



Huntsville Branch Newsletter

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President's Letter: February - March 2013

Travel & Movement, Arrival and Closure



March came in with a roar for AAUW Huntsville Branch.

Not only did we start the month off with a fabulous event, during the first week we were able to witness the induction of our first president to the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame.

I have to say that the Breaking through Barriers luncheon & fundraiser was truly a great event, and to thank all who made it so, particularly **Ellie Lienau** and **Amanda Jarrett**, our Funds VPs. Whether you helped publicize the event, sold

tickets, did decorations, recruited students to attend, or helped the day of to make things flow smoothly, your part was critical to the end result.

Dr. Deborah Barnhart's passion for her subject – building stronger STEM students – was obvious as well as infectious. The audience of 130 seemed to be pulled into the ideas as well. When the event was over, no one got up to leave; they stayed around to talk with other attendees and Dr. Barnhart about what they'd heard. (And to have dessert.) So I think we not only had a successful event, we had an *effective* event. And we gained new members that day as well.

The following Thursday a number of Branch members made the trek to lovely **Judson College** in **Marion, Alabama**, for the induction of **Dr. Frances Cabaniss Roberts** to the **Alabama Women's Hall of Fame (AWOF)**. Judson is a small women's college with roughly 350 students. Everyone at the school was exceptionally gracious and welcoming, from the student escorts to the president. We arrived in time for coffee and stayed through a nice luncheon. Even if you weren't able to attend the Judson event, you will be able to celebrate Dr. Roberts at a **reception** to be held this **Thursday, March 14, 3-5 p.m.** at the **Salmon Library** on the **UAHuntsville** campus. AAUW needs to have a strong presence!

We can all be very proud of Dr. Roberts' life and accomplishments, and of her relationship to and impact on the Huntsville Branch. A **founding member** and our **first president**, she was a lifelong member starting in **1949**, when our Branch originated.

Members will have a chance to see Marion, Judson, and the AWOFF the weekend of **April 6**, when the **AAUW State Meeting** takes place at Judson. State President Wanda Foster shares more information about that in her article in this newsletter, including the agenda and registration form.

There are many ways to become more involved *and to help* your Branch. 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.

Cindi Branham, President
AAUW Huntsville Branch

AAUW's Mission

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

April Meeting – *Do You Need a Living Will?*

Rose Norman, Program Vice President



Do you need a living will? The short answer is yes, and it's not just for the elderly! Branch member attorney Anna Blair (known as "Blair") will explain the importance of having advanced directives like living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care, and explain some of the court decisions that led to laws that now allow family members (not just healthcare workers) to make end-of-life decisions for us. But that's only if you have taken the steps to make it possible to allow people you choose to make end-of-life decisions for you when you are no longer able to.

That was the case with [Karen Ann Quinlan](#), the 21-year old who lapsed into a vegetative state after a combination of drugs and alcohol at a party in 1976. Her father had to take the case to the New Jersey Supreme Court to get the right to stop the ventilator that was keeping her alive and allow her to die a natural death (she lived until 1985). As a result of that case, we now have laws allowing us to appoint a health care proxy. A similar case led to legislation that allows us to execute a binding living will giving instructions to family and health care providers about how much care we want as we approach the end of life.

In addition to Blair's informative presentation, we will be voting on new officers. Watch for a separate email notice that will announce the slate of officers for 2013-2014.

Please join us on **Tuesday, April 2, 2013**, from **5:30-7:30 p.m.** at [Covenant Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 301 Drake Ave. SE, Huntsville, AL.](#)

Menu includes baked ziti with spinach, marinara, and Pecorino cheese; Italian sausage and chicken bites; salad with vinaigrette; baguette slices; and zabaglione with fresh fruit (a wine-flavored Italian egg sauce). **Reservations are required by Friday, March 29.** 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.

May AAUW Huntsville Branch Meeting will be **Tuesday, May 7, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** Our topic will be **Women & ADHD: All Grown Up**. We will also be installing new officers.

Membership

Sherry Anderson, Membership Vice President

New Members

Seven new members have joined Huntsville Branch since February.

