



Cobb Update

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Special Dates of Interest

- March 5th— A Powerful Noise
- March 7th— Our 30th Anniversary Celebration
- March 13th—Roving Gourmet
- March 16th—Book Group Meetings
- April 24-25, 2009 GA State Convention in Milledgeville



Happy St. Patrick's Day

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AAUW of Cobb: 30th Anniversary Celebration

March 7, 2009 at 10:30AM
Marietta Country Club
Cost: \$25

The 30th Anniversary Committee (Sylvia Goodyear, Bea Piddock, Debby Shonka, Bonnie Williams) are busy planning a wonderful celebration. Besides a lovely setting and brunch, our program will be a review of our accomplishments of the last 30 years. This would be a wonderful opportunity to invite prospective members, friends, etc. If you would like to have someone receive an invitation, please send the name and address to Bonnie Williams at bonniebw41@att.net.

By now, you should have received an invitation. If not, please contact Bonnie Williams at 770-971-6130 or email to bonniebw41@att.net. The cost of \$25 is due from each member and guest attending.



FROM OUR STATE PRESIDENT, PAT DE WITT: There is much to be excited about in AAUW right now. First of all, our state convention has been scheduled for April 24-25 in Milledgeville, Georgia. We will have most of the meetings on the campus of Georgia Military College. That sounds, well, military, but you will be pleased with the beauty of the campus. It includes the historic Georgia State Capitol building. We will have the plenary sessions in the new Concert Hall. Milledgeville is rich in historic, even antebellum districts that you can tour while walking. Our convention is concentrated on Friday evening and all day Saturday, but you might want to come early or stay over to take advantage of the city and regional attractions. The hotel rate at Comfort Suites continues through Saturday night.

At state convention, Friday evening will be devoted to AAUW internal affairs, including awards presentations. We will host an official AAUW Champion, Thomasyn H. Smith of Alabama, who will speak to and with us on current new developments including the proposed bylaws. Dr. Smith, a licensed speech-language pathologist, presently serves as an Association Director at Large for AAUW and is a past president for the state of Alabama. For Saturday, we have based the program on the national motto, Breaking the Barriers for Women, with a particular emphasis on women in other cultures. (See pages 5 and 6 for a registration form and directions to the Military College.)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Is it already March???? It seems hard to believe that our much anticipated 30th Anniversary Gala is NOW!! I hope you are all as excited as I am to see the video presentation and to reminisce about the past!

Let's not forget, though, to think about the future. We have started some excellent programs and collaborations. I hope that we can continue to pursue them as we embrace our new members. Welcome to Jean Cragg, Kathy Brooke and Joan Zenteno!

We had a fantastic meeting at

Girls, Inc. in February! They were most gracious hosts and the remake done by WSB-TV is fantastic! At our meeting Beth, Marcia, and Sylvia did a good job highlighting the changes being proposed at the National Convention. Our membership at the meeting was in unanimous agreement to oppose the change to eliminate a degree as a requirement for membership. They also were unanimously in support of the incorporation into a 501 C -3 organization for the majority of our activities with a separate 501 C-4 organization

that administers the AAUW Action Fund, which would allow us to continue our political lobbying on our issues. This would mean that a part of our dues would now be tax -deductible. We also want to support the one person one vote for elections. This could be accomplished by electronic voting as well as by mail. The membership did express concern for loss of regional representation on the board. Upon completion of our panel discussion and decisions made on the issues to be brought before the membership in St. Louis, we voted to appoint Marcia

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Book Group

The **AAUW Book Group** will meet on Monday evening, **March 16th at 7:30PM** at the home of **Carol Allegood** **4572 Northside Drive Acworth, GA 30101**

Our discussion of the book will be facilitated by Debbie Karvey and refreshments provided by Mary K. Carlton. If you plan to attend, please contact Carol Allegood

at 770-529-9376 or TCAllegood@comcast.net

1 pm discussion at the Government Center Conference room on March 16th will be facilitated by Judy Ribarsky. Bonnie Williams will co-ordinate the daytime meetings. If you are interested in the daytime group, please contact Bonnie at Bonniebw41@ATT.net or 770-971-6130 at your earliest convenience.

Note: Those Who Save Us by Jenna Blum will be read for our May 18th meeting.**

For additional Book Group information please email Joanne Gareau at gareau109@comcast.net



ROVING GOURMET

Karen Peters invites you to join **(on the second Friday)** in a meal at

SOHO'S
4300 Pace's Ferry Road SE
Atlanta, GA 30339
 Directions and menu seen at www.sohoatlanta.com
 770-801-0069

SOHO'S is a 150 seat restaurant located in historic Vinings that serves flavorful contemporary fare inspired by many cultural cuisines. It was named "Best Eclectic Restaurant" for 2007-2008 by Zagat.

RSVP by Wed., March 11 th via phone or e-mail.
 Please contact: **Karen Peters**
770-971-4087 or
krpeters12@aol.com

Friday, March 13, 2009
7:00 PM

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!



