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## President's Message

### Myra Carmon

March is Women's History Month had its origin as a national celebration in 1981. Congress passed a bill authorizing and requesting that President Reagan to proclaim the week beginning of March 7th, 1982, as "Women's History Week." Congress continued to pass joint resolutions authorizing this designated week in March until 1987. After work by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed legislation designating the month of March as "Women's History Month".

The theme for this year's Women's History Project honors women who have shaped America's history and its future through governmental and public service leadership. Each of these women succeeded against great odds. The diversity of their experiences demonstrates both the challenges and the opportunities women in public service have faced. Here are the 2016 honorees:

Sister Mary Madonna Ashton (1923-present), Public Health leader and Minnesota Commissioner of Health

Daisy Bates (1912 - 1999), Civil Rights Organizer and Leader of Little Rock School integration

Sonia Pressman Fuentes (1928 - present), NOW co-founder and first woman attorney in the office of the General Counsel at the Equal Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

Isabel Gonzalez (1882-1971), champion for full US citizenship for all Puerto Ricans

Ella Grasso (1919 - 1981), the first woman to be elected as Governor in the US in Connecticut

Susan Shown Harjo (1945 - present), Native American Public Policy Advocate and journalist.

Judy Hart (1941 - present), civil activist and consultant whose 27-year career with the US National Park Service helped to legitimize and raise awareness of women's history in America

Oveta Culp Hobby (1905-1995), Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WACS) Director and first Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare

Barbara Mikulski (1936 - present), the longest serving woman in the United States Congress

Inez Milholland (1886- 1916), Woman's suffrage leader and martyr

Karen Narasaki (1958 - Present), Civil and Human Rights leader

Nancy Grace Roman (1925 - Present), Chief of Astronomy at NASA

Bernice Sandler (1928 - Present), Women's Rights Activist, and "Godmother of Title IX"

Nadine Smith (1965 - Present), Civil Right Activist

Dorothy C. Stratton (1899-2006), WWII Director of the Coast Guard Women's Reserve (SPARS) and first full-time Dean of Women at Purdue University and Executive Director of the Girl Scouts of US

Betty Mae Tiger Jumper (1923-2001), First woman Chairman of the Seminole tribe and Presidential adviser. (Cont. on Page 2)

## President Message Cont.

These inspiring women have elevated the status of women in varying ways. Do take time to learn more about the accomplishments of these women at [www.nwhp.org/womens history-month/2016-theme/](http://www.nwhp.org/womens-history-month/2016-theme/). Let's continue to honor them by carrying on the important projects for which they are being recognized.

## Important Reminder: **Courtesy**

By: AAUW Atlanta Board

Please respond to meeting notices and invitations. "RSVP" means that you are to respond whether "yes" you are attending or "no" you are not attending. For events and meetings where accommodations need to be made especially when food service is involved, the hospitality chair needs to have an accurate count of attendees to give to the restaurant. The confirmed number is due to food service usually three days prior to the event.

If your plans change after you have responded, whether you change a "no" to a "yes", vice versa, add or subtract guests please call the hospitality chair, Betty Arden. Most of the time she and the restaurant or food service can accommodate additional (or fewer) guests but knowing ahead of time makes everything run more efficiently.

Too often members and guests attend a meeting without having responded. The assumption is that if you do not respond, you are not attending. When you attend if not expected, the restaurant, the hospitality chair, the treasurer and possibly the speaker must scramble at the last minute. To clarify, the Evite invitation states "1 guest". That "guest" is you! If you are bringing someone, then respond "2 guests".

Please be considerate of the women who work to plan our meetings and events. Be considerate.

Betty Arden, Hospitality Chair  
Myra Carmon, President  
Kay Collins, Membership VP  
Phyllis Miller, Co-Finance Officer

## March Meeting

The March 5th meeting of the AAUW Atlanta Branch will be held at the Hilton Perimeter Suites located at 6120 Peachtree Dunwoody Road Northeast. The hotel is located one block north of the intersection of Hammond Drive and Peachtree Dunwoody Rd.- Take Hammond Drive off 400 or 285 Peachtree Dunwoody Exit. There will be a buffet luncheon which will cost \$20. 00. This meeting will include a presentation by Dr. Benedict Benigno, who will discuss the treatment of advances in gynecological cancer in women.

