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President's Message

Myra Carmon

On December 6th Atlanta Branch members enjoyed a Holiday Celebration at the home of the Womacks. There was wonderful food, a silent auction, announcement of our Named Grant Honorees and the opportunity to meet AAUW Fellowship recipients. A short business meeting followed our social time.

Over thirty members and visitors attended the holiday gathering. We expressed our thanks to Mary and Darwin Womack for their hospitality and presented them a token of our appreciation. Delicious snacks provided by the Womacks and the Board included sandwiches, cakes, cookies and candy and, of course, we all enjoyed the holiday punch.

Seven of this year's recipients of AAUW Fellowships were from Georgia, and we were fortunate to have three of them join us for the holiday celebration. They were: Stephanie Amoaning-Yankson, a graduate student from Georgia Tech; Nivedita Arora, also from Georgia Tech; and Mariam Shakeel from Georgia State. All Fellowship recipients received \$20,000 from AAUW Funds. Each recipient told how the funds assisted them in their studies and personal responsibilities.

One way we acknowledge and show appreciation to members that have gone above and beyond for the Atlanta Branch this year is to name them as Named Grant Honorees. This year's honorees are Cele Covatta, Doris McLeod (in memoriam), Betty Slater, Mary Hanson, and Elaine North. A certificate and pin were presented to each of the honorees and a branch member spoke to the many attributes and contributions of each honoree. Doris McLeod's family was present to receive her certificate and pin, and they provided heartfelt stories of her connection to AAUW Atlanta.

The silent auction netted over \$200, which will be designated for Public Policy Funds. These funds support AAUW's advocacy for legislation and public policies that advance equity for women and girls.

In our business meeting, Alta Birdsong presented the Community Fund budget, and it was approved by the membership.

A great celebration and a great way to begin the holidays! Happy Holidays to each of you and your loved ones. Have a wonderful time with friends and family and see you next year!

Membership Discount

By: Kay Collins

Now is a good time to introduce your family and friends to AAUW! Invite her to the legislative meeting Saturday, February 6! NEW members receive a 50% discount on national membership between 1/1-3/15/2016; a savings of \$24.50. This entitles her to full national membership until 6/30/2016. The state and Atlanta branch dues would be an additional \$5.00 (also discounted 50%) and \$18.00 respectively: \$ 47.50 total. This is a savings of \$ 29.50! So spread the word! Contact Membership VP, Kay Collins.

Atlanta Branch Allocates Funds to AAUW National

By: Phyllis Miller

Atlanta Branch's allocation of monies approved for AAUW Funds in the Community Fund budget to individual AAUW Funds for 2015 has been sent and is as shown. Proceeds of \$289.00 from the Annual Silent Auction will benefit the Public Policy Fund.

| Fund Number | Fund Name | Program Area | Amount |
|-------------|------------------------------------|---|-------------|
| 3999 | The Legal Advocacy Fund | Supports the protection of the legal rights of those who are facing discrimination. Supports all the following tax-deductible programs; case support, travel and education grants, campus outreach projects. | 3,500.00 |
| 4337 | The Public Policy Fund | Supports advocacy for public policies and laws that are fair to women. Public Policy programs include Government Relations, Civic Engagement, and Field Organizing. | *\$789.002 |
| 4339 | The Leadership Programs Fund | Supports programs that develop women's potential to lead in their schools, communities, and country. Programs include National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), Campus Actions Projects and Campaign College. | 2,000.00 |
| 9170 | The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund | Supports AAUW research to provide analysis, data, and accurate information about issues important to women and girls, i.e. Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing. This report features the latest data on women's achievement in subjects related to engineering and computing, how few women are working in these fields, and what can be done. | 2,000.00 |
| 4336 | The Educational Opportunities Fund | Supports educational and lifelong learning opportunities that give women a chance for a lifetime of success. Programs include Fellowships and Grants, The Fellows Alumnae Initiative, The Undergraduate Scholarship Clearinghouse. | 3,000.00 |
| | | Total | \$11,289.00 |
| *4337 | The Public Policy Fund | Silent Auction Proceeds of \$289.00 will increase Public Policy Fund from \$500.00 | |

Contemporary Lit Group

By: Kay Collins

The Contemporary Literature group will meet Monday, January 4 at the home of Mary Hanson. We will discuss "The Girl On the Train" by Paula Hawkins. Gather about 10:30 AM for light refreshments and coffee/tea.



Travel Group

By: Betty Arden

The AAUW Travel Group will meet at 9:30 am on January 14 to carpool to the recently reopened Center for Puppetry Arts at 1404 Spring Street NW at 18th Street (404.873.3391). Visitors can tour two galleries, one devoted to the "Global Collection" and another dedicated to the "Jim Henson Collection." There is a newly expanded 7,500 square foot museum space as well as a renovated entry way, expanded museum store, new research library, and other exciting updates to the Center. Lunch will follow. Contact Betty Arden if you have questions.



Named Grant Honorees Announced

By: Phyllis Miller

At the December 6, 2015 Holiday Celebration and Silent Auction five Atlanta Branch Named Grant Honorees were announced. They are Cele Covatta, for her work with Cool Scholars; Betty Slater, for her untiring work with our College/University partner schools; Elaine North, for hosting and preparing wonderful meals for the Contemporary Literature Group for many months; Mary Hanson, for hosting the Contemporary Literature Group when Elaine was unable to continue doing so; and in memory of Doris McLeod, who contributed to the Branch in many ways, particularly as a Bookfair leader, until her retirement.



Each member received a certificate reading, "In appreciation of your significant contributions to the mission of AAUW, Atlanta Branch named a gift to the AAUW Funds in honor of you" and was signed by Linda D. Hallman, AAUW Executive Director. Each also received a pin indicating their selection as a Named Gift Honoree.

More Holiday Party Fun!



Calendar

Cool Scholars – Jan . 23

Board Meeting– Jan. 30 10am

Program: Legislative Meeting – Feb. 6 11am

Program: Gynecologic Cancer – Mar. 5 11am

Annual Meeting – May 14 11am

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