



Medina County Branch

NEWSLETTER

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education and positive societal change.

Save these Dates! February

7th -Board Meeting
1pm Panera's

12th 2-Afternoon Book
Discussion 1 pm

20th -Evening Book
Discussion 7pm

22nd - General Meeting
Black History Month
2nd Baptist Church 7 pm

March

7th -Board Meeting
1pm Panera's

12th -Afternoon Book
Discussion 1 pm

20th -Evening Book
Discussion 7pm

22nd - General Meeting
Panel Discussion
"Women in Non-Trad-
itional Careers"
Reserve Bldg. 7 pm.

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Medina AAUW & 2nd Baptist Church Celebrate Black History Month

Celebrating Black History Month with members of the 2nd Baptist Church has become a tradition for members of the AAUW-Medina Branch. "This is our fifth year of celebration," reports Marilyn Sigel, AAUW program chair.

"This year the celebration will highlight local black citizen's contributions to and accomplishments in the Medina community," said Sigel. The featured speakers will discuss their journey to their current career and describe help and obstacles in their paths. The Rev. Russell Burden will be the master of ceremonies.

The evening of celebration will also feature music. A choir of singers from the 2nd Baptist Church and members of AAUW-Medina Branch will sing between presentations.

The event will be held on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007. The pre-festivity tribute to famous Black Americans begins at 6:30 and the program will start at 7 pm in the 2nd Baptist Church on Bronson Street in Medina, Ohio. Refreshment will be served. Please contact Marilyn Sigel (330-625-2772) about refreshment needs.

The program is free and will be fun and filled with information and music. Members who wish to contribute to the 2nd Baptist Church food bank are asked to bring a non-perishable food item. Bring your family and friends and plan to attend.

[Photos are of the 2006 AAUW/2nd Baptist Black History Program.]

LAF in Action Locally

In a letter to Marilyn Sigel, Roberta Mohr, the President of Akron AAUW invited our members to the Akron AAUW March meeting.

The invitation reads,

“Our Akron branch is having a program in March that we hope will interest your branch enough to make them want to drive to Akron for it! On Saturday, March 10th at 11:30 am we would like to invite your branch to a luncheon at the Akron Woman’s City Club. Following the meal, Paula Maggio will discuss her lawsuit against Kent State University for discrimination. AAUW’s Legal Advocacy Fund supported her in this effort.

We will also have a Silent Auction and Book Sale to benefit LAF.

Please extend this invitation to your members. The cost of the meal will probably be \$12 or \$13.”

Pat Chaloupek will coordinate this activity. Please let Pat (330-725-4950) know before March 1 that you plan to attend.



Arts and Entertainment

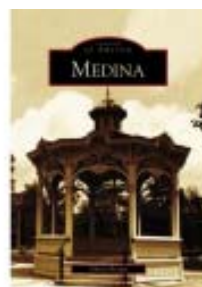
AAUW members and guests are invited to attend the a tour of the Cleveland Museum of Art and the *Monet in Normandy Exhibit* on March 28th.

Admission is free for members of the Art Museum, \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors.

If you are interested in the tour, please contact **Marilyn Sigel** at 330-625-2772.

Meet at 9 am in the Buehler’s River Styx parking lot. The tour group will eat lunch at the museum.

Do you know someone who can’t decide what career path to take? The **March 22nd**, AAUW General meeting will feature a panel discussion with women in non-traditional careers. Mark the date and plan to bring your friend.



Author! Author!

Congratulations to **Gloria Brown**. Gloria’s book, *Images of America: Medina*, has just been published by Arcadia Publishing. Her book is one in a series of books that “celebrates the history of neighborhood, towns and cities across the country.”

Gloria will have a book signing on March 10, 2007 at Gramercy Gallery from 1 to 3 pm. Her book is available on-line through Amazon.com.

Gloria is a long-time member of AAUW Medina Branch and has served as President and in a variety of board positions.



Afternoon Book Discussion

Meets the second Monday of the month (Sept. - May) at 1:00 pm at members' homes. Members share in book selection and leadership. Books vary from classics, to current fiction, non-fiction and biography. The group has read and attended plays together and held a poetry month reading. Contact person: Stephanie Duke, s.grantduke@adelphia.net or 330-239-4163.

We'll be discussing *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards on **Monday, February 12th.**

Location: Gloria Brown, 800 Shorewood Drive, Medina, OH 44256 330-725-7403
Time: 1 p.m. Leader: Judy Smith

March 12 selection is *Pale Horse, Pale Rider* by Katherine Anne Porter.

Location: Dori Christy, 1166 Brandywine Drive., Medina, OH, phone 330-725-4001.
We need a leader for this selection.

April 9, Poetry—select your own and share with group.

Location: Judy Smith at 174 Glenshire Lane, Medina , 330-725-1360.

May 14, *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nimerovsky.

Location: Betty Lyman, 970 Hickory Grove, Medina, 330-723-8141. Leader: Gloria Brown



Evening Book Discussion

Meets the third Tuesday of the month (Sept. - May) at 7:00 pm at members' homes. Members share in book selection and leadership. Books vary from classics, to current fiction, non-fiction and biography. Contact person: Pat Chaloupek pchal@zoominternet.net or 330-725-4950.

February: (Black History Month). **Feb. 20**
Location: The home of Janet Bender
The Autobiography of My Mother, by Jamaica Kincaid. Think about an earlier autobiographical selection, Barack Obama's *Dreams from my Father*, and how we might contrast the books.

March: **March 20** Location: TBA *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*, by Kim Edwards.

Our friend and member *Margaret Rademacher* passed away Jan. 15, 2007. We extend our sympathy to her family. There will be a memorial service for Margaret on Sat., Feb. 10, 2007 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Medina at 10:30 am.

Margaret was one of the founding members of the Medina Branch of AAUW. The Board has made a contribution to the AAUW Scholarship Fund in Margaret's memory. Members who wish to make a similar contribution may use the form on page four of this Newsletter.

[If you have member news - honors, illnesses, etc., please contact Paula Banks at 330-725-8273 or at banksnote@zoominternet.net.]

AAUW Diversity Statement: In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

Medina County American Association of University Women

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