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AAUW Atlanta Branch Meeting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2008

MIRAGE RESTAURANT

6631-C Roswell Road, Sandy Springs

Telephone--404/843-8300

10:45AM-- CHECK IN (Latecomers will miss the ~~program~~ ^{pygmyth})

11:00 AM-- Speaker, Louise Staman

11:45 AM-- Lunch

12:30 AM-- Branch Meeting

Lunch will consist of soup, beef or chicken or lamb kebobs, flavored rice, jeweled rice, vegetables, and (for dessert) assorted pastries, and also coffee and tea.

Cost: \$18.00

Please make your reservations by Monday, February 4th.

E-mail Frances Smith at

francesjsmith1921@yahoo.com or

Telephone Frances at 404/231-0482

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

See page 2 to find out more about our very special speaker!!!

**Deadline for the March newsletter:
February 20th, 2008**

New e-mail address for Barbara Buchanan

barbara2@datekltd.com

Condolences to Ginny McCamey

Ginny's husband, Frank McCamey, passed away in December. A self-described "naturalist who was interested in the trees and birds and snakes," Dr. McCamey worked as a naturalist, professor and a nature center director. He helped open several nature centers in Georgia.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 1, 2:00 PM at the Central Congregational Church, 2676 Clairmont Road, NE, Atlanta, 404/633-4505. (ObituaryAJC 1/6/2008.)

MARCH:WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

By Alta Birdsong

Our February 9th program, presented by A. Louise Staman, is intended to whet our interest in celebrating Women's History Month in a meaningful way. Ms. Staman, an AAUW member, is the author of *LOOSENING CORSETS: The Heroic Life of Georgia's Feisty Mrs. Felton*, a book about Rebecca Latimer Felton, the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate, albeit briefly. *LOOSENING CORSETS* has been the recipient of two national/international awards: 2007 Eric Hoffer Book Award and the Independent Publisher Book Awards 2007 Gold Medalist.

Rebecca Latimer Felton was a woman ahead of her times. A few accomplishments of this Georgia woman are:

- A woman journalist who owned and ran a newspaper as well as authoring three books;
- A pioneer in education, espousing free and compulsory education for children of all races, as well as founding an industrial school for girls;
- An activist in supporting that UGA be governed by educators and not politicians;
- First woman to give a public speech within Georgia and address the State legislature;
- An advocate for women's rights by arguing for "equal pay for equal work," equal educational and civil opportunities for all, and equality in marriage--at least 50 years before such concepts were uttered in the United States;
- Advisor to presidents, when Warren G. Harding invited some of the most able thinkers to meet to discuss world problems. (Not only was she the only woman to be invited but also the only southerner.)

You must come to the February 9th meeting to learn more about what this outstanding Georgia woman did for you and me. Ms. Staman's book will be available for sale following her presentation.

A. Louise Staman, author of five published books, has been a writer, poet, and researcher for nearly all of her adult life. She is still researching Georgia women, and a copy of the Atlanta Branch's 1976 book, *GEORGIA WOMEN: A Celebration*, has been shared with her. She holds an M.A. in humanities, an M.A. in French, a B.A. (summa cum laude) in French and history, and has done additional French study. She lives in Macon with her husband of nearly forty years, Dr. E. Michael Staman. **Please note:** Our speaker and her husband have an afternoon flight to Phoenix, AZ on the 9th; therefore, our program will be first.

PLEASE arrive at the meeting at least 10 minutes early so that our program can begin on time.

From the President---

By Diana Witt

January has been a busy month, and February looks exciting, too. Thanks to Alta Birdsong, we have a fabulous speaker lined up, Louise Staman, author of **Loosening Corsets**, for our February 9th program. Because Ms. Staman has a tight schedule, her presentation will begin promptly at 11:00 AM; **please arrive at Mirage no later than 10:50 A.M.** A brief Branch business meeting will follow lunch.

Another important announcement regarding programs is that **the date for our March program has changed.** We will be hearing from the League of Women Voters on **March 15th**, rather than March 8th as originally scheduled because of a schedule conflict for the League speaker. Please adjust your calendars. The place and time for our March 15th event will be announced in the March newsletter; due out in late February.

I'm pleased to announce that Barbara Buchanan has joined the Bookfair Steering Committee, replacing Betty Slater. Thank you, Barbara!

Our Bookfair 2008 date is set: September 21st for set-up until Sunday, September 28th for take-down. We will again be at Perimeter Mall, so mark your calendars. It was also reported that we've had \$4,266.09 in book room sales for the last two months of 2007, so we are off to a flying start on Bookfair this year.

State President Lynn Fountain has notified us that the Cobb Branch and the State Board are finalizing the 2008 State Convention plans. Registration forms should be ready by February 1st. The convention, in two parts, will be held at Kennesaw State University on April 2nd and 3rd. Please see the article on page 3 for additional information. The State Board has voted to help branches defray some of the convention costs. If a branch has 2 or more members who register for the KSU portion of the conference, the state will reimburse the branch \$100. This money can be used by the branch to defer registration costs. For those who might be interested, the conference hotel is Hilton Garden Inn, Kennesaw, and the room rate will be \$129.00. Lynn may also ask metro branches to consider hosting someone from out of town.

I look forward to seeing all of you on January 26th, and again on February 9th. Stay warm!!

TREASURER'S REPORT: (as of 12/31/2007)

Balance in General Fund \$ 8,470.00
Balance in Community Fund \$81,200.00

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**STATE CONVENTION COMING--
APRIL 2nd & 3rd!**

By Lynn Fountain

The State Board and the Cobb Branch are in the process of finalizing the 2008 State Convention. I know that branches and individuals need to start making plans--both time-wise and financially. I expect to email registration forms by February 1, 2008.

