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February Branch Meeting



The February Branch meeting will be held in the multipurpose room at the law office of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, at 3333 Piedmont Road in Buckhead. This will be a joint meeting with the Cobb and North Fulton Branches with a focus on legislative action. Parking will be provided at this location. The lunch menu will be from Piu Bello: Italian Lasagna, Chicken Parmigiana, Salad, Dessert, and a Drink. The cost for lunch is \$17.50

February Branch Meeting Details:

Date: February 15th

Time: 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Place: Law office of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, 3333 Piedmont Road, Buckhead, Suite 2500 Community Room

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

Georgia General Assembly Back in Session

By: Sharon Bevis-Hoover



The Georgia General Assembly convenes its 2014 session on Monday, January 13. This is a critical time for us to express our point of view – as individuals and as an organization - on issues critical to women, girls, and families in Georgia. Information on the legislative session is available at the Georgia General Assembly website. In addition, AAUW Georgia will keep you informed with periodic legislative updates.

AAUW Georgia has agreed to focus significant energy on passage of the Family Care Act. Among our legislative priorities, this item seems most likely to pass in the current political climate and bring positive change to Georgia families. The Family Care Act (HB 290) would

enable employees to use their existing sick days to care for family members, providing greater economic security for workers without requiring additional sick days from employers.

AAUW Georgia planned several events at the Georgia General Assembly, and encourage all of our members and friends to participate. The first two are:

Women in the Halls - Wednesday, January 22

AAUW is joining Women in the Halls, a special project of Planned Parenthood Georgia, on January 22. The project seeks to bring more women to the Capitol to remind lawmakers that they are accountable to the women of Georgia for the decisions that they make.

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A Look at the 2013 Holiday Party



AAUW Fellowship and Grant Recipients



Nancy Young, Anne Habersetzer, Phyllis Miller, Kay Collins



Our Hosts, the Womacks



Gathered for the Silent Auction



A delicious spread



Pat Beevis and Marcy Nader

2013 Holiday Party

By: Ruth Yurchuck

The annual Holiday Party was a special occasion for the Branch. There was the usual assortment of wonderful goodies for snacking and time to talk with Branch members and their guests, plus the national and local Scholarship awardees who were able to join us. The silent auction featured a special collection of things owned by Tami Anderson, long time Branch member and former Branch president, who died last December. Many thanks to Kay Collins for organizing these items for display, and many found new homes with current members and guests.

There were additional items donated from which to select as well. The silent auction raised a total of \$1,310 which will be sent to AAUW Funds Legal Advocacy program.

A highlight of the afternoon was the announcement of the 2013 Name Grant Honorees. Three of the awards were posthumous: Tami Anderson, Toni Larson, and Frances Smith. These women have left a legacy of valuable service to the Branch. Kay Collins described the many contributions Tami and Frances made to the Branch and their many outstanding personal qualities. Toni's daughter, Nancy Young, spoke of her mother's love for AAUW and shared memories of her life. The fourth award was given to our Branch intern Amira Saleh, who was recognized for her excellent work in compiling the Branch handbook and monthly newsletters. Amira was unable to attend as she was still in classes in the Center for Inspired Teaching in Washington, DC.

A final note of Branch business: the Community Fund Budget was distributed and passed with a unanimous vote.

Our Sympathy to the Milholland Family

By: Sharon Bevis-Hoover

Members who work with Bookfair almost certainly know Ellen and Jim Milholland, and their son Joe, who have worked year round on our Bookfair for many years. In December, Jim's mother Janie Milholland passed away following a long illness <http://nicholsonfunerals.com/obituaries/2013/12/15/janie-milholland/>. Please keep Ellen, Jim, and Joe in your thoughts and prayers.

Georgia General Assembly Continued...

By: Sharon Bevis-Hoover

Every Wednesday during the legislative session Planned Parenthood will brief participants on legislation important to women and on how to lobby the General Assembly. Together, participants will fill the halls of the Capitol and make their voices heard. The meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. each Wednesday in the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 306, across the street from the Capitol on Mitchell Street.

For more information, see the Women in the Halls | Planned Parenthood® Southeast Advocates website. Please join them every Wednesday, but especially with AAUW on January 22!

Women's Capitol Breakfast and Briefing - Wednesday, January 29

Georgia Women for a Change is holding their annual Women's Capitol Breakfast and Briefing. This is always an excellent opportunity to hear updates from their lobbyists on issue important to women In Georgia. In addition, legislators who care about our issues and women interested in running for office will attend. AAUW will be providing "Equal Pay" stickers to reinforce the need to eliminate the persistent gap in pay between women and men. For more information, please see the Georgia Women for a Change website, and don't forget to RSVP to rsvp@gwomen.org.

Please join me for these events and for our February meeting. Also, be sure to follow the action in the Georgia General Assembly, and to let your Representative, Senator, and the Governor know your priorities.

Travel Group Update

By: Betty Arden

The AAUW Travel Group met on January 9th, 2014 for a 9:30 am tour of the exciting new North Atlanta High School, 4111 Northside Parkway, Atlanta, GA (404-802-4700).

Questions about Travel Group outings?
Contact Betty Arden.

Contemporary Lit Group

By: Kay Collins

The Contemporary Literature group met at 4:00 PM on January 13th at the home of Mary Hanson to discuss *Pope Joan* by Donna Woolfolk Cross. Terri led the discussion and Kay provided refreshments.

Questions about Contemporary Literature Group?
Call Kay.

AAUW Bookroom Open for 2014 !

Following a break for the holidays, the AAUW Bookroom resumes its regular hours - Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - to prepare for the 2014 Bookfair. If you are a regular volunteer, we look forward to seeing you there! If you are interesting in getting more involved or returning after an absence, please call the bookroom at 404-261-7646 and leave a message. One of our day chairs will call you back to discuss the many different ways that you can help.

Also, did you know that our Internet sales are an important and growing part of our income? The Internet sales team would appreciate any padded envelopes or small boxes that you collect. Each recycled shipping package saves us about \$1.00 in shipping expenses. Just drop them by the Bookroom, or pass them along to a member who volunteers there.

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Calendar

January 22 - "Women in the Halls" Lobby Day with Planned Parenthood

January 25, 2014 - Cool Scholars

January 29 - Women's Capital Briefing and Breakfast

February 1, 2014 - Bookfair Steering Committee Meeting

February 3, 2014 - Contemporary Literature Group

February 13, 2014 - Travel Group Outing

February 15, 2014 - Atlanta Branch Meeting

February 17, 2014 - Cool Scholars College Tour - Emory University

February 22, 2014 - Cool Scholars

Jun 18-21, 2015 - AAUW National Convention, San Diego

Submit Newsletter Articles

By: Amira Saleh

The deadline to submit articles for the February newsletter is January 25th. Please email them to me. I welcome any ideas or feedback you would like to send my way. Thanks!