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New Communications Intern: Ayesha Kirk



Please welcome Ayesha Kirk, our new Communications Intern for the AAUW Atlanta branch for 2014-2015. Ayesha is a Georgia native, she grew up in Covington, Georgia and currently attends Georgia State University. Ayesha is a Philosophy major with a Pre-Law Concentration, and a double minor in Political Science and Ethics. Ayesha was the recent recipient of the Arlene & Alvin Altman Scholarship awarded to her by the GSU Philosophy Department for her outstanding scholastic achievements. Ayesha is currently serving as the President of the GSU college chapter of AAUW. There are several areas of interest Ayesha wishes to pursue in the future, including legislation to prevent child abuse, advancing the socioeconomic stability of minority populations in the U.S. and equalizing opportunity for women and girls in all facets of life. Ayesha is looking forward to assisting our branch, and it is great to have her on board as our new Communications Intern.

2014 Fall Membership Meeting

By: Dr. Ruth Yurchuck

Calling all branch members to put September 14 on your calendars! This fall's kickoff meeting will be held in the Rebekah Scott Hall, Woltz Meeting Room from 2 pm to 4 pm. It is also a membership recruitment meeting, so invite your friends to visit the beautiful Agnes Scott campus to enjoy light refreshments and good conversation. You will also get to meet our new communications intern, Ayesha Kirk, who is already hard at work.

Students who attended the NCCWSL conference this spring will present a report. A short business meeting will follow. Parking is available in the deck or in front of the building. We'll see you there!

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING DETAILS:

Date: September 14, 2014

Time: 2:00 pm– 4:00 pm

Location: Agnes Scott College (In the Rebekah Scott Hall, Woltz Meeting Room)

55th Annual AAUW Bookfair: New Bookfair Sign-Up System

By Barbara Buchanan



We are using a new way to sign up to volunteer at Bookfair this year called "Sign Up Genius." You should have already received an email inviting you to volunteer to work at our 55th Annual AAUW Bookfair at Perimeter Mall. If you have already signed up, a confirmation email has also been sent to you. The program will automatically send a reminder email to you three days before each shift for which you have volunteered.

If you have not already responded to the email invitation, this is a link that will take you to our Sign Up Genius location www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050B4BACA72CA02-aauw1. You may also visit this site at any time and see when other members have volunteered to work. Remember, Cobb and North Fulton members are also volunteering, so you may see names that you do not recognize.

Sign Up Genius is a free program. It does have advertising accompanying it, which we hope no one has found problematic. This volunteer sign up system has greatly simplified the work of our Bookfair Personnel Chair. We hope that it will make the job much easier for future Bookfair managers. We have 28 shifts and have invited more than 150 people to sign up. Some shifts typically have as few as 10 people working but other shifts have more than 30, which ultimately means a lot of data entry, not to mention reminder emails, that the personnel chair must juggle. Sign Up Genius can revolutionize this process for us.

If you have any difficulty signing up to volunteer, need to change your schedule, or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Barbara Buchanan at: barbara2@datekltd.com. Those who do not have email will be contacted by postal mail. We want to make sure that everyone who is able to volunteer can volunteer.

Boost the Atlanta Branch's participation by working at Bookfair 2014. Remember: Funding of our Branch's philanthropy depends on how many hours we contribute. Do your part!

Contemporary Literature Group: Fall Update

By: Kay Collins



We begin our year discussing "The Luminaries" by Eleanor Catton on Monday, September 8. We will be meeting for lunch at the home of Elaine North at 11:30 am.

Specific details will be emailed to members of the group. If you would like to join us as a new or prospective member please contact the coordinator, Kay Collins contemporaryliterature@aauwatlanta.org

2014 Georgia AAUW Board Meeting

By: Dr. Myra Carmon

Please mark your calendars for the annual Georgia AAUW Board meeting on Saturday September 6, 2014 at the Country Inn and Suites, 4500 Circle Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339. Registration for the Georgia board meeting begins promptly at 9:00 am and continues until 9:30 am. Coffee will be available in the hotel lobby for all attendees.

Major revisions of the current working policies and procedures document will be an objective. In order to save on printing costs, please bring your current copy of WP and P which was handed out at our last board meeting and again at the spring convention.

There will also be a targeted training program for grassroots activism. We expect Char Singleton, the state organizer for Georgia, Florida and Alabama to attend. Other discussion topics include supporting passage of the Family Care Act in Georgia, interest in pay equity, human trafficking and voter education/registration.

The AAUW Georgia Board meeting presentations will include the 2013-14 Financial Report and Proposed Budget for 2014-15, and updates on member-

Student Groups, State and branch contributions, the communications efforts taking place on the website and The Cherokee Rose. Discussions about the Spring Convention and the Nominating Committee will also take place.