Remember that we are doing the state convention in two parts:

- (1) April 2--AAUW only
- (2) April 3--we are joining in the KSU Phenomenal Women's Conference.

At the Fall Board meeting the Board voted to help branches defray some of the costs for the state convention. If a branch has two or more members who register for the KSU portion of the conference, the state will reimburse the branch \$100. The branch can then use this money to defray registrations costs.

Here is what we know so far:

- (1) The conference hotel is: The Hilton Garden Inn Kennesaw, 895 Cobb Place Blvd., Kennesaw, GA, Phone #678/322-1140.

Room Rate: \$129.00. Reservations need to be made by 3/12/08 to receive this reduced rate. I have reserved some rooms for both April 2 and April 3.

I will strongly recommend sharing rooms. I will also be asking folks in the Atlanta and Cobb Branches to consider hosting someone from out-of-town.

- (2) Draft Agenda for April 2nd
 - 1:30-5:00 Registration at the hotel
 - 2:00-5:00 Workshop
 - 5:00-6:00 Business/board meeting/elections
 - 6:30-8:30 Dinner
 - EF recipient as the speaker
 - Emerging Young Leader Award
 - Awards for Newsletter, Membership, and EF/LAF contributions
 - Installation of Officers
 - 8:30-9:30 Message from Association: This would involve using some of the training materials that the Association has promised to have available by the 1st of April.

- (3) The KSU event starts at 8:30 AM on April 3rd. As state president, I have registered for the Kennesaw State University Phenomenal Women's Conference. Because we will send more than 5 folks to the KSU event, we will receive a 10% discount.

Even though we are considering this Conference to be a major part of our state convention, I want to keep the registrations separate. I would like to ask those of you who plan to attend that event to register at:

<http://siegelinstitute.org/PWC%202008.php>

As you scroll down the page, you will find a button that says Tickets Here. Click there and follow the registration information. The first prompt will request that you input

the number of tickets you want and will show a price of \$0.00. Enter 1 ticket and then continue the registration. You will be asked to fill in your contact information. Under organization, please put either AAUW of GA or your Branch name. It is up to the individual whether to register for the conference or conference and dinner at KSU. You will be asked to indicate if more than 5 folks will attend from your organization; the answer is yes. Your answer to this question helps the computer calculate your 'discount.'

For those members who intend to attend the KSU event, it is important yo register before March 12.

Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,
Lynn Fountain
AAUW of GA

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

NEWS FROM THE TRAVEL GROUP

From Betty Arden

The Travel Group will meet on Thursday, February 14th for a tour of the New World of Coca Cola. Lunch will follow at the French-American Brasserie nearby. The group will meet at the Ansley Mall at 9:30 AM for carpooling.

Please call Betty Arden at 770/955-6381 for additional information.

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

From Kay Collins

The Contemporary Literature group will meet Wednesday, February 6th at the home of Anne Habersetzer, 7160 Twin Branch Road, NE, Sandy Springs (phone 770/394-0671).

The book is Three Weeks with My Brother by Nicholas Sparks. This is a change in location only.

Community Action Applications 2008

Submitted by Kay Collins

We are updating our branch Website soon, wwwaauwatlanta.org. Meanwhile, you may start spreading the word that applications will be accepted until Saturday, March 15. The information currently on the site is accurate except for the DUE DATE. The form and contact (Kay Collins at 404/266-2183 or kayjcollins@bellsouth.net) remain the same.

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ATLANTA BRANCH AAUW--Proposed Community Fund Budget July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008

Line Item	Balance 6/30/07	Distributed as of 12/31/07	Allocation of Bookfair Funds	Proposed Budget 7/1/07-6/30/08	
Fundraising Reserve	\$1,000.00		\$ 00.00	\$1,000.00	
Comm. & Fund Mgt. Reserve	200.00		00.00	200.00	\$54,792.53 (Bookfair Funds
Community Action	0.00		7,000.00	7,000.00	to Distribute-Atlanta
Sister-to-Sister/Tech Savvy	1,000.00		- 1,000.00	0.00	Branch=62%)
Special Comm. Prog.-RFS	5,000.00	\$ 2,100.00	1,000.00	3,900.00	34,047.86 (Allocation to Branch)
EF	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	1,000.00 (Finance Fee)
LAF	3,060.00	3,060.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	<u>641.13</u> (Interest Income)
Local Scholarships	00.00		8,000.00	8,000.00	
Ester Davis Mem.Schol. Fnd.	3,565.00		00.00	3,565.00	\$35,688.99
Donation	00.00		00.00	00.00	
Contribution to General Fund	00.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Unallocated Commun. Funds	5,595.21		- 311.01	5,284.20	
Student Affiliates to Nat'l Conf.			2,000.00	2,000.00	
Election Education			<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>	
	<u>\$31,420.21</u>	<u>\$17,160.00</u>	<u>\$35,688.99</u>	<u>\$49,949.20</u>	

This budget is to be voted on by the Branch membership at our February 9th meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 26th: Legislative Policy Meeting
with Atlanta Chapter of
100 Black Women--Maggiano's

February 6th: Contemporary Literature
Three Weeks with My Brother

February 9th: AAUW Meeting--Author Louise
Staman to celebrate Women's History
month in March
**Remember to come at least 10 minutes
BEFORE 11:00 AM!**

February 14th: Travel Group
World of Coca Cola

February 20th: Newsletter deadline

March 15th: AAUW Meeting--Election info and a
speaker from the League of Women Voters

April 2nd and 3rd: AAUW of Georgia State Convention
and KSU's Phenomenal Women's
Conference at Kennesaw State
University

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