



## Huntsville Branch Newsletter

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### President's Letter: May 2013



I guess it can't hurt to say it again: The mission of AAUW is something you can wrap your arms around and sink your teeth into. It can arouse your passions and build your energy and make you do

things you didn't think you could do. (We all need a little of this in our lives, don't we?)

Equity for women and girls – what's not to love about that concept? I think it was an easy path for me because I sort of came out that way, but I grew that

way thanks to strong and highly aware women in my life who reminded me directly and indirectly to *think* and question the status quo. That, and being a child of the 60's and 70's.

Half the Sky. Women hold up half the sky that is our world and our human experience. The contributions that women have made are significant, but what if we gave them their fair half? What could we change and accomplish then?

Warren Buffett knows women should be valued. He wonders: if mainly men were responsible for the post-WWII economic surge – the largest in human history – what could we do in this country if our women had the same input and outtake as men in our society. He's a smart man – I know we can all agree on that – and I hope you'll read his article in this newsletter.

Several years ago when AAUW voted to include two-year community colleges and their graduates, I remember resistance. But we can look at how these institutions provide a chance at a better life to so many more women, and think about all the families helped economically by the education and training that women are receiving. I'm glad that, as time has passed, this resistance has perhaps proven to be a simple resistance to change - not being able to see what's at the end of the tunnel.

I remind myself that at many turning points throughout life nobody likes change – except a baby with a dirty diaper...and even they fight it. That explains a lot.

As the last months of my term as president pass, I'm a little nostalgic but also very proud – proud of what we've accomplished and how hard we've all worked at it – proud of a strong and diverse membership that I notice constantly is singularly focused on our mission in one way or another – proud that as a group we *like* each other and enjoy spending time together.

I'm also proud and humbled that the Branch chose me to lead it for these last two years, and that members saw the vision of what we could be and helped it come closer to reality.

I'm proud of our new slate of officers for next year, and I have full faith that Regina Hyatt is going to be a strong, wonderful leader who will take the vision further and to new places. You're going to love

#### AAUW's Mission

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

having her as your president.

I'm aware of the fact, too, that many of you love our organization so much that you stepped forward and took on more, advised me and others often and as needed, so that together we could accomplish good things. We were in it together.

We have a good thing here. I urge you to be aware of it, be part of it, be proud of it, and keep it going.

Thank you.

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

## **May Meeting Summary – Women and ADHD: All Grown Up**

Cheri Wilson, Diversity Chair



Thanks goes to **Dr. Natalie Frazier**, Licensed Professional Counselor at Comprehensive Counseling, LLC, her private practice here in Huntsville, who gave Branch members plenty to consider regarding Women and ADHD at May's monthly meeting.

Individuals with ADHD have different needs and challenges, depending on their gender, age and environment. The lack of appropriate identification and treatment of ADHD in women is a significant public health concern.

Significant concerns and co-existing conditions in women with ADHD include compulsive overeating, depression, anxiety, alcohol abuse, and chronic sleep deprivation. Leaving ADHD untreated may lead to increased chances of divorce, financial stress, academic difficulties, underemployment, low self-esteem and job stress. Without support, these women often struggle to keep up with the demands of managing their lives, leaving them exhausted and overwhelmed in their pursuit of meeting societal demands.

It is important that women with ADHD receive an accurate diagnosis and treatment. Treatment for ADHD should address symptoms, consider gender, and attend to issues with daily functioning.

Dr. Frazier, past board member and president of the Mental Health Association of Madison County, currently serves on the Executive Board of the American Psychotherapy Association and the Editorial Board for the Annals of Psychotherapy. Prior to private practice, Dr. Frazier worked in a variety of educational roles: general, special, and gifted teacher; school counselor; school psychometrist, gifted program coordinator; and Associate Professor in Psychology, Counseling, and Special Education.



