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AAUW Atlanta Branch September Meeting!

Our first meeting for fall 2012 will be Sunday, September 16 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Agnes Scott College. The meeting will be a mixer with iced tea, lemonade, and finger food. The program will include a welcome from Agnes Scott followed by a short presentation by the students who we sent to the 2012 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). We hope that you can join us and bring a guest who may be interested in AAUW!

Agnes Scott is located at 141 East College Ave Decatur, GA 30030, and we will be meeting in the Rebekah Woltz Room. Parking is available in the parking deck. Maps and directions are at: <http://www.agnesscott.edu/directions.aspx>

Please RSVP to the invite, by email to hospitality@aauwatlanta.org.

President's Message: Forty Years of Title IX

By Sharon Bevis-Hoover



On June 23 we celebrated the 40th anniversary of Title IX, the landmark legislation that states: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." AAUW was instrumental in passing this legislation, which was coauthored by AAUW member Representative Patsy Mink (D-HI).

Title IX promises equal access to both academic and athletic opportunities. However, the most talked about impact of Title IX has been women's increased access to athletic programs, and we have all enjoyed the results. America sent more women than men to the 2012 Olympics with impressive results. In fact, if the US women were a country, they would have placed forth in the total medal count. And just this Labor Day weekend, high school student Erin DiMeglio became first female quarterback in Florida varsity football history.

This summer, the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education - an AAUW led alliance of more than 40 national organizations - released a report evaluating the state of Title IX at forty. According to the report, there's "still room for improvement in how schools and the government apply and enforce Title IX in athletics, sexual harassment, the STEM fields, pregnant and parenting students, and other



Intern Corner

Hello! I am Amira Saleh. I will be your AAUW Atlanta Branch intern for 2012-2013. I am from Woodstock, GA, and I am a senior at Georgia Tech studying Media and Communications. I am very excited to be a part of AAUW!

We have many events quickly approaching so make sure to mark your calendars! Be sure to fill out the Bookfair sign-up form located at the end of this newsletter, and remember to attend our branch meeting on September 16th from 3-5pm at Agnes Scott. It is a membership meeting so be sure to bring a friend. Hope to see you there!

Calendar

September 10
Contemporary
Literature
Meeting

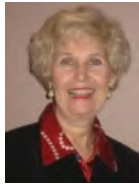
September 16
Membership Meeting
at Agnes Scott College

areas."

Because there is still work to be done, AAUW continues to seek equity for women and girls through enforcement of Title IX. For example, our Legal Advocacy Fund supported *Bull v. Board of Trustees of Ball State University*. Tennis coach Kathy Bull sued the university under Title IX, arguing that she was fired from the job she had held for 21 years in retaliation for advocating equity in the university's athletics department. This July BSU reached a \$700,000+ settlement with Bull, who stated "Victories in retaliation lawsuits should send a loud message to administrators across the country. Our recent win is a victory for all women who advocate for gender equity."

Atlanta AAUW's Dream Team Visits the Atlanta Dream!

By Betty Slater



Twelve of us gathered on Sunday, May 27 to watch the Atlanta Dream, our women's professional basketball team. In my opinion, we would not have had this opportunity if Title IX had not passed forty years ago! AAUW was there with the passage of Title IX in the beginning as stated in the 2012 Spring/Summer Outlook. In some ways, the issue of athletics hijacked Title IX, diverting attention and energy away from the general issues of discrimination in education, which was the initial focus for Title IX.

Because of Title IX, attention has been brought to women's equality. A father who stopped by our membership table at the game with his two daughters said, "They have more opportunities now, but there is a long way to go for equality for women".

At the game, our AAUW Atlanta team supported women's sports, solicited members for our Atlanta branch, and enjoyed a fun afternoon watching women play basketball. It was a Dream day for our Atlanta branch!

Atlanta Branch Receives National Recognition

By Mary Lynn Merkle

The Atlanta Branch has once again received AAUW National recognition for our 2011 philanthropic endeavors, achieving 6th Place in Total Branch Giving to the Legal Advocacy Fund, and Third Place in Total Branch Giving to the Public Policy Fund. The letter from Linda Hallman, our Executive Director accompanying the awards states, "Top Ten Branch and State Fundraising awards are among AAUW's highest branch and state honors. We know that it is only because of the ongoing support and commitment of our members and donors that AAUW can continue to be a leading champion for women and girls."



Our contributions to the AAUW Funds are just part of our philanthropic efforts. We've supported the attendance of college women to NCCWSL, and we've given scholarships to undergraduate women. Among others we have supported CARE's Join My Village and Atlanta's Cool Girls, Inc.

Our 53rd annual Bookfair, taking place at the end of September, involves many hours of hard work—at the bookdrops, at the bookroom, at the Bookfair itself. We haul, we sort, we clean, we box, we mail, we organize, we create. Because of that we are able to work toward our mission—advancing equity for women and girls. So while these books are a lot of work, we can be proud we can be of what those books allow us as a Branch to accomplish. Please sign up for as many shifts of this year's Bookfair as possible!

