



Huntsville Branch Newsletter

April 2013

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President's Letter: April 2013 Travel & Movement, Arrival and Closure



Over the last month, the Huntsville Branch has gained nine members: one renewal and eight brand-new members. And this is on top of several new members over the last year plus.

First: Welcome to all our new and relatively new members. You've become part of a national organization that is much larger than the Huntsville area. AAUW has been breaking through barriers for women and girls through research, education, advocacy, and philanthropy for 132 years. You'll learn more...

AAUW's Mission

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

When organizations grow quickly, they have to pay close attention to the ways that they incorporate people new to them, how they change and adapt to new people, new needs and new environments. It's a two-way street, though, because new members have to get to know and fit into the organization.

It's been my observation that people grow comfortable with and begin to not only understand an organization but their place in it by becoming involved. It simply won't happen otherwise.

So how do we do this?

We do it by reaching out, reaching up, and reaching down. If you have a responsibility with AAUW, reach out to a new or existing member and ask them if they can help – or if they know what they'd like to do to help AAUW further our mission, and then help them connect with the right person.

If you're a new member, ask: ask what there is; ask what's needed. Ask twice or three times if you have to, but ask. It will pay off.

Some people join and prefer to not be actively involved, and that's all right. If your money and your presence is what you can do, I and we accept and appreciate you. But never underestimate the power of an active relationship with a mission you love and can be passionate about.

Questions for each member: What made you join AAUW? How can you help another member engage and be fulfilled in his or her membership and involvement in our mission? How have you reached out to a new member over the last year?

There are many ways to become more involved *and to participate in* your Branch, large scale and small scale. If you'd like to talk about where you might be able to benefit the Branch, please contact me by email or phone. I'd love to discuss how you may be more fulfilled in your membership, and how you can help the Branch to flourish.

In May, we'll award a deserving member our own "**Eve Award.**" This is given annually to a non-board

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member who has made outstanding contributions to the Huntsville Branch. **Please send your nomination to me at cindi@netfocusmarketing.com no later than May 3rd.** The winner will wear our golden apple necklace for the year. Last year the Eve Award went to **Evelyn Sabino**, and other past winners are listed in the AAUW Huntsville Branch Member Directory.

I'm also happy to report that we'll hold a **New Member Orientation** on **May 16** (details in this newsletter), and that's a good start. ALL members are encouraged to attend, because it helps new and old members to get to know each other better. The Orientation will be a perfect time to learn more about what we do and where you may fit into AAUW.

Cindi Branham, President
AAUW Huntsville Branch

May Meeting – Women and ADHD: All Grown Up

Rose Norman, Program Vice President



Please join us on **Tuesday, May 7, 2013**, from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** at **Covenant Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 301 Drake Ave. SE, Huntsville, AL.**, when Dr. Natalie Frazier, PhD., Licensed Professional Counselor, will speak to us about Attention Deficiency Hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

New officers will be installed.

Details to follow in Evite. **Reservations are required by Friday, May 3.** Cost of the meal is **\$16**. Respond to the meeting evite, or contact Lois Guendel at lois.guendel@knology.net, or phone **(256) 880-8643**.

Do you need a ride to the meetings? If you do, please contact our Friendship Chair, Bernice Richardson, at 256-859-0894 or bcbay@aol.com. It's hard for many of you to get out at night, and there are others who would welcome the company on the drive.

Membership

Sherry Anderson, Membership Vice President

New Members

These are our two newest members in Huntsville Branch.

- **Jeannette Farrell** holds a BA in Applied Music and a BS in Secondary Education, both from Athens College.
- **Lajoy Johns** holds an AS in Pre-law, Criminal Justice, and General Studies from Calhoun Community College.

Welcome aboard, Jeannette and Lajoy! We look forward to seeing you at the May meeting.

2013 Spring Member Orientation

The next Member Orientation will take place on Thursday, May 16, 5:30–7:30, at UAHuntsville's

Shelby Center, Room 301. This event is especially for new members, but **all** members are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to get acquainted—whether you are brand new to the organization, have never attended a previous orientation, or desire a refresher session on what the organization is about and what the local branch is planning. There is no cost, and a light supper will be provided. Watch your email to RSVP through an upcoming Evite, or call Sherry Anderson at 256-895-8530 to make a reservation, which is required.

