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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

Kick Off to Leadership

Georgia Tech Student Center

(Please see page 2 for specific directions)

10:00 a.m. Brunch

11:00 a.m. Program

12:00 noon Business Meeting

Presenters: College Women Student Leaders

Brittney Little - Agnes Scott College

Allison Youngblook - Georgia State University

Laura Stiltz - Georgia Institute of Technology

Brittany Waller - Savannah College of Art & Design

Brunch: \$14.00

**Reservation Deadline: Thursday, Sept. 4th
(HURRY!)**

Meet our Community Action Grantees:

**Dr. Nancy L. Devino: Director of Science Center
for Women at Agnes Scott College**

**Dr. Laurie Forster Gregory: Georgia State
University, College of Education**

**Reservations: E-mail Frances Smith at
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Telephone Frances at 404-231-0482**

**Post Bookfair Clean-up Week!
beginning Tuesday, Sept. 30th
in the Bookroom!
Help! Help! Help!**

**Attention Atlanta Branch Members--
Wear something from your college!**

YOU ARE THE LEADER

by Betty Slater

It has been exciting for the Atlanta branch to send college women leaders to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders held on June 5 - 8 in Washington, D.C. on the campus of Georgetown University. Our representatives will be sharing their stories on how this conference has encouraged them to take on more leadership roles. It is so wonderful that the funds from our Bookfair has enabled the Atlanta branch to send four students to this conference.

Make sure you wear something from your college! It might be a pin, a tee shirt, or maybe a sweatshirt. Bring it to show off where you completed your degree.

We are also inviting the representatives of our Atlanta area College/University members and our local scholarship winners. Please join us at the Georgia Institute of Technology for brunch because each of you has been and continue to be a leader.

You are a great team of Leaders!

DIRECTIONS TO GA TECH STUDENT CENTER

Traveling from the North:

Remember that I 75/85 is down to one lane during the weekend so get off at Northside Drive exit from I-75.

Turn left onto Hemphill Avenue.

Travel about 500 yards to a stop sign. Turn right onto Ferst Dr.

Travel on Ferst Drive for about 1/4 mile. You will pass the Campus Recreation on the right.

Continue, go straight through the traffic light.

Go to 2nd driveway on the left, which is parking area 2.

As you come into the visitor parking area 2, the Student Center will be on the right.

Traveling from the South:

Exit at #249D (West Peachtree/Spring Street)

Cross over Spring Street

Turn left onto West Peachtree

Turn left onto North Avenue

Cross over the Interstate and continue to Cherry St., turn right.

Turn left onto Ferst Drive and proceed to the Student Center visitors' parking lot on the right.

For handicapped, enter the parking lot by the blue/white/gold triangular shaped bus shelter. Parking is on the left. There are elevators in the Student Center.

AAUW/RFS Leadership Fellows for 2008-09 Announced

by Kay Collins

Two well qualified young women were selected to be the AAUW/RFS fellows for the coming academic year.

Suado Hassan came to the United States in 1996 from Somalia. She has participated in RFS Summer Camp programs and is now a senior in high school. She would like to attend college for developmental psychology and then go to medical school.

Hazhal Amedi arrived in the US in 1997 from Kurdistan in Northern Iraq. Hazhal's family spent time in jail under Saddam Hussein's regime. She is also a senior in high school and wants to pursue a degree in political science on her way to getting a law degree!

These girls develop leadership skills as classroom leaders for a semester in the RFS Afterschool Program. Volunteer mentors are needed to help guide these girls for everything from practice driving skills, shopping, visiting college campuses to answering questions about what to expect in college. Each girl may have different needs and therefore benefit from several "mentors."

Contact Susan Pavlin for further information!

Interest Groups

Contemporary Literature:

(Kay Collins, Coordinator)

The first meeting this year will be on Wednesday, September 3rd, 7:30 PM at the home of Anne Habersetzer, 7160 Twin Branch Rd., NE., Sandy Springs.

Discussion, led by Anne, will center on Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett.

New members are always welcome. It isn't required that you've read the book! (Call Kay at 404/266-2183 for more information.)

