



Cobb Update

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Special Dates of Interest

- June 3—Roving Gourmet
- June 20 - Book Group
- July 1 - Roving Gourmet**
- July 18 - Book Group
- August 15 - Book Selections Meeting and Potluck



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Welcome to summer!!

As we look forward to family time and gatherings during the summer month, we will look forward to monthly gatherings of Roving Gourmet on the first Fridays of the month and Book Group Discussion on the third Mondays of the month. Branch meetings and events will resume in Augusts or early September. We will keep you posted.

The new leadership team for AAUW Cobb County 2016-2017 will function as a collaborative steering committee to create an engaging and energizing year of programs, events and advocacy. We will try very hard to be as energizing and committed as Arden Stone, our current Branch President, has been.

We cannot thank her enough for all she has done for the branch ... and we wish her continued good fortune as she searches for her new place in the sun and we hope she returns to us often. The year ended on May 10th, with an outstanding celebration dinner at Indian Hills Country Club (planned so beautifully by Nancy Coakley) as members and guests gathered to celebrate Woman of the Year, Shameka Wilson, KSU Women's Resource Center Director and recognize Scholarship recipients (Catherine Ellis and Sydney Saylor, both KSU students and AAUW Chapter leaders.)

Arden initiated excellent community programs that we will continue to focus on in the coming years: Cobb County 8th Grade Essay Contest, Domestic Violence Advocacy, KSU involvement, and a Salute to Military Women.

The new Cobb AAUW leadership team includes: Debbie Karvey (Administrator,) Amy Stevens (Treasurer,) Karen Peters (Secretary,) Judy Ribarsky (Newsletter) and Bea Piddock will guide us through updating Working Policies and Procedures this year to be in line with the new By-laws. We would like to encourage members to join the team and guide our branch as Membership, Public Policy, Diversity, Historian and/or STEM leaders. Our team is very collaborative, welcoming and easy to work with. (con. Pg.4)

Book Group News

For additional Book Group information please email or call Bonnie Williams at 770-971-6130
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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP – Bonnie Williams, Chair

June 20th 2:00PM - Book Group is June 20th at **2:00** in the afternoon. We will be meeting at the **Government Center** on Lower Roswell Road. The book is, **The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry** by Gabrielle Zeven. Jane Benjamin will facilitate and Rita Neal will provide refreshments.

Please RSVP to: Bonnie Williams – 770-971-6130 or bonniebw41@att.net

July 18th 2:00PM - Our selection is, **A Spool of Blue Thread** by Ann Tyler. This meeting will also be at **2:00PM**.

August 15th – 6:30PM @ Jane Benjamin's In August we will be voting on books for 2016-17. Please send your suggestions to me before mid-July. If you would like to be a member of the "weeding" committee, please let me know. As of now, Karen Peters and Nancy Coakly have volunteered.

Our many thanks to Barbara Hammond who was our chair for several years. She kept us organized and informed. Great job!

ROVING GOURMET



FRIDAY, June 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

Hook Line and Schooner

4600 West Village Place, Suite 3009

Smyrna, GA

(770) 333-3338

hooklineschooner.com

Judy is collecting reservations - 770-319-1776 or jvr@pcvisions.com



**Our July Roving Gourmet
will be held on **July 1st!**

More to follow on where it will be—anybody have a choice of restaurant for July? Let Judy know, please - 770-319-1776



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hate goodbyes, so I'm not saying goodbye. I'm saying "see ya later" or "after while crocodile" if getting corny isn't too corny. By the time you read this, I will have begun my road trip to San Diego, CA. If that is to be my home away from home is as yet undetermined. I'm trying out different lifestyles in the latter phase of my life to see what will be the best fit for me. The main draw is that my daughter and three granddaughters live there. I'm sure there are those who understand that motivation.

I've enjoyed being President of AAUW Cobb for the 2015-2016 term of office. Of course, there were times when I felt like "What did I get myself into?" But the good part is that I got to know my fellow members much better and saw in each one of you a unique individual with a warm heart and brains to go with that inner beauty.

I also got to meet other wonderful people: Dr. Gail Scott at KSU, Psychology professor and mentor for the fantastic young women who are members of our campus affiliate. Shameka Wilson, Director of KSU Resource Center and our Woman of the Year, was another I came to admire for such dedication to her work. I hope the strong ties that developed with KSU continue to be strong. Our scholarship winners, Sydney Saylor and Catherine Ellis, will be leading the campus group next year and are already planning interesting projects that they will initiate and seek collaboration with other student groups. It was also a pleasure to meet great women at the YWCA who do so much for Cobb women by providing shelter for domestic abuse victims and treatment for women victimized by sexual assault. I became better acquainted with women in the League of Women Voters, too, when I joined them to get university students registered to vote.

