

## Exploring Global Issues of Women & Girls



Middletown Newsletter

January 2015

### Putting a Stop to Human Trafficking

AAUW Middletown Branch meeting will be at the MidPointe Library on **Saturday January 10** at 10:30 am. Our speaker is Sister Joan Krimm, Sister of Notre Dame de Namur. She will speak about Human Trafficking and Sexual Slavery. Sister Krimm is a retired teacher and has been a Nun for more than six decades now works with the FBI to end Human Trafficking and Sexual Slavery.

Sister Krimm has taught in several Catholic schools in Ohio. She served as a Missionary in Brazil for 10 years where she taught Religion and English, Educational Psychology and Practice Teaching, trained leaders in Church Ministry, Facilitated youth groups, sacramental preparation in villages, worked with prostitutes in Croatia.

Presently she is the Facilitator of Justice and Peace Activities for the Ohio Unit of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

*Sister Joan Krimm.*

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usatoday.com*



### Voluntary Simplicity - Please Note Changes

Voluntary Simplicity will attend the Verity Traditions program on January 20, which will be a discussion of "Living Well and Mindfulness" and be presented by Lauren Matus from the MUM faculty. Mindfulness practices are used across many health fields and successfully help people reduce stress and anxiety while improving physical health. Discussion topics could include why some methods of stress relief work and others don't, and how mindfulness can be applied at home, in the workplace and at school. This event will be held at the Verity Lodge on the MUM campus and will begin with complimentary food at around 5:30pm and the program from 6:00-7:00pm.

Following the presentation we will "wrap up" our meeting at Rose Grau's home, 4312 Walton Court – Middletown. Our scheduled program is "Taking steps to inner simplicity" and we feel the Verity program will offer some good insight to our subject. We hope to see you Tuesday, January 20 at Verity Lodge, 6:00pm for the program and if you plan to enjoy the light supper be there around 5:30pm. Please RSVP to Rose at 513-424-1969 or edrosegrau@cinci.rr.com.

## Calendar of Events

**Tuesdays and Saturdays**

**10am to 12noon**

Book Sorting & Pricing

4481 Marie Drive, Kittyhawk Plaza

**Saturday, January 10, 10:30am**

Branch Meeting & Program

MidPointe Library Middletown

**Thursday, January 15, 7pm**

Joy Luck Book Club

*Under the Wide and Starry Sky*

Katie McNeil's Home

**Sunday, January 18**

Diversity Outing

Cincinnati Museum Center

Ominmax film, Jerusalem

Meet at book site 12:30pm

**Tuesday, January 20, 6pm**

Voluntary Simplicity

& Verity Traditions Program

Verity Lodge then Rose Grau's

**Monday, January 26, 7-8:45pm**

Board Meeting

MidPointe Library Middletown

Conference Room B

## Light Up Thanks

Thanks to all of you who volunteered to work for Light Up Middletown this year and in the past. This year's crowd was so large at times that the local police even tried to find ways to make the line move faster. Middletown would lose a wonderful sign of Christmas if Light Up volunteers didn't help with this wonderful light show.

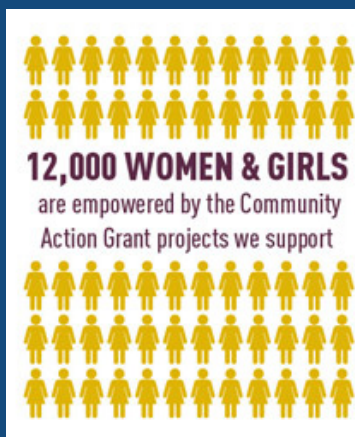
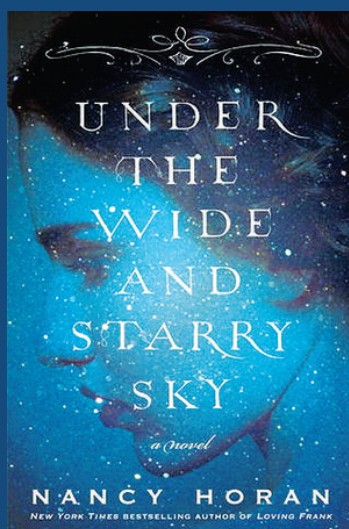
Thanks again and Happy New Year,  
Paula Lindon

## “Joy Luck” Book Club

Date: January 15 at 7 pm  
 Book: *Under the Wide and Starry Sky* by Nancy Horan  
 Venue: Katie McNeil’s Home

This month’s selection is *Under A Wide and Starry Sky* by Nancy Horan. There’s still time to read it and join the discussion.

