



Middletown
Newsletter

APRIL 2022

Program Note: Members will be sent a Zoom invitation through emails. Non-members who wish to join the Zoom meetings should contact Mel Worbis at worbismm@gmail.com to receive the link.

Inclusion Education

Monday, April 11, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Kettering Health Network Community Room

(We will continue to offer the Zoom option for those unable to attend in person.)



At our April meeting, Tristan Vaught will educate us on transgender issues in the area of Title IX and inclusion in sports, and will share LGBTQ+ terminology, including appropriate use of gender pronouns. *Tristan N. Vaught is a Co-founder of Transform Cincy, a Community Shares member charity, and formerly the Director of Education and Training at Living with Change. They are an

activist, educator, and the Founding Director of the LGBTQ+ Center at IUPUI. Previous to this role, they held positions as the Interim Director and first Program Coordinator of the LGBTQ Center at the University of Cincinnati. They hold a Master's degree in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies from University of Cincinnati with research centered on the effectiveness of LGBTQ+ ally trainings in higher education. They also graduated with Bachelor's degrees in Psychology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies from the University of Cincinnati. Tristan's advocacy and education work focuses on intersecting identities and how they impact individuals' lived experiences. They enjoy writing poetry and short stories, communing with nature, and considers themselves a bourbon snob.

*Bio from Community Shares Website



Note for 2021-2022 programs: Due to the continued concern with the COVID19 virus please keep up to date with any possible changes in our programming venues. Also, be prepared to wear masks during meetings, in certain locations,

it is currently required for everyone to wear masks. Each month's newsletter and reminder event emails will provide the latest updates on changes to our meetings or mask requirements.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, April 7: 1:00-2:30 pm
PENS writing group. Meeting on Zoom for the month of April

Monday, April 11: 7:00 pm:
AAUW Member Meeting:
Inclusion Education: Kettering Health Network Community Room. Zoom will also be available. Masks are still required in the hospital.

Thursday, April 21: 1:00-2:30 pm
PENS writing group. Meeting on Zoom for the month of April

Thursday, April 21: 7:00 pm: Joy Luck Book Club: *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi Where: TBA Also zoom link is available.

Tuesday, April 26: 7:30 pm:
Board meeting on Zoom meeting

Friday, April 29: Information for the newsletter is due

Monday, May 9: 7 pm: End of the year dinner at the Middletown Historical Society. More details to come

Garage Sale Work Days:

Friday, April 1, 9-noon

Wednesday, April 6, 9-noon

Saturday, April 9, 9-noon

Tuesday, April 12, 9-noon

Wednesday, April 20, 9-noon

Thursday, April 28, 9-noon

Saturday, April 30, 9-noon

Thursday, May 5, 9-noon

Saturday, May 7, 9-noon

Drop off days on Tuesdays,

Thursdays and Saturdays

advertised to the public will

start Tuesday May 10 through

Saturday, June 4. Work days will

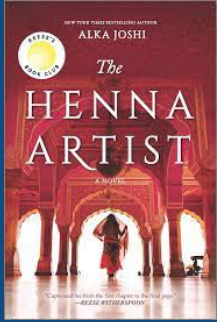
also be Tuesdays, Thursdays and

Saturdays beginning May 10

Garage Sale Dates: Friday and Saturday June 10, 11 and June 17, 18: 9am – 4pm

Joy Luck Book Club

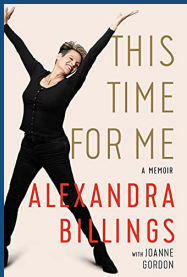
Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 pm
The Henna Artist – Alka Joshi
 TBA



A vivid and compelling portrait of one woman's struggle for fulfillment in a society pivoting between the traditional and the modern, *The Henna Artist* tells the

tale of 17-year-old Lakshmi as she makes her way alone to the vibrant 1950s pink city of Jaipur. There she becomes the most highly requested henna artist—and confidante—to the wealthy women of the upper class. (Recommended by several members, a *New York Times* best seller and Reese Witherspoon book club pick)

Book Recommendation



An emotional, funny, and fabulous memoir by trailblazing and award-winning Trans actor and activist Alexandra Billings. Born in 1962, Alexandra

Billings grew up in a decade in which being herself was illegal. When she started transitioning in 1980, the word "Transgender" was not commonly used. With no Trans role models and no path to follow, Alexandra did what her family, teachers, and even friends said was impossible: Alexandra forged ahead. (Information from Amazon book summary)

This might be a good book to read before our meeting on April 11, 2022. It could provide information and insight into upcoming discussion.

