



2020 Entries for Newsletters, Social  
Media and Program Book Awards

# Newsletter Entries

## Branch continues to look forward, While activities, programming are on hold

All branch meetings and activities through the month of April have been cancelled, while meetings in May are still pending.

The AAUW Board will meet through a group conference call on March 29, announced President Alanna Arnold, who has arranged the session. "It's not 'business as usual,' however, we do have business to take care of," she said.

### Update on Ohio Primary election

You will now be able vote absentee by mail. Ballots must be **postmarked by April 27th**, and **mailed** to Medina County Board of Elections. Go to: [voteohio.gov](http://voteohio.gov) to download a ballot and follow instructions. There will be NO in-person voting for the primary election (except for in limited cases for disabled Ohioans and those without access to postal services). The BOE in Medina County was closed as of March 27.

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*April is National Poetry Month as well as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is also National Facial Protection Month, which, given the current health situation, sounds like a good idea!*

Topping the list is filling in a slate of officers for next year. Nominating committee chair Cindy Weisheit is looking to fill several slots: Finance Officer, and Vice President for Programming. Members who are interested in serving on the board and helping to set the direction of our branch are asked to contact her: [cindygolf3265@gmail.com](mailto:cindygolf3265@gmail.com), 330-635-0304.

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## Not Out and About

This month's feature "Out and About" has been renamed to fit current practices of "sheltering in place" and minimizing physical contact with those outside our homes to prevent spread of the novel COVID-19 virus.

Members have responded to the request from the newsletter editor to let others know how they have been occupying their forced isolation. While there are common elements, there are also unique approaches to the situation. From creative writing experiences to recent excursions and from advice on how to handle computer threats to suggestions from your local libraries, here's what's been shared.

#### Laura Gushue wrote:

My friend, Aggie Porter, and I are making "the masks". We've made about 100 and have 60 ready to donate. They are 2-ply 100% cotton. We tried to put floral wire in for forming the nose but they came out in the washer. We have donated 25 to a nursing home--Brooklyn Pointe, where my cousin's mother-in-law is living. We have given out the rest to individuals who are at high risk- in home hospice nursing aid, a case manager on a COVID-19 rule out floor, a cancer patient who goes in for chemo and a person who has to go in for care of a colostomy bag. We have offered them to other places, but so far no one has been interested yet. We will keep making them just in case.

#### These suggestions are from Mary Baker:

If you are starting to go a little stir-crazy, don't forget that the Medina County District Library buildings may be closed, but our books, magazines and even movies are still available to you.

Go to [www.mcdl.info/emedial](http://www.mcdl.info/emedial) for a list of free download services and tutorials to get you started. Still feeling a little hesitant? Watch tutorials on the media page. Or give member, Mary Baker, (330-725-3569) a call and we will work through it together. You'll be reading in no time.

Here are few other fun library resources for you, available with your

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# COLLABORATION & PARTNERSHIP

Middletown Newsletter

April 2020

## April Programming Cancelled, May Postponed

First of all, thank you for your participation in our March Feast with Friends fundraiser dinner. We raised \$785!

Middletown AAUW's April programming has been cancelled. The tour and roundtable discussion with leaders at Community Building Institute in Middletown will be offered during the next programming year.

We have decided to postpone the meeting scheduled for May 11, until after the Covid-19 epidemic has eased and we are all back to a new "normal" schedule!

Along with our induction of new officers for the 2020-2021 program year, and a celebration dinner for our scholarship recipients, we were going to have a sneak preview of the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage Exhibit curated by Sam Ashworth at the Middletown Historical Society, which has been sponsored by our AAUW Chapter.

Women were active in politics long before we were afforded voting rights. The WCTU (Woman's Christian Temperance Union) was instrumental in lobbying congress to adopt the 18th Amendment in December 1917, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, or transportation of alcohol which was ratified by the states in January 1919. The amendment was implemented through the National Prohibition Act (Volstead Act) in October 1919 and took effect January 1, 1920.