Directions: From Spalding Drive, turn on Twin Branch Rd. across from Woodland Elem. School. House is on right, the last house before the traffic circle. From Mt. Vernon Hwy. turn into the Branches neighborhood. Take the third street to the left (Hunters Branch Dr.). At the stop sign stay straight, going by the traffic circle to get to driveway on left. Call 770/394-0671 to get better directions.

Travel, Day: No September gathering
(Betty Arden, Coordinator)

Bridge: ??????

(Phyllis Miller, Coordinator)

Phyllis is looking for a few fellow bridge players. Please call her at 404/636-1412.

HELP Wanted Section!

Bookroom Needs Help Sorting Books

by Barbara Buchanan

Our Bookroom “regulars” are scrambling to get ready for our 49th Annual Bookfair, September 21-28. We still have tons of books coming into the Bookroom. Please come to the Bookroom and help sort books.

Have fun and exercise your brain at the same time! If you have never volunteered to help in our Bookroom, you will be surprised to find out how rewarding it can be. Sorting books is an “entry level job.” You’ll get on-the-job training while you enjoy the camaraderie. You don’t have to be a bibliophile to sort books into their various categories--just come to the Bookroom and we will help you learn the basics in a very short time.

Bookroom Pricers: If you have accepted the responsibility of pricing a category DO NOT DELAY in coming to the Bookroom to price and box your books. We don’t have enough room to accommodate overflowing shelves!

The Bookroom is located in the basement, commercial area of The Habersham Estate Condominiums, 3060 Pharr Court North, Atlanta, GA 30305. This is a secured building, so you will have to be let in by someone already in the Bookroom if you do not have a key. There is a telephone entry system located in the South Parking lot entrance which you can use. You may park in any space even though they are numbered. Call the Bookroom, 404/261-7646, or Barbara Buchanan, 770/998-2444, if you have any questions.

The Bookroom is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM!

PLEASE SEE PAGE 5 TO SIGN UP FOR BOOKFAIR (SEPT. 21-28)!!

MONEY IN THE BANK

Treasurer Alta Birdsong reports the following balances as of July 31st, 2008.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| General Fund | \$7,797.25 |
| (Washington Mutual -Money Market) | |
| General Fund (Checking) | <u>1,792.48</u> |
| Balance | \$9,589.73 |

REPORT of the SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee received 8 eligible applications. Three others were incomplete or were ineligible.

Six scholarships were awarded; two were in the amount of \$2,000. each and 4 in the amount of \$1,000. each. Two were not funded.

Scholarship Awardees:

Lorri M Bowers is attending Georgia State University and is majoring in Sociology/Gerontology.

Tracy Kirkpatrick is attending Georgia State University and is majoring in Women’s Studies.

Karen R. Mangum is attending Georgia Institute of Technology and is majoring in Architecture.

Robin M. Cermak is attending Georgia State University and is majoring in Spanish.

Yvette-Anne N’Jie is attending Agnes Scott College and is majoring in Sociology.

Cassandra Lang is attending Southern Polytechnic and is majoring in Construction Management.

These women will be invited to our December 7th meeting where we’ll have an opportunity to learn more about their plans and goals.

NEWS FROM AN “OLD” FRIEND!!!

JANE NEWELL (branch leader for many years) announces to her Atlanta Branch friends that she has finally bought a house in Richmond. She can be found at:

509 So. Cherry St., Richmond, VA 23220

Her home phone number and email remain:

804/658-0317

Jane.newell@comcast.net

Please keep in touch!!

NEXT ATLANTA NEWS DEADLINE-- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH!!

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

**COST OF NEWSLETTER BY USPS = 92 cents each (printing = 50 cents and a stamp is 42 cents)

**COST OF NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL = 0

President's Column by Diana Witt

The Atlanta Branch Board held its first meeting for the 2008-2009 year on August 23. All of us are excited about our upcoming year. Our first branch meeting will take place on September 13, in the Student Center of Georgia Tech. We will be recognizing the start of the university academic year by welcoming our college student leaders who will share with us their thoughts about the national student leader conference they attended in June. They are our future, so please join me in meeting them on Sept. 13. Remember to get your lunch reservations in quickly to Frances Smith.