I learned a lot at general meeting programs, such as the one that Elridge McMillan spoke on children at risk. His talk gave me insight into our public school system, which needs AAUW support. One way to do that is to hold the 8th Grade Girls Essay Contest again next year. Principals and teachers expressed the hope that AAUW Cobb would do so. Another program, held during Women's History Month, was the memories shared by Bea Piddock and Amy Stevens, United States Navy veterans. They were trail blazers. You all have your own stories to tell that should be told. I look at the directory and see what extraordinary lives have been led. You are all well-educated and have had successful careers, but you are also good cooks. I learned that at the potluck "Thanks for Giving" celebration in November, and when we had the reception for the Essay winners: Wow! What a spread! Thank goodness a traditional female trait still survives. Of course, we all gained pounds when Yetta brought the food other times. It put some Roving Gourmet restaurants we went to, to shame.

The bottom line is this: I've been blessed to be President and thank you for giving me the opportunity to get to know so many dynamic women in Cobb County and to be inspired by them—especially the women of AAUW Cobb. Sometimes a person can go far away to live for a while, such as I have, but when you come home you realize that there's so much to do and great people to know right here in your own backyard.

Sincerely, Arden

“There are no strangers here; only friends you haven’t yet met.”
William Butler Yeats

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.

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Please touch base with Debbie Karvey or any member of the leadership team to inquire about how you can help the branch realize another successful year for the branch. We hope to hear from you over the summer and look forward to a great branch year together.

Debbie and Cobb AAUW Team



ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!!

If you haven’t received—Pam Flournoy’s new email is: Flournoy_Pam@comcast.net

Dues

Branch dues are payable for the 2016-2017 year. Dues should be paid by July 1st. Check for \$71 (\$49 National, \$10 State, \$12 Branch) is payable to AAUW of Cobb County. Checks may be sent to PO BOX 673683 Marietta GA 30006. Members may also renew membership online with a credit card.



Joan Zenteno giving her dues ck to Treasurer Amy!



Our scholarship winners—Catherine Ellis and Sydney Saylor



On left our 2012 Scholarship winner with her daughter Alexis to the right of Yetta!



Our Woman of the Year Shameka Wilson, KSU Women’s Resource Center Director with Arden and Karen



Dr. Gayle Scott, Faculty Advisor to KSU AAUW Group, Sydney & Catherine

AAUW Atlanta 57th Annual Book Fair

Hot off the press!!!!

AAUW of Atlanta 2016 Book Fair finally has an executed contract with GGP for our fall book sale at Perimeter Mall.

Due to ongoing renovations we will be setting up the book fair in the event space in front of Macy's – lower level. The Dillard's event space will not be available as renovation work will be done on the floors and the space must be cleared each night for the working crew. Sharon Bevis-Hoover (Book Room Chair/Steering Committee Chair,) Karen Milchus (Floor Plan Guru) and I met with Margaret Craig (Perimeter Mall Coordinator) and Emily Narchus (GGP Sales/Marketing Manager) on Tuesday at Perimeter to do a 'walk through' and scope out the event space. It will work out very well for our book sale to return to Perimeter Mall. Mark your calendar and make yourselves available to volunteer for shifts. We also encourage you to ask friends, family and fellow book lovers to help out with the book fair – especially as we will be merchandising inventory more often than in previous years.

Mark these important dates on your calendar:

Sunday, September 25th

AM: Set-Up Tables/Bookcases

PM: Move in Book Inventory

Monday, September 26th

PM: Collectors and Dealers Opening Night

Tuesday, September 27th

Mall Hours: Book Fair Opens

Through

Sunday, October 2nd

Mall Hours: Book Fair Last Day

Sunday, October 2nd

PM: Tear Down Sale

Please give generously of your time, encourage others to join us – so we can fund our scholarships and community projects for the coming year. It is going to be great to be back at Perimeter.

FROM NOW UNTIL MID-SEPT.....



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



A great time was had by all!!



Simoine Kenya 2015 NCCWSL student and outgoing KSU AAUW Chapter President.



Yetta, Dr. Scott, Shameka, Arden, Sydney, Simoine & Catherine

Fun catching up with
Barbara and Gene Stidfole at Aspens.
Barbara is a former Cobb AAUW member now living
in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.
Judy and Randy Ribarsky, Karen and Ray Peters,
as well as Barbara Blue and Debbie Karvey also
enjoyed visiting over a good meal.



Congratulations to our new AAUW Georgia State Officers!

Co-President 2016-2018 Myra Carmon-Atlanta Branch
Communications VP 2016-2018 Faye McCord-Cartersville-Bartow Branch
Membership Chair 2016-2018 Shirley Hubbard- Cobb Branch
Public Policy Chair Debbie Karvey- Cobb Branch
Bylaws Chair Evelyn Merk-Houston-Peach Branch
Funds Chair Marlene Humphry- Houston-Peach Branch

I look forward to working with everyone for the upcoming year. Our state board meeting will be held in:

Macon, Georgia on Saturday August 27th

The hotel or site will be announced as soon as it is confirmed. Everyone enjoy your summer vacation.

Yetta McMillan *(our very own Yetta—she's a busy lady!!)*

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