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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](mailto:hospitality@aauwatlanta.org).*

## Lilly Ledbetter Urges Congress to Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act

**By: Sharon Bevis-Hoover**



January marked the fifth anniversary of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, and AAUW and Ledbetter joined forces with coalition partners to challenge members of Congress to take action to end the gender pay gap, including passage of the stalled Paycheck Fairness Act. According to Ledbetter, “giving women my Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act without the Paycheck Fairness Act is like giving them a nail without the hammer.” The Paycheck Fairness Act closes loopholes in the 1963 Equal Pay Act and provides solutions to address pay inequities.

January also saw the release of Maria Shriver’s Report :

*[A Woman’s Nation Pushes Back from the Brink](#)*. The Report leverages AAUW research and has been widely reported in the media. According to the report, closing the gender pay gap would cut the poverty rate in half and add \$448 billion to the U.S. economy. The report also highlights other challenges faced by women and families, including access to quality childcare, work leave for family care, and affordable higher education.

You can have an impact. Please join Lilly Ledbetter in [urging your members of Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act](#). Also, contact your members of the Georgia Assembly and Governor Deal and ask for their support to pass the Family Care Act (H.B. 290).

# Georgia AAUW Co-Presidents Message

By Bea Piddock and Diana Witt

Greetings as we prepare for our 2014 State Convention to be held March 28-29, 2014 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 24 Liberty Drive, Cartersville, GA! The hotel is close to historic downtown Cartersville, off Exit 88 on Highway 75.

The Cartersville Branch has graciously offered to prepare a social event for Friday night followed by a day-long program of events on Saturday. We plan to end the conference at around 4 PM on Saturday afternoon.

Our program is not officially set yet, but we plan to include the following:

- \* Friday evening social event planned by the Cartersville AAUW
- \* Our annual business meeting
- \* A demonstration of the SALSA, AAUW's data base program
- \* A panel discussion by AAUW Student Affiliates
- \* A Public Policy update, including a summary of the activities at the 2014 legislative session.

Our conference registration will be \$20, and will include breakfast and lunch.

The hotel has reserved a room block for us at the rate of \$99 for either a single king bed or two queen-size beds, which will allow people to share rooms if they choose.

We are going to run a room raffle this year, and one lucky winner will get their room and conference registration for free!

The registration form for this event will in the upcoming edition of the Cherokee Rose, which will come out in early February. We will also put it on the GA AAUW website, and we hope that branches with websites will provide a link to the form. Marlene Humphry will be handling the registrations and will have her preferred contact information included.

We want to remind everyone that you do get reim-

bursed for your mileage to this conference.

We hope to have a good turnout. Many of our branches have been doing really excellent events this year, and this is the best opportunity we have to compare notes with each other and work together to make AAUW stronger and more visible going forward. We hope to see all of you on March 28-29.!

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## Welcome New Members!

**By: Billie Collier**

Please join me in welcoming five new members to the Atlanta Branch. Remember to add their names and information to your handbook. That brings our membership to 73.

Rachael Frank

Alice Grossman

Clovia Hamilton

Jennifer Parker

Pauline M. Wright

## Women's Capitol Breakfast and Briefing - February 5th

**By: Sharon Bevis-Hoover**

Due to last week's weather, the Women's Capitol Breakfast and Briefing was postponed to February 5. A complimentary breakfast begins at 8:00, followed by a Legislative Update from 8:30 - 9:30. This is always an excellent time to hear updates from Georgia Women for a Change's lobbyists on issues important to women in Georgia. An opportunity to lobby at the Capitol will follow the briefing for those who wish to participate. 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](mailto:rsvp@gwomen.org).

## Bookfair Celebrates 55 Years!

**By: Sharon Bevis-Hoover**

The 2014 Bookfair marks the 55th year that we have held our flagship fundraising event. 55th anniversaries are rare, and we can take tremendous pride in the sustained commitment of our volunteers and support of our community.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The 2014 Bookfair will be held once again at Perimeter Mall on September 21-28. We will setup on September 21-22 and open the evening of Monday, September 22. We hope to see you in the Bookroom and at the sale!

## Travel Group Update

By: Betty Arden

The AAUW Travel Group will meet at 9:30 am on February 13th at the Ansley Mall Kroger store to carpool to the William Bremen Jewish Heritage Museum (1440 Spring Street, Atlanta). The museum telephone number is 678.222.3724.

The group will enjoy a docent-guided tour of the exhibit, "Return to Rich's: The Story behind the Store." Senior admission is \$8.00 and regular admission is \$12.00. A lunch is also offered with dishes inspired by the Magnolia Room.

Call Betty Arden for further information.

## Contemporary Lit Group

By: Kay Collins

The Contemporary Literature group will meet at 4:00 PM on February 3rd at the home of Mary Hanson to discuss *Nine Parts of Desire* by Geraldine Brooks.

Questions about Contemporary Literature Group?  
Call Kay.

## Submit Newsletter Articles

By: Amira Saleh

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

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## Calendar

February 3, 2014 - Contemporary Literature Group

February 5, 2014 - Women's Capitol Breakfast and Briefing

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

March 8, 2014 - Atlanta Branch Meeting

March 13, 2014 - Travel Group Outing

March 22, 2014 - Cool Scholars

March 28-29, 2014 - AAUW State Convention

September 21 - 28, 2014 - 2014 AAUW Bookfair

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