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PENS Writing Group




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Thursday, April 16, 2020, 7pm, Virtua

Upcoming Books

Thursday, May 21, 2020, 7pm, at ???: *She Ignite a Movement*, by Jodi Kantor and Me

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For more information on the PENS Writing Group, contact 

Joy Luck Club Book Discussion Group

In 1991, several members of the Middletown, Ohio, branch of the [American Association of University Women](#) began reading books together and meeting once a month to discuss them.



Why do we call our group Joy Luck Club? The first book we read together was Amy Tan's *The Joy Luck Club*. We've also read and discussed her books *The Kitchen God's Wife* and *The Bonesetter's Daughter*.

Click [HERE](#) to see the list of fiction that we've read over the years. Click [HERE](#) for our nonfiction list. For the titles followed by **MOVIE**, our discussion of that book included watching the movie together.

Voluntary Simplicity

The Voluntary Simplicity group serves 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.

Meets bi-monthly on the third Tuesday. All meetings include centering time, inner simplicity practice (mindfulness), topic presentation and discussion, and reflection.

2019-2020 Schedule

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- Medina Branch



Medina County (OH) Branch

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Sister-to-Sister 2020: March 8, Medina Hospital

21st Annual Sister-to-Sister Conference for Girls ages 11-14 was held at Medina Hospital, Sun., March 8, 2020. This free event has been totally funded by contributions from AAUW members and the community. The conference was the subject of an article in a recent [Medina Gazette](#).



Keynote speaker, Stefanie Robinson addresses Sister-2-Sister.

This year's program, "**Be the TRUE you,**" focused on building self-esteem and confidence as it is influenced by peer pressure and relationships. The keynote speaker and featured presenter was **Stefanie Robinson**, Director of Hope Recovery Community. We welcomed Junior Leadership from Leadership Medina County this year to help on our planning board. Adult and teen coalition members coordinated the day's activities including "chat rooms," ice-breakers and a hands-on project. We also included a fun exercise component.

The original S2S project was initiated in 1997 by the national American Association of University Women in an effort to understand

the concerns of our nation's young women and how these concerns affected their educational experiences.

A separate program for parents reviewed concerns and ideas relating to the theme, held concurrently in an adjoining room during the last part of the S2S session.



The junior leaders get a selfie.



Best Visuals

- Zanesville Branch



Zanesville (OH) Branch

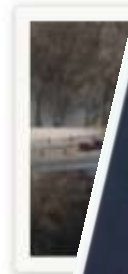
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MARCH 14, 2020 | 2:00 - 4:00PM
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Cathy Nelson discusses the 1850 Women's rights Convention
in Salem, Ohio.



Best Blog

- Heights-Hillcrest-Lyndhurst Branch

Does racial color blindness exist? The dangers of teaching the myth of racial color blindness

Posted on January 17, 2020 by lapolyanna

We didn't know it but I guess I lived in what is now called a progressive family. I'm a first generation American and our focus was not on race as we understand it today. Our focus was on survival. The horror of World War II was still swirling around us when I was born. My parents experienced fear having just come out of the great economic depression to find out that Hitler was trying to exterminate all of my people and certainly we had lost most if not all of our relatives who remained in Europe. Until the end of World War II my family knew that death could be, at any time, at our door. I was raised to be a proud American forever grateful for the sacrifice of the nation in the war effort. I was, within reason, raised to relatively feel safe here. I was told the policeman was my friend and if I should get lost I should tell a policeman in uniform and he would take me to the police station and perhaps buy me ice cream. Today we know this blind trust in authority can not be shared by all. After World War II there was some good news though. Our family was a loyal Brooklyn Dodger family. Jackie Robinson was our hero. We talked about the fact he wasn't treated right by the crowd and other players, but he was our hero and he withstood every test. We didn't talk much about how he may have felt. In our mind heroes were above feelings of hurt, pain and fear. My favorite doll was soft, made of cloth and to an adult eye, of another race. Did I think I had a black doll? No, my doll was just something I loved beyond words. I think my family, without knowing it, was trying to raise me color blind. I went to an



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The African American Women's Suffrage Movement, a Lesson to Us All

Posted on March 19, 2020 by lapolyanna

When we think of the women's suffrage movement, we think of women marching, linking their arms together, and singing. Many will tell you that

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African American Leaders in Medicine

Posted on April 10, 2020 by lapolyanna

When we think of leaders in medicine some names may immediately come to mind. Do you think of Dr. J. Edgar Hoover? Do you think of Dr. Albert 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 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 in 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

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