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## Holiday Party and Silent Auction



Greetings from your Atlanta Branch intern! I hope this finds you well. I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about the upcoming Holiday Party and Silent Auction on December 9th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m at the home of Mary Womack. The Name Grant honorees will be announced at this meeting, and we will have a short business meeting to vote on the General Fund Budget and the AAUW Funds Awards. Be sure to bring items for the silent auction to support Legal Advocacy Fund. Board members will be supplying the refreshments (finger food only) and should be at Mary Womack's house around 2:30 pm. What a wonderful way to celebrate our members and raise money for a wonderful cause. Don't forget to RSVP!

### Holiday Party Details:

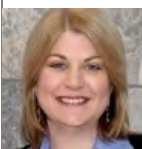
**Date:** Sunday, December 9th

**Time:** 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Place:** Mary Womack's house

## Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act

**By:** Sharon Bevis-Hoover



Since its enactment in 1994, the Violence against Women Act (VAWA) has saved many lives. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, VAWA has contributed to a dramatic increase in the reporting of domestic violence. In addition, homicide by an intimate partner has decreased by 65 percent for women and almost 50 percent for men since the statute was enacted. In September, Vice President Joe Biden, who drafted the original Violence against Women Act, stated "Eighteen years ago today, the landmark Violence against Women Act was signed into law. It was founded

on the basic premise that every woman deserves to be safe from violence, and since its passage, we have made tremendous strides towards achieving that goal. But we still have much work to do."

Though the programs continue to run, the current VAWA authorization expired nearly two years ago. The Senate passed the AAUW-supported Violence against Women Reauthorization Act (Senate Bill 1925) by a bipartisan vote in April. It is time for the House of Representatives to do the same.

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# Annual BookFair Supports Philanthropy

By: Barbara Buchanan



The Atlanta Branch's hard work on our 53rd Annual BookFair has paid off. A substantial portion of the proceeds will be allocated to our Branch. Atlanta members and friends contributed 55 % of the tallied hours, Cobb members worked 27%, and North Fulton's people put in 18% of the hours worked. The final result of all of our hard work, throughout the year and at the sale, will be the distribution of \$28,367.55 to our Branch. (Final allocations are still pending review by all three Branch Presidents, but this is the anticipated amount to be awarded to the Atlanta Branch.) Overall revenues were down over last year, but continued growth in our internet sales has kept the BookFair strong.

There are many people who worked very hard to ensure a successful BookFair this year. All who contributed their time throughout the year deserves thanks, because we could not have done so well without each and every one of you. Atlanta Branch members and "Friends of the Branch" worked a grand total of 2792.6 volunteer hours on BookFair this year. A whopping 1682.6 hours of that time was spent in the Bookroom by only thirty two Atlanta members. Twenty of us worked 445 hours emptying bookdrops, sometimes in brutally hot or cold weather, and always in physically demanding conditions.

The finale was our BookFair, which required 665 hours by Atlanta members to complete.

We all owe a HUGE debt of gratitude to the three Atlanta Branch BookFair "super-workers" who continue to spend so much time on this project: Joyce Cohrs, Judy Lambert and Ellen Milholland.

Super-workers are those who contribute time which far exceeds time worked by the rest of our volunteers. But it is not just their time that is so valuable, but also their expertise which helps us maximize the value of the books our donors give to us. For that reason, our super-workers deserve the highest recognition we can award:

## Our Outstanding Bookroom Volunteers

### Nobel Prize in Literature (over 200 Bookroom hours)

Judy Lambert	677.3 hours
Ellen Milholland	393.3 hours
Joyce Cohrs	280 hours

### Pulitzer Prize (150 – 200 Bookroom hours)

Carol Bevier  
Barbara Buchanan

### National Book Award (100 – 150 Bookroom hours)

Barbara Bennett  
Mary Womack

### Man Booker Award (50 – 100 Bookroom hours)

Sharon Bevis Hoover  
Alta Birdsong  
Rose Cannon  
Bea Meyer  
Daphne Su

## Our Outstanding Bookdrop Volunteers

### Olympic Gold Medals in Weight Lifting

Daphne Su	64.75 Bookdrop hours
Joe Milholland	51.25 Bookdrop hours
(Joe's mother, Ellen Milholland, also contributed 19.25 Bookdrop hours.)	

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## A Tribute to Tamson Crist Anderson

By: Kay Collins

As most are aware, Tami died in mid-November quite unexpectedly while on vacation in Santa Fe, NM. The cause is probably heart attack. Notification will be given when memorial service plans are finalized. Also forthcoming will be information for remembrances.

Tami joined our Atlanta branch in September 1985 after returning to Atlanta from Chicago as a single woman. She became involved with the Contemporary Literature group immediately and had been a faithful member ever since. She sorted and priced the law books for our BookFair and worked many hours at the sales enjoying every minute. She had been President, BookFair Chair and served in many other leadership roles. She was the current recording secretary for the board.

