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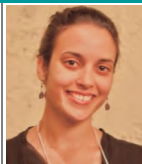
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March 9th General Meeting!



Greetings from your Atlanta Branch intern! I hope this finds you well. Just around the corner is our March 9th general meeting.

Our March meeting will be held at Paul's Restaurant (10 Kings Circle NE, Atlanta 30305). We will convene in the banquet room at 11 a.m. for a business meeting, followed by a presentation by Wendy Hamand Venet, a professor of history at Georgia State University, about Atlanta Women in the Civil War from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon, and the business meeting will continue following lunch. There are three menus from which you can select your lunch; the cost of each menu choice is \$20.00. The restaurant is located in the Peachtree Hills area. You can obtain specific directions on their website (www.opentable.com). The phone number is 404.231-4113. We look forward to seeing you there!

March General Meeting:

Date: Saturday, March 9th

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Place: Paul's Restaurant (10 Kings Circle NE, Atlanta 30305)

Evites have been sent out for the meeting but if you have not received one, please send an email to hospitality@aauwatlanta.org and indicate you will be attending.

National Women's History Month

By: Sharon Bevis-Hoover



Once again March marks National Women's History Month in the United States.

2013's theme is *Women Inspiring Innovation through Imagination*. The roots of National Women's History Month go back to National Women's Day, which we will be celebrated on March 8th. In addition, March 3 is the 100th anniversary of the 1913 Woman Suffrage Parade in Washington,

D.C., the turning point in the suffrage movement. A commemorative parade will begin at the U.S. Capitol, proceed down Pennsylvania Avenue, and end at the Washington Monument.

Growing up it was hard to ignore that very few women were featured in my history textbooks, and those who were generally appeared in supporting roles.

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Public Policy News: A Busy Year for Atlanta Branch

By: Diana Witt

2013 has already been a busy year for Public Policy in Atlanta Branch! Two weeks ago, we had our public policy meeting in the beautiful Woodruff library at Clark Atlanta University. We were joined by AAUW members from the Cobb and North Fulton branches.



Cindia Cameron, 9 to 5

Our three speakers were Taifa Butler from the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute, Cindia Cameron from 9 to 5, and Amanda Ptashkin from Healthy Future Georgia.



Amanda Ptashkin, Healthy Future Georgia

We were also privileged to have with us some students from Clark Atlanta. I want to thank our branch member Dr. Shirley Williams-Kirksey for facilitating our meeting and providing a delicious lunch.

Our three speakers were Taifa Butler from the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute, Cindia Cameron from 9 to 5, and Amanda Ptashkin from Healthy Future Georgia. They provided us with valuable information about the budget choices facing the current legislature, what decisions Georgia needs to make about health care for all Georgians, and how all of us can advocate for better pay

and working conditions for women workers. The power point presentations and information about specific legislation will be available on our branch website.

Some of us are planning to attend Lobby Day on February 19th, from 8:30 AM to approximately 11AM. We will be lobbying for HB 290, the Family Care Act.

If passed, this bill will allow employees to use sick days for family care. The bill has bipartisan support and has been passed out of committee by a 9 to 2 vote. It can only come to vote in the House if legislators are pressured by groups like ours to vote on this bill. If you can't come to Lobby Day, please write or call your legislator and urge them to support this bill. If you need information about your legislator, check your handbook for information about locating and contacting your state legislators.



Taifa Butler (GA Policy and Budget Institute) and her daughter



National Women's Month...Continued

By: Sharon Bevis-Hoover



I recently perused my teenagers' texts and was disappointed that so little has changed. I myself struggled to name the "missing" women and wondered how many women's contributions will never be known because they were not recorded during their lifetimes. In 1976, AAUW Atlanta Branch wrote and published *Georgia Women: A Celebration* and distributed it to schools and libraries throughout the state. Many of us still hold treasured copies of the book.