- **Deborah Barnhart** holds a BA from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, an MA from the University of Maryland, an Ed. D. from Vanderbilt University, and an MBA from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- **Martylee Haggart** is currently an undergraduate student at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.
- **Dorothy (Dottie) Little** holds an MS Ed. in Elementary Education from West Chester University and an MS Ed in Elementary Education from Temple University.
- **Kenisha Hill-Phillips** holds a BS in Chemistry from Emory University and is currently pursuing an MS in Chemistry at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.
- **Radhika Kakani** holds a BS in Computer Science from the University of Michigan, an MBA in Management of Technology and Marketing from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and is a graduate in French Cuisine at Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts Institute in London.
- **Jennifer Sherman** holds an AS in Computer Information Systems from Calhoun College.
- **Maud Woodsinger** holds a BS in Mathematics from the University of Kentucky and an MS in Systems Management from the University of Southern California.

Welcome aboard, Deborah, Martylee, Dottie, Kenisha, Radhika, Jennifer, and Maud! We look forward to seeing you again at the April meeting.



The fourth Cocktails and Convos women's networking event took place Thursday evening, February 21st at Surin of Thailand on Airport Road. Despite the inclement weather, the private room was filled with participants who heard Carol Joyce's presentation, "The 2014 Project Alabama—Don't Get Mad. Get Elected." Carol explained the goals of The 2014 Project Alabama and focused on the reasons women do not run and how to address their concerns.

Half-Price Membership

The deadline for half-price membership is quickly approaching on March 15th. Anyone who has never been a member previously and holds an associate degree or higher can join the national and state organizations and the local branch for just \$37. Undergraduate students who opt for an E-affiliate membership at the national level through their eligible college or university can join the state and local branch for just \$12.50. This is a great opportunity to become a member at a reduced rate and to enjoy the benefits of membership through June 30th. For more information, contact Sherry Anderson, Membership VP, at aauwmember@gmail.com or 256-895-8530.

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2012–2013 Directories Have Been Mailed

In February, copies of the Huntsville Branch 2012–2013 Member Directory were mailed to members who had not picked them up at recent meetings. Those copies included the January and February addendums listing new members and additional renewals. There will be another addendum available for pickup at the April meeting.

Breaking Through Barriers Luncheon Inspires

Ellie Lienau, AAUW Funds Co-Vice President

Thank you all so much for the support you gave to the **2013 Breaking Through Barriers Luncheon** that was held on **Friday, March 1**, at the **Valley Hill Country Club**. I heard many compliments about that location. There were over **130 attendees**. So many of you came – some bringing guests. Some of you sent information about the event to others and to other organizations, so we had those that called or emailed me about attending. We had a number of people who were hearing about AAUW for the first time.



The Breaking Through Barriers Luncheon is the primary NCCWSL fund-raising effort.



Amanda Jarrett introduced last year's NCCWSL attendees (Morgan Justice, Alylson Thompson, Imani Cherry, and Lisa Dalrymple), who each spoke about her NCCWSL experience.



Members wait patiently for a chance to speak with Dr. Barnhart after the luncheon.



We also thank **Dr. Deborah Barnhart, CEO and Executive Director of the U. S. Space and Rocket Center**, who gave a very informational and inspirational talk about the history of rocketry in the area, as well as the history of the [U.S. Space and Rocket Center](http://www.nasa.gov/centers/spaceandrocketcenter/). She also explained how important science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education is to women and girls. According to a 2011 White House study, women in STEM fields earned 33% more than women in other fields, and there is more parity between men and women's wages. As of 2009, only 24% of jobs in STEM fields are held by women.

According to Dr. Barnhart, by 2018, in Alabama alone, there will be 97,000 new and replacement jobs in high-tech industries.

Dr. Barnhart has a vision for the future in which the U.S. Space and Rocket Center and it's Space Camp have major roles, and her vision includes **space travel to Mars**. Why? Her answer came in the form of a quote from **President John F. Kennedy**, who said,

"We choose to go to the moon. We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win, and the others, too."

In other words, we need to challenge our students. They must have a problem to solve. How to get to Mars is a problem which will require all the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematical skills they can muster. We must engage them in solving this problem.

And she hopes to engage us all, too, with the diverse programs and offerings that are available at the Space and Rocket Center. Her enthusiasm is contagious. After hearing her speak, we are all ready to get involved with the programs being offered, if not help develop new ones.



The Breaking Through Barriers Luncheon was all about communication and connection.