Picture: Atlanta Branch president Sharon Bevis-Hoover with our two recent national awards. In the background are boxes with some of the 70,000+ books that will soon be on their way to Perimeter Mall for Bookfair.

September 22
Cool Girls Kickoff BBQ

September 23-30
2012 Bookfair

October 1
Contemporary Literature Meeting

October 7
Board Meeting

October 8
Cool Girls at Oglethorpe University

October 11
Travel Group Excursion

October 13
AAUW Georgia Leadership Meeting

October 26
22nd Annual Georgia Women's Assembly



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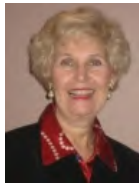
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NCCWSL 2012 - A Life Changing Experience!

By Betty Slater



Be sure to attend the September Membership Meeting to hear from our 2012 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) student representatives. They will share their experience at NCCWSL 2012! Sequenza Howes-Williams, a Clark Atlanta University student majoring in English, along with Gwen Hughes, a Georgia Tech student majoring in Public Policy, and Breonna Smart, a Georgia State University student majoring in Biology will be sharing with us at Agnes Scott on Sunday afternoon, September 16 from 3 - 5 p.m.

They are so excited to share their experiences at NCCWSL and look forward to meeting all AAUW Atlanta members to thank them for the NCCWSL opportunity. See each of you at our Membership Meeting. Bring a friend to hear their story!

2012 BOOKFAIR SIGN-UP FORM

	9:30a.m.–12:30p.m.	12:30p.m.–3:30p.m.	3:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.	6:30p.m. – 9:30p.m.
Sunday 9/23 Set-up				PEAK Set-up starts: 7:00 ends: approx. 10:30
Monday 9/24 Set-up				
Tuesday 9/25 Set-up				
Tues. 9/25 Preview Sale (get credit for time plus ½ Tues nite)				Preview sale shift is from 5:30 till 9:45 PEAK
Wed. 9/26 Sale (get double credit for time all Wednesday)	PEAK	PEAK		
Thursday 9/27 Sale				
Friday 9/28 Sale				CRITICAL
Saturday 9/29 Sale	CRITICAL	CRITICAL	CRITICAL	CRITICAL
Sunday 9/30 Sale		PEAK This shift starts: 11:30 ends: 3:00	CRITICAL This shift starts: 3:00 ends: 7:00	
Sunday 9/30 Tear-down				PEAK Tear-down starts:7:00 ends: when finished

Put a check above in the **WHITE** space of the shifts that you prefer to work. (black spaces not available)

PEAK: Shifts that are busy, requiring many staff **CRITICAL:** Shifts not quite as busy as Peak shifts but usually understaffed

PLEASE select 3 or MORE shifts Try to choose at least 1 or 2 Peak or Critical shifts as well as other shifts.

Name: _____

Branch: _____ Phone: _____ e mail: _____

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. Merchandisers unpack books and straighten books on tables. 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/or merchandiser during the shift. **SOMEONE ON EACH SHIFT MUST BE SHIFT CHAIR. Please volunteer if you can so that the same few people don't have to continuously be shift chair.** Comments:

Now is the time for all good AAUW members to come to the aid of Bookfair.

This is not just a catchy phrase. We are serious. We still need many more volunteers. **Staffing is extremely important.** Every dollar distributed to the Atlanta Branch depends upon how many hours our members work. Please sign up for as many shifts as possible and bring your friends and family. If every AAUW member brought one non AAUW volunteer, our staffing needs could be helped. We especially need strong backs to help unpack books on Sunday night, and all Monday. Anyone with retail experience can be very valuable during sale days/evenings as

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cashiers. During the sale merchandisers are necessary to straighten displays, unpack books as space becomes available, and just to be visible as a security measure. And don't forget: Bookfair staff serve an extremely valuable function as AAUW's representative to the public. Use every opportunity to tell customers how the funds raised at Bookfair are donated and to recruit new members for AAUW.

THIS IS OUR 53rd ANNIVERSARY!!! Let's make it GREAT.

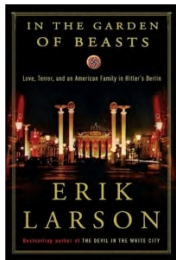
Remember: extra time credit for Tuesday night Preview Sale and all shifts on Wednesday!!!

Please sign-up now!!!

Mail or email your form to: **Barbara Buchanan**

If you have been recruited to work on the **BANKING Committee** (or "Finance Committee") do **not** use the form above for those shifts. The Banking Committee Chair will assign and keep track of your Banking shifts. They are different time frames than the shifts listed above. Please use the form above only to sign up for additional shifts which are different from your Banking Shifts.

We'll see you at Perimeter Mall September 23 thru 30!



Contemporary Literature Meeting

Our first meeting of the year will be Monday afternoon, September 10 at 4:30 PM. We will discuss "In the Garden of the Beasts" by Erik Larson. The meeting will be at the home of Frances Smith. Our Fall meeting times have changed. Be sure to read our Newsletter for confirmation of dates and location or contact coordinator, Kay Collins.



Travel Group Excursion Save the Date!

The Travel Group will have their first "excursion" this year on Thursday, October 11th. Save the date! And check the website for the latest information.

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