

# AAUW

## Huntsville Branch Newsletter

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### President's Letter: December 2012

#### Travel & Movement, Arrival and Closure



So many of us travel during the holidays, it's easy – for me – to draw correlations between movement over space and movement over time.

#### AAUW's Mission

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

As my husband and I returned from visiting family over Christmas, we were making rough plans for our activities and trips in 2013. He asked when I'd be finished with my term as president of the Huntsville Branch and I replied that my term ended in June, 2013. He said something to the effect that "then you'll be done with that."

It hit me that he's comparing service to AAUW to that with other boards I've served on in the past. After all, after you're president of an organization's board, you spend a year in relative retirement before rotating off the board. Then you're done. They ask you to remain a member of the organization or ask for financial support now and then, but you're essentially done with the repetitive meetings and many other time and effort commitments that being a non-profit board member requires. You have a responsibility and are accountable to the organization, but that lasts – usually – as long as your term on the board lasts. From then on you transition to being an occasional advocate for the organization.

My response: First, acutely aware that I needed to do a better job of informing him what AAUW does, did, and still has to do to make things better for women and girls, I explained that it's an ongoing effort, backed by many stories, needs, and numbers (statistics that tell what's yet to be done).

*"When my term as president is over, I'll do something else within the Branch – whatever is needed and also desired by the new president; something I feel will let me continue to contribute to our mission in a way that uses my talents and abilities. This is more of a lifelong commitment, and I'll support it at whatever levels I can as my life progresses."*

AAUW and other organizations and individuals have been working to better the fate of women for a long time. The work will not end any time soon: there will always be factions and individuals who see it to their advantage to oppress women, whether it's to pay them less for equal work, to subjugate them to their will, or to take away rights that make them able to function as equals within a society.

In the words of the season: *"...and miles to go before I sleep."*

So as we travel through our lives, we meet many arrival points, and experience closure on many efforts and levels.

I don't think we will arrive or close on the issues of equity for women and girls because there will always be those to whom advantage comes if disadvantage comes to women. They will never see that

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the lot of men only improves when the lot of women improves.

I think it will be more of a journey and less of an arrival, but the points we visit or arrive at as we take the trip will make the journey worthwhile and fulfilling.

I know many of you are on this journey as well, and that you, too, realize that *we have miles to go before we sleep*.

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Other notes:

We've had some incredible meetings this year, meetings that I *know* you'd find interesting and valuable. If you missed the December meeting, please read the summary in this newsletter. Our speakers were fabulous and many members came up to me afterwards to tell me that it was a great meeting. Same thing happened in November...

I want to thank those who have stepped up to help Program VP Rose Norman in coordinating programs. Amanda Jarrett and Joy Agee have both done outstanding jobs with their meetings, showing leadership for the Branch. Other members will be helping out in the coming months.

Our visitors from National AAUW were a delight, and we're so grateful to them for coming to Huntsville and sharing with us at our December meeting. Dr. Catherine Hill, Laura Stepp, and Cordy Galligan: thank you for sharing your time, knowledge, and talents with the Branch. You brought us valuable resources and I hope we can continue to learn more about not only the work the national organization does for us, but also the resources they make available to make our lives better and easier.

We have some other excellent programs coming up, so please make plans to attend. With a new venue for March's Breaking Through Barriers luncheon, we'll need everyone's help in filling the room!

I'll see you on January 12<sup>th</sup>!

**Cindi Branham**, President  
**AAUW Huntsville Branch**

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## **Saturday, January 12 Meeting – Heroic Women of Israel/Palestine**

Mary Witherspoon



**Osie Adelfang** and **Mary Witherspoon** will present the January program for the Huntsville Branch. Osie was born an Israeli Jew in Jerusalem; her family emigrated to the US when she was eight. She studied journalism at UMass and received her MFA in creative nonfiction from Antioch University. She has written two books and many articles and essays, and taught college English. She has been an activist for Palestinian human rights for 10 years.

Mary, a longtime member of the Huntsville Branch, is a board member of [Pal Craftaid](#), an organization that supports Palestinian women who are bravely working to help their people and to preserve their culture. She visited the Occupied Palestinian Territories in 2011 and will tell of some of the courageous

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women whom she met there.

After Osie's and Mary's presentations there will be time for Q&A. In addition, Mary will have olive wood carvings and Palestinian embroidered scarves, purses, etc., for sale to support Palestinians whose lives are severely impacted by the occupation, such as the YWCAs of Palestine, Rawdat El Zuhur School in East Jerusalem, ATTA (Aid to the Aged), and Atfaluna School for the Deaf in Gaza.

