



Atlanta Branch News

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Co-President’s Message

By: Wendy Venet

On July 18, Branch members gathered at Clairmont Presbyterian Church to honor the memory of longtime member Bea Meyer who died in April. Bea gave her time and talent to AAUW in many ways: as Branch co-president, committee member and chair, bookroom volunteer, and as a member of the contemporary literature group. Bea’s lengthy service to AAUW reminds us of the important activities we share: book sales, philanthropy, programs, and more. As we think about the coming year, let’s remember that *we can and we do* make a positive impact in our community and especially to the women of our community.

The Atlanta Branch Scholarship Committee chaired by Betty Slater and Rose Cannon identified five young women to receive funds this year. We hope you can meet some of them at our fall tea on September 12.

Our Program Committee led by Velma Tilley and Betty Arden organized a fine lineup of what we hope will be in-person meetings for 2021-2022, and the specifics will be available in the handbook to be distributed at the fall tea.

Our Internet book sales are robust, supplemented by money raised through our consignment business with Thrift Books, two sales at Scott Antique Market and another at the Southeast Homeschool Expo. Thank you to Sharon Bevis-Hoover, Judy Lambert, and all who help with the book business. Volunteers are always needed in the bookroom and at the book sales. Think about ways you might be able to help.

Our Membership Committee chaired by Phyllis Miller and Marge Anderson recruited new members including some from the North Fulton Branch. Welcome to Fran Russell and Laura Reilly! And we offer our thanks and gratitude to Bea Meyer’s daughter Julianna Burke and granddaughter Amelia Burke who have honored her memory by joining the Atlanta Branch. Let’s have an exciting, fun, and productive year!

Leadership continued

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Program Committee Updates

By: Velma Tilley and Betty Arden

The Program Committee has been and still is cautiously hopeful that we can return to our in-person meetings for programs this coming year. We are setting them up that way. We will return to Agnes Scott for our Membership Tea on Sunday, September 12, 2021 from 2:30 to 5:00. It is a catered event and masks are required when we are not eating or drinking. We hope to be joined by our scholarship winners and to hear from them about their future plans. Be sure to RSVP when the invitation comes out.

All other meetings will be on Saturdays. We plan to have a speaker on Georgia legislation at our October meeting. There is a lot heating up at the Capitol in these polarized times. Then we will return to Gillian's lovely home on December 11 for our Holiday Celebration. On March 5, 2022, Mr. Charles Kuck, managing partner of Kuck Baxter Immigration Lawyers will speak with us on Immigration: Problems and Solutions. And our closing program returns us to Cross Creek Café to Install Officers. We are trying to reach the prominent speaker we had lined up two years ago with no success so far but we are still s long way from May.

If we have to shift some programs to Zoom due to Covid, we can make that decision later. In the meantime, we hope to see you all there in person!

Stay well!

Travel Group Notice

By: Betty Arden

Due to the ongoing threat of the coronavirus, the Travel group will not begin meeting this Fall. Watch the newsletter for further notices.

Chairman Betty Arden would like to have a co-chair for the group. If interested, please contact Betty.

Contemporary Literature Update

By: Kay Collins

The Contemporary Lit. group will meet via Zoom on Monday, September 13, 10:30 am. The link will be sent the day before from me or Terry Eshenour. The library has closed the meeting rooms for the foreseeable future. Velma will lead the discussion of three books:

Sept. 13 Select which you want to read & comment on

Passing Nella Larsen

Run Ann Patchett

The Vanishing Half Britt Bennett