Her interest in public policy, the goings-on in Atlanta, Georgia and national events, always led to enlightening conversations! Love of jazz, art-especially hand made pottery objects, reading mysteries and cats will remain strong memories. She loved living in Mid-town so close to everything she enjoyed.

Although still working a few hours a week as a librarian in law offices, she was becoming more involved with her church, other groups and was almost ready to fully retire.

As one friend described Tami: "Tami was such a welcome sight, such a formidable intellect, such a calm comfortable presence".



## Cool Girls Scholars Investigate Future Careers

By: Betty Slater

On Saturday, November 10th, 14 Cool Girls Scholars gathered with their adult mentors and Executive Director to go over their career interest surveys.



Betty Slater and mentors help Cool Scholars make a collage of career interests.

Billie Collier lead the morning discussion about the results of the survey, and then we broke into smaller groups to create collages about future careers. With the assistance of Amira Saleh and Betty Slater along with the Cool Girls adults mentors, these young women presented their collages of various jobs that might interest them in the future.

The girls also learned about a wonderful website found by Pam Antinori, [knowhow2go.com](http://knowhow2go.com), that talks about getting ready for college. The site is helpful because it breaks down into a timeline things teens should do to prepare for college.

In December, our branch will be presenting these young women with some holidays gift bags. We hope they all have a wonderful holiday season. Atlanta Branch members are always invited to attend our Cool Scholars meetings!



# AAUW Funds Distribution

By: Phyllis Miller

The AAUW Funds unit of the AAUW Atlanta Branch Philanthropy Committee has allocated \$11,000.00 to be sent to AAUW Funds for 2012. This gift is a powerful commitment to improve opportunities for women and girls locally and across the globe.

Atlanta Branch support helps AAUW continue to break through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance. Some of the ways our gifts can do this is by protecting the rights of women facing discrimination, educating women to give them a chance for a lifetime of success, advocating for laws and policies that are non-discriminatory to women, directing research to provide understanding of issues important to women and girls, and leading and developing programs that support women's potential to lead in their schools, communities and country.

The Educational Funds unit of the Atlanta Branch Philanthropy Committee thanks everyone for all their hard work to make this contribution possible.

Fund Number	Fund Description	Contribution
# 4 3 3 9 Leadership Programs Fund	Supports programs that develop women's potential to lead in their schools, communities, and country. Programs include National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), Campus Actions Projects and Campaign College.	\$1,000.00
# 4 3 3 7 Public Policy Fund	Supports advocacy for public policies and laws that are fair to women. Public Policy programs include Government Relations, Civic Engagement, and Field Organizing.	\$1,500.00
# 9 1 7 0 The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund	Supports AAUW research to provide analysis, data, and accurate information about issues important to women and girls, i.e. <i>Behind the Pay Gap</i> and <i>Where the Girls Are</i> . Look for upcoming research on women and girls in science, technology, engineering and math and a report on sexual harassment in the workplace.	\$1,500.00
#4336 Educational Opportunities Fund	Supports educational and lifelong learning opportunities that give women a chance for a lifetime of success. Programs include Fellowships and Grants, The Fellows Alumnae Initiative, The Undergraduate Scholarship Clearinghouse.	\$3,500.00
# 3 9 9 9 The Legal Advocacy Fund	Supports the protection of the legal rights of those who are facing discrimination. Supports all the following tax-deductible programs; case support, travel and education grants, campus outreach projects.	\$3,500.00
	<b>Total</b>	\$11,000.00

# Annual BookFair Supports Philanthropy...Continued

By: Barbara Buchanan

## Olympic Silver Medals in Weight Lifting

Barbara Buchanan	46.5 bookdrop hours
Jim Milholland (Joe Milholland's father)	41 Bookdrop hours
Betty Slater	38 Bookdrop hours
Mary Lynn Merkle	33 Bookdrop hours

## Olympic Bronze Medals in Weight Lifting

Phyllis Miller	29 Bookdrop hours
Sarah Rondeau	24.5 Bookdrop hrs
Kim Tamvacakis (Barbara Buchanan's husband)	23.75 Bookdrop hrs
Bea Meyer	23.5 Bookdrop hrs

The 665 hours our Branch members spent at the Mall during the week of BookFair represents a very large commitment upon the part of our members to our fundraising. It is extremely unfortunate that the record of the time worked by each individual volunteer during the week of the sale is not available, preventing the recognition of those outstanding contributors. But special mention must be given to Huiping Du who was responsible for recruiting

many of her friends to help us. And in addition, it should be noted that Alta Birdsong worked for more than ½ of the BookFair fiscal year, keeping track of the BookFair finances, thus earning the \$1,000 financial management fee given to the Atlanta Branch annually.