We hope you will join us on **Saturday, January 12, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**, at **Covenant Presbyterian Teen Room, [301 Drake Avenue SE, Huntsville, AL](#)**. The Teen Room is located at Covenant Presbyterian, east of our normal meeting space. To get there, drive past the normal entrance and turn left on Downing St. Make an immediate left into the Covenant parking lot and bear right. Enter the building through the door on that level, crossing over the elevated walkway. **Reservations are due by noon on Thursday, January 10** to **Lois Guendel** at [lois.guendel@knology.net](mailto:lois.guendel@knology.net), or phone **256-880-8643**. On the menu: French toast casserole with maple syrup; mixed sausage bites with sour cream sauce on the side; melon and berries in a lemon sugar sauce; coffee, hot tea, iced tea, and water. **The meal will cost \$16**. Please pay with cash or personal check. Members may choose to attend the program and skip the meal.

**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](mailto: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.)

## Nominating Committee Forming

It's that time again! Time to elect new officers for expiring positions on the board. Positions that will expire include **President, Program Chair, and Funds**. Nominating Committee members are **Carol Roach** (a past president), **Beverly Watson**, and **Karen Rudiger**. We will be asking for two additional committee members from the general membership at our January meeting. Please consider volunteering for this committee or being a nominee for office.

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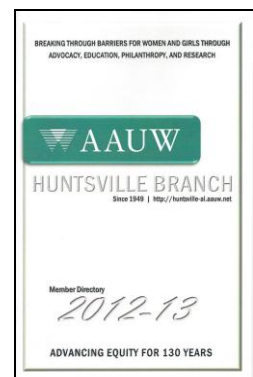
## Membership

Sherry Anderson, Membership Vice President

### 2012-2013 Directory Available

Thanks to **Lyndsey Torok**, the Huntsville Branch **2012-2013 Member Directory** is now available. Lyndsey spent many hours updating the directory, and she also designed the beautiful new cover in AAUW teal. Many thanks to Lindsey for all of her hard work on this project.

Copies were distributed at the December meeting and will be available also at the meeting on January 12. Branch members, please pick up your directory in person if you have not done so already. Your help reduces the expense and effort required to mail them.





## Next **Cocktails and Convos** on January 15 at Monaco Pictures

The fourth Cocktails and Convos women's networking event is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 15, 5:30–7:00 p.m.** in the [Privé Lounge of Monaco Pictures at Bridge Street](#). These "after work" events are a great opportunity for members and potential members to mix and mingle. Great food and drink is "Dutch Treat" and reasonably priced. Just show up and join us for an evening of socializing and fun, with a short presentation on a current topic. Past topics have included Pay Equity and Voting Rights.

Watch for an upcoming Evite invitation. For more information, phone 256-895-8530, or email inquiries to [aauwmember@gmail.com](mailto:aauwmember@gmail.com).

## New Members

We have two new members who joined Huntsville Branch in December. **Kimberly Hobbs** is pursuing a PhD in biotechnology science and engineering at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. **Megan Carper** is pursuing a Master of Science degree in Acquisition and Contract Management at Florida Institute of Technology. Welcome, Kimberly and Megan.

## Join or Renew Membership

**Member dues** are **\$74**: \$49 for national, \$10 for state, and \$15 for branch. **Student affiliation** is **\$29.50**. Your dues can be paid by check made out to **AAUW** and sent to **Sherry Anderson** at **101 Steeplechurch Court, Huntsville, AL 35806-4072**. Questions? Call **256-895-8530**, or email **Sherry** at [aauwmember@gmail.com](mailto:aauwmember@gmail.com).

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## AAUW Gets into the Holiday Spirit

### Madison Library Holiday Wreath & Downtown Forty-Seven Tinsel Trail



Thanks go out to new member **Devon Reynolds**, who created a beautiful Branch holiday wreath, which was placed in the Madison Library on December 3. Thanks, Devon! And thanks to Beverly Watson for the snapshots of the wreath and the tinsel tree.





Thanks to **Cindi Branham, Ellie Lienau, Ron Rudiger, Karen Rudiger, and Regina Hyatt**, the AAUW Tinsel Trail tree was decorated in record time. Due to some windy winter weather, the tree had to be straightened a time or two, but the decorations held fast! Thanks also go to Regina for gathering the decorations and to **St. Nick's Knives** for sponsoring the tree.