**Kenya Wallace's** Reflection posed this question: Why are people in the dark about women living with ADHD? According to Dr. Patricia Quinn, a developmental pediatrician and co-founder and director of the National Center for Girls and Women with ADHD, "Women are very good at compensating, coping, staying up late and working very hard. They really suffer silently." By simplifying life, seeking structure and support from family and friends, developing healthy self-care habits, identifying sources of daily stress, building a support group and, most importantly, *focusing on the things they truly enjoy and love*, women living with ADHD can take back control over their lives and celebrate all of the things in life that matter most.

**Kay Eastin** was awarded the 2013 Eve Award, given to a non-board member each year. Kay's efforts to make our meeting place nicer, more presentable, and welcoming - even when she wasn't able to attend meetings - did so much to lift our image and our mood. Kay is always the consummate welcomer, making new and old members and guests always feel at home when they visited. Carol Roach presented the apple necklace to Kay in 2012 winner Evelyn Sabino's absence.



President **Cindi Branham** with our May program speaker, **Natalie Frazier**.



**Carol Roach, Mary Witherspoon, and Mary Holdsambeck.**



**Sherry Anderson, Heather Harwell and Cheri Wilson.**



New member **Susan Barrow** and **Patti Steelman, State Program VP.**



Guest **Amy Strickland, Sherry Anderson's daughter.**



**Heather Harwell and Marjorie Masterson.**



**Francis Currie.**



**Beth Altenkirch, Kay Eastin, and Guest.**



**Janelle Howell, a student at Oakwood University, who will be attending NCCWSL, and Megan Carper.**



**Wanda Foster and Joy Agee.**



Guest **Dr. Grace Morash and Charlotte Upton Miller.**





**Carol Joyce** (right) and daughter **Kate** (left).



Guest **Anna Ingegnari** and **Peggy East**.



**Olivia Brandon** and **Lorraine Mullen**.



**Sarah Ragan** and **Lois Guendel**.



**New officers** were installed by Past President Carol Roach during the May 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.

Special thanks to **Marilyn Robertson** and **Joy Agee** for taking these great photos at the May meeting, and to **Regina Hyatt** for making them available via Dropbox to the newsletter editor! It takes a Branch to publish a newsletter.

## Membership

Sherry Anderson, Membership Vice President

### New Members

Our three newest Huntsville Branch members are:

**Charlotte Cloud** holds a BA in History and German from UAHuntsville, and a JD from Santa Clara Law School.



**Dr. Susan Brown** holds a BA in Speech Communication from the University of Alabama, an MFA in Performance Studies from the University of Alabama, an Ed.D. in Education from the University of Alabama. She also has post-graduate certificates from the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts, Yale University, and Oxford University.



**Susan Barrow** (dual member with Birmingham) holds an RN from DePaul Hospital in Norfolk, VA, and a CRNA from the School of Anesthesia from DePaul Hospital. Susan is also **President-Elect of the Birmingham Branch**.



Welcome aboard to both of our Susans and to Charlotte! We look forward to a productive, rewarding association with all of you.

## 29 New Members in 2012-2013!

June - **Carol Codori**

September – **Nedra Brown, Jacqueline Diot, Senora Mack, Jacquelyn Michael, Holly Russell, Liz Smith**

October – **Kenya Wallace, Devon Reynolds, Hannah Ellis, Amy Shadoin**

December - **Megan Carper, Kimberly Hobbs**

January – **Olivia Brandon, JoAnn Perez, Heather Harwell, Sarah Ragan**

March – **Martylee Haggart, Kenisha Hill-Phillips, Radhika Kakani, Jennifer Sherman, Maud Woodsinger, Deborah Barnhart, Dorothy Little, Jeannette Farrell, Lajoy John**

April – **Charlotte Cloud**

May – **Susan Brown, Susan Barrow**

## 2013 Spring Member Orientation

The Spring 2013 Member Orientation took place on Thursday, May 16 at UAHuntsville's Shelby Center with 20 members present. Longtime members as well as newest members of just a few weeks or months became acquainted with each other while they enjoyed a light supper together.