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Francis Willard



## Calendar of Events

Thursday, April 16 7:00  
**Joy Luck Book Club**  
Virtual discussion

**Pens Writing Group**  
Postponed but may be virtual

April 24, 2020 8:00-3:00  
**Think Regional Summit**  
(postponed until April 2021)  
Shellabrams73@gmail.com

April 27, 2020 7:00 – 8:00  
**Virtual board meeting**

### LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, May 28, Noon (with present information)  
Lunch at Browns Run with Middletown native, Greg Pratt Author of *Ebola Island* Proceeds of sale of his book benefit Middletown Community Foundation

June 2 Election Day

September 12, 2020  
**AAUW Ohio State Convention**

September 17, 18, 19, 20  
**64th Annual AAUW Used Book Sale**

**AAUW Garage Sale Postponed**

*Thank you for your participation in our March Feast with Friends fundraiser dinner at Forest Hill - VJL 291*







AAUW advances equity for  
women through advocacy,  
education, philanthropy, and  
research

# The Circular

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Co-Presidents-Alice Harker and Debby Stein

Branch Meeting

March 24 at 5:45 p.m.

Pickaway County District Library

Dinner will be catered by PBJ Catering

Speaker Christy Mills-  
College and Career Readiness in Pickaway  
County

Christy serves as the executive director of Pickaway Works, our county's college and career readiness program serving K-12 students in all four school districts in Pickaway County. We began in 2006 as a traditional college access program and have recently expanded our scope to focus on building partnerships with local employers and raising awareness about local career pathways for Pickaway County students.

Christy is a graduate of Circleville High School and Ohio State University. She and Mike have two children who are also graduates of CHS and OSU. They are the proud grandparents of a little girl.

March 2020 Newsletter  
circleville-oh.aauw.net (AAUW Ohio)  
Carol Bowling-Editor

## President's Letter

Welcome back to AAUW after the winter break. We are looking forward to some great programs and meetings this spring!

Primary Election Day is March 17. Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. This is an important election, so get out and vote. Remember, this is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's right to vote. We should honor the brave women who fought for this privilege.

March is Women's History Month. The Library is sponsoring a program by Roundtown Players featuring speeches from famous women in history. It will be a reading theater event on March 21 at 2:00p.m.

Alice and Nell attended the final event for Black History Month at the Library on February 29. Reverend Derrick Holmes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church was the speaker. He was excellent.

Former branch President, Beth Starkey-Hill will replace Joanna Pinkerton as the April 28 presenter. Beth's topic will be Human Trafficking in Pickaway County.

See you on the 24<sup>th</sup>!

Alice and Debby



# HIGHLIGHTS

IN EQUITY

AAUW Heights-Hillcrest-Lyndhurst, Ohio Branch

A newsletter for members and friends who support gender fairness

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## HHL Branch Will Be Creative During Isolation

### Keeping in Touch while Staying Home

This is not the first time we have seen snow on daffodils, but it may be the first time we couldn't share this thought at our regular lunch with friends. HHL friends like to chat and to see one another, but there is rarely enough time at our monthly events. So, let's meet online this month. It won't be a replacement for the Euclid Schools Fab Lab, but it will be fun. You may already have experienced doing this; if not, be assured that it is easy.

HHL is scheduled to have a chat on **Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 1:00 pm**. Block out an hour on your calendar and plan to join us.

How can we do this: You will receive an email from Jan with a link to the meeting. Please read the separate story, "Connect with Friends while Staying Home," on page 3 of this newsletter.

### Approve Dues Change and Elect Officers—

HHL will vote by electronic ballot on a proposed dues reduction and to elect officers.

We will test a ballot to be sure you are not disenfranchised. If you cannot receive the electronic ballot, you will be mailed a paper ballot. We prefer to avoid mailing ballots because it can be less secure and more expensive.

For the official ballot on April 22, you will receive an email with subject line: "Your invitation to Vote in HHL Election."

You will first be asked to approve the board recommended reduction in our branch dues. And you will be asked for vote for the following slate of officers:

Program Vice President: Donna Black-Brown



Membership Vice President: Ranelle Gamble

Secretary: Kathie Mayer



Your ballot will look something like this:

When you "Click Here to Vote," you will be shown the ballot. You can only use it once, and it is yours alone. The app does not track how you voted. The ballot on April 22 will present both the dues reduction and the slate of officers. If you have voted in AAUW National elections, it will be similar. We need your vote, so please vote.



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# Sister-to-Sister

March 8, 2020



Junior leaders take a selfie



Framed



Adult leaders



Ready for action



Blue shirts prevail

One of the last events in early March before the COVID-19 outbreak redirected our lives, Medina's 21st Sister-to-Sister Girls Conference, was a resounding success for its 42 enrollees, 14 student leaders and over a dozen adult participants.