Time to Renew Your Membership

Now that the half-price promotion for new members expired in March, it is time for current members to renew. Remember, our calendar is a fiscal one, so memberships expire at the end of June. Since the Branch does not meet in June and July, these two spring months of April and May are the ideal time to bring your status up-to-date and to be ready for the new year.

Dues

National*	\$49.00
State	10.00
Local	15.00
Total	\$74.00

Student Affiliate**	
National	\$17.00
State	5.00
Local	7.50
Total	\$29.50

*National Paid Life-members pay for just state and local dues, \$25.

**Undergraduate students at a college or university that is already a partner member may join the national organization for free, bringing the cost down to \$12.50.

Mail checks to Sherry Anderson, 101 Steeplechurch Ct., Huntsville, 35806-4072; or bring them to the May meeting, and pay in person. Any questions should be directed to aauwmember@gmail.com or 256-895-8530.

<p>Eve Award Nominees Requested</p> <p>The Eve Award is presented to a non-Board member for outstanding contributions to the Huntsville Branch. The award winner is presented with apple necklace to wear for a year at the branch annual meeting in May.</p>	<p>Nominate a Deserving Woman Eve Award</p> <p>Given for _____</p> <p>Criteria: _____</p> <p>Nominations due May 3 to cindi@netfocusmarketing.com</p>
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April Meeting Summary – You DO Need a Will



Anna Blair and June Grizzell.



President Cindi Branham.



Nancy Rohr and Kenya Wallace.



Mary Witherspoon and Charlotte Upton Miller discuss Charlotte's Non-Profit Organization, Little Light International.



New member Radhika Kakani's Reflection included her personal experience in having to make a life or death decision for a loved one who was not able to convey her treatment preferences.



Mary Tomaine, Brenda Courtney, and Jo Anne Hill.



Ruth Jurenko and new member (and a classmate of Ruth's) Dorothy "Dottie" Little.



New members Lajoy Johns and Maud Woodsinger.



Guest Tami Lang and Carol Roach.



Janice Marsh and guest Anna Sherwood.



Mary Tomaine and Sherry Anderson.



Marilyn Robertson and guest Betty Thompson.

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Our speaker, member **Anna Blair**, shared with us the importance of establishing a **living will** and a **Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care**, and was kind enough to provide the following:

A **living will** is one of two documents you want to consider when you exercise your right to take charge of how you die—to let your family, friends and doctors know what kind of care you want when you are not able to tell them. The other document, highly advised in Alabama, is the **Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care**. Both instruments allow you to name a proxy, or agent, to carry out your wishes or make decisions for your medical treatment when you cannot.

The [Patient Self-Determination Act of 1990](#), established this right and assigned the mechanics of the process to the states. [Alabama's Natural Death Act, passed in 1981 and amended in 1997](#), determines this process and provides a standard **Living Will form**. The form can be found at <http://www.alaha.org/uploadedFiles/Resources/advdirective.pdf>. You do not need a lawyer to execute a living will. It must be witnessed, but does not have to be notarized.

Alabama's adoption of the [Uniform Power of Attorney Act](#) became effective in January 2012 and includes provisions for the **Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care**. The University of Alabama School of Law offers a suggested form at <http://www.law.ua.edu/elderlaw/advance/7print.html>. Find a lawyer with working knowledge of this act to help you draft this type of advance directive. It must be witnessed and notarized.

In Alabama, the Living Will is effective only when your doctors determine that you are terminally ill and death is imminent OR that you are in a permanent vegetative state. The Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care is necessary for all other situations when you are not able to make healthcare decisions for yourself, such as when you are in surgery and under anesthesia. Once you recover and regain your decision-making capacity, then you are the "decider" again.

Preparation for executing these documents begins with your having the "talk" with your family and your doctor. For more information on this subject and other topics of interest, see the **Elder Rights Guide for Older Alabamians** published by the **Alabama Department of Health** and found at <http://adph.org/homehealth/assets/ElderRightsGuide.pdf>.

