

Exploring Global Issues of Women & Girls



Middletown Newsletter

February 2015

February Program Focuses on Heart Health

In observance of National Heart Month the February meeting will be on the 9th at 7:00pm. We will meet at the Atrium Medical Center auditorium on the 5th floor. The address is One Medical Center Drive.



Our Speaker is Carol J. Turner, President and CEO of Atrium Medical Center. She will speak about how a hospital is managed. Ms. Turner began her career more than 32 years ago as a Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at the Middletown Regional Hospital.

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Dayton and a Master of Science degree in Health Care Administration from Central Michigan University. Ms. Turner was recognized by the Ohio Diversity Council in 2014 as one of the most powerful and influential women.

We will have a short tour of the Atrium Medical center and refreshments.

AAUW Members Enjoy Cultural Outing

We had a great time seeing the mummies from around the world. The examples were from Africa, Europe, South America, North America and from different Pacific Islands. It was interesting to see the comparisons of naturally created mummies to those that were man made. It was a very informative exhibit that needs more than an hour to get a fair view of all the extraordinary research. Then we went to see the Omnimax film of Jerusalem and how the three monotheistic religious groups fight for this land and yet still try to leave in some harmony. It was intriguing to see the lives of three adolescent girls and how they lived in Jerusalem. It was also great opportunity to see stunning views of the region, to see the architecture of the area, and to learn more about the history of the city.
– Melissa Worbis

Members in attendance: Debbie Worbis, Mel Worbis, Margie Homan, Lindsay & Tom Ogg, Myra Hahn, and Ginny Draa & guest.



Calendar of Events

Thursday, February 26 & March 5
Every Tuesday & Saturday
10am to 12noon

Book Sorting & Pricing
4481 Marie Drive, Kittyhawk Plaza

Monday, February 9, 7:00pm
Branch Meeting & Program
Atrium Medical Center

Thursday, February 19, 7pm
Joy Luck Book Club
The Pearl that Broke Its Shell
by Nadia Hashimi
Carolyn Smith's Home

Monday, February 23, 7-8:45pm
Board Meeting
MidPointe Library Middletown
Conference Room B

Monday, March 9, 5:00pm
Soup Supper & Branch Meeting
Used Book Sale Site
4481 Marie Drive, Kittyhawk Plaza

59th Annual Used Book Sale
Thursday, March 12, 5pm-8pm
Friday, March 13, 10am-8pm
Saturday, March 14, 10am-6pm
Sunday, March 15, 12noon-5pm

Thursday, March 19, 7:00pm
Jan Runkle's Home
Someone, by Alice McDermott



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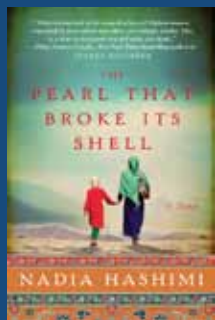
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“Joy Luck” Book Club

Thursday, February 19, 7:00pm
 Carolyn Smith’s Home
The Pearl that Broke Its Shell
 by Nadia Hashimi

A luminous tale of two women, destiny, and identity in Afghanistan. With a drug-addicted father and no brothers, Rahima becomes a bacha posh, a girl dressed as a boy. She gains freedoms that were previously unimaginable... freedom that transforms her forever. A century earlier, her orphaned ancestor Shekiba saved herself and built a new life in the same way—the change took her from a rural village to the opulence of a king’s palace in

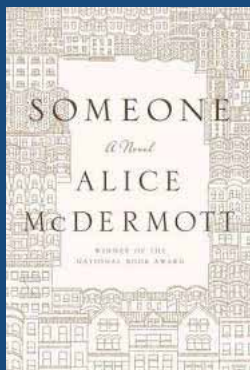


bustling Kabul. Crisscrossing in time, *The Pearl That Broke Its Shell* interweaves the stories of two remarkable women who are

separated by a century but share the same courage and dreams.

Next Month’s Book Club

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Virginia Palmer, Middletown Branch President

OK, it’s THAT time of year again. Valentine’s Day time? No. Income tax time? No. Garden planting planning time? No. Well, it IS all of those times, but the one that’s significant to our branch is Nominating Time for 2015-16 officers. Active branch members Barb Balsmeyer, Suzy Tadych, and Becky Ward have agreed to make up the nominating committee and they have my heartfelt thanks for doing so. Over the next several weeks they will be working hard to shape AAUW Middletown’s future with a slate of officers to take us into our 91st year of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*

So, is it YOUR time to take on a leadership role in our branch? This organization is thriving and in good financial shape. Participating at the leadership level is stimulating and rewarding. I hope you will be willing to say “Yes, it’s TIME!” when a member of the nominating committee contacts you.