The theme of "Be the TRUE You," was one that has been reiterated a number of times, but this year had a fresh appeal. Keynote presenter Stefanie Robinson brought her message to the girls: "You do not have to be what people expect of you, but be true to yourself and what you are capable of." As a person who suffered from low self esteem early on, Robinson went through stages of bulimia, addiction to meds and drugs and was on the verge of self-destructing before she managed to find the strength to accept help and turn her life around. Today, she works with self-help organizations, bolsters courage among young people as well as adults who suffer from issues of dependencies and gets out on the road to speak her message to as many



Stefanie Robinson



Friendly welcome

Photos courtesy (Positively Portraits) Samantha Ponomarevko, p. chloupek



Craft time: beaded bracelets

people as will listen. She is executive director of Hope Recovery Community and works with OhioGuidestone.

Girls from the Junior Leadership Medina organization took on our conference as a group project this year. Many thanks to Carrie Park, Director, her young ladies who added their youthful enthusiasm and leadership to the event and the other teens who helped.

Attendees representing 15 schools as well as homeschooled students participated this year. We thank our special greeter -- and his handler -- from Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs for coming to welcome our attendees. A big round of applause goes to our host, Medina Hospital, a Cleveland Clinic Hospital, who has solidly supported this project since year one.

AAUW Medina Branch was the initiator of the event as we created a safe setting for young women to come together to meet girls from other schools, learn what it takes to become more self-confident and have fun while learning leadership and social skills. AAUW team members who were part of the project this year are Alanna Arnold, Pieri Levandofsky and Pat Chaloupek.



### Joy Luck Book Club

April 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm  
**The Guest Book – Sarah Blake**  
 Virtual discussion  
 with Sharon Williamson



A thought-provoking family saga by best-selling author Sarah Blake that explores the gulf that separates rich and poor, black and white, Protestant and Jew. Strongly

recommended by Becky Ward, this novel examines one unforgettable family as they navigate the evolving social and political landscape from their retreat off the coast of Maine. Blake masterfully lays bare the memories and mistakes each generation makes while coming to terms with what it means to inherit the past.

May 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm  
**She Said: Breaking the Sexual Harassment Story That Helped Ignite A Movement – Jodi Kantor & Megan Twohey**  
 To be determined



This is the thrilling untold story of two Pulitzer Prize-winning reporters who broke the news of Harvey Weinstein's sexual harassment and abuse for the New York

Times. The Washington Post called it "an instant classic of investigative journalism...All the President's Men for the #MeToo era." CNN described it as "riveting...a vibrant, cinematic read," and the Los Angeles Times calls it "a binge-read of a book."



### Chris Buchert, Middletown Branch President

Members, life has changed so much in the last month. I hope you are all finding ways to keep well and enjoy life. Although there are many cancellations, articles in the newsletter are included to stimulate your mind. On our AAUW meeting day, you might listen to the webcast on suffragettes or try one of the other activities that are listed. That will give you a special day to think about your fellow members.

Our board met virtually March 23 to discuss necessary branch business. I think we enjoyed the opportunity to talk with each other. The slate of officers for next year was announced. Please read that article carefully. We decided to send three girls to Be Wise camp if the camp is held this summer. We selected delegates to vote for the State AAUW officers. I made a report on our progress for the 5 Star National Program. All the sign-ups for the Action Network Two Minute Activist moved us closer to earning another star. Our branch was also recognized for retaining at least 90% of our members from last year. We will know more about our progress by our next newsletter.

One important item we discussed was dues for the 2020-2021 program year. We start collecting dues in April. We are excited to use invoices from National this year. You can send in your dues electronically if you like or send a check to our treasurer. We are moving forward in our use of the internet. Our past treasurers feel this way to pay dues will make branch dues bookkeeping much easier.

If you have an activity you would like to share in next month's newsletter, please send it to me. Stay well and learn something new this month.

### Book Sale Update

The 64th AAUW Used Book Sale has been postponed until September 17-20. We are no longer working at the site or receiving drop-offs there until further notice. We sincerely appreciate all the wonderful help we have had to this point. We were ready for a sale.

