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May Branch Meeting



Please join us on May 17th for our annual brunch and business meeting, held at the Ansley Golf Club (196 Montgomery Ferry Dr, Atlanta) from 9 am to noon. We will enjoy Ansley's special brunch buffet and the business meeting will include election and installation of officers for 2014-16. Cost of the buffet is \$25. The Cool Scholars from our Signature Project and their mentors have been invited to join us. It is also when Billie Collier will collect membership dues for 2014-2015 so make sure to save the date!

May Branch Meeting Details:

Date: May 17 th

Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Place: Ansley Golf Club, 196 Montgomery Ferry Dr, Atlanta, GA 30309
(detailed directions located on page 5)

If you have not responded to the invite, please RSVP to hospitality@aauwatlanta.org by Wednesday, May 14 or call Betty Arden.

Your Vote is Critical in the May 20 Primary Election

By: Sharon Bevis-Hoover



Don't be caught off guard by Georgia's earlier primary election date. There are many candidates for the important offices that will need to be filled soon! Critical non-partisan judicial elections will be decided on May 20, although none of them appear to be contested. However, the candidates in the partisan races are numerous and offer widely varied points of view. This is your opportunity to influence your final options when you vote this fall.

There are seven Republican and four Democratic contenders for the open U.S. Senate seat. For Governor of Georgia, we have one

Democratic and three Republican candidates. The State School Superintendent office is highly contested, with six Republican and nine Democratic choices.

Many of the Georgia General Assembly offices - Senator and Representative - are in play this year. The Assembly is where many decisions that effect women and girls in Georgia are made and where AAUW Atlanta members focus much of their lobbying efforts.

In addition, if you vote a party ballot, there are number of questions where you can influence your party's priorities. The Democrats are soliciting input on ten questions, and the Republicans on three.

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Congratulations Wendy Venet !

By : Ruth Yurchuck

At our March 2013 Branch meeting, Wendy Venet, professor of history at Georgia State University, spoke to us about the role of Atlanta women during the Civil War. At that time she was completing work on her book, *A Changing Wind: Commerce and Conflict in Civil War Atlanta*. Members please note that it is currently available on Amazon and officially available in bookstores on May 20. The book is published by Yale University Press, 2014.

Here is a description from the book jacket: "*A Changing Wind* vividly brings to life the stories of Atlanta's diverse citizens--white and black, free and enslaved, well-to-do and everyday people. A rich and compelling account of residents' changing loyalties to the Union and the Confederacy, the book

highlights the unequal economic and social impacts of the war, General Sherman's siege, and the stunning rebirth of the city in the postwar years."

Erskine Clarke, author of *Dwelling Place: A Plantation Epic* offered this comment about *A Changing Wind*: "Wendy Venet takes the reader deep into the vibrant life of a young Atlanta, tells the story of how it became a burned and hungry place, and draws into one compelling narrative the diverse and competing voices of those who refused to let Atlanta be gone with the wind."

Wendy will be speaking about her book at the Atlanta History Center on May 22 at 8 pm. Congratulations to Wendy on this achievement!!

Awards to GSU AAUW Student Organization Officers

Two of the officers of the GSU AAUW Student Organization received awards recently at the 2014 Royal Flame Awards Ceremony. The students are Diana Dey and Ayesha Samiyyah Kirk, the president of the AAUW Student Organization at GSU.

Diana is a senior majoring in Managerial Sciences with a minor in Computer Information System. She is originally from Ghana, West Africa. She was among students at Georgia State University that was awarded the 2014-2015 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges. This is one of the nation's outstanding honors for campus leaders of the year. Students are chosen based on academic and co-curricular activities, community service, and publication. Diana Dey was instrumental in organizing and chartering the student AAUW Chapter at GSU and was the first president of the chapter. Again this year she was instrumental in re-chartering the organization and encouraging members to run for office. She assisted with the Elect Her conferences for the first two years. Thanks to her for mentoring officers over the past three years.

