rest of the world. I dream of hot chocolate. Or hot tea. Or heated cider. We all need those comforts because they charge our batteries and get us ready for the work that needs done in spite of the looming cold.

November brings us numerous opportunities to move outside ourselves to make the world a better place. It is fitting, I think, in the coming season of thanks-giving and gift-giving that we tune in to the needs of those beyond our close circle of family and friends: the hungry, the displaced, the abused, the lonely, the sick. We find those opportunities locally through our churches, our schools, our food banks, and community organizations. November offers evidence of how Middletown AAUW members reach out and donate to raise the lives of women everywhere:

- This month, our checks for the national AAUW General Fund and the Legal Aid fund are disbursed.
- This month, we are donating garage sale bonus earnings to the Middletown Community Foundation to build up our endowment against leaner times.
- This month, for our AAUW program we will hear about another opportunity to raise the lives of others. Former First Lady of Ohio, Hope Taft, will discuss her work with the Tandana Foundation, in particular the work to send medical aid, personnel, and educational supplies to a needy village in Ecuador.
- This month, our scholarship recipients to the summer BeWISE Camp are invited to attend our meeting.

The November meeting will be held at the Gardner/Harvey Library on the Middletown Campus at 7 pm on November 13. This meeting offers an opportunity to donate to the Tandana Foundation. Don’t forget to bring supplies from the needs list printed last month. (We have reprinted the list of medical and educational needs in this newsletter.) Mrs. Taft has also indicated she is interested in books for children in Spanish and English.

Looking Ahead:

Our December meeting at the Pendleton Art Center will allow us to play with art and learn about the philanthropic work of Sue Whitman in a program entitled “Art and Philanthropy.” Mark your calendars for Monday, December 11 at 7:00pm. A little comfort and joy are due while we learn!



Time for the Holiday Bazaar



WORK DAYS will be Monday and Tuesday, November 6 and 7, door will be open at 9:00am, come when you can and help us price and make last minute preparations.

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

PREVIEW SALE for the branch members will be Thursday, November 9 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. 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 seventh annual Holiday Bazaar on Friday and Saturday, November 10 and 11 from 9:00-3:00 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 leftovers, 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

Need a Location for Book Sale

Once again, AAUW is looking for a home for our Spring 2018 Used Book Sale. Last year's location has been rented. We are looking at other space in the Middletown Shopping Center but wish to reach out for other places/ideas. We need at least 2500 square feet of usable space (indoors with no roof leaks), need to be easily accessible with ample parking, especially during the days of the sale. Contact Tina Newlin, 513-424-1120.



Left to right: Monica Nenni, West Central Wine, Ami Vitori Kimener, Torchlight Pass (Gracie's, etc.); Lauren Matus, SoulCraft Studios were our panelists at the October branch meeting at the Workforce Services building at Butler Tech.

Great Decisions 2018

The mission of the Foreign Policy Association today, as it has been throughout its 99-year history, is to serve as a catalyst for developing awareness, understanding, and informed opinion on U.S. foreign policy and global issues. Through its balanced, nonpartisan programs and publications, the FPA encourages citizens to participate in the foreign policy process.

More information can be obtained on the FPA website. <http://fpa.org/about/>

AAUW members and the public are welcome to the following discussion study evenings.. Ten background reading books have been ordered and can be obtained from me for a cost of \$25 after the first of the new year. In addition to the reading, a DVD with additional background on the topic is shown at each meeting.

Please consider joining the program on the following dates: (2nd and 4th Thursdays, Jan. through April.) 7-8:30 pm Places are still being arranged and will be announced.

- January 22** The waning of Pax Americana?
- January 25** Russia's foreign policy
- February 8** China and America: the new geopolitical equation
- February 22** Media and foreign policy
- March 8** Turkey: a partner in crisis
- March 22** U.S. global engagement and the military
- April 12** South Africa's fragile democracy
- April 26** Global health: progress and challenges

Katie McNeil-Middletown branch
Public Policy chair

Preview of November Meeting with Former First Lady of Ohio, Hope Taft

For our November 13 program, Middletown AAUW will meet at the Gardner-Harvey Library on the Miami Middletown Campus to hear Hope Taft discuss The Tandana Foundation. AAUW members can collect donations for that meeting to provide basic clinical services and summer school programs for rural highland villages around Otavalo, Ecuador. Here is a list of needed items:

- Large old suitcases that can make a one-way trip
- Sunglasses, adult and children
- Reader glasses of all strengths (no prescription glasses, please)
- Vitamins of all types, children's chewable, pregnant women, adult, seniors and one-a-days (no gummy ones)
- Ibuprofen- 200 & 400 mg
- Tylenol/acetaminophen- 325 & 500 mg
- Children/infant Tylenol drops
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste like the dentist gives out- (don't need floss) i.e. individually wrapped toothbrushes and sample size toothpaste
- Sample size hand creams, lotions and sample size sunscreen
- Chap stick
- Refresh eye drops and Saline eye drops
- Pepto-Bismol tablets
- Cough syrup- Robitussin for children and adults
- Aleve/Naproxen
- Baby aspirin or aspirin 81 mg
- Benedryl/diphenhydramine tablets/capsules
- Immodium/loperamide tablets
- Bisacodyl/Ducolax tablets
- Cetirizine/Zyrtec (allergy) tablets
- Tums or equivalent chewable anti-acid tablets
- Hydrocortisone cream (individual size)
- Vaseline (small travel size tube or jar)
- CASH for patient follow-up efforts
- Envelopes: #10, 6 x 9, 10 x 13
- Construction paper
- Border paper
- Pencils
- Colored markers
- Ink pens
- Zip lock bags, all sizes



A large suitcase will be provided at the November meeting to hold items donated by membership. Learn more about The Tandana Foundation at <http://tandanafoundation.org>.

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