For over a decade now, the National Women's History Museum has raised the funds for construction to

State Convention

By: Diana Witt

State Convention is coming, April 26-27, and it's right here in the Atlanta Metro area! It will take place at the Country Inn & Suites in Atlanta at the junction of I-285 & I-75. Georgia has been approved for an LAF plaintiff to speak at the convention. We will have someone from one of the three sexual assault cases filed against the military. We are also planning to show the movie, *The Invisible War*, which is on the same topic. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Registration information will be published in the upcoming *Cherokee Rose*. I look forward to seeing you at the State Convention. We will have more details shortly, but mark your calendars!

build a world-class museum at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. To enable that vision, the National Women's History Museum Act of 2011 was introduced. The bill directed the government to convey to the Museum property in the District of Columbia at its fair market value based on its highest and best use. Even though the bill had many cosponsors in the House, it failed to pass. New National Women's History Museum legislation will be introduced to the newly elected Congress. AAUW is a National Coalition Partner with the Museum, and we will work to see the legislation passed this time. For now, check out the National Women's History Museums excellent online museum (<http://www.nwhm.org>), which includes videos, photos, educational programs, scholarship and research.

In addition, the [National Women's History Project \(NWHP\)](#) Resource Center has inspiring biographies along with ideas about how to celebrate National Women's History Month. AAUW is also an NWHP partner.

Please take advantage of these resources and others to learn more about the lives and the impact of our foremothers, not just in March, but also throughout the year.

AAUW National Convention

Register now and take advantage of early bird rates for the 2013 AAUW National Convention in New Orleans to be held June 9-12! This year's theme is "Leading across Generations". We will celebrate our successes and learn how to be more effective in the future. The Convention includes excellent speakers, interactive workshops, and panel discussions. Early bird rates end April 14th! Learn more at [AAUW National Convention, Leading across Generations](#). "*Laissez les bons temps rouler!*"

Welcome New Members

By: Billie Collier

The AAUW Atlanta Branch is so pleased to welcome four new members. They are Cele Covatt, Chunya Daphne Su, Carol Brantley, and Doris R. Kieh. We are all looking forward to getting to know them as they become more involved in some of our many activities. Please add the following information to the Atlanta Branch Member Directory in your 2012-2013 Handbook.

Call for Nominations!

By: Phyllis Miller

Atlanta Branch will need to fill three vacant positions on the Executive Committee in the coming months. They are **Board Secretary**, **President-elect**, and **Recording Secretary** for the General Meetings. Nominations are being requested from the membership to fill these very important areas of our branch leadership. Please send your suggestions to Nominating Committee members: Ruth Yurchuck, Betty Arden, Frances Smith, Pat Bevis or Phyllis Miller.

Thank you for helping guide members to these leadership roles, or please step up to these positions yourself.

Bookroom Fun!

By: Betty Slater

New Orleans's Fat Tuesday has nothing over the Bookroom group who enjoyed a buffet lunch together on Tuesday, February 12th. Volunteering in the Bookroom is a great way to get to know not only members in the Atlanta AAUW branch but also the women involved from other branches. Please come in and help sort books, price a category, or pick up books for our sale!



Bookroom Mardi Gras fun

Travel Group Update

By: **Betty Arden**

The AAUW Travel Group will meet at the Ansley Mall Kroger store on March 14th at 9:15 a.m. Car pools will take the group to the Robert W. Woodruff Library, Atlanta University Center, 111 James P. Brawley Dr., SW, Atlanta, 404/978-2045. A guided tour will be given of the entire library and the present exhibit "Teenie Harris, Photographer, An American Story". Lunch will follow.

Contact Betty Arden with any travel group questions.

Contemporary Lit Group

By: **Kay Collins**

Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks is the discussion book for the March 4th meeting at 4 p.m. Mary Lynn will be back and lead the discussion; Phyllis will bring refreshments. Location for the meeting is the home of Mary Lynn Merkle.

Questions? Contact Kay Collins.

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Calendar

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