**Membership Co-VP Sherry Anderson** welcomed everyone and introduced herself. **Co-Presidents Cindi Branham** and **Regina Hyatt** presented descriptions of our story and legacy as an organization and as a branch. **Mary Witherspoon**, who is **Chair of the Great Decisions Discussion Group**, and **Life Member Louise Heidish** presented a history of the branch, focusing on their experiences and associations with Dr. Frances Roberts and other members who were key figures in the branch and in the Huntsville area at large. **Volunteer Coordinator Marilyn Robertson** spoke of upcoming opportunities for members to be of service to the branch as well as the community. **Sherry Anderson** described how AAUW is involved in and drives public policy, how to sign up for the Two-Minute Activist program, and how to be an agent for change at the national, state, and local levels. **Amanda Jarrett, Funds Co-VP**, introduced the various events the branch engages in for fundraising and how those funds are then spent to fulfill our missions to help women and girls such as sponsorships to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) and scholarships through the Eleanor Lienau Fund. **Regina Hyatt** then presented information about collegiate activities that support and encourage women in college, especially those studying science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Melissa Harris-Perry, e.g., who is scheduled to speak at National Convention in New Orleans in June, was a beneficiary of local support during her doctoral studies. **Ellie Lienau, Funds Co-VP**, followed up on Marilyn's presentation on volunteerism by inviting all those present to complete a survey describing their interests and skills that can be useful to the organization on an as-needed or ongoing basis.

Special thanks to **Beverly Watson** for getting some great photos!



Door prizes were then awarded to lucky winners Beverly Watson (a lapel pin with the new AAUW National logo) and Heather Harwell (a mini-tote bag.) Our plan is to continue to offer Orientations twice a year – fall and spring – to welcome new members and to provide an opportunity for experienced members to share their wisdom and expertise.

In attendance, left to right: Charlotte Cloud, Sarah Ragan, Heather Harwell, Amy Shadoin, Janice Marsh, Jeannette Farrell, Dana Gideon, Patricia Smith, Kathleen Leonard, and Kenisha Hill-Phillips



## Time to Renew Your Membership

Hello AAUW Members,

It's that time of year again! We are sending a friendly reminder to inform all current members about **membership renewal**. Recall that our calendar is a fiscal one, so **memberships expire at the end of June**. Since the Branch does not meet in June and July, the month of May is the ideal time to bring your status up-to-date and to be ready for the new year! For those of you who have already renewed, we sincerely thank you and ask that you disregard this notice. The breakdown of the cost is as follows:

### Dues

National*	\$49.00
State	10.00
Local	15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$74.00</b>

<b>Student Affiliate**</b>	
National	\$17.00
State	5.00
Local	7.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29.50</b>

\*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. Graduate students pay \$18.81 plus the \$12.50 for state and local dues.

Make checks payable to **AAUW Huntsville** and mail them to **Sherry Anderson, 101 Steeplechurch Ct., Huntsville, 35806-4072**. Any questions should be directed to [aauwmember@gmail.com](mailto:aauwmember@gmail.com) or **256-895-8530**.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Funds

### Belk Charity Sale

Amanda Jarrett, AAUW Funds Co-Vice President

**Thanks to all of you** who have supported our spring fund-raising efforts. The money is going to send local college women to attend National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). You came through with flying colors for the **Breaking through Barriers** luncheon at the Valley Hills Country Club. Including donations, we had a profit of about \$2800. We also sold \$370 in tickets for the Spring Belk Charity Sale. We owe a big thank you to our Belk volunteers, Mary Witherspoon and Carol Roach! Because of their work volunteering at Belk the day before the sale, we earned an extra \$140, for a total of \$510 for the event.

Because of our fundraising efforts, we will be sending four students to NCCWSL. We are funding one student each from UAHuntsville, Oakwood University, Alabama A&M, and Drake State Technical College. This is the first year we've funded a student from Drake. Our AAUW branch is able to contribute about \$800 to each school to cover the expenses the students have.

