



Cobb Update

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Special Dates of Interest

- November 2nd - Election Day
- November 5th - Roving Gourmet
- November 9th - Meeting at Mansour Center
- November 15th - Book Group
- December 14th - Reception for Scholarship winners

JUVENILE JUSTICE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2010, 7:00 P.M.
Mansour Center (refreshments)

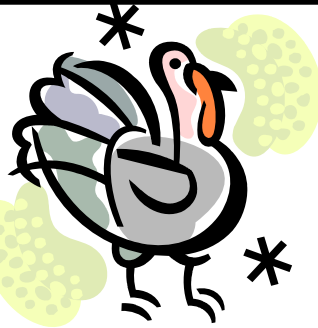
Hilda Tatom, Director of Incentive Program through Fulton County Juvenile Court System

Hilda is a former Vista Worker, who is now continuing to work without pay in the Probation Office of the Fulton County Juvenile Court. Hilda will be speaking to us of the dismal numbers of young black men who fail to graduate from high school, and of their lives as they become embroiled in the court system.

A passionate advocate of these young people, Hilda will speak to us of the reality, and perhaps persuade one or two or three of us to help out in some way. ** See related appeal on pg. 3 on "helping out."

Remember: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mansour Center, 995 Roswell Street, Marietta, 30060.

Please *rsup* to Shirley at wemills@bellsouth.net or 770-973-4498 to say that you will be there.



GOBBLE, GOBBLE!!

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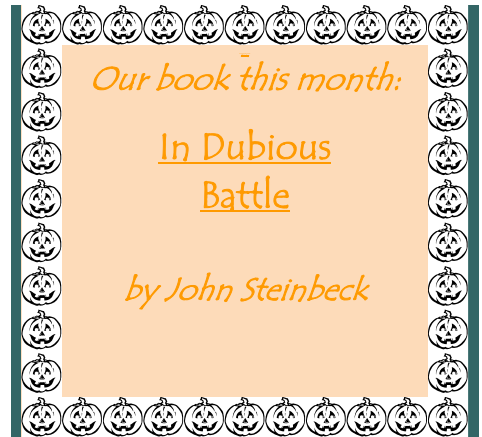
Book Group

For additional Book Group information please email or call Denise Bossarte at
dci_bst@hotmail.com
 770-432-4709

The **AAUW Book Group** will meet on Monday evening,
November 15th at 7:30PM
 at the home of
Nancy Coakley
3776 Clubland Drive
Marietta, GA 30068

Our discussion of the book will be facilitated by Nancy.
 Refreshments provided by Nancy
 She's doing it ALL!!!

If you plan to attend, please contact Nancy Coakley
 at 770-971-8227 or
nance34@bellsouth.net



ROVING GOURMET

Marie Shockley

invites you to join in a meal at

Chequers Seafood Grill
 236 Perimeter Center Parkway NE
 Atlanta, GA 30346

Website:
www.chequersseafood.com

Go to the website for a look at the menu and directions to the restaurant which is near the Perimeter Mall.

Please RSVP by
 Wednesday, November 3rd to

Marie Shockley
 at 770-984-9928. or via email at
mommom222002@yahoo.com

Friday, November 5th
 7:00 PM

WE LOOK FORWARD
 TO
 SEEING YOU!!



AAUW of Georgia state Fall Board Meeting
 October 30, 2010 9:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
 3535 Levy Road, Columbus, GA



Audrey Salgado will be the featured speaker, and our **Debbie Karvey, President AAUW of GA**, informs us that important business will be transacted.

Registration fee is \$18.00 Contact Debbie at debbie.karvey@worldpay.us or Shirley at wemills@bellsouth.net if you can attend.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Many of us are still recuperating from the tremendous Bookfair push--and what a Bookfair! We took in \$62,945.00 during the week of Bookfair (not including the on-line sales throughout the year), but that figure has to be reduced by expenses, tax rebates to dealers, and minus the counterfeit \$5. Yes, we did have a counterfeit \$5--we're just very glad it wasn't a counterfeit \$100 bill! Thank you, thank you, thank you to all you wonderful members - and spouses - who worked so hard to make it possible.

Linda Stewart's committee is hard at work selecting scholarship candidates. Meantime, Nancy Coakley is working on a mentoring workshop in collaboration with our new KSU student affiliates in March. This is in addition to the STEM program in collabo-

ration with the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, as well as the "Why So Few?" program for our own group in February. Talk about a busy lady!

Carol Stephens just produced a Candidate's Forum in collaboration with Cobb League of Women Voters wherein we had 14 legislators or legislative candidates present their positions for the tv cameras on October 21st. Another collaboration for our branch.

Please see excerpts from Arden Stone's most recent letter, on another page. Also see my appeal for \$1 or \$2 from each of you for shipping books in English to Arden's Book Group -- another collaboration for our branch.

All of this is in addition to our regular activities, such as Roving Gourmet and Book Group. We are an active bunch, are we not?

I look forward to seeing everyone at the November 9th meeting with Hilda Tatom. And, put the December meeting on your calendar right now - you won't want to miss that one!

Cordially,
Shirley



CLOTHING CLOSET

How can I help? When Hilda Tatom comes to speak to AAUW on Nov. 9th, one way we can help is by contributing to their Clothing Closet. They are in need of large-sized and maternity clothing for women & girls, in tops, skirts, pants, etc.

You probably don't have any of the above, right? Neither do I. But you MAY have something to contribute in the way of men's jackets, hats (skullcaps), sweaters, & coats. I have some clothes my son has outgrown -- how about yours?? *NEW* packs of children's undershirts or tee-shirts are also welcome.

