

Time to Sort Books!

On Monday March 9 at 5:00pm we will have our annual soup and sorting branch meeting. We will get started at 5:00 with a light dinner and short branch meeting. Afterwards we will sort and price the remaining books. To enter the book sale site park near the main entrance to the Towne Mall and enter through the door marked AAUW Book sale in loading dock D. This is to the left of the mall entrance as you face the mall. Remember to bring a lawn chair. If you can't come at 5:00, any time you can give would be appreciated. We hope to see you all on Monday March 9th.

Our April Branch meeting will be held at the Monroe Community Room on Monday April 20th at 7:00pm Dr. Lolli, Superintendent of Monroe Local Schools, will be our speaker that evening. To get to the Monroe Community Room go south on Cincinnati Dayton Rd. It turns into Main St. once you cross St. Rt. 63. The Community Room is in the lower portion of the city building. It is on the right side of the road in downtown Monroe. You will turn onto a road that is across from the Red Onion. Parking is around the back of the building. The entrance is the glass doors on the lower level. Perhaps you could call an AAUW buddy or two and carpool to Monroe together! We hope to see you at both the March and April meetings!

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to bring items to our "Soup and Sorting" meeting on Monday, March 9th, at 5:00pm.

So far, we have the following:

Dorothy Morehead is bringing fruit
Suzy Tadych is bringing Corn Chowder

We need members to bring a folding chair if they can. We also need more soups, some bottled water, maybe pop, bread or crackers, plates, bowls, napkins, and cutlery.

Let Becky Ward know asap what you would like to bring. She is available at 513-424-8409 or beckward@gmail.com



Calendar of Events

Monday, March 9, 5:00pm

Dinner and Sorting

Book Sale Site

Used Book Sale

Thursday, March 19
5 – 9 p.m.

Friday, March 20
10:00 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday, March 21
10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sunday, March 22
noon – 5 p.m.

Thursday, March 26, 7:00pm

Joy Luck Book Club

Flower Confidential: The Good, the Bad, the Beautiful

by Amy Stewart

Katie McNeil's Home

Tuesday, March 31, 9:00am

Daytime Book Club

I Feel Bad About My Neck: and Other Thoughts on Being a Woman

by Nora Ephron

Betty Elworth's Home

Monday April 20th, 7:00 pm

Speaker: Dr. Lolli, Superintendent of Monroe Local Schools
Monroe Community Room

SAVE THE DATE

2009 AAUW National Convention

June 26-28, 2009 St. Louis, Missouri



Barnes and Noble Partnership with AAUW

Barnes and Noble is offering a 10% discount to AAUW members in honor of Women's History month in March. AAUW members can regularly receive a 5% discount and free shipping on orders over \$25 from Barnes and Noble if they shop on-line at www.bn.com/aauw <<http://www.bn.com/aauw>> . Barnes and Noble member discounts also apply. Discounts do not apply for in-store sales. Bulk order discount are available on orders of 25 or more books. If you are published author your book can be listed on the website.



Book Sale Fast Approaching

Some sorting times: Monday, March 9- Branch meeting, Tuesday, March 10 and 17 from 10:00-noon, Saturday, March 7 from 10:00-noon, Saturday, March 14 from 10-noon and 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm AND other times as requested.(watch for emails)

The last day to accept book donations is Tuesday, March 10.

The Used Book Sale will be here in a few weeks. I would like to thank all the wonderful members, children and husbands who have already worked moving tables and shelves, sorted, priced, made posters, picked up books and worked on publicity. Wow what a great membership! It is exciting to see so many people working together for such a good cause.

Please sign up to work at the sale for a minimum of 6-8 hours. You may be called to work more hours to fill in empty slots. Husbands are invited to help, especially for clean up. We would like to fold up all the tables and load and take back the tables we borrowed from First United Methodist Church. The tables were lent to us from First United Methodist Church and the Middletown City School District.

Upcoming Book Selections

Remember, our Joy Luck Book Club March meeting will be delayed one week to avoid conflict with the preview party for the Middletown AAUW Annual Used Book Sale. The sale runs March 19-22 at Towne Mall and there's a great selection already.