The Breaking Through Barriers event requires the help of many to make it a success. **Amanda Jarrett** and I served as the event co-chairs, with help from **Ruth Jurenko** and **Cindi Branham**, previous chairs of this event. **Patricia Smith** publicized the event at many locations. **Cindi**, with some input from **Rose Norman**, worked up the AAUW slides that were shown at the beginning and end of the event. **Kay Eastin** was in charge of the table decorations and **Cindi, Heather Howell**, and **Sarah Ragan** helped put them on the tables. **Anna Blair, Marilyn Robertson**, and **Patti Steelman** handled the registration table. **Sherry Anderson** made sure that there were membership applications and information about the April 2 program. Belk tickets were sold by **Peggy East**. **Joy Agee** gave us an inspiring reflection. If I have failed to mention anyone who assisted in any way, please know that your efforts did not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

Profits from this event will be used to send college women student leaders to the AAUW [National Conference for College Women Student Leaders \(NCCWSL\)](#), held in early June in the Washington, DC area. The cost is about \$800 per student. The unaudited results are a profit of about \$2800. This will allow us to send a student from Alabama A&M University, Oakwood University, and UAHuntsville to this event. If we can raise about \$400 more, we can add a student from Drake Technical College. We will also be using the funds collected from the Belk sale for this, which may be enough. But **we will continue to accept donations** to ensure that we have enough. **Please send the money to Peggy East or bring it to the April meeting.** Checks should be made out to **AAUW Funds** and note that it will be for **NCCWSL**.

Did you know that:

- The U.S. Space and Rocket Center is the **#1 attraction** in the state of Alabama? It had **572,600 visitors in 2012**, and has had **15.5 million visitors since 1970**?
- There have been **600,000 Space Camp alumni** (4 astronauts!) since it opened in 1982? And, Space Camp attendees represent all **50** of our United States, and **55** other countries?
- The **U.S. Space and Rocket Center** is rapidly becoming **the leading regional science center and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education hub**?

- The **U.S. Space and Rocket Center** partners with businesses and local organizations to provide educational programs at the Center and through its Space Camp programs?
- Programs include the **Saturday Scientist Workshop**; the **Pass the Torch Lecture Series**; engaging and interactive science and math exhibits, such as **Black Holes: Space Warps and Time Twists**; **MathAlive!**; and the all-new **ASTRobotics** weeklong camp.

Belk Charity Sale

Amanda Jarrett, AAUW Funds Co-Vice President

Twice a year the Huntsville Branch of AAUW participates in the **Belk Charity Sale**. This is a wonderful opportunity to shop for bargains/rarely discounted items at the local Belk stores. This event takes place 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. During the fall sale we earned \$495.00; we would love to top this for the spring sale! You can also sell tickets to your friends or give them as a thank you. Tickets may be used at any of the 300+ Belk locations so you

can even sell them to friends and family in other cities and states! Thank you to those of you who already purchased tickets at the Breaking Through Barriers Luncheon! Ellie and Amanda have tickets and will be glad to meet you and sell you some, or you may purchase tickets at the April monthly branch meeting. If you are unable to shop the day of the sale, there is also a presale option. You can shop **April 21 - April 26** and the merchandise can be rung up on Friday using your Belk charge.

We get extra money for having two people work Friday, Saturday or Sunday at the Parkway Place location during the sale weekend. The shifts are as follows:

Friday, April 26	Saturday, April 27	Sunday, April 28
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	5:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	

This is the first year Belk has offered a Sunday shift. They only need a few volunteers for this shift, so if you would like to do this shift, we'll need to register you ASAP as it may be filled before the other shifts.

Volunteers do not have to coordinate shifts to be together; you may work whatever shift is convenient for you. Belk asks that volunteers dress for work in khaki pants and a plain polo shirt.

Please look at the shifts and let Amanda know when you would prefer to work. She may be reached by phone at (919) 610-6581 or email her at apjarrett@gmail.com.



Honoring Dr. Frances C. Roberts

Cindi Branham, President; and Ellie Lienau, AAUW Funds Co-Vice President

Several AAUW members past and present made the trip to Judson College on March 7 to honor Branch founding member and our first president, Dr. Frances Roberts, as she was inducted into the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame. It was a very nice event and we were glad to have been able to attend. To read more about Dr. Roberts and the induction ceremony from al.com: http://blog.al.com/breaking/2013/03/noted_huntsville_historian_uah.html#incart_river_default.