Ayesha Kirk has been a member for only 2 years but has stepped up to take the office of president. She is a real leader. The members have had several events on campus and have others planned. Ayesha was also awarded the Who's Who award for 2014-2015. She was selected to be a Georgia Academic and Political fellow for 2013-2014, a program to train and mentor college students to become political candidates in the future and take leadership positions in local and state political campaigns. In a Resolution (HR 1807) from the Georgia House of Representatives in March she was acknowledged for her Outstanding Academic Achievements at Georgia State University as an undergraduate student. The link to the resolution is www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/en-US/display/20132014/HR/1807.

The student AAUW Organization is very fortunate to have these students as officers and leaders in the organization and the university.

Paying Membership Dues & Updating Your Information

By: **Billie Collier, Ruth Yurchuck**

This is a reminder to all members that the 2014 - 2015 membership dues will be collected at the final meeting of the year on Saturday, May 17, at Ansley Golf Club. For most members it will be \$77 of which \$46 is tax deductible. Exceptions would be students, lifetime members, and past branch presidents over 65.

By now you should have received an email or phone call to let you know the amount of your dues. If you have not, I may not have your correct information. Please contact me if you have any questions about your dues. If you know that you are not going to be at the May meeting, you can mail your dues to Billie Collier. Dues must be paid no later than June 15th for your name to appear on the National Roster.

Do not forget to check your personal information in the handbook to make any corrections or additions. In addition, please remember to keep your membership information updated with the Membership Committee. You may miss important news about Branch activities if your contact information has changed, particularly your email address, and you have not notified the Membership Vice President.

Your Vote is Critical in the May 20 Primary Election... Continued

By: **Sharon Bevis-Hoover**

Please go to your polling place to vote, and go as an educated voter. I recommend that you print out your ballot in advance at the My Voter page: <http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov>. This is a resource that provides the information you need about your candidates and their positions on questions of importance. Just be sure that your voice is heard on the issues that matter to you the most!

2014-2016 Slate of Officers

The following members have agreed to serve as Branch officers for 2014-2016:

Program Vice President: Wendy Venet

Membership Vice-President: Kay Collins

Co-Finance Officers: Alta Birdsong
Phyllis Miller

Nominating Committee: Betty Arden
Betty Slater
Billie Collier
Susan Diffenderfer
Sharon Bevis-Hoover

Review of Organizational Structure

By: **Ruth Yurchuck**

At the April 19 Executive Board meeting, a decision was made to review our current organizational structure. A five member task force will gather data, including a member survey, over the summer. Please look for more information in upcoming newsletters and emails.

Travel Group Update

By: **Betty Arden**

The AAUW Travel Group will meet at 9:30am on May 8th at the Ansley Mall Kroger store to carpool to the 44th annual Atlanta Symphony Associates' Decorator Showhouse and Gardens. Lunch will follow in the Tea Room.

Tickets purchased before April 25 are \$25.00. On the day of the tour they can be purchased at the door for \$30.00.

Questions? Call Betty Arden.

Fannie Garber, 89 Warner Robbins



Fannie Rachel Davidson Garber died peacefully on April 8, 2014. She was a wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother who was loved by all. She is survived by daughter Eileen Garber Buckholtz (Howard), sons, Ronald Garber (Roxann) and Barry Garber, sister, Lillian Davidson Galler, and brother, Abe Davidson, grandchildren, David Buckholtz (Suzanne), Ryan Buckholtz (Amy), Alyse Garber Craun (Jon) and Kent Garber and great grandson, Levi Buckholtz. She was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Karl, of 37 years, sisters, Goldie Bailey and Shirley Abromowitz, and brother, David Davidson. Fannie was born May 25, 1924 in Lenoir, N.C. and was raised in Cochran, Ga. She was a graduate of Middle Georgia College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she received her degree in business administration and was a member of the UNC Women's Senate. After graduation, she was hired into Rich's management program and worked as a buyer at Rich's in Atlanta. Fannie Davidson married Karl Garber in 1946 in Atlanta. In 1955, the Garbers moved to Warner Robbins, Ga., where Karl and Fannie opened their