## Galaxy of Lights – Fun Night for AAUW Volunteers!

Marilyn Robertson, Volunteer Coordinator



A little cold and wet didn't slow down AAUW members **Cindi Branham, Lois Guendel, Lorraine Mullin, Ellie Lienau, Frances Currie, Karen Rudiger, Jerri McLain, Regina Hyatt, Wanda Foster, and Peggy East** as they donated their time to assist the **Huntsville Botanical Garden** in its annual celebration. We were also very pleased to have two former members, **Evelyn Sabino** and **Candice Bressler**, join us for the evening. **Jerri McLain** brought her daughter, **Caroline McLain**, and her granddaughter, **Meredith McLain**. Many of us brought spouses: **Herb Guendel, Chad Hyatt, Ron Rudiger, Dave Branham, Jeff Lienau, and Bob Robertson** provided much needed assistance. It was a FUN evening and the help of all these people was very much appreciated. Thanks to all of YOU!

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## AAUW Represented on Arts Council

Thanks to those of you that responded to the email about being the alternate representative to the Arts Council. Laura Jo Hamilton and Kathleen Leonard will share this and help Ellie Lienau.

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## Volunteer Opportunities – What's Out There?

Marilyn Robertson, Volunteer Coordinator

I am gathering information that covers all of the volunteer activity involved in making AAUW Huntsville Branch GO. For those of you who are already actively involved, i.e., being an officer, doing reservations, providing hospitality, getting the tables ready for meetings, helping with invitations, doing the newsletter, doing publicity, helping with fundraisers, or anything else you can think of, please write

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a brief description of what you do and how long it takes and what sort of assistance you could use. If you do not feel like writing, call me and tell me what you do and how long it takes. I want to find ways to encourage all of us to volunteer, for several hours a year or for one project. Please get your descriptions to me by the end of January or bring them with you to the January Board meeting. Thanks so much!!

## 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 someone willing to collect the items and mail them to the company (perhaps two or three people could work together on this effort). Please contact **Ellie Lienau** at [elienau@yahoo.com](mailto:elienau@yahoo.com) to find out more about it or to see if you will be able to help.

## 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 audio/visual 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.

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## Funds

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

We have successfully completed the **Belk fundraiser** and the **Holiday Phantom Tea**. Thanks again to all who purchased Belk tickets and to **Ellie Lienau** and **Sherry Anderson** who worked during the day of the sale. We raised over **\$350.00**. For the **Holiday Phantom Tea**, we raised **\$3500.00**. This included about \$100.00 of donations to last year's tea which were received after the December 31 deadline. If anyone would still like to contribute to this fundraiser, your donation would count for next year. We combined these funds and sent a grand total of **\$3905.00** to the **Eleanor Lienau Scholarship Fund!** Those who donated to the tea fundraiser will be receiving a receipt from AAUW National for tax purposes. We are so grateful for all of your donations and generosity.

We look forward to another successful Belk sale in the spring and our annual **Breaking Through Barriers Luncheon**, which will be held **March 1** at **Valley Hills Country Club** featuring **Dr. Deborah Barnhardt, CEO of the US Space & Rocket Center**. Tickets will be **\$35** and will be available at the January and February general meetings and by contacting **Ellie Lienau** at [elienau@yahoo.com](mailto:elienau@yahoo.com) or (256) 852-4802; or **Amanda Jarrett** at [apjarrett@gmail.com](mailto:apjarrett@gmail.com) or (919) 610-6581. Please save the date!

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## December Meeting Highlights

Joy Agee, Diversity Co-Chair

December's meeting focused on closing the gender gap for women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (**STEM**) Education. The day started with our guests from AAUW National sharing breakfast with our branch president, followed by a tour of HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology. After the tour our guests from AAUW National and branch members and their guests enjoyed lunch at the Eaves.

The evening program opened with an exhibit from local organizations that promote girls and women in science, such as Girls, Inc., Seed to Plate, and Project Lead the Way. This gave our members an

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opportunity to learn of ways to get involved to help promote STEM to young girls. As the evening progressed, Laura Stepp walked us through the Philanthropy side of the AAUW House, showing us how funds from our branch have made a difference in women's lives. Donations by Ruth and John Jurenko have made possible a number of expanded programs that AAUW is now able to provide thanks to their generosity. Laura honored Ruth and her husband for their philanthropy and the Huntsville Branch received a top ten giving award. Cordy Galligan shared with us the tangible benefits of being a member of AAUW – career resource information, travel planning, financial planning, insurance (even for your pet!) –the list goes on and on. Go to <http://www.aauw.org> Member Benefits.

