



Middletown
Newsletter

October 2020

EQUITY FOR ALL

Calendar of Events

Every Thursday 1pm
Zoom meeting PENS group

Oct. 10: Garage Sale/ Holiday Bazaar preparations: 2204 Central Avenue Middletown: Drop-off and Work days Tues. Thurs. and Sat. 10am-11:30am till October 10

Sunday Oct. 4 1pm work day and Tuesday Oct. 6, start at 9am – Please look at emails that are sent out regarding any changes.

Saturday, October 10, 10am-Noon: State AAUW Fall Summit Kick off Part 2: virtual Zoom meeting

Monday October 12, 7pm Zoom Monthly meeting: Dayton International Peace Museum presented by Director Kevin Kelly

Thursday, October 15: Garage Sale/ Holiday Bazaar: Member preview sale

Thursday, October 15, 7pm: Virtual meeting: Book Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

Friday, October 16, 9am-4pm: Garage Sale/ Holiday Bazaar open to the public

Saturday, October 17, 9am-4pm: Garage Sale/Holiday Bazaar open to the public – please sign up to help

Friday and Saturday, October 23 & 24: Half-Price Garage Sale/Holiday Bazaar

Monday November 9, 7pm Zoom meeting: Girls LEAD! Program through the Dayton YWCA presented by the executive director Rochelle Garner



October Program Focused on Peace

On Monday evening, October 12, Kevin Kelly will give a virtual presentation to share with us about the mission of the Dayton International Peace Museum: to inspire a local, national, and international culture of peace. While the museum is closed during the health crisis, Director Kelly will introduce us to some of the digital exhibits and share some of the upcoming events the museum offers.

Founded in 2004, the Dayton International Peace Museum raises awareness of nonviolent strategies for achieving peace now and in the future. It honors the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords that ended war in Bosnia. The Museum is America's only brick-and-mortar peace museum! It is housed in the Isaac Pollack House, a three-story structure built in 1865 in downtown Dayton. The Museum is a member of the International Network of Museums for Peace, which has members in 27 countries, including Germany, Iran, Japan, Kenya, and South Africa.



remember the ladies
The Long Movement
Back to Suffrage



Sam Ashworth gave a virtual presentation in September.

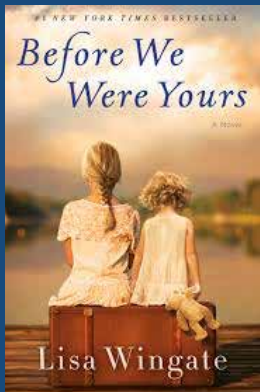


A preview of the Middletown Historical Society's exhibit.



Joy Luck Book Club

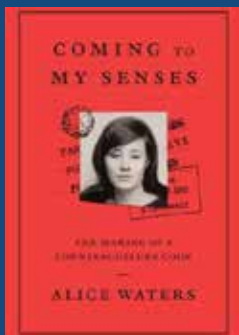
Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 pm
Before We Were Yours – Lisa Wingate



A blockbuster hit based on a real-life scandal of kidnapped children sold to wealthy families, the book takes place in Memphis during 1939 and present day South Carolina.

Described as riveting, wrenching, but ultimately uplifting, the book is Publishers Weekly's third longest-running bestseller of 2017.

Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 pm
Coming To My Senses: The Making of a Counterculture Cook – Alice Waters



Just in time for Thanksgiving, we'll turn our attention to food with The New York Times bestselling and critically acclaimed memoir from

Alice Waters, founder of Chez Panisse, the "little French restaurant" in Berkeley that redefined American cuisine.

Topics of Interest

Link to Institute for Learning in Retirement at Miami University <https://miamioh.edu/global-initiatives/continuing-ed/ilr/index.html> Women's College Basketball in the Early 190th Century <https://youtu.be/UBf8ic90AeA>

FEELIN GOOD, featuring the topic of Co-housing, Eco-villages https://www.wccsi.org/sitepages/NEWS_FeelinGood.html Feelin' Good News Program



Chris Buchert, Middletown Branch President

WOW! What a great effort our members made to pull off the masked, socially distanced book sale in September. Thank you especially to Libby Abele and Tina Newlin who worked tirelessly to make sure it was a success. They are worn out but Libby actually helped out pricing for the Holiday Sale/Garage Sale last Saturday. We raised enough funds needed for our high school renewable scholarships at the book sale and are making another big push in October with the Holiday Sale/Garage Sale. Then we hope to have at least the minimum needed for the other committed local scholarships that are part of our pared down budget.

Five members of our branch attended the AAUW State zoom fall conference on September 12. Lisa Maatz spoke about public policy issues. She certainly made us think about legislation that is being considered and how we can make our voices heard. She feels that AAUW members are well respected and informed about current events. October 10 is the next state zoom session. Consider sending in your reservation when you receive your email from state. I think you will enjoy the speakers.

ZOOM State Conference Part II Set for October 10

Ohio AAUW Fall Summit Part II will take place on ZOOM Saturday October 10 from 10 am until 12 noon. Check email from state president Michelle Radtkin for registration information.