Can you help? We all have old stuff packed away; I will go through my son's old stuff, and my husband's old stuff: Can you do that, too?

Surely we can at least do this for Hilda's group. Yes? YES!

Best, Shirley

“Education is a progressive discovery
of our own ignorance.”

Will Durant

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In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability. Membership is open to anyone who holds an associate's or equivalent, bachelor's, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

Save the Date

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14th meeting is at the MANSOUR CENTER at 7:00 p.m.

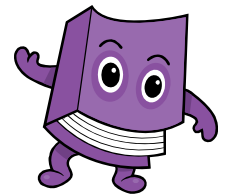
It is a *reception* honoring our Scholarship Recipients. The cost is \$10 per person (heavy hors d'ouvres will be served). It will be imperative that each person *rsup* by Saturday, December 11th, with a firm commitment to wemills@bellsouth.net or 770-973-4498. Checks will need to be sent to Debbie Karvey in advance of the reception.



Bookfair Celebration Brunch

Saturday, December 4, 2010
10:30 a.m.

At May Ruth Bradberry's home
2115 Dunwoody Heritage Drive
Atlanta, GA 30350



Everyone who worked on or contributed to the Bookfair in any way is invited.
Reservations necessary: mrbradberry@comcast.net or 770-399-7628
Thank you to all who helped make this the most successful Bookfair yet!

At Bookfair, I collected lots of books meeting Arden's specifications (good literature of the past 40 years) and put them aside. Then I thought about shipping costs, and put some back; went back and collected more, and put some back, etc. Arden says we should keep the box under 40 pounds, to prevent inspectors opening them. So I'm thinking we have enough for 2 smallish boxes, totaling some 40 pounds or so together.

I've asked Arden for an address to which we will be shipping, and when that comes in, I'll go to the USPS, FedEx, UPS, and the airlines, and find out where we can get the best deal. (I'm hoping we can get them to Ukraine by Christmas.)

At the November 9th meeting, I'll be asking members to contribute \$1 or \$2 each to help defray the cost of shipping. Is this okay with everyone?

I'm recording the titles we're sending, hoping we might be able to do this again next year, as our outreach to Ukraine. Okay?

Your representative, Shirley





Hello, dear friends and family!

I hope all is well with everyone in the good ole' USA. As for Ukraine, I'm told that winter is really not here yet, but it feels like winter! I'm already wearing all my heavy winter clothes. Ukrainians laugh when they see my long coat with what I considered a heavy-duty lining. It's fine for fall, I'm told, but not Ukrainian winters. I will have to buy a new one, plus a hat, too. A warm hat is common gear, plus high-topped, fleece-lined warm boots. There's a place here that makes shoes or boots sized just for you, so I plan to take advantage of that. I'm dreading winter. I've heard it was brutal last year. Lots of snow and ice. No wonder Ukrainians eat so many potatoes. They are cheap and last through the winter. I've already seen people at the bazaar buying huge, back-breaking, bags of potatoes and onions. Not a good sign.

Every Tuesday at 5:00 pm I lead an English Club at the library. About 25-35 come each time. Ages range from 18 and up; most in their 20s. Only one or two have ever travelled outside Ukraine and none of them have ever flown on an airplane, but they all speak English at varying levels of fluency. They all seem so excited to meet an American and want to know all about our country. or anything western. This week, we talked about Elvis Presley (what made him a legend, etc.), and watched a video of some of his concerts. Now they want to do the same with Michael Jackson! Next week, I plan to teach them how to play Jeopardy, using questions I make up about America.

I made borsch soup from scratch last weekend. Fresh beets, tomatoes, carrots, onions, potatoes, cabbage, parsley and dill, all stewed in a chicken broth made from two chicken legs. It was delicious. I practically ate the whole pot at one time. I go to the bazaar (a mob scene) every Saturday morning to get everything fresh I will need for the week. Others things I get at the Ekco Mart--a small supermarket near the bus stop on my way home. They have a bakery that has wonderful bread. I've learned enough Russian to get my shopping done, get directions, etc. but I need to learn much more. I have a tutor that comes once a week to my apartment for a 1.5 hour session. She's trying hard to get the southern accent out of my Russian.

The picture at the top of my email is what I've seen from the bus window when I travel across Ukraine on 5-7 hour rides in buses to Kiev or Chernigiv, on fragmented roads that could barely be called paved. You also see many long stretches of uncultivated land. The bus or train pass through many small towns or tiny villages where you see old men and women herding gaggles of geese or a milk cow or two down the road. Horse-drawn carts are still in use. I see cranes with huge nests on top of telephone poles. How the nests stay atop these poles is an engineering feat. Ukraine (about the size of Texas), has the highest percentage of arable land in the world. It has vast potential in the agricultural sector because the black soil is so rich and fertile. The land is mostly flat with many water resources. But since the collapse of the Soviet Union, much of the land is still under dispute as to ownership, and so Ukraine's potential is held in check. The country is ripe for agri-business investment.

My biggest daily challenge is (1) necessity of long walks to any destination--often including stairways with parts of steps missing, on sidewalks full of ruts and dips and sometimes big potholes. This necessitates watching every step you take so you don't fall and break your neck, and (2) making sure you don't get hit by a car or bus trying to cross a wide street or one no wider than an alley. This takes some care--watching where to step while watching for oncoming traffic at the same time. I'm getting good at it. So far.....I miss you all so much. Please ask any questions that you have about anything. I'm happy to say that everyone here has been incredibly friendly and welcoming. The Ukrainians have suffered and endured a lot in their not so distant past. They hope for so much in this time of transition from Soviet repression to learning what it means to have the privileges and responsibilities of freedom and independence.

Love, Arden in Sumy, Ukraine