Member Nancy Rohr learned that there will be a reception honoring Dr. Frances Roberts' induction on Thursday, March 14, 3 - 5 p.m., at the Louis Salmon Library Art Gallery on the UAHuntsville Campus (enter the library parking lot directly from Holmes Avenue).

I'm sure several of us will attend and urge you to do the same. More information: <http://www.uah.edu/news/people/5438-uahuntsville-hosts-honorary-reception-for-frances-roberts-hall-of-fame-induction>.



Branch member Carol Roach helped Charles Westbrook unveil Dr. Roberts' plaque.



Branch members Nancy Rohr, Bernice Richardson, Carol Roach, Karen Rudiger, Ellie Lienau, and Cindi Branham attended the induction ceremony.



Zora Neale Hurston, author of *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, was also inducted into the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame.

Volunteer Opportunities – What's Out There?

Marilyn Robertson, Volunteer Coordinator

A **BIG Thank You** to those who helped with the Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair (ARSEF). **Ellie Lienau** rendered much needed help for registration on Wednesday evening. . **Peggy East, Bob Robertson, Lynda Hall, Beth Altenkirch, and Kimberly Hobbs** served as judges. All agreed it was a great time! In the afternoon we selected a winner for our \$25 prize. **Rebecca Johnson** a 10th grade student whose project, *K.I.S.S. for Kinetics: Developing Kinetic Rate Equations Using Multi-Variant Regression Techniques*, was selected. What an impressive presentation she made!

We need volunteers for the [Alabama State Science and Engineering Fair](http://www.alabama-science-engineering-fair.org/) which will be held **April 3-6, 2013**. Volunteers are needed for registration workers on April 3, and judges are needed for April 4. This is a REALLY fun thing to do—the young people are great and their projects are interesting. All AAUW members are obviously competent people, so even though you do not think you are an expert, you ARE able to judge the various projects. You can contact me at 256-536-2701 or email me at Marilyn.robertson@knology.net. Join us!

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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 someone willing 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.

February Meeting Highlights

Body Work for Good Health and Posture



Melissa Johnson, left, of Serene Valley Massage Therapy, talked with us about pain management. Dr. De'Andrea Stewart, right, from SpineCare gave an informative talk about back and spine health.



Ashley Cain, left, with Fast Track to Wellness, talked about posture alignment, and the use of Essential Oils for physical and mental well-being.



Medical Assistants from Virginia College in Huntsville provided free blood pressure checks for members and guests. Thanks!!



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Beth Altenkirch, Francis Currie, and Brenda Courtney share conversation prior to the meeting.

Programs Vice President Rose Norman and Dana Gideon. Thanks, Dana for putting together a great meeting!



Sarah Ragan provided the reflection.



Kay Eastin and Ruth Jurenko. Kay provided the beautiful Valentine table arrangements.

Public Policy

Anna Blair, Public Policy Co-Chair

Yes They Can!

And thankfully they DID! In a show of bipartisan force, Republicans recently joined Democrats in the US Congress to reauthorize and strengthen the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). Notably for us, Senator Richard Shelby, voted not only to consider the bill but also joined 22 other Republican Senators to pass it 77-28. In the House, Representatives Terri Sewell and Spencer Bachus helped push the Senate version (S. 47) of the VAWA to its 286-138 victory there.

Last April, the Senate voted to reauthorize and strengthen the VAWA, authored in then-Senator Joe Biden's office and signed into law by President Bill Clinton in 1994. The bill had been reauthorized previously in 2000 and 2005. Among the additions to last year's Senate version were inclusive measures to bring protections to same-sex partners, American Indians living in reservations, and undocumented immigrants. Without considering the Senate bill, the House then designed and passed its own version, omitting these provisions. For "procedural reasons," the two bills were not reconciled and 2012 ended without the reauthorization of the VAWA.