The keynote speakers were **Dr. Catherine Hill, Research Director at AAUW National**, and **Dr. Chris Gunter, Research Director for HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology**. The focus of Dr. Hill's talk was **"Why Science Matters."** She shared with us highlights from the AAUW National research report, **Why So Few**, which focuses on the societal and cultural perceptions that contribute to women not pursuing careers in STEM. Dr. Gunter focused on the media's negative and positive perceptions of women and girls in science. She also provided the audience with a list of sites that provide information on stimulating girls' interest in STEM.



Kenya Wallace delivered a moving Reflection about what it means to be a woman of color in a STEM field.



Left to right: Laura Stepp (AAUW National), Cindi Branham, Dr. Catherine Hill (AAUW National), Joy Agee, Dr. Chris Gunter (HudsonAlpha), Cordy Galligan (AAUW National).



**Did you know?** Five AAUW State Presidents were in attendance at our December meeting, three from the Huntsville Branch. Left to Right: Ellie Lienau (1994-1996), Audrey Salgado (2006-2008), Wanda Foster (2012-present), JoAnn Cummings (2008-2012), and Ruth Jurenko (1984-1988).



Imani Cherry, former NCCWSL attendee, and Radhika Kakani, share information with guests and members about [Seed to Plate](#).



Thanks go to member Carolyn Lord and to Suzanne Norris for bringing the [Project Lead the Way \(PTLW\)](#) table to the meeting.



Thanks also to Jennifer French of [Girls, Inc.](#), chatting here with a guest, for attending and providing info about Girls, Inc.



Dr. Catherine Hill and member Barbara Price converse before the meeting.





Thanks to Kay Eastin for her festive florals.

Members and guests enjoy conversation prior to the meeting.

Amanda Jarrett, Beverly Watson, Peggy East, and Devon Reynolds share conversation before the meeting.

## News to Note

Congratulations to **Wilhelmina "Billie" and Fred Muhl** who celebrated their **70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary** on November 21.

**Dr. Frances Cabaness Roberts**, first president of AAUW Huntsville Branch, will be inducted into the **Alabama Women's Hall of Fame** on **March 7, 2013**. Dr. Roberts served from 1949-1950, but she is much more well known in Huntsville as a founding member of the University of Alabama in Huntsville and as the founding force behind the establishment of the Twickenham Historic District. Read more about Dr. Roberts at <http://www.uah.edu/news/people/4867-uahuntsville-s-frances-c-roberts-to-be-inducted-into-the-alabama-women-s-hall-of-fame>.

## Communications

Patricia Smith, Communications Chair

The role of the Communications Committee is to increase the visibility of AAUW's mission and programs in our community through building relationships with local media, effective website maintenance, and consistent member contact. This is a direct quote from the AAUW national website. This January, our committee will meet to evaluate previous Branch communication efforts and assess our current needs. At the meeting, we will work on developing a communication action plan.

The Communication Committee is composed of the following members:

Newsletter	Karen Rudiger
Website	Beverly Watson
Member Directory	Lyndsey Torok
Marketing Literature	Cindi Branham and Sherry Anderson
Charity Page/Huntsville Times	Rebecca Harbor Jones
Member Showcase Calendar /	Patricia Smith

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Submissions to Media	
Meeting Evite	Patricia Smith
Advisor	Wanda Foster

Creating excitement and interest in AAUW-Huntsville Branch is a simple way to state our goal. Every member of the organization can help spread the word about our programs and missions. While not as formalized as a press release, word of mouth and a personal invitation to a meeting are still the most effective ways of increasing membership and involvement. It is wonderful building relationships with such an intelligent, informed, and warm group of women. Share the opportunity to reap the benefits of community.

Any member who is interested in joining this committee can contact Patricia Smith at [smithpatricia73@yahoo.com](mailto:smithpatricia73@yahoo.com).

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## Public Policy

Anna Blair, Public Policy Advisor

### 2013 Must Read List –Read It and Weep, then Act!

My holiday reading includes two items released this year by AAUW—both sad reminders that we have not come far enough to realize pay equity—I prefer “equality” – for women in this country.