Mel Worbis worbismm@gmail.com Middletown Branch President's Letter

What a great month for last month's meeting with Ami Vitori to discuss women as entrepreneurs. She discussed the opportunities she had after graduating from Georgetown University and then discussed how her Building Torchlight Pass building has housed several businesses that she ran. She is now renting space to other women for their businesses. She is interested in helping other women be successful business women. Our group had a great discussion with Ami.

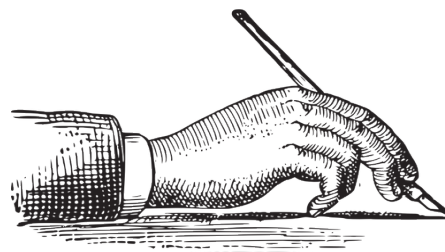
Robin Becker brought up her meeting with the staff representative for Rep. Warren Davis. She brought up several bills that I have hope more have looked into. Thank you Robin for going to that Town Hall and thank you for letting us all know about those bills. Please look at the national AAUW issues page to learn more about the ways AAUW is working to remove bias from education, fighting for fair pay and economic equity, and advancing women in leadership. (www.aauw.org/issues) These topics were touched upon during our March meeting and great discussion about women especially since our meeting was on the eve of International Women's Day.

For our upcoming meeting I encourage our members to reach out to potential members and our current members to see if anyone would like a ride or just take some time to talk and catch up. Thank you to everyone that participates in our great organization and I hope we can keep this group going for many years to come.

Sincerely,
 Mel

PENS

Our PENS writing group will continue to meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, and for April we will continue to hold our meetings on Zoom. Our April meeting dates will be 4/7/22 and 4/21/22, 1:00-2:30. Our format is to share a piece of our own writing (verbally) with the group (5-minute time frame/each writer). Our group has writing pursuits across a wide range: poetry, journaling, travel blog, memoir, and preparing a draft for a book. Anyone who has a passion for writing is welcome to join our writers' group. Call or email Becky Ward if you have any questions: beckward@gmail.com or 513/424-8409.



Garage Sale

Raising Money For Our Branch Scholarship Fund

Friday and Saturday – 9-4
June 10, 11 and June 17,18
2204 Central Ave. - Middletown, OH

Spring is here and it is time to start preparing for our Garage Sale June 10,11, 17, and 18. This year we are able to start working in April and decided to begin then to have a more leisurely preparation time. Carol and Chris have the tables all ready for workers to display the treasures that have already been donated. April dates were chosen to give members more options for participating. Come when you can to work and visit with your AAUW friends.

April and Beginning of May Work Dates

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GARAGE SALE**
Friday and Saturday – 9-4
June 11 and 12 and 17 and 18
2204 Central Avenue – Middletown, OH

DONATION DROP OFF DAYS TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, SATURDAYS from 10:00 – 11:30
Donations of new/gently used items are needed. Donations **must** be clean and in good condition/repair,
ready for the sale.

- ___ Linens: sheets, towels, pillows, blankets,bedspreads, tablecloths
- ___ Kitchen items: dishes, flatware, baking items, pots, pans, glassware
- ___ Small appliances: mixer, toaster, coffee maker, crock pot, blender
- ___ Games, puzzles, toys, children's books, CD's. DVD's, records
- ___ Shoes, purses, hats, scarves, jewelry
- ___ Decorative items: pictures, vases, wreaths, pottery, lamps
- ___ Sport equipment: golf, fishing, tennis, bikes, camping gear
- ___ Furniture, rugs
- ___ Tools of all kinds, garden tools and equipment
- ___ Craft and office items
- ___ Electronics, if they work and are complete
- ___ Antiques and collectibles

PLEASE NO – clothing, TV's or large exercise equipment

PROCEEDS from the sale are used to support the program and mission of the branch which includes local scholarships and the National AAUW Greatest Needs Fund.

FOR MORE INFORMATION – Contact Chris tcbuch@yahoo.com

AAUW Middletown Branch Officers

This list is provided to help any members reach out to the correct person in case of any questions, like how to help someone join AAUW.

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PENS: Becky Ward

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