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President's Message

Myra Carmon

I hope everyone enjoyed the brief spring-like weather before cooler weather returned. We celebrated two special holidays in March: Saint Patrick's Day and Easter. Another event of note was the end of the 40-day Georgia legislative session for 2016.

St. Patrick's Day is always on March 17. Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick, is a cultural and religious celebration for the death of the patron Saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick (c. 385-461 AD). We celebrate by wearing green and socializing with friends. Savannah turns water in the river and its many fountains green and serves green beer. If you do not have evidence of green on March 17, you may get pinched. I hope you wore your green were not pinched!

Easter was our next March holiday this year. Easter celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead and is the most important holiday for Christians. Easter does not fall on a certain date as most holidays do. Instead, Christian churches in the West celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21. Therefore, Easter varies between March 22 and April 25 every year. Orthodox Christians use the Julian calendar to calculate when Easter will occur and typically celebrate the holiday a week or two after the Western churches, which follow the Gregorian calendar.

Easter occupies an entire season of the Christian church year, as opposed to a single-day observance. Lent, the 40-day period leading up to Easter Sunday, is a time of reflection and penance and represents the 40 days that Jesus spent alone in the wilderness before starting his ministry. Christians may give something up or take on additional meditations for Lent in recognition of His suffering. The season ends with a celebration of his resurrection and may include Easter egg hunts, dressing for Easter, attending church services, and lavish family meals.

On another topic, the Georgia General Assembly's 40th day or sine die occurred on March 23rd. This was the last day for a bill to pass both the House and Senate in order to be forwarded on to the Governor for his signature or veto. Several bills that are now on Governor Deal's desk of particular interest to AAUW members are the "Religious Liberty" bill (House Bill 757) and the "Campus Carry" bill (House Bill 859). What will Governor Deal do? He has until the first of May to make his decision. There are concerns with both bills.

The Family Care Act passed the Senate but was held up in Rules and did not get to the House by crossover day.

I hope you had an enjoyable Saint Patrick's Day and a meaningful Easter season. And remember our AAUW Georgia convention on April 15-16 in Warner Robins, GA. Check the AAUW Georgia website for registration and hotel information.

Contemporary Lit Group

By: Kay Collins

We will meet Monday, April 4, 10:30 AM at the home of Mary Hanson Atlanta. We'll discuss Jodi Picoult's book, "Leaving Time". Light refreshments with coffee and tea will be served. You are welcome to come even if you haven't read the book. Questions? Call Kay Collins. (Bring your dues renewal, too!)

Cool Scholars Meeting

By: Cele Covatta

The March 19, 2016 meeting of Cool Scholars was an across the boards partnership. The women of NOVELIS presented a program which re-emphasized the themes and topics of this year. Four mini-workshops focused on personality style including a mini Myers-Briggs, how to write an effective resume, developing a positive on-line presence ,and honing great interview skills. Through their WIN program, these young professionals of NOVELIS are hands on with girls in under served communities. Ten middle school students from AGAPE were guests as well. We were treated to a delicious MOE's buffet which pleased everyone. There is a lot of enthusiasm abroad for our second annual essay contest, deadline March 31, 2016 with the topic inviting the girls to write about the most meaningful thing they experienced through their participation in Cool Scholars this year. If you are interested in serving as a reader for the essay contest, please contact Cele Covatta. Thanks



Remember pollen and renewing your AAUW membership come in April!

By: Kay Collins

The dues for national, state and branch membership remain the same. For most members that is \$ 77.00 for the fiscal year July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017. Make you check payable to AAUW-Atlanta Branch and send it to the Membership VP. Or you may bring your payment to the travel group, the cont. lit. group, board meeting or even the May branch meeting! Life members please call me if you have questions but payment is the same as last year. Students, please call or email me as depending upon your situation, the dues may change. Also, please verify that your listing in the Handbook is correct. If not, please send change to Kay! There are some exceptions to dues amount so call or email if you have questions.

2016-2017 Intern

By: Ruth Yurchuck

Great News!

Our current Communications Intern, Riana Smith, has agreed to serve another year in that capacity! We are delighted to have her with us as she starts her senior year this fall at Clark Atlanta University, one of our partner schools. She will continue to compile the newsletter, send meeting evites, and attend meetings as her schedule permits. We also want to thank her for her outstanding service to the Branch in 2015-2016.

Help Wanted: 2016 Bookfair

By: Sharon Bevis-Hoover

We are looking to fill several key roles for the 2016 Bookfair:

Bookfair Co-Chair: We need an individual to work with experienced Co-Chair Debbie Karvey. Bookfair Co-Chairs are responsible for non-bookroom activities leading up to the fair and for activities at the fair.

Personnel Chair: The Bookfair Personnel Chair is responsible for staffing activities at the Mall from set-up through tear down. She works in the weeks leading up to the fair to organize volunteer sign ups, and she monitors staffing and changes during the fair to ensure coverage. Experienced Personnel Chair Barbara Buchanan is available to provide training and assistance.

Set-Up Chair: The Set-Up Chair coordinates our move into the Bookfair location, directing the movers and volunteers to set-up and place tables, tablecloths, and signs; to deliver books to the proper tables and storage locations; and to unbox and merchandise books in preparation for opening night. The Set-Up Chair works in cooperation with the Layout Chair and the Bookfair Chair.

Tear Down Chair: The Tear Down Chair is responsible for developing a plan for moving all books and properties from the mall at the conclusion of Bookfair. She coordinates the activities of the movers and volunteers during tear down. Experienced Steering Committee members are available to provide input and assistance.

If you would like to learn more about any of these roles, or in other ways you can help make our 2016 Bookfair a success, please contact Sharon Bevis-Hoover.

Travel Group

By: Betty Arden

The AAUW Travel Group will meet at 10 am on April 14th at the Ansley Mall Kroger store to carpool to the Westin Peachtree Plaza, 210 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta. The group will take a glass elevator up 71 stories to the Sun Dial Restaurant, Bar and View, which a tri-level dining complex featuring a revolving restaurant. After viewing the stunning architecture of the downtown Atlanta buildings, the group will enjoy lunch.

Calendar

Board Meeting— April 30 Time and Location TBA

Annual Meeting – May 14 11am

<http://www.aauwatlanta.org>

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