The AAUW Annual BookFair is an amazing event in which we can all take pride in participating. Fundraisers with our longevity are almost unheard of; the level of cooperation between the three metro Atlanta Branches which is so vital to our success is quite impressive; and perhaps the most important aspect of our BookFair is that we are able to turn used books, which our donors no longer want, into the money that supports our philanthropy.

# Violence Against Women Act ...Continued

By: Sharon Bevis-Hoover

The Senate bill addresses the needs of all victims of domestic and sexual violence, ensuring that VAWA protections are extended to men and women who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender, and to victims of violence on tribal lands. It also includes the campus safety provisions that are part of the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVE) Act, a bill that AAUW has supported for more than a year.

The U.S. Department of Justice found that 28 percent of female college students are targets of attempted or completed sexual assault. Furthermore, AAUW research reveals that two-thirds of college students experience sexual harassment. The Campus SaVE Act helps protect women on campus by

requiring colleges to establish sexual assault policies and response plans, and to publish statistics on domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking incidents.

AAUW is a strong supporter of the bipartisan VAWA reauthorization bill passed by the Senate. Please contact your representative and ask her or him to (1) Urge the House leadership to bring an inclusive reauthorization of the Violence against Women Act to the House floor for a vote and (2) Speak out in support of the bipartisan AAUW-supported Senate-passed bill, S. 1925.

**Atlanta Branch  
American Association of University Women  
Proposed General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Proposed Budget</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>2011 -2012</b>	<b>2011 - 2012</b>	<b>2012 - 13</b>
Dues 2011-12	\$3,874.00	\$4,404.00	\$0.00
To Association 2011-12	(2,420)	(2,714)	0
To State 2011-12	(1,100)	(1,220)	0
Subsidize AAUW of GA dues	550	550	0
Student Affiliates from Unallocated	75	75	0
Branch Dues 2011-12	<b>979</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>0</b>
Dues 2012-13		3,955	3,955
To Association 2012-13		(2,158)	(2,158)
To State 2012-13		(1,050)	(1,050)
Student Affiliates from Unallocated		90	90
Branch Dues 2012-13		<b>837</b>	<b>837</b>
Transfer from Community Fund	3,000	3,000	3,000
Interest - General Fund	0	26	0
Adj. Between Funds Corp Reg	0	0	0
Less Deferred Dues 2012-13	0	(837)	0
<b>Total Net Revenues</b>	<b>3,979</b>	<b>4,121</b>	<b>3,837</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Conventions for AAUW	500	314	500
Conventions for AAUW National			3,000
Ad for State Convention	60	0	60
Brochures	150	86	150
Diversity	100	0	100
Hospitality/Membership Tea	800	657	800
Membership Committee	50	0	50
Miscellaneous	50	34	50
Newsletter	300	200	300
Office Supplies	100	66	100
President's Expense	250	250	250
Gifts for Presidents	100	100	0
Bank Fees	10	6	10
Board Expense	50	0	50
Program Development	250	250	250
Public Policy	50	0	50
Storage for Archived Material	200	265	265
Treasurer's Expense	80	93	100
Website Maintenance	650	0	650
Handbook	450	226	300
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>7,035</b>
<b>Excess (Deficit) Revenues/ Expenses</b>	<b>(221)</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>(3,198)</b>
<b>Beginning of Year Carry Forward</b>			
Cash on hand	7,729	7,729	9,260
Contingency	1,000	1,000	1,000
Unallocated Transfer to Dues	0	(147)	0
Rec AAUW of GA - Storage	103	103	0
Total Carry Forward	<b>8,832</b>	<b>8,685</b>	<b>10,260</b>
<b>Fund Balance at End of Year</b>	<b>\$8,611</b>	<b>\$10,260</b>	<b>\$7,062</b>
Cash paid for AAUW GA		0	
Deferred Dues 2012-13 in Cash		837	
<b>Cash Balance 6-30-2012</b>		<b>\$11,097</b>	

## Travel Group Update

By: **Betty Arden**

The next AAUW Travel Group outing will be on December 13th. The group will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the historic Bulloch Hall, 180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell, GA (770 641- 3978).

“Christmas at Bulloch Hall” will have eleven U.S. Presidents represented. The house will be decorated with the customs and pastimes of these presidential years.

Contact Betty Arden for more details.

## Contemporary Lit Group

By: **Kay Collins**

Our traditional holiday potluck supper will be on Monday, December 3rd at the home of Gillian Horsley. We will begin gathering at 6:00 p.m. ; bring a dish to share. We will discuss *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. Bring a book to exchange: one that hasn't been on our reading list and that is wrapped but not identified! Remember, clever, unusual or fancy wrapping always causes your book to be chosen first! Please let Gillian know what you will be bringing: entree, salad, wine!, dessert or ?

Questions? Contact Kay Collins.

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## Calendar

Contemporary Literature Potluck- Dec 3rd

Holiday Party, Mary Womack's home- Dec 9th

Travel Group Outing – December 13th

Deadline submit articles for Jan Newsletter- Dec 26th