



Cobb Update

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Special Dates of Interest

- Jan. 7th - Roving Gourmet
- January 13th - Meeting at Cobb Cty Government Bldg.
- January 17th - Book Group Meeting
- Feb. 4th - Roving Gourmet
- February 5th - CTAUN
- February 8th - Monthly Meeting - STEM Program
- March 19th & 25th - STEM dates
- March 21st - Book Group



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A New Governor, A New Political Climate



THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2011

COBB COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING
100 Cherokee St., Marietta 30060
in the Commissioners' meeting room

We will have refreshments at 6:00
with the Legislative Forum beginning at 7:00 p.m.

At least 6-7 members of Cobb's legislative delegation, including the newest members, have committed to coming to give a short introduction and then answer our questions (BRING YOUR PREPARED QUESTIONS!) about Georgia's new budget realities, etc.

Cobb AAUW, LWV Cobb, and Rho Zeta Omega of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority are again joining together to sponsor the forum. Carol Stephens, our Public Policy Chair, has provided AAUW's leadership for this event.

AAUW will provide refreshments. If you can help with same, contact Tiffany Fannin at tiffanydhorne@bellsouth.net to sign up.

Do come and meet our local legislators at the beginning of this historic session!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN)
"Educating for Action: The United Nations as a Resource"
Saturday, February 5, 2011 9 am - 4 pm
Georgia State University, College of Education

This Conference has been approved for 1 PLU by the Georgia Dept. of Education. Registration is online at https://webpay.gsu.edu/C20797_ustores/web/ Once you click on the URL you will be directed to a GSU page with multiple conferences listed. Look at the left hand list and click on "Educating for Action, Committee for Teaching about the UN." Cost is \$35 for adults and \$10 for students. Some great speakers are coming to Atlanta to participate in this conference. Contact Marie Shockley or Carol Stephens, our representatives to this committee for information and to carpool. carterstephens69@att.net or mommom222002@yahoo.com

Book Group

For additional Book Group information please email or call Denise Bossarte at dci_bst@hotmail.com

Our Book Group meeting will be Monday, January 17th at 7:30 pm
in the home of
Shirley Mills
4282 Presswyck Court
Marietta, GA 30062

Our hostess is providing the refreshments
and will also facilitate the discussion of the book.

Please RSVP to: wemills@bellsouth.net
or 770-973-4498



ROVING GOURMET

SAVE NEXT MONTH'S DATE!!
Friday, February 4th

SUGAR CAKES BAKERY

sugarcakespatisserie.com
101 North Park Square
on the Square in Marietta, 770-218-9994

FRIDAY, January 7th, at 7:00 PM

Parking deck allows free parking after 5:00 PM.
Please contact Marie Shockley for reservations by WEDNESDAY, January 5th
at 770-984-9928 or mommom222002@yahoo.com

Moderate prices, tapas (smaller portions), quiche, entrees, Scallops Espagnole,
Fish & Chips, and much more. Sounds yummy!!!

ANOTHER IMPORTANT DATE!!!

STEM event at SPSU
Cobb AAUW, in collaboration with
Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, will
present a program entitled
"Is There a STEM Career
in Your Future?"
Saturday, MARCH 19,
10:00 - 4:00.

Our STEM chair,
Nancy Coakley,
has gathered an impressive
group of presenters for this our
3rd annual conference at SPSU
Want to help?
Contact Nancy at
Nance34@bellsouth.net
and offer your assistance.

See Page 4 for MORE
important dates---



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LOOK what we did at Bookfair!!!

With all the efforts of all of us, we had the most successful Bookfair yet! That's quite a tall order, but we pulled it off. Cobb had about 25% of the hours worked, so we received roughly \$15,000 of the proceeds.

Scholarships were awarded to:

Amie Barone (Chattahoochee Tech, majoring in accounting)

Krystal Grau (KSU, majoring in geography)

Jessica Harrington (SPSU, majoring in Bus. admin.)

Alberte Luma (Chattahoochee Tech, majoring in Bus. admin. tech.)

Cara Sperry (KSU, majoring in psych.)

Tamara Torres (SPSU, majoring in Computer Engineering

Tech.)

Nicole Weaver (KSU, majoring in psych.)

Those who attended our Dec. 14th reception saw how well our scholarship committee, headed by Linda Stewart (with Nancy Coakley & Denise Bossarte) did in winnowing out the applicants to come up with these terrific young women. All of us at AAUW were impressed.

Now, it is time to look ahead. Our next events are coming up *soon!* Look at Roving Gourmet, at Book Group, and especially at the STEM events that are in the offing.

But, first and foremost, do try to attend the Legislative Forum on **JANUARY 13th**. Refreshments are at 6:30 and the program begins at 7:00 p.m. Carol Stephens has

worked hard on this one, and our branch needs to turn out in support of same.

On a personal note, thanks to one and all for your kind expressions of sympathy upon my mother's death. She was truly one of a kind, and the very last of her generation. We find ourselves thinking, "I'll call.....", and then the reality hits. You've had that, too, right? Then you know. However, we soldier on, especially with the help of our friends.

I'm glad you folks are my friends.

Happy New Year! Shirley



IT'S A NEW YEAR AND A NEW BOOKFAIR TO
PREPARE FOR --- SO

Don't forget our need for workers in the Book Room!!

Working hours in the Book Room are Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

For more info call the Bookroom at 404-261-7646

Address: 3060 Pharr Court North, Atlanta, GA 30305



Are you missing a pink tweed suit jacket with pink satin trim? One has been in the book room since Bookfair and hasn't been claimed.

If it is yours, please call Karen Peters at 770-971-4087.



A sincere thank you to each of the AAUW Cobb members who contributed to the recent memorial for my granddaughter, Rachel Flournoy. The funds were sent to the Barbara J. Crafton Center for Treatment of Women with Addiction, a cause as dear to my heart as AAUW.

Pam Flournoy



"The friend who holds your hand and says the wrong thing is made of dearer stuff than the one who stays away." Barbara Kingsolver

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S A V E T H E S E D A T E S !!

"Why So Few?"

Have you ever asked yourself why so few women go into Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields? Some very impressive AAUW members have not only asked the question, they have researched the issue and written a very well received booklet called "Why So Few?"

AAUW Cobb's Nancy Coakley will present a program at the

Mansour Center on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. on this booklet.

The colorful booklet has graphs, charts, illustrations; it is a veritable treasure-trove of reporting on the group's findings. Nancy has a power-point to share with us, from the "Why So Few?" publishers, as well as copies for each of us of the excellent booklet. Mark your calendar now, to be on hand for this educational program by our STEM chairperson.

STEM event at KSU.

A Mentoring Conference will be held at KSU on Friday, MARCH 25, 2011

In collaboration with the new AAUW affiliate on campus, our STEM chair Nancy Coakley has organized a forum on mentoring, and its effect on retention of women in STEM fields.

The seminar is from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., and we can use help. If interested, please contact Nancy at Nance34@bellsouth.net or Shirley Mills at wemills@bellsouth.net to volunteer.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

MEMBER INFORMATION CHANGES (especially email addresses)

If any of your information has changed, in addition to letting your Branch know, you should go to the AAUW website www.aauw.org;

click on Members' Services, login and change your information online. This will assure that National and State also have the new information.



Thanks