In cooperation with Steve O'Neil, we are able to leave all of our work as is and not have to break it all down and put it into storage. We will continue to pay a nominal rent (\$100) per month for this privilege. In the past some of our AAUW members have been willing to make a donation toward the rental of storage space. If you wish to participate in this way, please send your check to Katie DeVilling at our PO Box address and earmark it for book sale rental. This is one way that those of you who are unable to work on the sale in any other way can participate. Please keep saving your books and those of your friends for us. If you have old bed sheets we could use to cover our tables during storage, please let Tina (424-1120) or Libby (424-7551) know. Thanks!

### Garage Sale News

At this time, not sure when we will be able to have our annual summer Garage Sale, so stay tuned.

However, what an opportunity to clean out, sort out, organize and downsize unneeded items. There is plenty of time now, so clean out one drawer or one closet at a time, no excuse!



### Book Group

The Book Group will meet at the home of Jane Poulson on March 10 at 10:30 a.m. They will discuss The Secrets We Kept by Lara Prescott. This is the story of two women turned spies during the cold war. They worked on obtaining the manuscript of Dr. Zhivago to publish in the west as it was banned in Russia. We would have missed a wonderful love story! This book will be made into a movie soon.

### Joint Meeting

An AAUW Joint Meeting was held at the All Saints Lutheran Church in Worthington on February 29. The topic was "Age Friendly Communities." The speaker was Beth Kowoloyk who presented the goal of the Worthington Age-Friendly Initiative. It is for people to have access to what they need and to stay in their own homes.

Many communities fear a tsunami of the aging population. She suggested that this is an opportunity – "Aging: So Cool Everybody is Doing It." World wide by 2050 2 billion people will be over 65. The older population will outnumber the number of children under 5. In central Ohio, the 65 + population will double in the next 35 years. 90% of Franklin County seniors 65 and older desire to age in place.

Live-able communities should be safe and secure, be affordable, be close to or provide transportation, and provide supportive community features such as volunteers to help seniors. Once in place, the homes or apartments should enhance independence, allow seniors to age in place, and work toward engagement in community features.

The World Health Network initiated Age Friendly Communities. There is a Coalition of Age Friendly Communities in Ohio. They additionally focus on how to accomplish the same in rural communities.

Many efforts to support seniors include transit buses, installing smoke detectors, wellbeing checks, social worker visits, age friendly businesses, snow removal, and volunteer fix it help.

Further information will be provided at the meeting. The Central Ohio Area on Aging can be contacted at [www.coaa.org](http://www.coaa.org) or 800-589-7277.

### Local Author Wins Award

AAUW member Penelope La Rock won an award at the Equus Film and Arts Festival in Lexington, Kentucky in December. Her book "Nikki's Story" was honored. Copies of the book illustrating kindness were given to the Reading Is Fundamental second grade classes in Pickaway County. Congratulations, Nell!

### Celebrate Women 2020

Ohio University Lancaster Branch will present a conference on March 27. The theme is "Women Organizing, Mentoring, Engineering, Networking". There will be 30 plus speakers and activities around the theme. The cost is \$50. Alice, Debby, Sarah, and Nell plan to attend. Contact Debby for registration information. The cost is \$50 for the day.

### Pat Beck

Former member, Pat Beck, has been in the hospital. She would appreciate cards sent to Pickaway Manor.

**AAUW Ohio Call to Advocacy—Karen Rainey, AAUW Ohio Public Policy Co-Chair**



**AAUW Ohio Outlines Legislation to Watch**

Ohio General Assembly 133rd Session introduced bills on economic issues, human trafficking, education, and gun control. Economic issues include an Equal Pay Act, Family and Medical Leave, and a "pink tax" exemption. These are bills to watch and make your opinion known to your Ohio legislators. Read more on our [Advocacy](#) page.

**Advocacy Days Spring 2020—**

The partners of the Freedom of Choice Coalition decided that the in-person Advocacy Day scheduled for Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 would be online!

The webinar recordings are now available for view, not for download.

NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio has also edited the audio and made a condensed version of the webinar available on their [The Morning After Podcast](#).

Take action during COVID-19 by contacting Attorney General David Yost at 800-282-0515 and tell him to stop using this pandemic to politicize abortion care!

*Karen*

**Vote Early and Vote Often**

So many chances to vote this April!

April 22: Vote for HHL program vice president, membership vice president, and secretary, and for a \$5 reduction of dues.

April 25: Delegates vote for a full slate of AAUW Ohio officers.

By April 27: Mail your Vote-by-Mail Ohio Primary Election Ballot, if you did not already vote absentee.