*Recognize the AAUW Mission Statement?

Book Sale News Update

The book sale site is growing more crowded with fantastic books. We just received a huge selection of science fiction and fantasy titles. The sale is now approximately six weeks away. So far we have had enough workers so we only need to work on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Thank you and keep coming out to work. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, move books to appropriate tables and arrange the books for the sale. We will add Thursday morning work days on February 26 and March 5 and let you know if more are needed.

There is a sign up sheet at the book sale site to sign up to work the sale. It will

also be available at the February branch meeting or you may call or email Chris Buchert (513-292-0420 or tcbuch@yahoo.com) to sign up. Plan to sign up for about four or five hours. The sale site is smaller than last year so we will need to give the customers space to move around the tables. There are also posters available to put up around town. We still have bookmarks so you can refresh places where you delivered them earlier or pass them out at a new place. Please pick some up at the February branch meeting.

The branch meeting on March 9 will give everyone an opportunity to check out the sale site and help with sorting and finishing touches.

American Association of University Women

59th Annual Used Book Sale

March 12-15, 2015

Kittyhawk Plaza, 4481 Marie Drive, Middletown

<p>Thursday, March 12 \$5 Pre-Sale 5 pm - 8 pm</p> <p>Friday, March 13 10 am - 8 pm</p> <p>Saturday, March 14 10 am - 6 pm</p> <p>Sunday, March 15 \$6 Bag Sale Noon - 5 pm</p>	<p style="font-size: small; color: blue;">Fundraiser for College Scholarships! Promote Literacy! Recycle!</p> <p style="font-size: small; color: green;">Gently used books, children’s books, puzzles, games, CDs, DVDs</p> <p style="font-size: small; color: blue;">Books individually priced - Cash only</p>
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Looking Ahead to March Branch Meeting

The March meeting of Middletown AAUW will be on Monday, March 9 at 5:00pm with the Annual Book Sale Soup Supper and Book Sale Prep as the program. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm. Members are encouraged to come early to our new book sale location at 4481 Marie Drive to prep for the sale which will begin the following Thursday, March 12. We request soup, breads, crackers, vegetable and fruit trays, and cookies, etc. With



good food and good company, members will make a final push to ready our biggest fundraiser. Please sign up to bring goodies at the February meeting or contact Carolyn Smith at 937-657-9548 or csrsmith48@aol.com.

Getting to Know You

Barbara McClean is a graduate of Georgetown College (majors in English and Speech), received her Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Xavier University, and did doctoral studies at Xavier and Univ. of Dayton. She taught English at Monroe High School and was guidance counselor at both Middletown High School and Bishop Fenwick High School. Presently, she is a volunteer at Cincinnati State's Middletown campus, counseling and processing scholarship information for students. Her son, Michael, an attorney in Greensboro, NC, practices ElderLaw (purposefully, she says, to keep Mom out of trouble). The other love of her life is her grandson, a freshman at the Univ. of North Carolina. Already, Barbara has witnessed the sincere dedication and educational intent of AAUW, which was important in her decision to join the organization. She says "What I have also felt is the caring and friendly attitudes of so many so quickly." She also confesses, "My one and only addiction is dark chocolate!! "



Lynne Rentschler, Stella Combs, Sister Joan Krimm & Nita Driscoll at MidPointe Library for January's branch program on human trafficking.



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There are an estimated 27 million people in slavery globally (more than any other time in history) **

Approximately 80% of human trafficking victims are women and girls and up to 50% are minors **

IN THE UNITED STATES

The average age of entry into prostitution is 12-14 years old **

SEXUAL SLAVERY

There are an estimated 4.5 million people in sexual slavery around the world **

FOR SALE

Between 100,000-200,000 U.S. children are involved in sex trafficking each year **

WORLDWIDE

Human trafficking generates \$32 billion every year and is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world **

ONLINE PORNOGRAPHY

Approximately 20% of all internet pornography involves children who are victims of human trafficking **

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The National Human Trafficking Hotline currently receives an average of 1,000 calls per month from within the United States **

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