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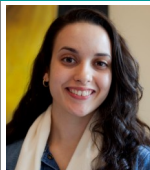
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Intern Article: April Branch Meeting



Greetings from your Atlanta Branch intern. Spring is finally in the air, and I hope you all are doing well! Just around the corner is our next branch meeting. On Saturday April 20th at Atlanta Metropolitan State College, our meeting will focus on philanthropy and is entitled "Atlanta Branch Reaches Out". Be sure to check out Mary Lynn Merkle's article, "Atlanta Branch Philanthropy: A Five Pointed Star!", on pg. 6 to learn more about our upcoming meeting. The cost of lunch will be \$17.50. Please make checks out to AAUW Atlanta Branch and give them to Huiping Du. See you there!

April Branch Meeting Details:

Date: Saturday April 20th

Time: 11:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.

Place: Atrium of the Eldredge M. McMillian Academic Science Building, Atlanta Metropolitan State College(1630 Metropolitan PKWY SW Atlanta GA 30310). Directions are posted on our Branch website.

If you have not responded to the evite, please notify the Hospitality Committee at hospitality@aauwatlanta.org.

AAUW Georgia Convention

By: Sharon Bevis-Hoover



This year's AAUW Georgia Convention features a fascinating and important agenda. AAUW Vice President Patricia Ho will join us from National with an update on current initiatives. In addition, we will screen *The Invisible War*, the groundbreaking documentary about the epidemic of rape within the US military. The film was nominated for an Oscar and has won many awards including a Chicago Film Critics Association Award, a Sundance Film Festival Audience Award, and an Independent Spirit Award. Jessica Hives, a Legal Advocacy

plaintiff who was raped while serving in the Air Force will join us to update us on her case.

In addition, we have some very important business to conduct this year. We will vote on a motion to reduce State dues, on a motion to make several Bylaws changes, and on officer candidates for 2013-2015.

The meeting will be held just outside the perimeter in Marietta. If you have not already registered, please refer to the latest issue of The Cherokee Rose or the AAUW Georgia Website (<http://aauw-ga.aauw.net>) to sign up right away!

AAUW New Logo & Updated Website

By: Terry Eshenour



The first quarter of 2013 brought change and enhancement to AAUW National website. The site received a complete facelift that incorporates the new AAUW logo, color scheme and caption. If you have not visited the new website, I suggest that you visit AAUW.org to see for yourself the new layout that is clean, current and easier to navigate.

The Atlanta Branch site AAUWAtlanta.org has a few additions that we would like you to check out. The site banner is scheduled for an update by April 1, 2013 to incorporate the new logo, caption and color scheme.

As earlier advised there were plans to create a Members Only area. Now a Members Only section can be found on the top right menu bar. As the name implies it is intended for Atlanta Branch members. A password is required to access the section. The password will be communicated to you by a separate e-mail message.

Members Only contains the following sections:

1. 2012 - 2013 Membership Directory - A digital version that is password (same as used to access the Members Only section) protected to protect privacy.
2. Branch Forums - An area to privately discuss topics, news, activities, plans and issues affecting the Branch community.
3. Branch Meeting Minutes
4. Board Meeting Minutes
5. Standing Rules
6. Bylaws

While most of the sections are reference resources, Branch Forums is an interactive area designed to permit members to communicate to and interact in a private venue. The secure location permits members to share information that is important to the entire branch overcoming e-mail communication drawback of involving only the individuals on the cc: list. Everyone gets to see reactions, responses, viewpoints and



The new AAUW national logo

updates equally. The Forums initially will have several broad topic headings. Participants can request additional areas to make it easier to access and follow information. There are Forum guidelines that all should read before posting. The message threads can be moderated in the unlikely event of misinformation or inappropriate content.

Branch Forums is a new concept for the Atlanta Branch that will be monitored to evaluate interest and use. Forums security require that members apply for an account username and password, which are unique for each member and different from the password used to access the Members Only section. Go to the Members Only section [Branch Forums](#) for links to Forums Application and the link to the actual Forum.

The website while structured can easily be modified to meet the needs of the Atlanta Branch. The site is to serve your needs as well as to attract new members. We can only make meaningful change if we informed of your needs. Branch members are encouraged to provide feedback, suggestions for change and improvement.

Have a question for our webmaster? Contact him at: webmaster@aauwatlanta.org

Atlanta Women During the Civil War

By: Amira Saleh

On Saturday March 9th while enjoying a delicious lunch at Paul's Restaurant, Atlanta Branch had the opportunity to learn about Atlanta women in the Civil War from Dr. Wendy Venet, professor of history at Georgia State University. Wendy is writing a book on this topic that will be published next year.