By May 18: Vote for AAUW Board members. You should have received an email to do this easily online. Voting opens April 8. If you prefer a paper ballot, you may request one by April 17 by contacting Connect ([connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) or 800.326.2289). Paper ballots must be postmarked by 11:59 pm EDT on May 1.

**Looking Ahead:**

At this point we are not certain whether or not we will be able to meet as a group in May. We will "get out the word" in plenty of time once we see how this Pandemic is working itself out.



**Calendar**

**April—**

- 1 April Fool's Day 1
- 1 Census
- 7 Joint meeting at Applebee's (postponed)
- 8 First Passover seder in evening
- 9 Maundy Thursday
- 9 First Day of Passover
- 10 Good Friday
- 12 Easter Sunday
- 24 Arbor Day



**May**

- 4 Kent State Shootings Remembrance
- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 6 National Nurses' Day
- 10 Mother's Day
- 16 Armed Forces Day
- 25 Memorial Day
- 27 Branch meeting (postponed)



## Book Discussion Group

by Donna Hamilton and members



There will be no Book Discussion meeting for April due to the "shelter in place" policy from our governor. If our country's health situation improves, we will meet May 11 at the home of Carol Thombs. Tami Lower will lead the discussion of *The Handmaid's Tale* and *The Testament* by Margaret Atwood. Till then stay safe.

I sent an e-mail out to group members:

"This virus has taken so much from us. I have not been out of the house in 13 days and still counting. So I started a poem to share with you. I would like to invite each of the book club members to add lines to it. Some ideas might be things you have had "stolen," things you have had to change, things you fear, your feelings of anger, frustration, loss of freedom, hope for the future, etc. Please send me your words...."

Here is what we have so far.

-----Donna

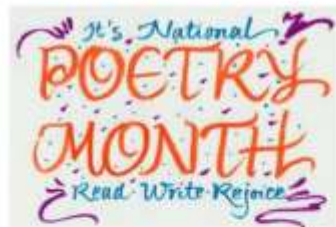
### We Are All In This Together

*Who would have thought,  
a tiny weapon I cannot see,  
Corona CV-19,  
has changed the world for me.*

*I know it's here  
multiplying,  
traveling,  
attacking.  
Growing power over man.  
Stealing security, faith, trust.  
Knowing no boundaries.*

*I hide, I worry, I fear  
An invisible enemy.  
----- Donna Hamilton*

*But, don't worry my dear  
I'll stay inside  
I'll sanitize,  
I'll scrub  
And then you'll see  
I can clean the toilet  
When I pee!  
-----Paula Banks*



*Pollution waning,  
Outside walking in nature,  
Air cleaner, skies bluer,  
Keeping in touch with others --  
Healing planet and people.  
-----Carol Thombs*

*In examining a tree's concentric rings  
We can see  
Where a critical event in its history  
Has taken place.  
Healing occurs,  
But with a marked break  
In the pattern.  
----- Pat Chaloupek*

### Of interest on the web:

A new Facebook page, MEDINA COUNTY TAKE-OUT, see recommendations, lists of services, specials, some with videos:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2708834985881490/>

Free Ancestry resources for at home learning and to stimulate interest in genealogy

[https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2020/03/24/free-at-home-education-resources-from-ancestry-and-access-to-nearly-500-million-national-archives-records/?o\\_xid=107567&o\\_lid=107567&sch=Email-Campaigns](https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2020/03/24/free-at-home-education-resources-from-ancestry-and-access-to-nearly-500-million-national-archives-records/?o_xid=107567&o_lid=107567&sch=Email-Campaigns)

The legacy of human trafficking and white supremacy over Native Americans is frequently ignored by Anglo America. From NMAI (National Museum of the American Indian)

<https://americanindian.si.edu/developingstories/daniels.html>

NYC: NMAI 80 years of American Indian Art with narration "Stretching the Canvas" exhibit

<https://www.thirteen.org/programs/nyc-arts/nyc-arts-choice-stretching-canvas-261or/>

### Things to watch:

**The Polio Crusade:** The story of the polio crusade pays tribute to a time when Americans banded together to conquer a terrible disease. The medical breakthrough saved countless lives and had a pervasive impact on American philanthropy that continues to be felt today. Premier Tues., March 31, at 9 pm on PBS American Experience. Read more at:

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/polio/>



### Cover article continued

At the same time, women's suffrage was finally coming into fruition. The first women's rights convention at Seneca Falls took place in 1848. It wasn't until August 18, 1920 that we won the right to vote.