Students attending NCCWSL in June are: UAHuntsville: **Kenya Wallace, Martylee Haggart, and Karelohn Williams**; Alabama A&M: **Laquise Harbin**; Oakwood University: **Janelle Howell** (Janelle also attended NCCWSL last year); and Drake State: **Candace Whitman**. For more information about NCCWSL, please visit the conference website: <http://www.nccwsl.org/>. Remember that we can always use additional funds to help with these efforts. If you would like to make a donation, the check should be made to AAUW Funds and should be mailed to me as soon as possible.

Thanks again for your generosity! I look forward to another round of fundraising in the fall!

NOTE: Additional information about our NCCWSL attendees will be available in the next newsletter.

## Volunteer Opportunities – What's Out There?

### 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 **Amanda Jarrett** at [apjarrett@gmail.com](mailto:apjarrett@gmail.com) if you are interested in working on this project.

**Thanks go to those who brought their donations to the May meeting.** Watch for more information on our progress with this project in the next newsletter.

## Public Policy

Cindi Branham, President

### Women and Work: Hugely Significant to the Future





If you're not a regular reader of **Fortune Magazine**, you might want to take a hard look at the article by Warren Buffet that appears in the May 20, 2013 edition ("Warren Buffet Is Bullish ... on Women").

Buffet acknowledges that women have been relegated to the sidelines for most of American history, noting that notable gains have been made in recent years. However, he notes, by continuing to sideline and derail legislation that would give women an equal footing in the workplace (fair and equitable wages, for one), as well as other issues important to women, America utilizes only half its workforce effectively. If we've got an ally in Warren Buffet, we should sit up, take notice, and renew our commitment to "Take Action."

Read what Warren Buffet had to say about America and our role in its future:

<http://money.cnn.com/2013/05/02/leadership/warren-buffett-women.pr.fortune/index.html>.

Or get the May 20, 2013 issue of **Fortune Magazine**.

## From al.com:

### **White House Directive Aimed at Lowering Pay Gap between Male and Female Federal Workers**

"Continuing a pledge made in his second inaugural address, President Barack Obama is ordering federal agencies to begin developing a plan to address pay discrepancy among its more than 4.4 million employees."

Read more at [http://blog.al.com/breaking/2013/05/white\\_house\\_directive\\_aimed\\_at.html](http://blog.al.com/breaking/2013/05/white_house_directive_aimed_at.html)

## **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/aaup/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

### **Senator Jeff Sessions**

326 Russell Senate Office Bldg, Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-4124 or (256) 533-0979

### **Representative Mo Brooks**

1230 Longworth HOB, Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-4801 or (256) 551-0190

## **News to Note**

Ruth Jurenko, Awards Chair

### **Virginia Hammill Simms Award**

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<http://huntsville-al.aaup.net/>



AAUW Huntsville Branch's nominee for the Virginia Hammill Simms Award, Lorraine Mullin, had lots of support at the banquet. Lorraine said there was too much competition, which speaks well of women and volunteering in our area. The award went to Elaine Lucas Hubbard, the nominee of the Huntsville Community Chorus.



Lorraine, surrounded by her son, Ed Mullin, and her daughter Carolyn Kaplan



Back: Rebecca Harbor Jones, Mary Witherspoon, Lorraine Mullin, Lorraine's daughter Carolyn Kaplan, Beverly Watson, Ellie Lienau, Anna Blair, Carol Roach, Lynda Hall, Peggy East; Front: Lenore Dunn, Carol Codori, Marilyn Robertson, and Mary Johnson.

## AAUW Huntsville Branch Represented at Clinton Global Initiative



Branch member **Joy Agee** attended the [Clinton Global Initiative University \(CGIU\)](http://www.clintonfoundation.org/cgiu) April 5–7 at its sixth annual meeting at Washington University in St. Louis. 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. AAUW is a Strategic Partner of the Clinton Global Initiative and the CGIU. This year's meeting addressed Education, Environment and Climate Change, Peace and Human Rights, Poverty Alleviation, and Public Health.