At the signing ceremony on March 7, President Obama said that this year's victory for the bill "shows that when the American people make their voices heard, Washington listens." Then he joined Vice President Biden in thanking "all the members of Congress from both parties who came together, got this bill across the finish line." (Emphasis added.) Personal thank-you notes to Senator Shelby, Congresswoman Sewell and Congressman Bachus are in order, along with a letter of disappointment to Congressman Brooks for his lack of support. Their Washington addresses are:

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 people, including all of you who made calls or wrote letters or e-mails, recognized and reminded their lawmakers that domestic violence is a public health issue and a human rights concern. Congress heard and acted to reauthorize and strengthen the VAWA. Our work as advocates continues as Mr. Obama reminded us in his closing remarks at the signing, "It's about our commitment as a country to address this problem...as long as it takes."

News to Note

Ruth Jurenko, Awards Chair

Virginia Hammill Simms Award Nominee

Virginia Hamill Simms Award will be given on **Friday, April 12**, starting at **5:00 p.m.** at the **VBC**. The \$65 ticket will include 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. We plan to have a table to support our nominee **Lorraine Mullin**.

If you would like to make a reservation, please contact Ellie Lienau at elienau@yahoo.com or (256) 655-9452; or Ruth Jurenko at rjurenko@hiwaay.net or (256) 651-5120.

AAUW College/University Update

Regina Hyatt, AAUW College/University Representative



I'm pleased to be co-presenting a workshop entitled "**Collegiate Women's Leadership in Research in Practice**" on **March 18, 2013** at the **National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)** national conference in **Orlando, FL**. Christine Hernandez, our C/U Relations Manager from the AAUW National Office, spearheaded the conference proposal, and along with M.C. Santana, Director of the Women's Center at the University of Central Florida, are the other presenters. The program abstract states: *"Increasing attention has been paid to scholarship and programs focused on women's leadership. This panel will highlight where the research on this topic stands and how student affairs professionals have put research into action. During this session, participants will learn more about the need for women's leadership and will engage in a discussion on the topic as it relates to their knowledge and experience. Participants should leave with the knowledge and tools to understand and support collegiate women's leadership development."* We are looking forward to sharing information about women's leadership in the collegiate context at the conference and I am hopeful we will receive positive feedback from the conference participants.

The AAUW website has received an upgrade and with that, several of the resources for our College/University partners have been moved and updated. This information was shared with us by Christine Hernandez, our C/U Relations Manager from the AAUW National Office.

For C/U membership information, you'll go here:

<http://www.aauw.org/membership/college-university-partner/>

Like before, we have separate links for administrators, faculty, and students. The actual content has been revised in order to tailor to those audiences. We moved information about AAUW student organizations to our Campus Leadership Programs section. You can visit that page here:

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/campus-programs/>

We also have an issues section of the website that is split in several categories: advocacy, leadership, community, education, economic justice, campus, and career and workplace. If you're looking to share content on any one of these topics, you can select an issue or search through the website. For example, the C/U intern worked with our leadership programs intern to write a blog post about NCCWSL fundraising. It's listed under campus but you can find that blog here:

<http://www.aauw.org/2013/02/19/nccwsl-fundraising-comes-from-all-over/>

Study Groups

Great Decisions

Visitors are always welcome at the meetings, which are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Mary Witherspoon**. New member **Megan Carper** led the discussion of "Egypt" in March, and Tish Hall will lead the discussion of "Iran" at the April meeting.. 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 lorrm@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 lorrm@knology.net or **256-772-2549** (h) or **235-683-5530** (c).

March

- 15 [Café Alana Shay, 6000 Memorial Parkway S. E., Huntsville](#) (in Doubletree Suites)
- 22 [Grill 29, 445 Providence Main Street NW, #101, Huntsville](#)
- 29 [Brix Wine and Tapas, 964 Airport Road SW, Huntsville](#)

April

- 5 [Sitar Indian, 620 Jordan Lane NW, Huntsville](#)
- 12 [Rosie's Cantina, 6196 University Drive NW, Huntsville](#)
- 19 [Longhorn Steakhouse, 1450 Perimeter Parkway NW, Huntsville](#)
- 26 [Mellow Mushroom, 470 Providence Main Street NW, #102, Huntsville](#)

AAUW of Alabama

Wanda Foster, State President

A lot of good things are going on in **Women's History Month**,.

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The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act became law and much of the [Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act](#) was included in it. The VAWA reauthorization takes major strides toward ending domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking against women and men.