Prohibition and Women's suffrage converge in an interesting way in the election of 1920, especially for those of us interested in Middletown History. The election featured Republican Ohio Senator Warren G. Harding with running mate Calvin Coolidge versus Democratic Ohio Governor James Cox (of Jacksonburg and Middletown) with running mate Franklin D. Roosevelt. Harding overwhelmingly won the election with 404 electoral votes to James Cox' 127. James Cox even lost in Butler County, Ohio! Many historians believe that a main reason was that Harding (himself a drinker) had the support of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League- a Republican organization- whereas James Cox (a 'teetotaler') did not.

Shelly Abrams of the Mason/Lebanon Branch has a Women's Suffrage Centennial webcast on the Lebanon website listed below. Shelly is interviewing Katherine Durack who tells some tales of interesting women from the suffrage movement. Go to the website and scroll down until you see the title 'Feelin' Good. Hopefully you will be feeling good after watching the thirty-five minute webcast. <https://thelebanonchannel.viebit.com/?folder=ALL>

### Slate of Officers for 2020-2021 Program Year

The Middletown AAUW nominating committee, Michelle Piepgrass and Carolyn Smith, put forward for your consideration the following slate of candidates for 2020-2021:

**President:** Christine Buchert

**President Elect:** Melissa Worbis

**Membership Co-Chairs:** Paula Cohen and Jackie Lankfer

**Program Co-Chairs:** Rebecca Ward and Deborah Worbis

**Co-Financial Officers:** Katie DeVilling and Kristen Mulligan

**Recording Secretary:** Joyce Trick

**Corresponding Secretary:** Virginia Palmer

Branch by-laws require distributing this list in March and voting in April to be ready for installation in May. The coronavirus outbreak will alter this procedure.

If you wish to nominate a candidate for any of these positions, ask the candidate first, then submit the name to president Chris Buchert by April 7.

### News from Ohio AAUW

Four Middletown members will be delegates at a state on-line annual meeting April 25 to elect state officers. Serving as delegates are Chris Buchert, Ginny Palmer, Carolyn Smith, and Melissa Worbis.

### AAUW Ohio Convention 2020 Rescheduled...

AAUW Ohio is watching developments of our current health crisis as we project when we might gather for a combined Convention 2020 and Fall Summit. Assuming now that the bans on gathering will ease by fall, the Ohio Board has chosen a September date. Please save September 12, 2020 to plan to gather at the Quest Polaris Conference Center in Columbus.

We have confirmed the new reservation date at the venue. Our speakers are willing to change their commitment to September 12. If you were sorry to miss our keynote, Lisa Maatz, you will have a chance to renew her acquaintance on September 12. Michelle Wilson and Dr. Cynthia Anderson have also assured availability on the new date.

The board anticipates that the cost of the combined convention and summit will remain the same as convention alone. Those who have already registered for Convention 2020 may choose to leave their registration in anticipation of the fall event or they may email [president.aauwoh@gmail.com](mailto:president.aauwoh@gmail.com) by May 1 to request a refund.

### Voluntary Simplicity

Our Voluntary Simplicity group had planned to complete our book study on Civility at our March meeting. We ended up cancelling that meeting, and have decided to postpone future meetings until further notice. Practicing social distancing is one of the ways we can take care of each other during the crisis our country (and the world) is experiencing. It is a way to follow our mission

"To serve as a support group . . . being sensitive to our families . . . and the world around us." We will meet again once the crisis has subsided.

### PENS

Our PENS writing group has decided to suspend meetings until further notice. Until we are able to resume meeting together, Carolyn Smith is working to establish an audio/video conference site to enable our PENS group to "meet" online. We will set "meeting" dates for April once we get the conferencing site up and going. Until then, we encourage everyone to KEEP WRITING! KEEP YOUR SPIRITS HOPEFUL!



Diversity—Cindy Goldberg, Co-Chair



**African American Leaders in Medicine**

When we think of leaders in medicine some names may immediately come to mind. Do you think of Dr. Jonas Salk? Do you think of Dr. Sabin? Both were leaders in the fight against polio. Many young people today have no direct knowledge of the time that polio was the scourge impacting so many of our children with fearful rates of contagion, death and disability. These doctors were true heroes in their day. Many owe their lives to their research and creativity in creating the vaccines that largely put an end to horror which was polio.

