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RESERVE NOW!!!

AAUW Meeting October 13, 2007

Place: Cross Creek Cafe,

1221 Cross Creek Pkwy., NW

Time: 11:00 AM

Menu: House Special (hot meal)
with coffee and/or tea

Price: \$14.00

Program: Meeting our Refugee Family
Services Student Leaders

We will introduce two extraordinary
young women, Mireille and Silvia, our
2007-2008 Leadership Grant winners.
We will also provide an overview of the
program and the leadership development
that it offers.

Directions: From I-75 North or South, turn right on
Moore's Mill. At the first light turn left onto West Wesley
Road. Take the first right turn, which is Bohler Road.
Proceed approximately one-half mile to Cross Creek
Parkway. Turn left, then take the next left to the Cross
Creek Cafe's parking lot.

Reservations: e-mail francesjsmith1921@yahoo.com or
call Francis at 404-231-0482

Deadline for reservations: Tuesday, October 9th

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

(for mailing on October 31st)

**Are you WILLING AND ABLE to receive your
Atlanta News by e-mail? If so, please contact editor
Mary Lynn Merkle (merkle1651@comcast.net).

Post Bookfair Clean-up Day!
Saturday, October 6th
in the Bookroom!
Help! Help! Help!



From left to right: Cheryl Reiss, Lynn Fountain, and Elaine North

REFLECTIONS FROM SEPTEMBER

Our first meeting for our new year was well attended. Twenty-seven of us gathered for food and fellowship at The Mint on September 8th. We had two of our newest members, Elaine North and Cheryl Reiss (see picture) and several guests present.

Lynn Fountain, the current president of AAUW of Georgia and a member of Atlanta Branch, discussed the newest AAUW study(April 2007) "Behind the Pay Gap," a follow-up to their recent study "Gains in Learning; Gaps in Earning." Using data from a study ("Baccalaureate and Beyond") done by the Department of Education, they compared graduates from 1992-93 and graduates from 2000-2001.

And, what did they find?!

#1--*Women in the 2000-2001 group are making 80% of what men are. AAUW looked at majors and professional work. Some difference may be due to choices made, but it would appear that 5% can only be accounted for by discrimination.*

#2--*Women in the 1992-1993 group are making 69% of what men are.*

#3--*However, men who are parents tend to earn more than men who are not parents. Men parents are seen as more reliable.*

#4--*Women have more options for work than men.*

#5--*A related study shows that women who ask for more money are perceived more negatively than women who ask for more money. Women need to document their efforts and to speak out about their accomplishments.*

#6--*Any field that has predominantly women employees has a decrease in median pay.*

And, why is this pay gap important?!

It is important that women, especially young women, begin to think about retirement right away. It is imperative that women plan for any contingency, including being financially dependent on their own retirement incomes.

MEETING OUR STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

(Betty Slater)

Our branch will have the opportunity to meet several of our student advisory board members from the metro area at our October meeting. These young women have excellent leadership skills and caring attitudes. I was so impressed with their energy and enthusiasm when I met them for the first time at the state convention in Columbus, GA. I know you will be impressed with them also. I look forward to having our Atlanta Branch members meet them as they will be meeting the high school students from the Family Refugee Services sponsored by our branch for the leadership program. The following are the students with the colleges that they represent:

Brittney Little, Agnes Scott College

Theresa Rinderknecht-Lumbreze, Brenau University

Marcia Shore, Clayton State University

Lindsey Southard, Spelman College

Laura Stiltz, Georgia Institute of Technology

Brittany Waller, Savannah College of Art & Design

Allison Youngblood, Georgia State University

"GOURMET" WITH US!!

(Sally Byers, Coordinator)

The Evening Gourmet Group gathers several times from October through June, always on a week night.

We love to experience meals from different countries and ethnic backgrounds. It's a great opportunity for those of you who like to eat and socialize and learn. And we're always looking for more "gourmands."

Call Sally Byers at 770/491-3781!!!

NEXT BOOK GROUP GATHERING

The book group will have its next meeting on November 7th. The discussion will be around House of Sand and Fog by Andre Dubus. Membership is open to all branch members. If interested, contact Kay Collins, 404/266-2183.