During the Civil War, Atlanta's population more than doubled. In terms of hospitals, rail roads, and factories, Atlanta was the second most important city in the Confederacy. Though not always remembered in the history books, many Atlanta women served crucial roles in the civil war. Wendy shared a story about 12 Atlanta women that broke into a butcher shop to demand lower prices. Their actions sparked bread riots throughout the Confederacy and showed that the perceived role of women in society to be demure, silent creatures was changing.

Wendy reminded us that history is all around us, and Atlanta is full of opportunities to explore the past. For instance, bronze plate markers around Atlanta denote areas that were sites of Civil War battles, the Atlanta History Center located in Buckhead is one of the Southeast's largest history museums, and our very own travel group headed by Betty Arden frequently explores historical locations.



Dr. Wendy Venet, GSU Professor of History

I for one am ready to delve into the past. Thank you Wendy for sharing your knowledge with us. On another good note, Wendy so enjoyed her visit to our meeting that she has decided to become our newest member! Welcome to Atlanta Branch Wendy!

Atlanta Metropolitan College on the Move!

By: Betty Slater

Twenty-seven students attended the first meeting of the Atlanta Metropolitan State College chapter and heard an inspiring talk about empowering women from Atlanta Branch Member, Dr. Bonita Flourney. Dr. Flourney selected Gloria Williams to serve as the President of the chapter who met in the McMillian Academic Science Building. Biology Instructor, Sophia Banton encouraged students to attend this meeting because of her concern for more women in science.

Ms. Gloria Williams is one of our local scholarship winners whose award helped her continue her career. She was so impressed with our September

branch meeting in which she saw women interacting and helping other women to succeed. Gloria did an outstanding job of getting people to serve as officers. Diana Dey shared her experience of starting the chapter at GSU. It was an outstanding afternoon! The Atlanta branch will need to support and encourage this outstanding group.

The April 20th meeting will be held at Atlanta Metropolitan State College's new student center. We hope some of these new chapter members will attend!

Public Policy Update

By: Diana Witt

Despite the grim prospects for any progressive legislation for women in our very traditional legislature, there are some bright things happening during the 2013 Legislative session. I am pleased to report that HB 141 and HB 156 were passed by both the House and Senate and apparently headed to the Governor for signature. Here are summaries of these bills, which build on our success in addressing human trafficking:

A Bill to be entitled “An Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated”, relates to kidnapping, false imprisonment, and related offenses, to require that certain businesses and establishments post a model notice so as to enable persons who are the subject of human trafficking to obtain help and services. This bill also provides for the Department of Public Safety to develop and post the model notice on its website; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal

conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

A second bill, HB 156, to be entitled “An Act to amend Code Section 16-12-100.2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated”, relates to electronic pornography. The bill relates to computer or electronic pornography and child exploitation prevention, so as to clarify certain acts amounting to unlawfully seducing, soliciting, luring, or enticing a child through use of a computer online service, Internet service, or similar service, to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

These are definitely steps in the right direction, and I can't help feeling Tami Anderson would be pleased at the expansion of our efforts in this direction. It would be nice to be able to report progress on Family and Medical Leave. Unfortunately, despite some sympathetic hearings and support, the bill did not get out of committee. We will try again next session. See you all at State Convention!

AAUW Election

By: Linda D. Hallman, AAUW Executive Director

All AAUW members are eligible to vote in the [2013 AAUW election](#). Voting begins April 15, 2013, and ends June 10, 2013 at 9 p.m. CDT.

The ballot includes [candidates](#) for the AAUW Board of Directors, one proposed amendment to the AAUW Bylaws, and proposed changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program. For details, see the [voter guide](#) posted online and included in your Spring/Summer *Outlook* magazine.

To Vote Online:

Go to www.aauw.org and click the VOTE button. Enter your member ID and then click SEARCH. Enter your voter PIN, review the ballot, and cast your vote.

For questions about the voting process, e-mail connect@aauw.org or call 800.326.2289.

Make Our Schools Safer

By: Sharon Bevis-Hoover

Please urge Georgia Senators Isakson and Chambliss to cosponsor Senate Bill 146, the School and Campus Safety Enhancements Act of 2013. This legislation would enhance the safety of America's K-12 public schools and boost resources for college campus public safety officers. The Bill was introduced by Senator Barbara Boxer and currently has limited but bipartisan cosponsorship.

If you are not already receiving it, [request your own subscription](#) to AAUW's Washington Update to stay up to date on AAUW's public policy initiatives.