In the current COVID-19 pandemic we are waiting for new heroes to emerge. We don't know who they will be and many will toil in relative anonymity in research labs all over the world. What we know is our stereotypes of who the hero doctors will be have no place now.

Continuing this theme I would like to share with you the stories of some hero doctors you may not have heard of. Their stories are fascinating and many faced adversity which would've well-prepared them to the adversity we all face today.

These trailblazers broke barriers and shattered stereotypes and went on to conduct research, discover treatments, and provide leadership that improved the health of millions. They fought slavery, prejudice, and injustice—and changed the face of medicine in America. They invented modern blood-banking, served in the highest ranks of the U.S. government, and much more. Of course there were many black male doctors who made a difference, but we will focus on the women only this time.

**1. Rebecca Lee Crumpler, MD (1831—1895)**

In 1864, after years as a nurse, Rebecca Lee Crumpler became the first black woman in the United States to receive an MD. She earned that distinction at the New England Female Medical College in Boston, Massachusetts—where she also was the institution's only black graduate. After the Civil War, Crumpler moved to Richmond, Virginia, where she worked with other black doctors who were caring for formerly enslaved people in the Freedmen's Bureau. While she faced sexism and other forms of harassment, Crumpler ultimately found the experience transformative. "I returned to my former home, Boston, where I entered into the work with renewed vigor, practicing outside, and receiving children in the house for treatment; regardless, in a measure, of remuneration," she wrote.



Crumpler also wrote *A Book of Medical Discourses: In Two Parts*. Published in 1883, the book addresses children's and women's health and is written for "mothers, nurses, and all

who may desire to mitigate the afflictions of the human race."

**2. Marilyn Hughes Gaston, MD (b. 1939)**

In a pivotal experience while working as an intern at Philadelphia General Hospital in 1964, Marilyn Hughes Gaston, MD, admitted a baby with a swollen, infected hand. The baby suffered from sickle cell disease, which hadn't occurred to Gaston until her supervisor suggested the possibility. Gaston quickly committed herself to learning more about it, and eventually became a leading researcher on the disease, which affects millions of people around the world. She became deputy branch chief of the Sickle Cell Disease Branch at the National Institutes of Health, and her groundbreaking 1986 study led to a national sickle cell disease screening program for newborns. Her research showed both the benefits of screening for sickle cell disease at birth and the effectiveness of penicillin to prevent infection from sepsis, which can be fatal in children with the disease.



In 1990, Gaston became the first black female physician to be appointed director of the Health Resources and Services Administration's Bureau of Primary Health Care. She was also the second black woman to serve as assistant surgeon general as well as achieve the rank of rear admiral in the U.S. Public Health Service. Gaston has been honored with every award that the Public Health Service bestows.

**3. Patricia Era Bath, MD (b. 1942)**

Interning in New York City in the 1960s sparked a revelation for Patricia Era Bath, MD. Bath, the first African American to complete an ophthalmology residency, noticed that rates of blindness and visual impairment were much higher at the Harlem Hospital's eye clinic, which served many black patients, than at the eye clinic at Columbia University, which mostly served whites. That observation spurred her to conduct a study that found twice the rate of blindness among African Americans compared with whites. Throughout the rest of her career, Bath explored inequities in vision care. She created the discipline of community ophthalmology, which approaches vision care from the perspectives of community medicine and public health.



Bath blazed trails in other ways as well, co-founding the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness in 1976, which supports programs that protect, preserve, and restore eyesight. Bath was also the first woman appointed chair of ophthalmology at a U.S. medical school, at the University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of

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Diversity	
Historian and Scrapbook	
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Newsletter	Brooke Anderson
Social Media	Renée Spiker
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Lunch cost is \$12.00 unless otherwise noted.