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Loving Frank* comes a much-anticipated second novel, which tells the improbable love story of Scottish writer Robert Louis Stevenson and his tempestuous American wife, Fanny.



## Virginia Palmer, Middletown Branch President

One of the great things about writing this column is getting to say “Happy New Year!” twice - at the beginning of our program year in September and now at the beginning of a brand new calendar year. 2014 ended with our branch participating both in Light Up Middletown and in the planning for the school construction projects on the Middletown High School campus. Thank you to all who took part in both and to our “3-C” December branch meeting hospitality committee - Wanda Campbell, Jessica Chandler, and Carol Colclasure.

Our branch welcomes 2015 with anything but January doldrums! We have the Great Decisions discussions beginning on January 8 and continuing every second and fourth Thursday through April. There’s a branch meeting on Saturday the 10th, Joy Luck book discussion on the 15th, and Voluntary Simplicity on the 20th. Not to mention a diversity outing on the 18th and ongoing book sale prep every Tuesday and Saturday morning. You can read more about all of these activities elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thank you to each member who coordinates and leads these branch activities and to all the members who participate.



*The Purple Pizazz Show Choir from Middletown High School performed for members at the December meeting.*



*December speaker Karin Maney, the Director of the CBI Middletown, Inc. with Co-Program VP, Nita Driscoll.*



*Dec. 6 tour of Islamic Center of Greater Cincinnati. Left to right: Debbie Worbis, Virginia Palmer, Lois Wood, Chris Buchert, Wanda Campbell, guest Rebecca Zartner, Melissa Worbis, Nita Driscoll, Carolyn Smith.*



## Get Out the Word about Book Sale

Happy New Year from the book sale committee. It is now January and time to start the big push to get ready for the book sale in March. More books are needed so talk to friends, pass out book marks and send out messages on facebook and email. Sorting, pricing and arranging books still takes place on Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 10:00 am - noon. You will be notified by email when extra work days begin. Getting ready for this major fundraiser brings our AAUW members closer together as we work, laugh and share thoughts about books.

## What to do with those "Unwanted Gifts"

As you put your holiday decorations away sort out those things that you no longer use and save them for the 2015 bazaar. If you received gifts that you cannot use, save them for us to "regift" NOW is the time to think about this while it is fresh on your mind. Thank you!

## Getting to Know You

**Lindsay Shockley** is a Miami grad with a bachelor's degree in Integrated Studies. She is the coordinator of the MidPointe Library System Outreach Department and the Ohio Talking Book Program for this area. She says, "I enjoy everything technology, especially teaching adult senior computer classes." She and her husband just finished rehabbing their first home in Middletown which they share with 2 dogs and 2 cats. She joined AAUW to become more active in the community, meet new people and support her love for learning.

## Great Decisions 2015

This is your invitation to be part of a national program that involves citizens to discover, discuss and decide to give their input on foreign affairs public policy. Members from AAUW have enjoyed for many years the interesting, timely topics.

Great Decision topics for 2015 include:

- Russia and the Near Abroad
- Privacy in the Digital Age
- Sectarianism in the Middle East
- India Changes Course
- U.S. Policy Toward Africa
- Syria's Refugee Crisis
- Human Trafficking
- Brazil in Metamorphosis

The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of January, February, March and April from 7-8:30pm at the MidPointe Middletown Library. The PBS produced DVD will be shown each meeting on the topics and then discussion follows from the reading. Come to any or all of the evenings.



## Diversity Event

This diversity event will be at the Duke Energy Cincinnati Museum Center on Sunday January 18. The events going on are the Omnimax film about Jerusalem. The film follows the life of three different families of different faiths. We will also visit the Mummies exhibit. The mummies are from around the world and from different time periods. We do need to buy our tickets soon and if we have 15 members or more we can get a group rate. We will meet at the book site to carpool 12:30pm and visit the Mummies exhibit first and then see the movie at 3:00pm. The cost without a group rate is: \$7.50 for the Omnimax movie and \$19.50 for the exhibit for adults \$17.50 for seniors (60+) Museum member adults \$12.50.

Please RSVP to Mel Worbis 513-292-2109 or email [worbisimm@gmail.com](mailto:worbisimm@gmail.com)

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