The state board has recruited three powerful Ohio women to engage attendees in a variety of issues. Michelle Wilson is a financial advisor specializing in socially responsible investments. Mayor Jennifer Lyle of New Concord, Ohio, is the first woman mayor in the village's 200-year history.

Keynote speaker Cynthia Anderson is a professor of sociology at Ohio University. She serves as Chair of Sociology & Anthropology and Director of Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies. Her research and specializations include Theory, Feminist Theory, Rural Labor Markets, Low-Wage Work, and Social Inequality.

Part 1 of the Fall Summit hosted 49 attendees online in an informative discussion of advocacy and voting led by Lisa Maatz. If you missed it, the Middletown AAUW website offers a similar Maatz conference hosted by AAUW of Texas.

Listen to Lisa Maatz's Speech from Part I

Several Middletown AAUW members heard Lisa Maatz, AAUW's former public policy director, speak in September about the current political landscape. She did a similar presentation for AAUW Texas, updated to include material about the Supreme Court following Justice Ginsberg's death,



and we've shared the link to that on our AAUW Middletown Facebook page. For some very astute analysis, please check out Lisa's presentation, which begins about 10 minutes into the AAUW Texas video.

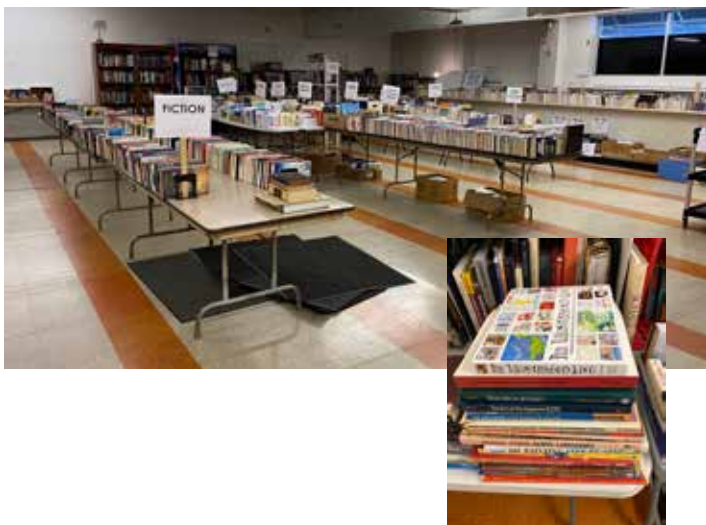
Diversity in Middletown

I never thought much about diversity in Middletown until I accepted the job to look out for diversity in our AAUW Organization. I find myself asking the question: *What does that mean?* I spent some time looking at statistics this week to understand diversity in Middletown (and Lebanon as we have new members from there). I want to look at just one of them this month. The statistic that caught me by surprise was 86% of Middletown's adult population have a high school diploma (93% Lebanon) but only 16.4% are college graduates (29% Lebanon). In Butler County, 39.7% have a college degree (26% Ohio, 34% Nationally). What are the barriers for residents of Middletown?

One of our goals is to raise money for scholarships and this past year our leadership investigated what was the need. They discovered it was more than tuition but also other financial barriers such as childcare and reliable transportation. So they became flexible with our scholarship money. What other things can we do as women who have found college educations to be of value? How can we encourage and facilitate a college education for others in our community?

Book Sale a Success

A Huge THANK YOU to all who supported our used book sale in any way - at least 40 of you! We are so appreciative of all the help from set up to sale. We are especially pleased that we made enough money to cover our scholarship expenses in this pandemic time. We partnered with 10 different agencies with whom we shared books after the sale, increasing our community exposure. If you have any thoughts regarding how we could improve the sale, or even when we should have another one, please let the committee know - Libby Abele, Deborah Bennett, Sharon Dowden or Tina Newlin.



PENS

Our "special interest" writers' group continues to meet weekly. During the "time of COVID 19" we are meeting weekly on Zoom, Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. We encourage each other, give each other constructive feedback and provide an incentive to put pen to paper and WRITE! Lately our writers have shared poetry, travel logs, adventures with pets, political commentaries, and one of our writers has completed the first draft of her book! Our format is to bring a piece of writing to share with the group (5 minute time frame/each writer). To join our group, contact: Becky Ward; beckward@gmail.com; 513/424-8409.