I recommend to you ***The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap***, a 28-page paper posing and answering six questions commonly asked about this subject. Called a “commonsense guide,” the report includes sections which range from defining the term to showing us members how we can effect change. You will find state-by-state rankings; latest statistics on the pay gap by age, race/ethnicity and education; and resources for fair pay advocates.

The second, and longer (64 pages), document bears the unhappy title, ***Graduating to a Pay Gap—the Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation***. In this project, the researchers narrowed their focus and found that women in their first year out of college working full time earned, on the average, 82 percent of what their male counterparts did. Filled with more evidence and statistics, this report is also dismaying, especially for those of us who know women who are now or will soon be experiencing this discrimination.

In her introductory remarks to *The Simple Truth*, **Linda D. Hallman, AAUW Executive Director**, writes: “If you take one simple truth from this guide, I hope it’s this: The pay gap is real. This guide backs up this assertion with the latest evidence and presents new ideas for what we can do about it.”

Please read these studies soon and work to help launch an effort to get Montgomery and Washington to move. The Paycheck Fairness Act failed—again—in the US Senate for lack of 8 votes. Laura Hall has tried more than once to get an Equal Pay Commission established without success. I look forward to our Huntsville Branch putting this information and these tools to good use, individually and collectively!

### AAUW Dialog Online

See the suggestions for the To-Do List AAUW is compiling for the President and Congress at <http://blog-aauw.org/>.

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## Two-Minute Activist

Numbers Don't Lie! Go to <http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert/?alertid=61860756> to find out what you can do to support Need for Fair Pay Legislation.

## AAUW-Sponsored Exhibit

"[Every Four Years: Presidential Campaigns and the Press](#)" exhibit at the Newseum in Washington D.C. opened back in February of this year. Timely during an election year, the exhibit is open through Inauguration Day 2013.

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## AAUW of Alabama

Wanda Foster, State President

Please mark your calendars for the **2013 AAUW of Alabama business meeting at Judson College in Marion**. The tentative date is **March 30**. The state business meeting is shorter, smaller, and more relaxed than our state convention, which is held in even-numbered years. The next state convention will be held in Huntsville in 2014.

**Judson** is the nation's fifth oldest women's college (1838), named for **Ann Hasseltine Judson**, America's first female foreign missionary. Marion is located in west central Alabama, a short drive from Tuscaloosa, Montgomery, and Birmingham (roughly 170 miles and 3 to 3½ hours from Huntsville). Marion (population 4,000+) is home to antique stores, beautiful antebellum homes, and great southern cuisine.

The **Alabama Women's Hall of Fame**, established to provide a permanent place of honor for Alabama's most outstanding women, is located on the Judson campus, and you will have a chance to tour it. **Dr. Frances Roberts** will have been inducted in early March. **Hallie Farmer**, former president of AAUW of Alabama, was one of the first three inductees, including **Helen Keller** and **Julia Tutwiler**, in 1971.

We'll share details about the business meeting in the February newsletter. The state executive committee will meet Friday night (the 29<sup>th</sup>), and workshops for Student Advisory Council members will be held that afternoon and evening. The Board of Directors will meet Saturday morning at 8 am. The state business meeting will be held later Saturday afternoon.

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## AAUW College/University Update

Regina Hyatt, AAUW College/University Representative

Planning for the **2013 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders** is well underway at the national level. A call for workshop submissions has been shared. Proposals are being sought that address one of the following areas: empower women to engage their campus and home communities; assist women to lead others with integrity on their campuses; encourage women to explore entrepreneurial curiosities; prepare women for life after college; and/or explore issues that are especially significant for women. Proposals are due by February 1, 2013 and should be submitted online at <http://www.nccwsl.org/conference-workshops/>.

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## Study Groups

### Great Decisions

Great Decisions will meet on **Monday, January 14** at **7 p.m.** at the home of **Mary Witherspoon, 5713 Criner Road. Tish Hall** will lead the discussion of **Chapter 4, "Cybersecurity."** This is the last chapter in the 2012 book, and we will begin the 2013 book in February. Visitors are always welcome. For information contact **Mary Witherspoon** at [witerspoon8@comcast.net](mailto:witerspoon8@comcast.net) or **256-881-6540**.

### Bridge Group

The Bridge Group meets **September through May** on the **third Thursday** of each month at **9 a.m., usually ending by noon**. Contact **Lorraine Mullin** at [lorm@knology.net](mailto: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.