Our program committee is trying something new this year. They will be featuring one or two of our Community Action Grant recipients at each of our branch program meetings. By doing this we will all have a better opportunity to talk with our grantees and hear more in-depth information about the work they do and what they use their funds for. Our first CAG presenters will be Dr. Nancy L. Devino, Director of the Science Center for Women at Agnes Scott College, and Dr. Laurie Forster Gregory of the Georgia State University College of Education Women and Money Program. They will also be at the September 13 meeting.

Work on the 2008-2009 Handbook is almost completed. It will be available for distribution at the Sept. 13 meeting.

Needless to say, Bookfair is hard upon us. Please make sure you fill out the sign-up sheet in this issue and plan to work at least one shift (hopefully more) at Bookfair. It is important to note that both Cobb County and North Fulton branches have significantly increased their participation in Bookfair. While that is most welcome, it means that Atlanta Branch will have fewer hours and therefore fewer Bookfair dollars credited to our branch if we don't keep our participation high. I hope to see all of you there! On a related note, Bookfair internet sales have increased significantly this year. As a result more work needs to be done to fulfill our internet sales orders. Training for doing this is now available at the Bookroom. Please consider this new task as part of Bookfair operations and contact Barbara Buchanan (770/998-2444) or Barbara2@datekltd.com if you would like to help with this process.

I look forward to working with all of you as we move forward in what promises to be a very exciting year!

A "WORD" FROM OUR NEW MEMBER-MARIE BONHEUR-GULOTTA

Our quest for learning is never really over, and this summer I have learned a great deal. When I moved here from Long Island, my intent was to rest, relax, keep a low profile, and mind my own business here in Georgia. Well! That didn't last long!

I have fully immersed myself in the "campaign for change in Georgia," the Obama campaign. What was it that actually inspired me to work for the Obama campaign for change? It wasn't the countless examples of systematic bigotry and racist behavior that I encountered and experienced on a daily basis. It was the level of participation of the young, bright, upcoming leaders statewide that inspired me.

As we opened our home to campaign staff members from all over the country, I experienced first hand how these young leaders channeled their optimism and energy into the campaign for change. This experience enabled me to learn something about myself. I realized how cynical I had become. Being around these young committed leaders taught me that I would have to shed that cynical mask if I was to confront these young people with a fresh new set of hopes. Suddenly I found myself working diligently to understand what it really means to work for change.

For instance, Jordan Budd, only eighteen years of age is attending New York University. He is the youngest in the state working for the Obama campaign. His major is Social Justice, and I believe Jordan brings courage and honor and a sense of hope to the campaign. Most importantly Jordan believes in justice for all. My team organizer for the campaign is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College. Jessica Barrow's compassionate leadership style stirs our sense of inner strength. That mindset complements the campaign for change.

I am inspired by the possibility of being part of real change for our society here in Georgia and in our country. And I am inspired by the youth who are working so hard to make it happen!!

HIGHLIGHTS OF 8/23 BOARD MEETING

(Minutes have not been approved so this is informational only)

- Membership is now 64 and growing.
- State President Pat DeWitt will attend our Sept. 13 meeting.
- New policy at Bookfair---no scanning at Preview Sale (book dealers will receive postcard stating this).
- There may be an election forum with League of Women Voters on Oct. 25th. Watch for more information!!
- Great programs are planned for 2008-2009. A move toward increasing our programming budget will be directed to the Finance Committee.
- We will continue our partnership with Coalition of Black Women by having a legislative meeting on Jan. 24th at Maggiano's.
- Silent Auction again scheduled for Dec. 7th meeting!

2008 BOOKFAIR SIGN-UP FORM

| | 9:30 – 12:30 | 12:30 – 3:30 | 3:30 – 6:30 | 6:30 – 9:30 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---|--|--|
| Sunday 9/21 Set-up | | | | PEAK Set-up starts: 7:30 ends: 10:30 |
| Monday 9/22 Set-up | | | | |
| Tuesday 9/23 Set-up | | | | |
| Tues. 9/23 Preview Sale | | | | Preview sale shift is from 5:45 till 9:45 PEAK |
| Wed. 9/24 Sale | PEAK | PEAK | | |
| Thursday 9/25 Sale | | | | |
| Friday 9/26 Sale | | | | CRITICAL |
| Saturday 9/27 Sale | CRITICAL | CRITICAL | CRITICAL | CRITICAL |
| Sunday 9/28 Sale | | CRITICAL (This shift starts: 11:45 ends: 3:30) | CRITICAL (This shift starts: 3:30 ends: 7:00) | |
| Sunday 9/28 Tear-down | | | | PEAK Tear-down starts: 7:00 ends: when finished |