We look forward to having Joy share her experiences and expertise with us.



Stephen Colbert, Chelsea Clinton, and President Bill Clinton. To see the webcasts from CGIU visit <http://www.cgiu.org/multimedia/webcasts/2013/>

Joy Agee; Kate Farrar, Program Director for AAUW National Student Advisory Council; and Sydney Page, UA Student who brought ElectHer to Tuscaloosa.

Chelsea Clinton hosts a panel discussion on "A Better Future for Girls and Women: Empowering the Next Generation." Panelists include Shabana Basij-Rasikh, Mohammed Unus, Stephen J. Felice, Hawa Abdi Diblaware, and her daughter Deqo Mohamed.

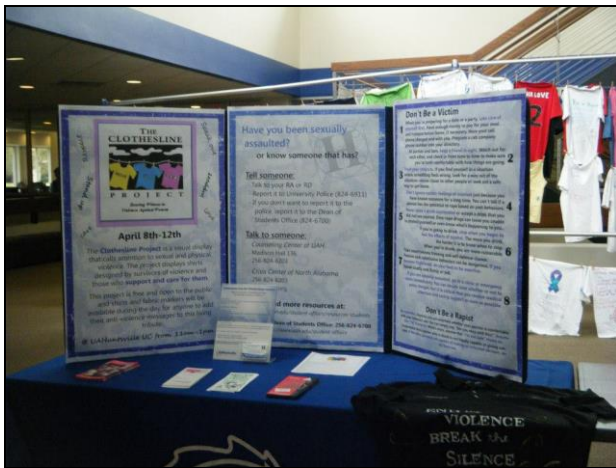
## AAUW College/University Update

Regina Hyatt, AAUW College/University Representative



AAUW is particularly passionate about sexual violence prevention and offers resources to assist campuses in educating students about this important topic. In the AAUW blog post, **10 Ways to Mark Sexual Assault Awareness Month** (found at <http://www.aauw.org/2013/04/01/sexual-assault-awareness-3/>) are 10 helpful tips and advocacy suggestions not just for campus leaders, but for all of us to consider. One especially helpful resource can be found in AAUW's **Campus Sexual Assault Program in a Box** (found at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/campus-sexual-assault-program-in-a-box/>). This contains practical and direct ways that students and campus administrators can promote an end to sexual violence on campus.

UAHuntsville was pleased to partner with **Crisis Services of North Alabama** to present the **Clothesline Project** again this April. The Clothesline Project provides a visual reminder of the impact of violence against women. Students and campus departments contributed t-shirts that illustrate their commitment to end violence, and many shared the personal stories of triumph for those who are survivors of sexual or other kinds of violence.



## NEW STUDY GROUP COMING THIS FALL

### iAdelante! Book of the Month Club

Patricia Smith, Marketing Coordinator

iAdelante! is a Spanish word for forward, and some people use it for the word progress. As members of AAUW, we are forward thinkers and yearn for progress. Adelante is also the name of the AAUW-sponsored book club. The reading list is diverse and at times radical, with fiction and non-fiction titles. Here are some of the books from this year's list:

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<http://huntsville-al.aauw.net/>

April : *Grace and Grit: My Fight for Equal Pay at Goodyear and Beyond* by Lilly Ledbetter

May: *The Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka

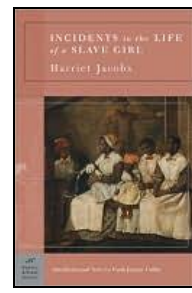
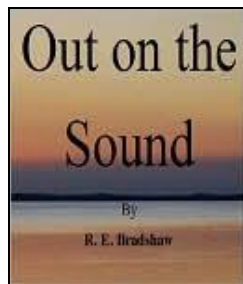
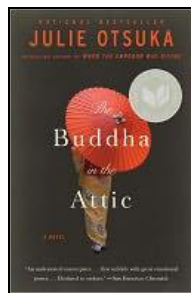
June: *Out on the Sound* by R.E. Bradshaw

July: *Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America* by Melissa V. Harris-Perry.