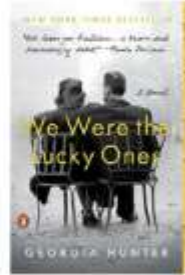
<b>Saturday Sept. 14 2019 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Luncheon and Business Meeting at Primrose</b> 4121 Northpointe Dr., Zanesville <b>Program: Meet and Greet:</b> Be Wise Campers
<b>Saturday Sept. 28, 2019 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.</b>	<b>Fall Summit, "What More Could You Ask For?"</b> Presidents, Public Policy Chairs, Program VP All Saints Lutheran Church, Worthington
<b>Saturday Oct. 12 2019 10 a.m. BRUNCH</b>	<b>Brunch and Business Meeting at Primrose</b> , 4121 Northpointe Dr., Zanesville <b>Program:</b> Jan Ramer, VP of The Wilds Report on the Fall Summit; Collection for Naomi House
<b>Saturday Nov. 9 2019 11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Luncheon and Business Meeting at Primrose,</b> 4121 North Pointe Dr., Zanesville <b>Program:</b> Chris Hadley, Naomi House
<b>Saturday Dec. 14 2019 10 a.m. BRUNCH</b>	<b>Brunch and Business Meeting at Primrose,</b> 4121 Northpointe Dr., Zanesville <b>Program:</b> Helen Harper Collecting items or money for Transitions. All checks must be made payable to Transitions

### Branch Meetings and Events

Date and Time	Program	Location
<p>Wednesday, September 11, 2019 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Summer Read Book Share Fall Potluck</p> <p>Table Service, Drinks, and Meat Dish Provided. Please bring appetizer, salad or dessert to share.</p>	<p>Ville Charmante Clubhouse 135 St. Michelle St. Worthington 43085 Hostess: Jana Patchen 614-578-4505</p>
<p>Saturday, September 28, 2019 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.</p>	<p>AAUW Ohio Fall Summit</p> <p>Donations to Worthington Resource Pantry</p>	<p>All Saints Lutheran Church 6770 North High St. Worthington 43085</p>
<p>Saturday, October 26, 2019 9:30 a.m. - reception 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. - program</p>	<p>White House Ghosts Jeri Diehl Cusack</p> <p>(Joint meeting)</p> <p>Donations to Walk to End Alzheimer's Team - "Hurry Up Cure Team"</p>	<p>All Saints Lutheran Church 6770 North High St. Worthington 43085</p>
<p>October 3, 2019 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Candidates Night</p>	<p>McConnell Arts Center 777 Evening St. Worthington 43085</p>

## MARCH & APRIL PROGRAMMING

**Date:** Wednesday, March 25, 2019  
**Program:** Cocktails and Convos  
Women's Issues Discussion  
**Venue:** Buffalo Wild Wings  
**Theme:** Social Justice  
**Time:** 5:30 –7:00 pm  
**RSVP to** [dgwoold@bgsu.edu](mailto:dgwoold@bgsu.edu)



**Date:** Saturday, April 7, 2020  
**Topic:** Celebrating Outstanding Women &  
Annual Business Meeting  
**Venue:** Bowling Green Country Club  
**Time:** 10pm—12 pm

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## APRIL & MAY PROGRAMMING

**Equal Pay Day: Wednesday April 15 ,  
2020**  
[fightforfairpay.org](http://fightforfairpay.org)

**Wear RED on Equal Pay Day  
to symbolize how far women  
and minorities are "in the red" with their pay!**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 30, 2020  
**Program:** Cocktails and Convos  
Women's Issues Discussion  
**Venue:** Naslada  
**Theme:** Diversity, Justice  
**Time:** 5:30 –7:00 pm

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You can read the book or not, just come  
and join the discussion!



**Date:** Monday, May 18, 2020

**Venue:** El Zarape  
**Time:** 5:30 –7:00 pm  
**Theme:** Technology

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➤ **December 8, 2019 (Sunday)—3:00 pm  
(continued)**

**Followed by:** dinner

**At:** TBA

➤ **January 29, 2020—Saturday—1 to 3 pm**

**At:** Beachwood Branch  
Cuyahoga County Public Library  
Meeting Room B  
25501 Shaker Blvd.  
Beachwood, OH 44122  
(216)831-6868

**Program:** All branch discussion of *A Colored Woman in a White World*, autobiography of Mary Church Terrell.

➤ **February 29, 2020—Saturday—2-4 pm**

**At:** South Euclid-Lyndhurst Branch  
Cuyahoga County Public Library  
Meeting Room B  
1878 South Green Road  
South Euclid, OH 44121  
(216)382-4880

**Program:** *Women Constituents" Can We Talk?*  
Communicating with our elected female representatives on a local level.



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Sunday, March 26, 2018  
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Orange Branch Public Library (James A. Garfield Room)  
3100 Chagrin Boulevard - Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124  
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Refreshments and Fellowship 1:15 PM



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