"Go not gentle into that good night," but go prepared.

New officers were elected during the April meeting. **Regina Hyatt** will serve as our **new Co-President** with **Cindi Branham** continuing to serve with Regina for another year; new **Program Co-Vice Presidents** are **Joy Agee** and **Carolyn Lord**; new **Funds Co-Vice President** is **Sarah Ragan**, with **Amanda Jarrett** continuing to serve with Sarah for another year; and new Membership Co-Vice President is **Kenya Wallace** with **Sherry Anderson** continuing to serve for another year. Officers will be installed in May.

Member **Charlotte Upton Miller** shared information regarding the non-profit organization she has established, **Little Light International**, which she hopes will enable the teaching of sewing to village women through the Sewing School in Belize. The school was established by [Rivers of the World](#) and the [Mayan Women's Council](#). Other projects are in the works. If you want to know more about Little Light International, contact Charlotte at uptonmiller@knology.net or **256-883-2067**. Tax deductible donations can be mailed to **Little Light International, 8601 Esslinger Court SE, Huntsville, AL 35802**.

Funds

Amanda Jarrett and Ellie Lienau, AAUW Funds Co-Vice Presidents

Thanks to your contributions at the **Breaking through Barriers Luncheon** we have raised enough money to send **three** local college women to the [National College Conference for Student Women Leaders \(NCCWSL\)](#). One student will attend from each of the following: **UAHuntsville, Oakwood University and A&M University**. We would love to send a fourth student from Drake Technical College and hope to achieve this goal by selling more Belk Charity Sale tickets! Please see the Belk Charity Sale article below for details.

Belk Charity Sale

Amanda Jarrett, AAUW Funds Co-Vice President

Don't forget about the **Belk Charity Sale** on **Saturday, April 27, 6 - 10 a.m.** The **tickets sell for \$5**, with the total amount going to our AAUW Branch when you buy the tickets from us.

When you shop, you will get **\$5 off your purchase in exchange for your ticket**. In fact, you can use more than one ticket during your shopping. Tickets may be used at any of the 300+ Belk locations. You can shop **April 21 - April 26** and the merchandise can be rung up on Friday using your Belk charge. If you still need tickets, contact Amanda by phone at (919) 610-6581 or email her at apjarrett@gmail.com.

Also, a big thank you to those of you who have already purchased your tickets.



Volunteer Opportunities – What's Out There?

Marilyn Robertson, Volunteer Coordinator

Alabama State Science and Engineering Fair judges **Peggy East, Hugh Nicholson, Carol Roach, Carolyn Lord, Jo Anne Hill, Anna Blair, Bernice Richardson, Regina Hyatt** and **Bob Robertson** spent the morning of April 5 judging projects in Earth and Planetary Science, Animal Science, and Plant Science. It was, as always, a very fun, interesting and rewarding experience! The **AAUW \$100 award** went to **Jodie Tinker**. Her project was "**Synthetic Biology Approach for Development of a Monosodium Glutamate Detector.**" There were, as usual, some interesting projects such as "Does Spit Heal?". The conclusion here was that dog spit really does help heal and is cleaner than human or cat spit. Another project looked at effect of pollution in Mobile Bay on shrimp. And another young person studied the retardant effects of a sage solution on fire ants. Another project addressed the problem of a cure for the trees at Toomer's Corner. A BIG "**Thank You!**" to the **judges** and to **Ellie Lienau** and **Frances Currie**, who provided much needed competent assistance with registration.

WLRH Fundraiser

Thank you to AAUW volunteers June Grizzell, Anna Blair, and Nancy Rohr for their help with the WLRH fundraiser on April 10. It was very much appreciated!!

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Recycling Project

The AAUW Huntsville Branch Board has voted to try a recycling project to **raise money** for AAUW Funds. Things such as **old cell phones** and **used printer cartridges** can be turned in for money. We need a volunteer to collect the items and mail them to the company (perhaps two or three people could work together on this effort). For more information about the recycling effort go to: <http://www.recyclingfundraiser.com/>. Please contact **Marilyn Robertson** at bob.robertson6@knology.net if you are interested in working on this project.