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### 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](mailto:lorm@knology.net) or **256-772-2549** (h) or **235-683-5530** (c).

**Candice Bressler, Anna Blair, Marilyn Robertson, Lorraine Mullen, Ellie Lienau, Wanda Foster, Dorothy Vinson,** and Candice's mother **Betty Rigsby** met at Wintzell's Oyster House for Lunch.com on December 27.



### January

- 4 [Sandwich Farm, 106 Cleveland Avenue Northwest, Huntsville](#)
- 11 [Phil Sandoval's Mexican, 6125 University Drive Northwest E-18, Huntsville](#)
- 18 [1892 East, 720 Pratt Avenue Northeast, Huntsville](#)
- 25 [The Eaves Restaurant, 501 Church Street Northwest, Suite A, Huntsville](#)
- 28 [Po Boy Factory, 815 Andrew Jackson Way](#)

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## Hold the Date



## Program Year Overview

Details in latest newsletter.

Saturday, January 12, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Heroic Women of Palestine

Tuesday, February 5, 5:30 - 8 p.m.: Body Work for Good Health and Posture (tentative). Nominate new officers

Friday, March 1, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Breaking Through Barriers Luncheon

Tuesday, April 2, 5:30 - 8 p.m.: Living Wills, Etc. Vote on new officers

Tuesday, May 7, 5:30 - 8 p.m.: TOPIC OPEN. Mental Health topic suggested. Install new officers

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**\*\*DATE CHANGE: March 1, 2013 – Breaking Through Barriers Luncheon\*\***



### Arise Citizens' Policy Project

presents a one-day conference

#### **Moving Alabama Forward**

Knowledge, strategies & hope for building a more just, prosperous & healthy future  
Arise Citizens' Policy Project (334) 832-9060 [www.arisecitizens.org](http://www.arisecitizens.org)

- WHO: Community leaders, advocates, policy makers, service providers, social workers, educators, journalists, college students, people of faith
- WHAT: Workshops, panels and networking on daunting challenges and promising solutions with national and state presenters (Approval for contact hours from the Alabama Board of Nursing and Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners will be requested.)
- WHEN: Friday, February 8, 2013, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- WHERE: Auburn University Montgomery
- HOW: Watch for the registration brochure in early January.
- WHY: Because Alabama needs a new vision for the future of our state - Come and be a part of it!

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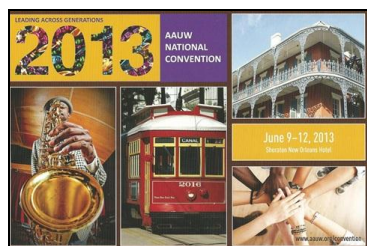




## **The 2014 Project Alabama**

Don't Get Mad. Get Elected.

You are invited to attend the inaugural **Women's Summit on Government Leadership: The 2014 Project Alabama** at **Auburn University, Friday, January 18, 2013, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.** or **University of Alabama at Birmingham Saturday, January 19, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.** These events will launch a large-scale public education campaign to raise awareness about the lack of women in elected office and the unique opportunities of the 2014 election. For additional details, go to: [http://www.the2014projectal.org/your\\_invited/](http://www.the2014projectal.org/your_invited/) or for more information contact **Carol Joyce** at [carolThe2014ProjectAL@gmail.com](mailto:carolThe2014ProjectAL@gmail.com).



## **June 9–12, 2013 - 2013 AAUW National Convention**

The national convention will be held in New Orleans, LA, at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. Laissez les bon temps rouler!

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## **AAUW 2012 National Convention Resources**

Valuable resources and updates are available at <http://convention.aauw.org/live.aspx>, including videos and handout materials – many related to your area of responsibility within the Huntsville Branch.

### **The Playground has moved!**

**In fact, it's not even called the Playground anymore: It's People Power Unlimited.**

**Valuable Personal and Volunteer-Related Content at Cynthia D' Amour's Site. Register for live sessions or listen to archives:**<http://www.peoplepowerunlimited.com/free-webinars/>

You can register for the newsletter and learn of upcoming Webinars on this page.

You are STRONGLY encouraged to check out the resources on this site to assist you with your Branch responsibilities! All free to AAUW members. You'll find segments that will help in specific areas of responsibility as well as many general topics. Note that you may have to sign up for the site to access the recordings, which play over your computer.

## Breaking Through Barriers – Diversity

Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us.

*Hal Borland, American Author and Journalist, (1900 - 1978).*