March 8 was International Women's Day, and, on a similar note, more more than 6,000 representatives from government, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and civil society are gathering March 4-14 in New York for the [57th Commission on the Status of Women \(CSW\)](#), part of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The CSW is the principal global policymaking body dedicated exclusively to gender equality and advancement of women. This year's priority theme is elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls. AAUW held a panel discussion based on our 2011 research report, [Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School](#).

Did you see PBS' new documentary *MAKERS: Women Who Make America*, which premiered February 26? The documentary and website (www.makers.com) tell the story of the women's movement through firsthand accounts of leaders, opponents, and trailblazers "who created a new America in the last half-century. Four are former AAUW fellows—Jane Chen, Carol Gilligan (author of the seminal *In a Different Voice: Psychological Theory and Women's Development*), Barbara Smith, and Melissa Harris-Perry. Six [National Conference for College Women Student Leaders](#) (NCCWSL) Women of Distinction are also featured.

In Washington, March 1-14, the Marching for Women's Rights Exhibit is being held at the Newseum, sponsored by AAUW. On March 3, 1913, the eve of President Woodrow Wilson's first inauguration, 5,000 suffragists, led by lawyer Inez Milholland riding a white horse, marched down Pennsylvania Avenue demanding the right to vote. Many were hospitalized from injuries while police looked on.

AAUW, the Clinton Global Initiative, and the Clinton Global Initiative University have formed a strategic partnership to engage the next generation of leaders. From April 5 to 7, President Clinton will host the sixth annual meeting of CGI U at Washington University in St. Louis where student leaders, including those from the AAUW community, NGO representatives, topic experts, and celebrities will gather to address global challenges with practical solutions.

Remember that the national convention is June 9-12 in New Orleans. Early bird registration ends April 14. For more information, go to <http://convention.aauw.org/register>.

A by-invitation AAUW of Alabama Ready to Run™ training for government leadership is being held at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, Oxmoor Valley Clubhouse, on Saturday, April 13, 2013, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. For more information and/or to register, contact Audrey L. Salgado, audreythe2014projectal@gmail.com, or phone 205-437-0951 (home), or 205-249-7788 (cell/text). Provide your name, email address, and phone number.

In addition to pay equity, we have unfinished business with the Equal Rights Amendment. The petition to extend ERA ratification is online at White House Petitions at <https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petitions>.

Women's History Month reminds us that "We've Come a Long Way, Baby," but, oh, do we have a long way to go.

Please plan to attend the AAUW of Alabama business meeting at Judson College in Marion, April 6. Marion is about a 3 hour drive from Huntsville, and you'll get a chance to visit the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame and see Dr. Frances Roberts' plaque. (See the agenda/registration form in this newsletter.) Our theme for the annual meeting will be "Continuing the Legacy of Women's Leadership." The complete schedule and registration forms are below:

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Continuing the Legacy of Women's Leadership

AAUW of Alabama Annual Business Meeting – April 5-6, 2013

Judson College * Sleep Inn & Suites, 1605 Highway 5, Marion, AL (334) 683-8600

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES – APRIL 5, 2013

Pre-Convention Student Workshops – Judson College, Archibald Hall

1:00 – 4:45 pm – Two Student Workshops

6:30 – 9:00 pm – Student Dinner and Mixer with discussion group

Regular Meeting Schedule – Sleep Inn

4:00 – 7:00 pm – Registration and Packet Pick-Up at Sleep Inn

6:00 – 9:00 pm – Executive Committee Dinner and Meeting

Lottie's Restaurant, 207 Washington St., Marion (334) 683-5055

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES – APRIL 6, 2013

All activities at Judson College

7:30 – 10:00 am – Registration and Packet Pick-Up

8:00 – 9:45 am – AAUW of Alabama Board of Directors Meeting

AAUW of Alabama Annual Business Meeting

10:00 – 10:45 am – Welcome; Opening Remarks

11:00 – 12:15 am – Tour of Women's Hall of Fame

12:30 – 1:30 pm – Elaine Hughes, former Chair, AAUW National Public Policy Committee

"Foundations Laid: Steps to the Future"