Please put a check in the chart above in the white space of the shifts that you prefer to work. (select 3 or MORE shifts) **PEAK:** Shifts that are busy, requiring many staff **CRITICAL:** Shifts not quite as busy as Peak shifts but usually under-staffed

Name: _____

Branch: _____ Phone: _____ e mail: _____

Please indicate whether you have a strong preference to work as a cashier, cashier's assistant or on the floor as a merchandiser during the sale. Cashiering and cashier's assistant are sedentary jobs, but you must be able to operate our calculators accurately and quickly. We plan to use Kennesaw University students in many jobs, including cashiering, with AAUW members supervising. All set-up shifts require unpacking books. Evening shifts should help clean and cover tables after closing. If you must sit but don't want to cashier you may be given a security / information job. If you do not state a preference, you will be assigned as needed.

Preferred duty: cashier/assistant _____ or merchandiser _____ Please note: We will attempt to place you in your preferred duty, as much as personnel needs and policies permit. **No one will be required to stand or lift books that cannot do so.** If you can serve as a **Shift Chair** check here: _____ Shift Chair duties include assigning worker's stations at the beginning of a shift and giving information to AAUW personnel, as well as working as a relief cashier and merchandiser during the shift. Someone on each shift must be the Shift Chair.

Comments: _____

49th AAUW Bookfair Expected to Draw Large Crowds

Bargain hunters will be swarming during the last week of September, 2008, at AAUW's Bookfair at [Perimeter Mall](#). Come and join the buzz with your Branch's members to support AAUW's biggest public event of the year! We have been working hard in the Bookroom to make this year's Bookfair a successful event, but we cannot do that without **YOU!!!** Please think about your commitment to AAUW and all the good work that we do in the community. It would be impossible to fund all of the local scholarships, national fellowships/grants and the local community action grants that award without a large fundraiser like our Bookfair.

We'll see you at Perimeter Mall September 21 – 28!

THIS IS THE ONLY SIGN-UP FORM THAT WILL BE PUBLISHED! SIGN-UP NOW!!!

Mail or email your form to: **Barbara Buchanan** barbara2@datekitd.com

**1795 Riverside Rd
Roswell, GA 30076**

Remember: If you have been recruited to work on the **BANKING COMMITTEE (OR "FINANCE COMMITTEE") not use the form above. The Banking Committee Chair will assign and keep track of your Banking shifts. They are times than the shifts listed above. Please use the form above only to sign up for additional shifts which are different from Banking Shifts. **Questions? Call Barbara: 770-998-2444****

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***Atlanta Branch has lost a longtime (50+ years) member with the recent death of **Ruth Esche Shaw**. Alta Birdsong has great memories of Ruth's service to our Branch and to AAUW in general. As a Registered Parliamentarian she was in great demand for meetings of all kinds. but she graciously made herself available to both Branch and Board meetings for many years. Some may remember that she would give "Parliamentary Tips" prior to each Board meeting.

An example of her support of AAUW issues was attending a meeting at GA Public Television regarding the 4Rs in Education --in her wheelchair.

Anyone who would like to honor the life and service of Ruth may want to consider a gift to Educational Foundation.

Dates to Remember:

Sept. 3: Contemporary Literature
Pillars of the Earth (Follett)

Sept. 13: Branch Meeting
GA Tech Student Center

Sept. 21-28: Bookfair
(Help as MUCH as you can!)

Oct. 1: Contemporary Literature
Three Cups of Tea (Mortenson & Relin)

Oct. 5: Board Meeting
Home of Frances Smith

Oct. 5: Newsletter Deadline

Oct. 18: Branch Meeting

The Mint

Coming elections information

Nov. 4: Election Day -- VOTE

SEE YOU ON THE 13TH!

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