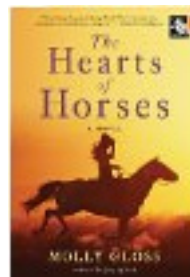
We'll meet the 4th Thursday in March; in April and May, we'll go back to our usual 3rd Thursday:

March 26, 2009, 7pm, at Katie's: *Flower Confidential: The Good, the Bad, and the Beautiful*, by Amy Stewart

April 16, 2009, 7pm, at Sharon's: *The Hearts of Horses*, by Molly Gloss

May 21, 2009, 7pm, location TBD: *The Red Leather Diary: Reclaiming a Life through the Pages of a Lost Journal*, by Lily Koppel

Remember, you can always find information about our selections at our website: www.orgsites.com/oh/joyluckclub



The next Daytime Book Club selection is, *I Feel Bad About my Neck: and Other Thoughts on Being a Woman*, by Nora Ephron.

Great Decisions for 2009

If you are interested in international current events or want to learn more consider Great Decisions, a national program to promote greater understanding of the world. **Nita Driscoll** is organizing the Great Decisions Study group for this winter. She has scheduled the library for meeting room A at 7:00pm for the following dates:

Mar. 10 & 24

Apr. 14 & 28



Lilly's Watching the Senate's Next Move Take Action!

Even if you were closely watching President Obama's recent address to Congress last week, you may have missed seeing Lilly Ledbetter seated behind First Lady Michelle Obama. Lilly was there because she, along with AAUW and the Obama administration, knows that the fight for pay equity is a long way from finished. Urge the Senate to take the next critical step in this fight by quickly passing the Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 182).

As Lilly said, passing the Ledbetter bill without passing the Paycheck Fairness Act is like giving someone a nail but not a hammer. The Ledbetter law preserves the right to seek legal redress, and the Paycheck Fairness Act provides the tools necessary to give new teeth to the law and provide incentives for businesses to follow the law in the first place.

The Paycheck Fairness Act, a much needed updated of the 45-year-old Equal Pay Act, is a comprehensive bill that would create stronger incentives for employers to follow the law, empower women to negotiate for equal pay, and strengthen federal outreach, education and enforcement efforts. The bill would also deter wage discrimination by strengthening penalties for equal pay violations and by prohibiting retaliation against workers who ask about employers' wage practices or disclose their own wages. In short, the bill updates the law to reflect the practices and processes under more recent civil rights laws.

With unemployment rates rising, an unprecedented number of women are now the family breadwinners - making fair pay even more critical, not simply to family economic security but also to the nation's economic recovery. The Paycheck Fairness Act can help to create a climate where wage discrimination is not tolerated, and give the administration the enforcement tools it needs to make real progress on pay equity.

When the House passed both the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act (H.R. 11) and the Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 12) earlier this year, they demonstrated a firm, bipartisan resolve to attack wage discrimination on all fronts. Urge your senators to do the same.

Mason-Lebanon Branch Invitation

The Mason-Lebanon AAUW book group is inviting ALL members to join them Thursday April 2 for dinner and to hear a wonderful local author Marcelete Blackwell Elter speak on her book *Singing the Moon in the Sky*, a historical mystery (fiction) set at Fort Ancient Ohio about family roots and ancient promises made to "the old ones" of Fort Ancient. Marcy is very knowledgeable about the Fort Ancient site and what the museum there tells us about the early indian history of this part of Ohio. She will also tell us about her second book (which she is currently writing) and exciting new archeological discoveries at Fort Ancient.

We will meet at 5:30 PM at Otterbein for dinner (\$6.75 - you can choose meal of choice for immediate grilling) and the speaker will be at 7. If you are coming for dinner, please RSVP to Ginny Stiver by phone or email (stivervh@aol.com or 513-933-4982)

If you can't make the dinner please come at 7 to enjoy our speaker. We will be in the Phillipi room.

If you wish to read Marcee's book it is available on Amazon (type in "Singing the Moon into the Sky"). It should also be available at the Fort Ancient Museum at the Fort Ancient State Memorial, which is seven miles southeast of Lebanon. Marcy also said she donated a copy of her book to the Otterbein Library (her mother was at Otterbein for ten years).

Mission

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

Vision

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

Value Promise

As a member of AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance

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