1:45 – 4:00 pm – Afternoon Sessions

Alabama Arise, AAUW National Update, 2014 Project Alabama

Student feedback from Friday night mixer

4:15 – 5:30 pm – Annual Business Meeting and Elections

AAUW of Alabama 2013 Annual Meeting – April 5-6, 2013

Judson College – Archibald Hall, 302 Bibb St., Marion, AL 36756

Sleep Inn & Suites, 1605 Highway 5, Marion, AL (334) 683-8600

<http://www.sleepinn.com/hotel-marion-alabama-AL390>

AAUW of Alabama 2013 Annual Business Meeting

Continuing the Legacy of Women's Leadership

Judson College * Sleep Inn & Suites * Marion, AL

April 5-6, 2013

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

AAUW Member ☐ Yes AAUW Member # _____ Branch _____

Student/ Affiliate ☐ Yes Campus _____

Non-Member ☐ Yes Company or Organization (if any) _____

I will be attending ☐ Saturday Meeting (10:00 am to 5:30 pm, 4/6)
 ☐ Executive Committee (6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Friday)
 ☐ Board Meeting (8:00 am to 9:45 am, Saturday)
 ☐ Student Workshops (1:00 pm to 4:45 pm, Friday)
 ☐ Student Mixer (6:30 pm to 9 pm, Friday)
 ☐ Lunch Only (12:30 pm to 1:30 pm, Saturday)

REGISTRATION FEES

Annual Meeting (before 3/25)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 40.00	(3/25 and after)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 45.00
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> 25.00	Lunch Only	<input type="checkbox"/> 20.00

Please list any dietary limitations or requirements: _____

Special Hotel Rate at Sleep Inn & Suites is \$99.00 (+tax). Tell them it is for "AAUW."

1605 Highway 5, Marion AL 36756; (334) 683-8600. Please register by March 25th to ensure rate.

EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS MARCH 25TH. LAST DAY TO MAIL IN FORMS IS APRIL 2ND

We need to know the headcount for lunch by APRIL 1ST, so if you plan to attend and wish a meal, please register or contact Velma Essex by that date. After that, lunch is subject to availability. Please call early if you are planning to register the day of the event.

The Executive Committee Meeting location is: Lottie's Restaurant, 207 Washington St. Marion 334-683-5055.

For questions, contact: Mary Cosby Moore (334) 683-6106, mary.moore@alacourt.gov

Patti Steelman (615) 478-7732, pattisteelman@gmail.com

Wanda Foster (256) 536-3166, wlfoster002@yahoo.com

Mail your check and registration to: AAUW Marion Branch

c/o Velma Essex, P O B 984, Marion, AL 36756; (334) 683-9854; email: veej_36756@yahoo.com

Hold the Date

Decatur Branch Meeting Schedule

Jo Ann Cummings, Decatur Branch 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
Mar. 21, 6:00 PM	Tammy Eddy: Top Ten Decorating Mistakes and How to Fix Them	Tammy Eddy Antiques, 501 Bank St. NE, Decatur	Contact: Susan Graben (256)353-0194
Apr. 18, 6:00 PM	Speaker from Alabama Dept. of Public Health, Health Insurance Law Status; Elections of Officers	Java Jaay's 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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<http://arisecitizens.org/>

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Arise Citizens' Policy Project (334) 832-9060

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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>



June 9–12, 2013 - 2013 AAUW National Convention

Have you made arrangements to [come to New Orleans](#) in June for the AAUW National Convention? If you have attended a previous convention you know firsthand how valuable this opportunity can be. This year's program is even more targeted to member needs, with [hands-on tools](#) to grow your branch, energize your grassroots campaigns, and even take on a new community outreach program!

You'll learn how to keep your membership and broader community engaged in a world that constantly competes for attention and priorities.

There is no other group like AAUW and no better way to connect with our rich community than at convention. There's something special about being among so many people driven toward the same goal: a world where women and girls are free to pursue their dreams without barriers.

Come to New Orleans this summer and experience a convention like no other in AAUW's history. You'll learn new skills and leave better prepared to help grow your branch. You'll be inspired by [compelling speakers](#) like Lilly Ledbetter, Melissa Harris-Perry, and Cynthia D'Amour. And you'll renew old friendships and create new ones. [Register now](#) for the Early Bird rate before it expires February April 14.

See you there, as we learn to lead across generations.

Breaking Through Barriers – Diversity

We are not what we know but what we are willing to learn.

Mary Catherine Bateson, writer and cultural anthropologist (Born December 8, 1939)