Other Ways to Make a Difference

Help plan a program, recruit members, set up the meeting room, clean up after the meeting, offer transportation to members who do not drive at night, set up audiovisual equipment in the meeting room, shadow an officer and train for that position, coordinate volunteers for an event or for events in which the branch participates, get printed copies of the newsletter distributed to members without email and to local businesses, serve on marketing or other committees.

Public Policy

Kendall East, Public Policy Co-Chair

Let's Close the Gap!

Currently, the wage gap between men and women continues to stand at **23 percent**. Tuesday, April 9, 2013 was Equal Pay Day. This day marks how far into the year women must work for their earnings to catch up to men's pay from the year prior. AAUW continues to lead the fight for equal pay and will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Equal Pay Act in June at the 2013 National Convention in New Orleans.

With this ever important anniversary, let's get [The Paycheck Fairness Act \(S. 84/H.R. 377\)](#) passed! The Paycheck Fairness Act would close loopholes in the Equal Pay Act, bar retaliation against workers who disclose their own wages to coworkers, and give both employers and employees the tools needed to end unequal pay practices.

Heidi Hartmann, President of the Institute for Women's Policy Research, wrote an article "**Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act**" on March 31, 2013 in the New York Times. She addresses several issues today that are making it even harder for everyone to get paid fairly. Hartmann mentions first the current economic conditions and high unemployment rate. She follows next by the mention of the 23 percent pay gap and **Lilly Ledbetter's** circumstances. Hartmann also addresses the low number of employees represented by unions that practice collective bargaining, as well as how employers prohibit employees from discussing their wages with others. Hartmann rounds out her article by discussing the Paycheck Fairness Act, and provides guidance to young women entering the job market on seeking out current pay rates as well as companies that pay well and promote from within. To read the full article, click here: <http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2013/03/31/why-has-salary-parity-still-not-happened/pass-the-paycheck-fairness-act>

Also, be sure to check out AAUW's **The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap, 2013 Edition**. It can be found here: <http://www.aauw.org/files/2013/02/The-Simple-Truth-2013.pdf>

Take Action!

- 1) Call your representative.

- 2) Take a moment to go to our Two-Minute Activist and take action by sending a message to your representative: <http://www.capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert/?alertid=62557526&type=CO>
- 3) Or, write a personal letter to your representative.

Senator Richard Shelby

304 Russell Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-5744

Representative Terri Sewell

1133 Longworth HOB, Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-2665

Representative Spencer Bachus

2246 RHOB, Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-4921

The Wage Project is promoting **Sheryl Sandberg** and her upcoming **online video conference**. She is hosting a live **"Lean In"** (<http://leanin.org/>) online video conference event on **April 11 at 4 p.m. PST (6 p.m. local time)**. Please see the link for more details in you are interested in joining the video conference: <http://e2.ma/click/sidxd/kkhrq/wtsjnb>

Sheryl Sandberg, in her book [*Lean In*](#), examines why women's progress in achieving leadership roles has stalled, explains the root causes, and offers compelling, commonsense solutions that can empower women to achieve their full potential. **Sandberg** is the **chief operating officer** of **Facebook** and is ranked on **Fortune's list** of the **50 Most Powerful Women in Business** and as one of **Time's 100 Most Influential People in the World**. In 2010, she gave an electrifying **TEDTalk** in which she described how women unintentionally hold themselves back in their careers. Her talk, which became a phenomenon and has been viewed more than two million times, encouraged women to "sit at the table," seek challenges, take risks, and pursue their goals with gusto.

Also, to learn more about the *Wage Project* feel free to check it out on at www.wageproject.org.

News to Note

Ruth Jurenko, Awards Chair

Virginia Hammill Simms Award Nominee



The **Virginia Hammill Simms Award** will be given on **Friday, April 12**, starting at **5:00 p.m.** at the **VBC**. The \$65 ticket includes the Virginia Hammill Simms dinner and a ticket to the Community Ballet Company performance of **Billy the Kid**. The dinner will be in **East Hall 3** of the **Von Braun Center** and the ballet at the **Concert Hall**. The nominees will be introduced, with biographies read, at the dinner. At the end of the ballet's intermission, the nominees will be introduced and the winner announced. Our nominee **Lorraine Mullin** is most deserving.