August: *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* by Harriet Ann Jacobs.

A new list will start in September, but the first organizational meeting will be in August. If you are interested in being part of this group, please contact Patricia Smith ([smithpatricia73@yahoo.com](mailto:smithpatricia73@yahoo.com)) or Karen Rudiger([rkrudiger@att.net](mailto:rkrudiger@att.net)). Join us!!

For additional titles and information visit <http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-of-the-month-club/>.



## Study Groups

### Great Decisions

Great Decisions is on summer break. Watch this space in the August newsletter for details about the 2013-2014 topics. Contact Mary Witherspoon at **256-881-6540** or [witherspoon8@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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.

The past several months we have NOT been able to get two tables with the members of the group. In fact, one table has been a stretch. If any of you have an interest in playing this next year, consider joining us. We would love to have you as part of the group or have you substitute if you don't think you can participate full time.

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

**May**

24 [Pan e Vino Pizzeria, 300 Church Street SW, Huntsville](#)

31 [Café Berlin, 964 Airport Road SW, #3, Huntsville](#)

**June**

7 [Main Street Café, 101 Main Street, Madison](#)

14 [1892 East Restaurant & Tavern, 720 Pratt Avenue NE, Huntsville](#)

21 [Phil Sandoval's Mexican Restaurant, 6125 University Drive NW, Huntsville](#)

28 [Papous Greek Cuisine, 110 Southside Square, Huntsville](#)

**AAUW of Alabama**

Wanda Foster, State President

I want to echo Cindi Branham's pride in the Huntsville Branch and all it does. I'm proud to be a member and I've been nourished many years at this particular tree of wisdom.

I honestly can't think of another organization besides AAUW that provides so much structure and support for women. It goes beyond professional and leadership training to the fact that we esteem and value and, as Cindi says, *like* one another. I'm particularly pleased that we at the state and branch levels are approaching second-year institutions and bringing them into the AAUW experience. We will continue to do so.

I've been attending meetings at other North Alabama branches in the past month or so, and discovering the strengths of each branch has been a delight to me. I also attended AAUW of Alabama's Ready to Run™ training in Birmingham in April and The 2014 Project Alabama Summit at Hampton Cove. I'm proud to say we're planning another Ready to Run™ training in the fall, probably in Birmingham, but if there's enough interest in the Huntsville/North Alabama area, we would certainly be interested in holding another one here.

And, of course, a lucky few of us are off to National Convention in a few weeks to absorb everything we can from the invaluable information that will be shared with us, then we'll try to bring it home. Meanwhile, remember that the state convention next spring will be held in Huntsville, and the host committee; Patti Steelman, State Program VP and a dual member of the Huntsville Branch; and I are already beginning to work on that. As things forge ahead, there'll be plenty of work to do and ample opportunities, I am sure, for volunteers. It's going to be a great convention.

I particularly want to take this opportunity to thank Cindi for her dedication, passion, and effort in leading the Huntsville Branch. We are all the richer for it. The Huntsville Branch is an example of the best a branch can be.



## Announcements

### The Changing Lives of Women – Special NPR Series

*Want More Gender Equity at Work? Go to an Emerging Market*

Read this article and more from the **NPR Series** at <http://www.npr.org/2013/04/22/177511506/want-more-gender-equality-at-work-go-to-an-emerging-market>.

If you'd rather, you can **listen** to the NPR article using the above link. Just select **Listen to the Story**.



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**Little Light International** is looking for....

Donations of fabric, thread, & needles.

Monetary donations to cover shipping costs and travel costs for sewing teachers. (\$200 will purchase a new sewing machine through Rivers for the World.)