Please RSVP to the Evite or notify Betty Arden if you have questions.

## College/University Report

By: Betty Slater

On Friday, February 26, 2016, the Atlanta Branch hosted a lunch at Neiman Marcus's cafe for the College/University partners representatives from the Atlanta area. Those that attended are:

Clark Atlanta University - Dr. Shirley Kirksey and Dr. Tamalyn Peterson

Emory University - Chanel Tanner and Tiffany Del Valle

Georgia Gwinnett College - Elisabeth Butler

Georgia State University - Dr. Myra Carmon, and Student Chapter Secretary Alicia Kovacevi

Mercer University - Dr. Tracy Wofford

Oglethorpe University - Rebecca Secula and Whitney Lewis

Savannah College of Art and Design - Lynn Barrett

Agnes Scott College - Dr. Mary Cain was unable to attend due to illness



The meeting focused on sharing what they are doing for their women on their campuses. Very positive reports were given as well as some thinking they need to do more. They were each given a local scholarship application. They were asked to take the application to the correct financial place for their students. They learned about the guidelines for the 2016/2017 Scholarship. AAUW Educational Funding and Awards was a topic shared with all the representatives. It is the hope that some of their students well apply for some of the scholarship and grants.

They were given information about our Bookfair for time and place as well as encouraged to send a student to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders June 1 Preconference June 2 - June 4 Conference to be held at the University of Maryland.

Membership information for the branch was given out. Information on how to enroll their students online was given out to the representative.

The group was informed about the Judson Women's Leadership Conference to be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 World Congress Center with the free registration for students through March 30. See [www.jcifoundation.org](http://www.jcifoundation.org) for the registration form. The meeting adjourned with saying that we need to continue to have some joint meetings with their students at various locations.

Atlanta Branch members attending were:

Dr. Shirley Kirksey, Dr. Myra Carmon, Carol Allain, Suzanne Mutic, and Betty Slater

Thanks to the Atlanta branch for their support of these College/University partners!

## Contemporary Lit Group

By: Kay Collins

The Contemporary Lit. group meets Monday, March 7 at 10:30 AM at the home of Mary Hanson. We will discuss "Lisette's List" by Susan Vreeland. Questions? Call Kay Collins. \_\_\_\_\_



# Travel Group

By: Betty Arden

The AAUW Travel Group will meet at 10 am on March 3 (note date change to first Thursday instead of second Thursday) at the Atlanta History Center (150 West Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta). The group will view the new exhibit, "Atlanta in 50 Objects." The items in the exhibit were chose to represent some important features of the city. On display are a classic Coke bottle, a 1960's uniform for a Delta Airlines stewardess, and the bat Hank Aaron used to hit his 600th homer.

Lunch follows at the Swan Coach House. Call Betty Arden [if you have questions.](#)



# Judson Women’s Leadership Conference

By: Betty Slater

On Tuesday, June 21, 2016, the Judson Women’s Leadership Conference will be held at the World Congress Center in downtown Atlanta. Check the website at [www.jcifoundation.org](http://www.jcifoundation.org) for the registration form. Free registration until March 30 for college students! The Judson Women's Leadership conference helps women to Achieve Greatness ! This is an outstanding conference which has grown each year.

Many of our College/University Partners attended a meeting at Neiman Marcus on Friday, February 26 (see page 3). They heard about how our local scholarships and our Educational Funds help women achieve greatness! These colleges are helping women through our wonderful AAUW programs! Please share the information about the Judson Leadership conference with any college students that you know!

## Please Welcome Our New Members!!!

**Marge Anderson**

Check Member Directory  
For Contact Information

**Vanessa Cox**

Check Member Directory  
For Contact Information

## Calendar

Program: Gynecologic Cancer – Mar. 5 11am  
Board Meeting— April 30 Time and Location TBA  
Annual Meeting – May 14 11am

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