For reservations, contact Ellie Lienau at elienau@yahoo.com or (256) 655-9452; or Ruth Jurenko at rjurenko@hiwaay.net or (256) 651-5120.

AAUW Huntsville Branch Represented at Clinton Global Initiative



April 5-7, 2013, AAUW staff, a national AAUW cohort of 10 students, and many other AAUW student affiliates will join the sixth annual meeting of [Clinton Global Initiative University \(CGIU\)](#) at Washington University in St. Louis. Branch member **Joy Agee** applied and was accepted to Clinton Global University. Established in 2007 by former President Bill Clinton, and modeled on the Clinton Global Initiative, CGIU convenes students, youth organizations, topic experts, and celebrities to discuss and develop innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. This year's meeting will address Education, Environment and Climate Change, Peace and Human Rights, Poverty Alleviation, and Public Health. Congratulations, Joy! We look forward to hearing about your experiences. Note: Sunday's Parade Magazine (Huntsville Times insert) featured an article about Chelsea Clinton and her involvement with CGIU, [Chelsea Clinton Leans In](#).

AAUW College/University Update

Regina Hyatt, AAUW College/University Representative



AAUW offers many outstanding benefits to our College/University members! One of the resources that is particularly beneficial for C/U members is the ability for all undergraduate students at that institution to join AAUW for FREE as e-student affiliates. Students can gain access to member benefits such as publications as e-affiliates. If you are a C/U member, please encourage your undergraduate students to register at https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/wMembership/join_esaf_member.asp.

In addition, AAUW has approved a new dues structure for College/University members. An introductory rate of \$125 is available for all new C/U members and a flat rate of \$175 for all C/U members regardless of institution size.

2013 NCCWSL Registration Now Open

The **April 12 early-bird deadline** for the **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders registration** is approaching! Students can [register](#) online now. Learn about all the creative ways to support students' attendance at the conference from AAUW's [blog](#) post featuring the AAUW Dearborn (MI) Branch and AAUW of Michigan. [AAUW C/U partner members](#) and [NASPA members](#) that register groups of four or more will receive a discount. And schools that register groups of 10 or more get a free booth at the [Graduate School Fair](#)! Encourage the C/Us in your state to send a student to this year's conference, and make sure that your local C/U knows about special partner member discounts.

Study Groups

Great Decisions

Great Decisions will meet on Monday, May 13, at 7 p.m. at the home of Mary Witherspoon, 5713 Criner Road. Mary Holdsambeck will lead the discussion of Chapter 5, "Humanitarian Intervention and U.S. Policy." This will be our last meeting before summer break. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Mary at **256-881-6540** or witherspoon8@comcast.net for information.

Bridge Group

The Bridge Group meets **September through May** on the **third Thursday** of each month at **9:00 a.m., usually ending by noon**. Contact **Lorraine Mullin** at lorm@knology.net or call **256-772-2549** (h) or **235-683-5530** (c) if you are interested in joining the group as a permanent player or as a substitute.

Lunch.com

Lunch.com meets every Friday at 12:30 p.m., unless the email notice says otherwise. All members are welcome. Just respond to the weekly email so **Lorraine Mullin** can advise the restaurant how many guests to expect. Not getting the notice? Contact Lorraine at lorm@knology.net or **256-772-2549** (h) or **235-683-5530** (c).