Voluntary Simplicity

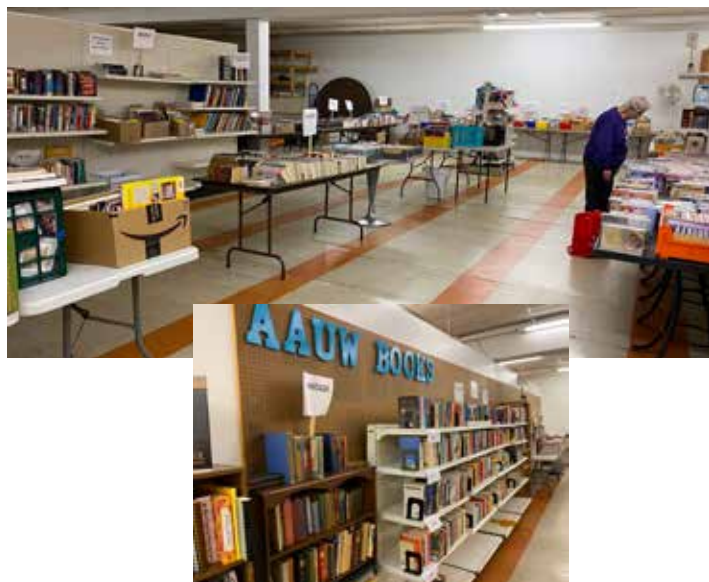


Mission of Voluntary Simplicity:

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.

During the "time of COVID" our group has chosen to not gather nor Zoom. Instead, members may share about any topic of interest relevant to the mission of Voluntary Simplicity. Each month we will have a suggested topic, (but your ideas to share are *not limited* to this topic).

October's suggested topic: Mindfulness--how are you finding inner peace and contentment in our troubled times? Email or call your reflection to Becky Ward: beckward@gmail.com; 513/424-8409. Becky will gather the thoughts and share them with our VS members and all who choose to share.





Holiday Bazaar/Garage Sale

Friday and Saturday October 16 and 17, 9:00 – 4:00

Half Price Sale

Friday and Saturday October 23 and 24

2204 Central Ave

Masks required

Workdays will be Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays until the sale from 10:00 until noon. Some workers will be arriving at 9:00. Check with Carole Schul or Rose Grau to see if workers are arriving earlier. We need many workers as we have a quick turnaround time after the book sale. If you remember, we are able to rent the sale space for the month of October.

Sale items should be clean and in good repair. Please bring sale items on the workdays from 10:00 until 11:30.

Sale workers may sign up at the sale site or email tcbuch@yahoo.com. The half-price sale starts Saturday at 1:30 so a few extra workers will be needed to wander then.

Preview sale for the branch members will be Thursday, October 15 from 5:30 – 7 pm. Come check out the sale items before the sale.

Invite friends, family and neighbors to the sale. Put out the information on facebook, your emails, word of mouth or put out a poster.

Thanks! This will be a great sale with a variety of interesting and fun items. Below is an article you can send out on email. Chris Buchert tcbuch@yahoo.com and edrosegrau@cinci.rr.com

AAUW Middletown is having a combined Holiday Bazaar and Garage Sale Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at 2204 Central Avenue, Middletown, Ohio. Additional dates of October 23 and 24 will be a half price sale. Proceeds will go towards local scholarships. Donations of new/used gently used items are appreciated. Sale items should be clean and in good repair. Items may be dropped off at the sale site on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 am – 11:30 am. October 10 is the last day for drop offs. Clothing, TV's and large exercise equipment are not accepted. Send an email to tcbuch@yahoo.com for more information.



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invites you to our

HOLIDAY BAZAAR & Garage Sale 2204 Central Avenue

Friday & Saturday
October 16 & 17
9:00am to 4:00pm

Half-Price Sale
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AAUW" Public Policy Priorities

AAUW's Public Policy Priorities, adopted every two years by every-member vote, establish the federal action issues on which AAUW members across the country focus their advocacy efforts and guide the work of the national staff. AAUW branches should use the Public Policy Priorities to determine their advocacy efforts on state and local issues. In the fall of even-numbered years the AAUW Public Policy Committee (APPC) solicits feedback from members and staff to develop proposed Public Policy Priorities based on viability, critical need, strong member support, and potential for distinctive contribution. Once the draft is developed, it is posted online for a comment period and submission of additional proposed revisions. The APPC then finalizes the proposed Public Policy Priorities, and the AAUW Board of Directors reviews, amends as necessary, and approves them before they go to the membership for a vote in the spring of odd-numbered years.

2019–21 AAUW Public Policy Priorities

The Public Policy Priorities underscore AAUW's mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. The work of AAUW builds upon responsible public participation, and the following priorities provide a basis for AAUW members' actions at the local, state, national, and international levels. Implicit in each is support for government agencies administering programs, including adequate appropriations, effective and accountable administration, and provision for citizen participation. AAUW advocates public discussion to ensure enlightened decisions on these priorities. AAUW works to increase the number of women and other underrepresented populations in policy- and other decision-making positions. AAUW's positions are shaped by a commitment to being nonpartisan and fact-based, and to acting with integrity. AAUW strives for work to be inclusive and intersectional, collaborating with diverse allies and coalitions to achieve equity for all. Basic to all of AAUW's public policy efforts is the understanding that true equity requires a balance between the rights of the individual and the needs of the community. AAUW opposes all forms of discrimination and supports constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals. For a detailed list and discussion of specific current AAUW Public Policy Priorities, please refer to <https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2020/02/Public-Policy-Priorities-2019-2021-nsa.pdf>

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