own business, Garber's Department Store. Fannie excelled at helping her customers find the right clothes to wear and was a personal shopper long before it became popular. She loved to cook and was known for her pies—apple, pecan, lemon meringue and her amazing peach pie. She was interested in politics and campaigned for Jimmy Carter when he ran for president. Fannie enjoyed reading and was an advocate for children's literacy volunteering with RIF - Reading Is Fundamental program. As an active member of the American Association of University Women, she helped to organize the annual fundraising book sale. Sign an online guest book at www.edressler.com. Contributions in her memory can be made to the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Weinstein Hospice, Alzheimer's Association and Atlanta National Council of Jewish Women. The family would like to express thanks to Fannie's caregivers from Kadan Homecare, Ola Turner, Paulina Hampton and Lorna McKenzie, as well as to Weinstein Hospice. Graveside services were held at Crest Lawn Cemetery on Thurs., April 10 at 2 p.m. with Rabbi David Spinrad officiating. Arrangements by Dressler's Jewish Funeral Care, Atlanta (770) 451-4999.

Source: [The Atlanta Jewish Times](http://TheAtlantaJewishTimes.com)

Contemporary Lit Group

By: Kay Collins

The Contemporary Literature group will meet Monday, May 5th at the home of Elaine North. We'll be discussing *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Frye* by Rachel Joyce.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 2 at the home of Mary Hanson. At this meeting we select the books for next year. I will send out the recommendations for next year's reading at the end of May so there is still time to add to our list. Contact Kay Collins if you are not on the email list for updates.

If you have questions please call Kay Collins.

Ansley Golf Club

Directions

The Club is located in Midtown near Piedmont Road and Monroe Drive turning on Montgomery Ferry Drive. Below are more detail directions. If you do not want to valet park, you can park your car in Morningside Baptist Church Parking lot located off of Montgomery Ferry Drive and take the Ansley Shuttle Bus to the Club house.

I - 85 South From Northeast Atlanta:

I-85 South to Exit 86 (Peachtree Street exit). This is an access road. Go approximately 1 mile. Take the Monroe Drive exit to the right. At the light at the end of the ramp turn left onto Armour Circle. Take an immediate right onto Monroe Drive (Red Cross will be on your left). At the first light, turn right onto Montgomery Ferry Drive, cross the bridge, and the club house is on the right.

I-75 South from Northwest Atlanta:

Take I-75 past the Northside Dr. exit. From the left lane, take exit I-85 North. Take first exit, exit 86, to Buford Highway. This is an access road. Take the first exit off access road marked to Monroe Drive to Piedmont South. After the light at the end of the ramp, turn right onto Monroe Drive. At the second light, turn right onto Montgomery Ferry Drive, cross the bridge, and the club house will be on your right.

I -75/ I -85 North from South Atlanta:

Take I-75/I-85 north. Follow the sign to I-85 North (left hand 3 lanes) Take the first exit, exit 86, to Buford Highway. This is an access road. Take the first exit off access road, marked Monroe Drive to Piedmont South. At the light at the end of the exit ramp, turn right onto Monroe Drive. At the second light, turn right onto Montgomery Ferry Drive, cross the bridge, and the club house will be on your right.

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Calendar

May 5, 2014 - Contemporary Literature Group

May 8, 2014 - Travel Group Outing

May 10, 2014 - Cool Scholars - A Beautiful Me

May 17, 2014 - Branch Meeting - Election and Installation of Officers

May 20, 2014 - Election Day

May 21, 2014 - Cool Scholars - Scholarship Reception

June 2, 2014 - Contemporary Literature Group - Select Books for 2014-2015

July 10, 2014 - Atlanta Branch Board Meeting, 11am

September 21 - 28, 2014 - 2014 AAUW Bookfair

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