*(Only 5% of the LLI budget is used for administrative costs, leaving 95% of all money donated to be used directly for mission endeavors.)*

Seamstresses who want to sew bags for women and children worldwide.

(Project ideas, sewing tips, and patterns are available.)

Sewing teachers to go and teach women in Belize.

Sewing machine repair technicians and teachers to go to Belize and help keep the sewing school machines running.

Contact Charlotte Upton Miller for additional information.

## AAUW National



### Remember to Vote in the 2013 AAUW National Election by June 10

**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](http://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.**

## Hold the Date

### Protecting Yourself in Case of a Medical Emergency

In Alabama, a living will only covers only two extreme cases: getting a terminal diagnosis and being in a permanent vegetative state, so we need to have a durable power of attorney for health care. Branch member **Anna Blair** will be giving an hour-long **LearningQuest** talk on this subject on **Tuesday, July 30, 11:45 a.m.**, at the Huntsville Madison County Public Library (<http://hmcpl.org/learningquest>).



**Arise Citizens' Policy Project**

<http://arisecitizens.org/>

Knowledge, strategies & hope for building a more just, prosperous & healthy future  
Arise Citizens' Policy Project (334) 832-9060

## the 2014 project alabama

Twenty women attended the **North Alabama Women's Summit on Government Leadership** held in Huntsville on Saturday, May 18 at the Hampton Cove Golf Clubhouse. **Audrey Salgado** presented, and University of Alabama PhD candidate **Laura Sojko** shared her research on campaign finance and women candidates.



The 2014 Project Alabama is a statewide, nonpartisan campaign to increase the number of women in the United States Congress and Alabama Legislative Districts and Executive Branch in 2014, relying on a three-pronged strategy:

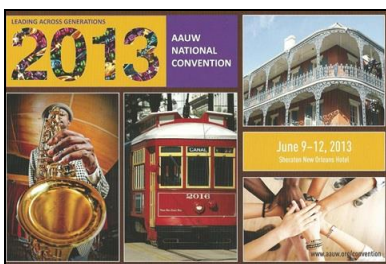
- Direct outreach to diverse executive-level, accomplished women in the private and public sectors who have not previously considered running for office.
- Mobilization statewide to carry out the mission of The 2014 Project Alabama in locations where opportunities for women to run are greatest.
- Launch of 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.

Anyone interested in seeing more women run and be elected to public office, whether you consider yourself a candidate or an advocate/supporter or campaign volunteer, is encouraged to become involved in the effort. The next local events will be **volunteer training sessions: Friday, June 7, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m. - Noon.** Both events will be held at the **Main Branch of the Huntsville Public Library on Monroe St., Huntsville.**

For more information, contact Audrey Salgado, Alabama Chair (dual Huntsville and Birmingham Branch member), at [audreythe2014projectal@gmail.com](mailto:audreythe2014projectal@gmail.com).

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

### Leading Across Generations

Huntsville Branch members who will be attending the AAUW National Convention in New Orleans are: **Sherry Anderson, Anna Blair, Cindi Branham, Jo Ann Cummings\*, Wanda Foster, Ellie Lienau, Devon Reynolds, Audrey Salgado\*, Patti Steelman\*, Mardi Stevens\*, and Beverly Watson.** \*Denotes dual members.

Exciting and inspiring speakers: **Cynthia D'Amour**, President of People Power Unlimited; **Robin Gerber**, expert historian and author; **Melissa Harris-Perry**, 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award Winner; **Lilly Ledbetter**, the "face of pay equity"; and **Senator Olympia Snowe**, 2013 AAUW Achievement Award Winner. Read more about these women at <http://convention.aauw.org/speakers/>.

Members can still sign up at [www.convention.aauw.org](http://www.convention.aauw.org).

Read about the workshops our representatives will be attending at:

<http://convention.aauw.org/agenda/workshops/>

### 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

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### Breaking Through Barriers – Diversity

*If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it.*

*Margaret Fuller (1810-1850), Journalist, Critic, and Womens' Rights Advocate*