Notes and News from our Co-Presidents (Diana Witt)

*I'll make this short and sweet as I know
Mary Lynn is cramped for space.*

*I hope everyone is now rested up from
Bookfair. I know that we don't have the final tal-
lies yet, but I've heard we were successful again
this year, and that combined with our online sales
from the Bookroom, we should be able to continue
our good work this year with EF/LAF contribu-
tions, Community Action Grants, and local scholar-
ships.*

*By the time you read this we will be looking
forward to our October meeting. I'm very excited
about the work we are doing with RFS, and I'm
committed to making this national grant a success
for our branch.*

*I have also been contacting our community
action grant recipients and hope to have several of
them at our November meeting.*

*Finally, I will be attending the Fall Board
Meeting for all Georgia branch presidents in Octo-
ber at Georgia State in Milledgeville. I will hope to
report on that meeting in November.*

See you on the 13th!!!

A SNEAK PREVIEW OF OUR NOVEMBER MEETING (Anne Habersetzer)

*On Saturday, November 10th we will be checking
out the newly refurbished Nieman Marcus Cafe at
Lenox Square. The lunch sounds fabulous: either
Prime Rib Melt, etc. or House Roast Turkey Panini,
etc. with beverage and dessert included. (Price:
\$20.25)*

*We will be meeting at 11:00 AM and will have
an opportunity to meet some of the recipients of our
Community Action grants.*

***The reservation deadline is Monday, No-
vember 5th. Why not contact Frances Smith right
away to reserve!***
francesjsmith 1921@yahoo.com or 404/231-0482

HANDBOOK UPDATES

Our 2007-2008 Atlanta Branch handbooks were dis-
tributed at the September meeting and have been mailed
to those who were absent. Stephanie Babbitt has again
done a first rate job!

Please update the following information:

Alta Birdsong's e-mail address is:
kandabrd@bellsouth.net

Joy Whittington's e-mail address is:
joywhitt@comcast.net

NOTESome information in our 2007-2008 hand-
book was inadvertently changed. Please look at your in-
formation to be sure that it is all correct. If updates are
needed, please contact the Membership Vice-President,
Dottie Ransom, and the newsletter editor, Mary Lynn
Merkle.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND WITH GABA (Tami Anderson)

Hearty thanks to the great volunteers that worked at the
Georgia Antiquarian Booksellers (GABA) sale over the Labor
Day weekend. We received \$500. for our work and \$2700.
from the sale of books at our booth.
Veteran bookseller, Joy Whittington, organized and supervised
our booth. Other member volunteers were Penny Bellinger, Pat
Bevis, Kay Collins, Susan Diffenderfer, Connie Eshenour, Lynn
Fountain, Patty Goff and husband, Kevin, Anne Habersetzer,
Phyllis Miller, Dot Ransom, Betty Slater and husband, Bob,
and Tami Anderson.

Several members of our partner branches, Cobb and
Roswell, also helped out, thus earning a percentage of the reve-
nue for their branches.

TREASURER'S REPORT (May Ruth Bradberry)

As of August 2007:

General Fund: \$10,154.

Community Fund: \$67,296.

****Good news!** Although a completed Bookfair re-
port is not yet ready, the internet sales have been
phenomenal! In 2006 those sales were \$9,058. And
in 2007 they were \$16,450.--an increase of 82%.
****More good news!** Our gross sales total at the
Bookfair was \$67,056.60. And, although this may
change slightly, it is certainly worth celebrating!

Many thanks to those volunteers who worked so
hard to recognize valuable books and to place them
for sale using the internet. Well done!!

Mission statement: The American Association of University Women promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.



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.

Membership is open to anyone who holds an associate's or equivalent, bachelor's, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Student affiliates are those who are undergraduates in a two or four-year regionally accredited education institution.

For more information contact Dot Ransom (see front page of News)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 6: Bookroom Clean-up

October 11: Travel Group (Decatur)

October 13: Meeting at Cross Creek Cafe

October 28: Newsletter deadline

November 7: Contemporary Literature

House of Sand and Fog

November 10: Meeting at Neiman Marcus Cafe

Lenox Square

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