



Cobb Update

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Special Dates of Interest

- Nov 4 - Roving Gourmet
- Nov 21 - Book Group
- Dec 4 - Holiday Get-together and Roving Gourmet



There will not be a meeting in November.

October Program and Branch Meeting Recap:

On Tuesday, October 11th, AAUW Cobb County Branch hosted Kendra Cotton with the Georgia Association of Educators. Kendra stepped in at the last minute to replace Janet Kishbaugh JD who was unable to attend. Ms. Cotton provided attendees with materials and information on Amendment One (Opportunity School District) and fielded questions raised by members. This was an important and informative session that helped to shed light on this important education issue on the November 8th General Election ballot. A big shout out goes to our hospitality volunteers who provided a bounty of refreshments for the meeting.

Please remember to give generously or donate your time to honor veterans and those community members who serve us in the military.



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PUBLIC POLICY EVENT:

The Atlanta Branch hosted a Public Policy Conference and Legislative Update on Saturday, October 15th, at the Marietta Conference Center. This was a multi-branch public policy event and speakers included: Erica Clemmons, Organizer with 9to5; Melissa Johnson, Senior Policy Analyst with Georgia Budget and Policy Institute and Kelli Persons, Program and Advocacy Director with the Georgia League of Women Voters. As AAUW of Georgia State Public Policy Chair, Debbie Karvey provided introductory remarks and applauded the collaborative efforts of these organizations to bring attention to important issues for Georgia women and families. The League presented information on voting from registration to the polls; 9to5 spoke about equal pay and the Family Care Act and GBPI addressed economic opportunity for Georgia women.



Book Group

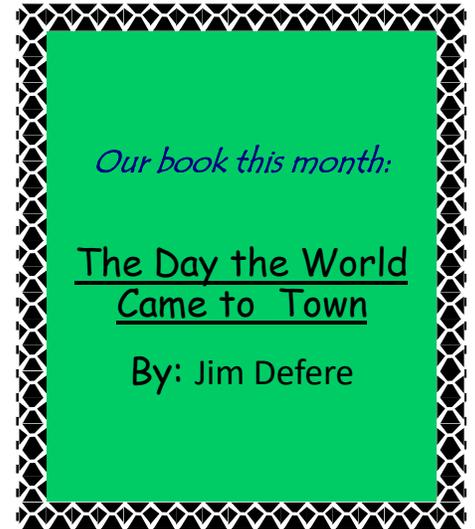
For additional Book Group information please email or call Bonnie Williams at 770-971-6130
bonniebw41@att.net

I was able to reserve the large room at the East Cobb Library for our November 21st meeting. We will be in the large meeting room to the left of the lobby. Our Debbie will be **facilitator** for our book, saying: I read this book while spending 10 days in Canada ... so feel 'tuned in' to Canadians, eh! (I experienced a warm sense of community while I was in Victoria, not Gander.)

The Day the World Came to Town by Jim Defere. 😊

Since we will not be in a home, please BYOB plus there is a beverage machine in the lobby.

Only 5 of us were able to attend in October! Hope more of you attend in November. Bonnie



DECEMBER SOCIAL:



Mark your calendars!!

In conjunction with the MOS Holiday Concert on Sunday, December 4th at the Roswell United Methodist Church, there will be a dinner gathering at a local restaurant. Members and guests are invited to attend one or both of the events, as your holiday schedule permits. Plans are in the works and a notice will be sent to members when all the details are completed.

ROVING GOURMET

November 4th, 7 p.m.

Vincent's Italian Restorante



3412 Ernest Barrett Pkwy NW, 30064
 678-290-2031

“Where homesick New Yorkers go for their Italian food.....”
www.vincentsitalian.com

Please RSVP to Joan Zenteno 678-309-1323

Above note: Next month we will combine Roving Gourmet with our Holiday Get-together on Sunday Dec. 4th.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we look forward to celebrating another successful year of fundraising through our book fair activities, I want to extend my appreciation to all who have helped with branch activities and coordination in my absence and also extend my apologies for my very extended time away and consequent lack of focus. Many of you know starting this summer I have had a very unusual year with family dramas and traumas that have pulled me away for extended periods of time.

Family challenges are being met and resolved. I recently returned from a 10 day stay in Victoria, British Columbia, where our youngest sister, Candy, is undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer and who, I am happy to report, is responding well to chemo, is out of the hospital staying with friends and whose wonderful laugh is continuing to warm all our hearts.

I look forward to holiday times together with social events and gatherings and I also look forward to working together in 2017 on programs and activities centered around community involvement, student scholarships and commitment to AAUW Cobb.

Debbie



BOOK FAIR CELEBRATION:

We are thankful to so many of our members who graciously gave of their time and energy during the annual AAUW Book Fair at Perimeter Mall. To that end, a Book Fair Celebration has been scheduled for November 6th, Sunday. Please plan to attend and share in this time of celebration and recognition.



Please join us to celebrate the success of our 57th Annual AAUW Bookfair on **Sunday, November 6, from 2:00 – 4:00**. We will meet at Eclipse di Luna to enjoy a selection of their famous tapas. A cash bar will be available if you would like to try their popular Sangria and other libations. Bookfair Chair Debbie Karvey will announce our results, present proceeds to the Branch Presidents, and announce our Super Worker awards.

Eclipse di Luna is located in the back of Park Place at 4505 Ashford Dunwoody Road, across the street from Perimeter Mall. Look for an invitation in your Inbox!

“We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.” Albert Einstein

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

As Halloween is right around the corner, the holidays are not far behind.

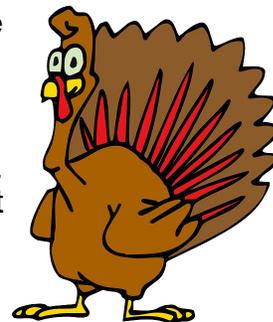
I am asking that our members take a moment to consider working on an upcoming committee that will begin their focus in the New Year. Please contact Debbie Karvey (debbiedah@msn.com / 770-591-7956) to let her know which committee you would like to work on for the branch:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Scholarships will be available online on the branch website in January for student applications. Committee members work together to review the applications and determine the most deserving recipient(s). The timeline for the committee is middle to late March after the scholarship deadline.

EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS ESSAY CONTEST COMMITTEE:

Applications for students will be provided to middle school principals in January. Committee members work together to review the essays and select the most deserving applicants.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Committee members work together to encourage members to participate in a leadership capacity for the branch during the 2017-2018 year. The committee begins the search in February and provides a slate of nominees in April.

Update on Norma Cannon:

We have all been concerned about how Norma has been doing after her diagnosis with a critical illness. I am sharing a report from Barbara Hammond who stopped in to check on Norma on Friday, October 28th at Kennestone Hospital.

I went to see Norma this afternoon and was so thrilled to see that she was walking around. She smiled and called me by name--and told the nurse about our organization. I saw her Tuesday when she was sleeping. The nurse tried to wake her for her meal and was unable to get her awake. So, seeing her today--close to "normal" was a delightful surprise. It brought tears to my eyes.

She said she still had short term memory problems. She had been to PT this morning and couldn't really remember it. So it comes and goes---but she has come so far that I have confidence that she'll completely recover. Prayers answered!