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The American Association of University Women, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold the baccalaureate or a higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. 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, or disability. The American Association of University Women promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and positive societal change

AAUW Atlanta Branch Meeting

April 14th, 2007

MIRAGE RESTAURANT
6631-C Roswell Rd. Sandy Springs
Tel. 404-843-8300

9:30 a.m. Board Meeting
10:30 a.m. General Membership meeting
11:15 a.m. Program
12:00 noon Lunch

Lunch will consist of soup,
chicken or lamb kabobs,
vegetables and,
for
dessert, baklava.
Cost is \$18.00

Please make your reservations by Monday, April 9th.
E-mail: francesjsmith1921@yahoo.com
Tel. Frances Smith at 404-231-0482

Directions: Mirage Restaurant is in the Abernathy Square Shopping Center on the SE corner of Roswell and Abernathy Roads. The restaurant is on the east side.

Our April program is our annual "arts" event. This year, we are thrilled to have as our presenters high school students from the DeKalb School of the Arts. They will present drama vignettes from their February Black History Touring Show "And Man Slept"
Please plan to join us.

REFLECTIONS

Dr. Caroline Dott, a psychotherapist with 35 years of experience and our presenter at our March 17th meeting, was delightfully informative as she encouraged us to full embrace our “middle” years. A few words of wisdom on wellness made by Dr. Dott: Conscious decision making is of ultimate importance. To put our brain on automatic is to decrease brain cell growth and lead to decay. Conscious living creates growth!!

Depression is the leading cause of disability in the world and is 4 times more prevalent in women than men. Depression has also been found to have a genetic component. It is a treatable disease with drug therapy and psychotherapy. We are charged to take charge!!

Stress is cumulative. Women who have experienced significant emotional responses to reproductive events will be more likely to suffer stress at later reproductive events. Name it and lessen its impact!!

Positive energy is of utmost importance to our well-being, so work on de-programming conditioned negative responses.

Banish worrying!! If something is causing worry, see if you can do anything to change it. If that's not possible, then clear it from your mind. Stay positive!! The best exercise program is one that takes place every day!!

Caroline left us with a great amount of information to serve us in our quest to spend our remaining years in good mental and emotional health. She did this with great sincerity and positive modeling. We all felt fortunate for having spent our time with Dr. Caroline Dott.

COMMUNITY ACTION

The notice for requesting proposals is on our Website, www.aauwatlanta.org, and a notice was sent to the Women's Studies Institute at GSU. However, please inform organizations you know to participate. Questions? Call Kay Collins, 404-266-2183.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Betty Arden

The following slate of officers has been selected for the 2006-2007 term. They will be voted on at the April meeting.

Co-Presidents: Diana Witt and Connie Eshenour
Program Vice-President: TBD
Membership Vice President: TBD

Fundraising Vice President: Tami Anderson
Recording Sec. – Board: Ruth Yurchuck
Recording Sec. – Branch: Phyllis Miller

Nominating Committee 2007-2008:

Bea Meyer
Barbara Buchanan
Mary Lynn Merkle
Pat Bevis
Ruth Yurchuck
Fannie Garber (alternate)

PLEASE NOTE: TBD means these offices are not yet filled! We must have candidates for these positions by the April meeting. Please consider running for one of these important posts. We need you! Contact Betty Arden: 770-955-6381

AAUW CELEBRATES 125 YEARS

Here is an abridged timeline of the legislative legacy left by AAUW's activism:

1898—The Committee on Educational Legislation promotes educational opportunities for women and girls.

1917—Becomes first group ever to picket the White House for a political cause, Women's Suffrage.

1941—Supports the establishment of women's units in all branches of the armed services and calls for equal pay and rank for women.

1946—After advocating for the United Nations, AAUW is given permanent U.N. observer status.

1953—AAUW provides leadership to secure passage of the Federal Equal Pay Law (enacted 1963).

1972—AAUW is instrumental in the passage of Title IX, co-authored by member Patsy Mink.

1981—The Legal Advocacy Fund is established to provide funding for women challenging sex discrimination in higher education.

Watch for more highlights in the next issue!

BOOKFAIR NEWS

Many of you are working for the 2007 Bookfair now. The work done before the Bookfair, which will be held at Perimeter Mall from September 23 move in day and move out September 30, counts time and one half. The many people who pick up books, sort, price, pack, and attend steering committee meetings are giving so much to help our Education Foundation and Community Action Funds. The Bookroom is open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10:00 until 2:00. We always need people. Sylvia Goodyear needs someone to serve as her Co - chair on Bookfair.