Hotel room reservations for Friday September 5, 2014 are available for \$79 plus tax for a king or double queen bed. Please make reservations for a hotel room by contacting Andrea Rangal by August 29, 2014. A full hot breakfast is complementary for guests staying in the hotel on Friday night; if you did not stay at the hotel, the cost is \$6.

All Atlanta Branch members were sent an email containing the registration form and details of the Georgia AAUW Board meeting. The registration form and fee are due by September 3, 2014. If you have not received the registration form and the information on how to register, please email the Communications Intern at: publications@aauwatlanta.org.

AAUW Atlanta Branch: President's Message

By Dr. Myra Carmon



Greetings to all members at the beginning of the 2014-2015 Branch year! I am excited to serve as the President of the AAUW Atlanta Branch and to work with the Board and Branch members. We had a very productive Board Meeting in July and made some plans for this year. Thanks to everyone who made the trip to East Cobb.

This has been a great summer. Many of our members traveled to faraway places. Kay Collins traveled to Africa, and Phyllis Miller spent several weeks in Paris and probably others whose destinations we will learn about in the months ahead. I have spent four weeks in Hilton Head with grandchildren. Not as exciting as Africa or Paris but very meaningful to be with family, especially grandchildren.

Over the summer Wendy Venet (VP for Programs), who is also on faculty at Georgia State University as a professor of history, was approached by Georgia State University about the possibility of moving our Archives to Georgia State. Wendy consulted with our previous Historian, Sarah Rondeau, and Sarah supports the move of our Archives to Georgia State University. These discussions continue and options will be presented to the Board.

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AAUW Atlanta Branch: President's Message (Continued)

By Dr. Myra Carmon

The 2014-2015 Handbook is being printed and will be distributed at the September 14th Membership Tea to be held at Agnes Scott from 2 to 4 pm. Please check your handbook to see the other exciting programs that are planned for this year. Thanks to Wendy Venet and Betty Arden (Hospitality Chair) for planning programs and locations for the six meetings this year. Students attending the NCCWSL conference in June will present. Please bring a friend or potential member. Thanks to Ruth Yurchuck, Terry Eshenour, Kay Collins and Sharon Bevis-Hoover for their work on this year's Handbook.

Also consider attending the AAUW of Georgia Board Meeting on September 6th. All members are encouraged to participate.

At our May meeting Mary Lynn Merkle and Ruth Yurchuck discussed the need to revisit Branch structure and functions after changes were made about five years ago. For instance, the Nominating Committee struggled to fill the positions for the coming year. We have many positions and not enough people willing to serve. As a result, an *ad hoc* restructuring group agreed to begin discussion of potential changes. A survey form was developed and distributed with the help of our GSU Student Affiliate group. Results are being analyzed and findings will be presented when the analysis is completed.

I am technically retired from GSU but I still work half-time teaching in the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program and teach other courses. I am also President of 5th District Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs, which includes 8 clubs. Additionally I serve as a member of the Executive Board of the Atlanta Woman's Club. Do not let these things prevent you from contacting me if you have questions or concerns! My email is: president@aauwatlanta.org and my cell is in the handbook.

Please remember to sign up to work as many shifts as possible for Bookfair September 21-28. You can access the signup sheet from our website (aauwatlanta.org). Bookfair sales provide the funds to offer scholarships to non-traditional women students and to contribute to AAUW Funds.

Myra Carmon

President, Atlanta Branch AAUW



Books are Merchandised and Ready for the Opening of the AAUW Bookfair at Perimeter Mall

Cool Girls 2014-2015 Schedule

By: Ayesha Kirk

On August 16, the Cool Girls program kicked off another exciting year of programs aimed at empowering girls. There are many events Atlanta branch members can attend in the coming months to help mentor and show support for the girls involved in the Cool Girls Cool Scholars programs. As the year progresses, updates about upcoming Cool Girls events will be posted in the monthly newsletter.

Here are just a few of the upcoming Cool Girls events:

September 27, 2014:

Fashion and Fitness Part I will take place from 10am - 1pm. Girls will have an opportunity to discuss what physical activities they are currently involved in and participate in a Cool Fitness activity.

September 28, 2014:

Cool Girls will volunteer to be a part of the Pink Pin Bowl as part of their community service outreach.

October 11, 2014:

Day of the Girl (Details TBD)

If you would like to receive email notifications via phone/email about opportunities to be a part of the Cool Girls programming, please contact the Branch's Cool Scholars chair Cele Covatta.

Submit Newsletter Articles

By: Ayesha Kirk

The deadline to submit articles for the October newsletter is September 20. Please email your articles to me at publications@aauwatlanta.org. I always welcome any ideas or feedback for the newsletter you would like to send my way. Thank you for your assistance.

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September 27, 2014 - Cool Girls Fashion and Fitness Part 1

September 28, 2014 - Cool Girls Pink Pin Bowl

October 11, 2014 - Cool Girls "Day of the Girl"

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