April

- 12 **Lunch.com will not meet for lunch this week.**
- 19 [Longhorn Steakhouse, 1450 Perimeter Parkway NW, Huntsville](#)
- 26 [Mellow Mushroom, 470 Providence Main Street NW, #102, Huntsville](#)

May

- 3 [Connors Steak & Seafood, 345 The Bridge Street, #101, Huntsville](#)
- 10 [Thai Garden Restaurant, 800 Wellman Avenue NE, Huntsville](#)
- 17 [Romano's Macaroni Grill, 5901 University Drive NW, Huntsville](#)
- 24 [Pan e Vino Pizzeria, 300 Church Street SW, Huntsville](#)
- 31 [Café Berlin, 964 Airport Road SW, #3, Huntsville](#)

AAUW of Alabama

Marilyn Robertson, Volunteer Coordinator

The **State AAUW Meeting** was held April 5 and 6 at **Judson College** in Marion, Alabama. It's theme was "Continuing the Legacy of Women's Leadership." The **Marion Branch**, which has only nine members, did a terrific job of hosting the event. One of our dual members and State Program Vice President, **Patti Steelman**, did a great job with the program! Our own **Wanda Foster**, State President, effectively chaired the event, which by all accounts was a great success. Other Huntsville Branch members in attendance were **Ellie Lienau**, **Marilyn Robertson**, and **Jo Ann Cummings** (also a dual member).

Elaine Hughes spoke on "**Foundations Laid: Steps to the Future**," covering both women's achievements in the past and public policy issues we face now.

Amy Blackwell visited from **AAUW National** and talked to us about National AAUW and its plans to move forward. She also explained how the new logo was designed to deliver a simple message—"empowering women since 1881"—and work better with social media. We were also encouraged to check out the new AAUW website.

We visited the **Alabama Women's Hall of Fame**. That was impressive! Two of our own, **Tallulah Bankhead** and **Dr. Frances Roberts**, are honored there.

The **2014 Project Alabama's** importance to our overall state strategy for empowering women was discussed, and **Melissa Oliver**, the **Arise Citizens' Policy Project Legislative Coordinator**, spoke on the legislative issues that are Alabama Arise priorities.

The students were impressive themselves and highly enthusiastic about the workshops Friday and the Saturday meeting. Several were interested in getting College/University Partnerships on their campuses. One student phoned her mother and said, "You have got to join this organization!"

The State Nominating Committee presented the following nominees for two-year terms: **Vice-President for Membership, Veronica Bryant; Treasurer, Diane Marks; Secretary, Jimmie Anderson**. Because we did not have a quorum at the business meeting, the vote and other matters will have to be addressed electronically.

Elaine Hughes, who formerly served as National Public Policy Chair, has agreed to be the **State Public Policy Chair**.

Good job, Wanda!

AAUW National



One Member, One Vote - 2013 AAUW National Election

Cast your vote!! Your latest AAUW **Outlook** (Special Convention Issue) has a special insert regarding the **2013 National Election**, starting on page E-1. We are encouraged to vote online at the AAUW Website (www.aauw.org/onevote), starting April 15. You will need your member ID and voter PIN number, which can be found on the back cover of the Spring/Summer 2013 **Outlook** issue. Details about the AAUW Public Policy Program (7 proposals) and proposed bylaws amendments, as well as candidate profiles are found in the rest of section "E" (E2-E16). Online **voting ends on June 10, at 9 p.m.** If you don't have computer access, you can call **1-800-326-2289** by **May 2** to request a paper ballot.

Hold the Date

Decatur Branch Meeting Schedule

Jo Ann Cummings, Program Vice President

The Decatur Branch would welcome anyone with an interest in the topics listed below to their monthly meetings. Note that contact information is provided and reservations appreciated.

Program Year Overview Decatur Branch

Date	Topic	Location	Contact
Apr. 18, 6:00 PM	Speaker from Alabama Dept. of Public Health, Health Insurance Law Status; Elections of Officers	Java Jaay Coffee Shop, 1713 6th Ave. South, Decatur	Contact: Jo Ann Cummings (256) 584-6567
May 16, 6:00 PM	Installation of Officers And Dinner	Limestone Bay Trading Company, 4934 Market Street, Mooresville, AL 35649	Contact: Jo Ann Cummings (256) 584-6567