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She is a terrific person who has so many great ideas about the sale. Give me a call if you would like to be on the steering committee and serve as

the 2007 Bookfair Co chair. My number is 404-237-6806. Looking forward to hearing from you.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Mary Hanson, Co-President

In 2007, AAUW has made the news! Next time you turn on your computer go to www.aauw.org and be impressed. It will make you proud to be a member. Several AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund-supported plaintiffs have won significant jury awards. The most recent plaintiff was awarded over \$4 million in a sexual harassment, discrimination and pay equity case. Another recent award of \$725,000 was a settlement made to a university male coach who stood up for what he knew was right. He showed support for female wrestlers and lost his job because of it. AAUW is also supporting the female wrestlers in a Title IX suit. The Atlanta branch's contributions to LAF have helped to bring these awards to fruition. Read more at the website; more cases are being fought and won for women's equity. Too busy to spend a lot of time reading, but still want to actively participate in government? Go to the 2-Minute Activist. You can e-mail legislators who have a vote in pending legislation. It's a fast but informative summary of many bills that concern women, children and families. Get the information and tell your politicians how you want them to vote on your behalf. Currently AAUW is supporting the Healthy Families Act which guarantees paid sick leave to employees to take care of personal and family medical needs. It is also supporting the Paycheck Fairness Act, by strengthening and Updating an act that is currently in place. Women still earn only 77 cents for every dollar a man earns. In the era of the single parent family, this is a problem that deserves correction. Read more at the website; other women/family friendly bills are being supported. Last but not least check, out the local website of the Atlanta Branch. If you know of a deserving non-profit, tell them to apply for a Community Action Grant. The deadline is April 14th and all the information is on our website.

Come to the next Branch meeting. Participate!

GEORGIA AAUW STATE CONVENTION

April 20-22, 2007, Columbus, GA

Please consider attending the State Convention this year. We hope to have a good turnout from our branch to support state president and Atlanta Branch member Lynn Fountain. National EF President Barbara O'Connor will be speaking. There will be meetings on networking and financial planning and financial literacy training. Seventeen students from Georgia colleges who will attend our convention as part

National's Student Advisory Committee program.

STATE CONVENTION CARPOOLING

Betty Slater is coordinating carpooling for students and any branch members who wish to carpool to the State Convention. Please call Betty at: 404-237-6806 if you need a ride or can provide one for someone else.

APRIL PROGRAM

Our April program will be a gift of drama vignettes presented by high school students from the Dekalb School of the Arts. We will see sections of their February Black History Tour Show, "---And Man Slept." Astrid Mauer-Evans, the director of "---And Man Slept," is a paraprofessional at DSA and is particularly interested in imparting African American history—a history which she feel is rich, flavorful and inviting. This fall she will leave DSA and begin a seminary education at ITC on the Atlanta University Center campus. Alexis Monet Roe, a sophomore at DSA, is Astrid's assistant director. She is majoring in Vocal studies and minoring in Dance. Chauntae Pink ("High on the Hog") is a senior and intends to major in Theater when she starts college this fall. Besides drama she has performed in both dance and vocal shows at DSA. Makeba Lauren Frazier ("Wanda") came to DSA in 2004. She has had many drama experiences beginning at age 7 when she was featured as an extra in two Disney productions. She plans to attend and perform at Florida State University. Kaitlyn McAlarney and Yasmin Antoinette Bafford will perform "I, Slave." Kaitlyn is a third year student at DSA and loves being a part of the action there. Yasmin is a junior whose major is Drama and minor is Music. She enjoys acting and the excitement of being on stage, but her career goal is to become a medical professional. Rachael Alexander ("Ain't I a Woman") is a senior and majoring in Music. She plans to continue to pursue that after graduation. While at DSA she has participated in drama, dance and media. She has also been a member of the Highleit Show Choir and the Atlanta Young Singers of Callanwolde. Hanan Davis will serve as the understudy for all the performers. She is a junior who is majoring in Vocal Music and minoring in Dance. She is also a member of the Junior Professional Dance Troupe and has been Studying West African dance for 13 years. The April program promises to be something Extraordinary as these young women share their creative gifts with us and then share their individual stories and dreams while we lunch together!

Atlanta Branch News. Our very own Carol Fetters took a blue ribbon at the Southeastern Flower Show on February 8th. We have a photo, but it couldn't appear in the newsletter, because it is in color, and converting it to black and white erases the image. Watch for it our website!

The Travel Club will meet on April 12 at 10 AM to view the glass sculptures in the midtown Frabel studio Lunch following. Call Betty Arden at 770-955-6381 for details

Board meeting will be held April 15th at Mirage, followed by the general business meeting before the program. Newsletter deadline: **April 20th, 2007** Our final event this year will be on May 12.

DON'T FORGET AAUW STATE CONVENTION, APRIL 20-22 Columbus, GA



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