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

By: Betty Slater

Each year AAUW and NASPA's Center for Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development for Women host the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). The conference lasts for three days and consists of sessions designed to address the needs of both current and aspiring college women leaders. The Atlanta branch will be sending three students to the 2013 NCCWSL. The following women have been selected by their colleges to be NCCWSL representatives:

Atlanta Metropolitan State College's Lydia Rebecca Dailey attended Elect Her program held at Georgia State University. She also attended the first meeting of the chapter meeting held at Atlanta Metropolitan State College. She is a Biology major planning on being a dentist. She expects to graduate in 2014!

Dr. Shirley Williams-Kirksey had a group of educators make the student selection for Clark Atlanta University. They chose Jasmine Sade Harrison. She is majoring in Art and Criminal Justice. She plans to graduate in 2015.

At the Savannah College of Art and Design, another group of student leaders selected Jenelle

Marie Wajsen, a BFA Graphic Design major and Interior Design minor.

Last year's NCCWSL conference brought over 500 young collegiate women from across the U.S. together to encourage and grow their passion for leadership. Gwen Hughes, a Georgia Tech student who attended NCCWSL last year stated "It was inspiring to see I was not the only one passionate about women's issues. We were in a room with future Congress women, senators, maybe even a future female president. I saw that no matter what you are doing if you are passionate about it, you can get it."

Our branch continues to support this leadership program through their Bookroom and Bookfair work. Thank you for giving your time. It is by sponsoring these types of experiences for young college women that AAUW Atlanta continues to empower women and build future leaders.

In Memory of Frances Smith:



Frances Smith and Anne Habersetzer

Recently, Atlanta Branch has lost a dear friend and member, Frances Smith. Anne Habersetzer, shared some memories of Frances:

"Frances gave of her time and of herself. She never retired, she stayed involved, into her nineties, in projects helping people who needed support."

Memories and photos of Frances Smith and Tami Anderson will be compiled into a handout to be distributed at our final May meeting. Any memories or photos you would like to be included can be sent to communications intern Amira Saleh.

Nominees Slate

AAUW Atlanta Branch Nominating Committee presents the following slate of nominees for election at the April general meeting:

President-elect Myra Carmon for a three year commitment (2013-2016)

Board Secretary Marcy Nader for a two year commitment (2013-2015)

Recording Secretary for General Meeting Jo Marie Dogali for a two year commitment (2013-2015)

The Committee appreciates these members being willing to serve and meet the needs of the Branch.

Nominating Committee:
Phyllis Miller, Chair
Betty Arden
Pat Bevis
Ruth Yurchuck

New Member

Atlanta Branch welcomes new member, Wendy Venet. Please update your handbooks.

Atlanta Branch Philanthropy: A 5 Pointed Star!

By: Mary Lynn Merkle

We are an amazing branch, and the Philanthropy Committee is looking forward to sharing with you just how amazing at our April 20th meeting.

Point 1: Phyllis Miller, chair of AAUW Funds, will inform us on where and how that \$10,000+ expenditure is made.

Point 2: Betty Slater will describe NCCWSL and our support of that program.

Point 3: Pam Antinori, leader of the Branch project with Cool Girls, will update us on the Cool Scholars Program.

Point 4: Colleen D'Alessandro will give us a preview of the plans for our international festival next spring on the Oglethorpe University campus.

Point 5: Our Scholarship Committee will explain how applicants are invited and selected.

Our philanthropy star may have just five points, but over the years the light from that star has literally lit up hundreds of lives. Amazing!!

Save the Dates!

Bookfair 2013

September 22 — September 29

Set-up: Sunday evening, 9/22

Opening night: **Monday**, 9/23

Sale continues: Tues 9/24-Sun 9/29

Tear-down: Sunday evening, 9/29

new this year: Sale opens Monday night!

Travel Group Update

By: Betty Arden

The AAUW Travel Group will meet at 9:30 a.m. on April 11th at the Ansley Park Kroger Store to carpool to Grant Park for a guided private tour of the LP Grant Mansion (327 St. Paul Ave, S.E.). Lunch will follow at a nearby restaurant.

Admission:

60+ Seniors = \$7.00

Adults = \$ 12.00

Contact Betty Arden for more details.

Contemporary Lit Group

By: Kay Collins

The May 6th meeting of the Contemporary Literature Group will discuss "Rules of Civility" by Amor Towles. It is scheduled for the home of Lou Mitchell. We start gathering about 4:00 PM for refreshments and begin the discussion about 4:30 PM lasting until 6:00 PM +/-.

If you want to attend for the first time and do not receive the email reminder, please contact Kay Collins to RSVP.

Attention !

Membership dues will be collected at our final branch meeting, May 18th. Please remember to bring your check-books to this meeting so you can renew your membership. Thanks!

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April Branch Meeting- April 20th

AAUW Georgia Convention- April 26-27

Contemporary Literature Group Meeting- May 6th

May Branch Meeting- May 18th

AAUW National Convention- June 9-12