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Upcoming Events

- **April 13: Ready to Run Candidate Training – All day in Birmingham**
Contact Audrey Salgado at audreythe2014projectal@gmail.com
- **April 15: Latina Women's Meeting 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Leadership offices, 658 Gallatin St. Sw, Huntsville, AL 35801**
RSVP: Hilda Mary Esguerra at hildamary1@earthlink.net
- **April 26: Community Volunteer Training & Meeting 12 – 2 p.m..**
Huntsville-Madison County Public Library – Main (Meeting Room D on 2nd floor)
915 Monroe St, Huntsville, AL 35801
RSVP: Sheila Anderson, 256-325-0979 kcaccare@yahoo.com
- **May 18: North Alabama Summit: Women Leadership in Government (HSV)**
9 a.m. – 12 p.m. @ Hampton Cove Clubhouse
RSVP: Jenna Johnson, 205-305-1273 JennaThe2014rojectAL@gmail.com
- **June 15: Project 2014 Training (HSV) 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., location TBA**
RSVP: Megan Carper, 256-565-9917 mlcarper@gmail.com



AAUW is a member of **The Arts Council**. Hopefully some of you will be willing to volunteer for **Panoply, April 26 - 28**. It's fun and there will be options to fit your skills or interests.

Sign up online at: <http://www.artshuntsville.org/our-programs/panoply-arts-festival/volunteers/volunteer-signup>

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June 9–12, 2013 - 2013 AAUW National Convention

You won't want to miss the **AAUW National Convention banquet** on **June 11**, when former **Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-ME)** will receive our **2013 Achievement Award!** The third longest-serving woman in the history of Congress, Snowe earned nationwide recognition as a leading policy maker in the U.S. Senate. [Register now](#) for the **Early Bird rate** before it expires April 14.

Travel to New Orleans in style. From AAUW.org, "*Members of old used to ride the rails together when traveling to convention, and now, you can do the same. AAUW has made arrangements through [TravelSmart](#) for convention goers to buy group tickets on either the Crescent (leaving from New York City) or the City of New Orleans (leaving from the Windy City!). Register today and travel in style with fellow members as you see the sweeping panorama of America while gearing up for the convention of a lifetime! Laissez les bons temps rouler...Amtrak style!*"

The person at [TravelSmart](#) to talk to is **Ann Hite: 502-249-0290**. The train to take **leaves from Birmingham on June 8** around **12 p.m.** The trip takes 7 hours 24 minutes, with a 7:30 p.m. arrival time in New Orleans. You can call Amtrak at **800-872-7245**. The **EVENT CODE is: X03P-970**. AAUW rates are a 10% discount good for travel between 6/4 to 6/15.

If you are planning to attend the convention, **Jo Ann Cummings** would like to get a count of how many of our members plan to take the train to New Orleans so she can reserve some seats ahead of time (only a limited number of seats are available). **Contact Jo Ann** at **256-584-6567**, or joannc1972@charter.net. **Ellie Lienau** is willing to work on roommates for the National Convention. Contact Ellie at 256-655-9452 or alienau@yahoo.com to let her know you plan to attend.

Free Cynthia D'Amour Seminars

Check Out her Spring 2013 Fast-Break Chapter Leaders Training

Based on your feedback, here are the spring 2013 Fast-Break Chapter Leaders Training Webinars

- 4/9:** The Power of MORE Members
- 4/25:** Who are Your Potential New Members?
- 5/14:** The Secret to Attracting More Volunteers
- 5/23:** Don't Let Your Leaders Lose Momentum

All webinars start at 1 p.m. Eastern and run for 15 minutes. There is no charge for any of this training!

Register today:

<http://www.peoplepowerunlimited.com/free-webinars>

In case you can't make it, check out archived (for 45 days) sessions here:

<http://www.peoplepowerunlimited.com/free-webinars/#archive>

NOTE: Cynthia D'Amour's tribute to her father, "Daddy's Girl," is well-worth a read:

<http://www.peoplepowerunlimited.com/2013/02/22/from-dad-with-love/>

Breaking Through Barriers – Diversity

You cannot make yourself feel something you do not feel, but you can make yourself do right in spite of your feelings.

Pearl S. Buck (1892–1973), writer, Pulitzer Prize and Nobel Prize winner, and advocate for rights of women and minority groups

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