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President's Message

Myra Carmon

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! I hope all of you have an opportunity to celebrate with family and friends. The holidays are a time for favorite recipes full of calories with not so healthy ingredients that can have a negative impact our health status. Choose your food wisely. In addition, our routines are sometimes altered as we travel and visit. Think about maintaining your walking and exercise routines to so your health does not suffer.

A member recently shared an article from a local newsletter about Atlanta's suffragists. After reading this article, I thought about the women that paved the way for women today and how we need to acknowledge their contributions to accomplish women's rights. Two women that come to mind are Eleanor Raoul and Eleanor Roosevelt.

In November of 1915, the women in Atlanta's suffragist group were determined and energetic, although they faced opposition from the male politicians who ran the state. The various suffragist organizations planned and executed one of Georgia's grandest suffrage marches on Tuesday, November 16, 2015. Miss Eleanor Raoul led the march on a prancing white horse with 500 local and state suffragists gathered at the intersection of Peachtree and Ponce de Leon joining on foot, horse, cars or on floats. One of the final features of the parade was a little boy driving a donkey cart with a banner declaring "Georgia Catching Up." The women were promised police and fireman to help lead the parade and protect the women, but the promise was not fulfilled. The women encountered cars, cabs and wagons rushing into participants. Life was not easy for Georgia's suffragists' but most lived to see the triumph of their cause a few years later. Miss Eleanor Raoul went on to found the Atlanta Chapter of the League of Women Voters. Miss Raoul graduated from Emory Law School and in 2014 had an Emory dorm named in her honor.

Eleanor Roosevelt, who died in November 1962, was an American politician, diplomat, and activist. She was the longest-serving First Lady of the United States. Eleanor had an unhappy childhood, losing both parents and a brother at an early age. At 15, she attended Allenwood Academy in London, where she was deeply influenced by its feminist headmistress Marie Souvestre. Upon returning to the United States, she married her fifth cousin, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in 1905. Franklin's controlling mother and Franklin's affair with Lucy Mercer complicated the marriage. Eleanor resolved to seek fulfillment in a public life of her own. She campaigned, made public appearances and gave speeches on behalf of her husband. She advocated for expanded roles for women in the workplace, the civil rights of African and Asian Americans. She remained active in politics following her husband's death. In 1999, she was ranked ninth in Gallup's List of the Most Widely Admired People of the 20th Century.

Eleanor Roosevelt visited AAUW branches and spoke to AAUW gatherings. She did not attend college but was awarded many honorary degrees. Membership to AAUW is open to women who receive an honorary degree from an approved college, and she joined AAUW in 1929.

Many more women worked to obtain the right to vote for women and other rights that we enjoy today. As we celebrate with friends and family in this season on Thanksgiving, let us not forget those women who preceded us in the movement to promote expanding roles and rights for women.

Cool Scholars: Love Yourself

By: Cele Covatta



A group of 29 girls were treated to classes by three professionals on November 4 in the UPS adventure room at the North Avenue YMCA. Connie Wise of Wise Beauty talked about skin care and suggested strategies for a glowing complexion. Connie also represented Physicians' Choice MedSpa. Erica Strong, author of *Love Strong, Stand Strong, Finish Strong* spoke about hair care and styling, and presented stories from her inspirational book. She is currently appearing on "Real Housewives of Atlanta", and developing a new show with Kim Fields. Latisha Robb, author of *Turn on the Light so You Can See*, shared her journey from unwed mother to successful real estate agent, and business woman. The girls were full of

questions and there was great conversation. Betty Slater helped represent AAUW with her usual energy and enthusiasm. She also tried to climb the rock wall as well!

Cool Scholars will not meet in December. Please note that AAUW is responsible for the SAT/ACT prep classes on January 23, 2016, which will be held at the North Avenue YMCA. Sharon Bevis Hoover will be coordinating this effort. Please contact her to lend a hand. Your participation makes all the difference for this important step in college readiness.



Join us for our annual Holiday Party

There will be a Board meeting at 1:30 pm on December 6, 2015, prior to our 2015 Branch Holiday Party, which will begin at 3 pm. Our hosts are Mary and Darwin Womack (3945 Club Drive, N.E. Atlanta, GA 30319 -1146). The Board will be bringing an assortment of treats to for all to enjoy. There will be a Silent Auction, so gather together some items that could be someone else's holiday gift! Proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit Legal Advocacy. Scholarship recipients will be our guests. Hope you will join us!

You'll Want to See This Movie

By: Kay Collins

The movie, "Suffragette" is one that all should see. The time is about 100 years ago. The place is London. Women are trying to get the vote by using civil disobedience. The movie gives a glimpse of the grim life of women then and depicts not only the fight for voting rights but how subjugated women were in all aspects of their lives. I recognized some of the same attitudes still alive today...though maybe not as obvious or widespread. From Ann Hornaday, the Washington Post's movie critic: "'Suffragette' is an absorbing, ultimately moving portrait of thwarted ideals that rings all too true today". I suggest that you ask your children and older grandchildren and friends to see it!



56th Annual AAUW Bookfair

By: Sharon Bevis-Hoover

The results are in! For the 56th year in a row our Bookfair was a community and fundraising success. We overcame the challenge of the move to a new location at North Point where we were followed by many loyal long time buyers and met quite a few new ones. Overall net income from the sale was down from recent years, but the Atlanta Branch's percentage of the work hours and income was up, and our Internet sales continue to grow. Atlanta members and friends contributed 67% of the tallied hours, up 5% over our percentage in 2014! The final result of all of our hard work, throughout the year and at the sale, is the distribution of \$28,159 to our Branch's Community Fund. General Growth Properties, the company that owns both Perimeter and North Point Malls, expressed their enthusiasm at hosting us again next year. Early next year, they will assess the status of the Perimeter remodeling and let us know our options for Bookfair 2016. Many thanks to everyone who contributed their time throughout the year and at the sale to make Bookfair a success. We could not do it without you! Your efforts make it possible to put AAUW's mission into action.



Contemporary Lit Group

By: Kay Collins

The Contemporary Lit. group will meet Monday, December 7 at the home of Mary Hanson, 3875 W. Nancy Creek Ct., Atlanta, 30319. We will discuss "Spool of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler. Please arrive by 11:00 AM. Bring a heavy hor d'oeuvres or desert to share at our holiday celebration. We will have our traditional book exchange. Bring a book you have read or that has been recommended by someone you trust to exchange. Wrap the book so no title or author is showing. Questions? Call Kay Collins.

Travel Group

By: Betty Arden

The AAUW Travel Group will meet at 9:30 am on December 10th at the Ansley Mall Kroger parking lot to carpool to the Fernbank Museum of Natural History to view the new exhibit, " Oh, Christmas Trees." With more than 30 trees, the exhibit recognizes how holidays such as Christmas Hanukkah, and the Festival of Lights are celebrated around the world.

More Bookfair Fun!



Calendar

Board Meeting— Dec. 6

Holiday Celebration— Dec. 6

Cool Scholars — Jan . 23

Program: Legislative Meeting — Feb. 6 11am

Program: Gynecologic Cancer — Mar. 5 11am

Annual Meeting — May 14 11am

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