Greetings from Karen Peters, Debbie Karvey and Carolyn Freeman, your Cobb nominating committee

It's nomination time for 09-10 AAUW of Cobb County branch officers. Please be prepared and receptive if the nominating committee contacts you about serving on the board.

Duties officially transfer 7/1/2009, for the 2009-2010 AAUW calendar year, ending 6/30/2010. A transition board meeting is traditionally planned sometime in the late summer.

Branch leadership will be able to assist any member serving in a position for the first time.

Available branch positions are:

President	VP of Program
VP of Membership	Secretary

The branch is fortunate to have members representative of so many professions and leadership skills. If you would like to know more about any of the branch officer positions and responsibilities, please touch base. The aauw.org website also has many helpful online tools and resources.

The nominating committee will initially contact existing branch officers, extending them the courtesy of choosing to continue on in their current position, or to consider continuing on as a "Co-President or as a "Co-Vice President," or possibly to elect to serve in another position.

Karen, Debbie and Carolyntalk with you soon! :)

Contact Karen:

770 - 971-4087 / KRPeters12@aol.com

Contact Debbie:

770 - 591-7956 / Debbiedah@msn.com

Contact Carolyn:

770 - 499-9614 / ccfreeman@yahoo.com

BOOK ROOM NEWS

Our BOOK ROOM which operates year round to prepare for the BOOKFAIR in September is in NEED of our Cobb Branch members volunteering their time!!

The BOOKFAIR is put on by the three Atlanta area branches and the net proceeds are divided among the Branches based on time worked by Branch members. Therefore if we are to receive the share we have received in the past or even a greater share, our members must put in more hours. You will have lots of fun, learn new skills, and enjoy camaraderie while helping to earn the money that funds AAUW's educational and social philanthropy. I urge you to check it out and see how you can help to make this project even more successful.

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

For more info call the

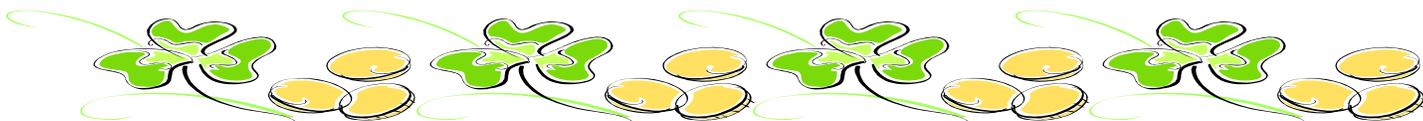
Bookroom at 404-261-7646

Address: 3060 Pharr Court North, Atlanta, GA 30305



GOOD NEWS

After a year-long hiatus, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund's electronic newsletter, *LAF Express*, is back to keep our states and branches informed on all the latest LAF activities, deadlines, and programming resources. If your branch or state has LAF news you would like to share, please e-mail Holly Kearn at kearh@aauw.org.



Celebrating History through Her Story

The League of Women Voters Marietta-Cobb and the YWCA of Northwest Georgia will host the first annual Celebrating History Through Her Story. The event will be held at the Workforce Development & Conference Center at Chattahoochee Tech on **Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m. until noon**. This year's focus will be on first elected women officials in Cobb with a panel including Victoria Chastain, the first female Mayor of the City of Marietta; The Honorable Dorothy Robinson, the first female elected Superior Court Judge of Cobb County Judicial Circuit; Lynda Coker, first female state representative from Cobb; Barbara Williams, the first female Cobb County Commissioner; and Alisha Thomas Morgan, the first African American female state representative from Cobb. Chairing the event are Pam Flournoy with the League of Women Voters Marietta-Cobb and Holly Comer, CEO & Executive Director of the YWCA. The event will be a highlight of Women's History Month and there will be **no charge to attend**. If you would like more information or to reserve your seat as space is limited, please contact Holly Comer at 770-423-3562 or e-mail her at hcomer@ywcanwga.com.

**MOST OF THE THINGS WORTH DOING IN THE
WORLD HAD BEEN DECLARED IMPOSSIBLE
BEFORE THEY WERE DONE.**
—LOUIS BRANDEIS

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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.

Member Additions and Changes:

Please welcome our new member!!

Joan K. Zenteno
221 Ennisbrook Drive
Smyrna, GA 30082
678-309-1323
Cell: 678-852-0231
jzenteno@bellsouth.net

Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio
BA in Elementary Education
Universidad Catolica de Puerto Rico – Ponce
Masters in TESOL
Retired teacher, 18 yrs. elem, 10 yrs. Univ
Reading, Spanish, Cultural activities, Travel

*Please inform the editor of
any additions or corrections
to the
Year Book.*



SAVE THESE DATES: April 24-25, 2009 Georgia State Convention — Ann Bertoli of Milledgeville has secured the “beautiful new facilities” at Georgia Military College for our state convention with no fees!



June 26-28, 2009 National AAUW Convention, St. Louis, MO



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Capriotti and Beth Farokhi as our voting delegates at the Convention with instructions to vote on the issues as the membership decided at the meeting. We also voted to give \$400 each to these two elected representatives toward their registration fee and expenses. Marcia and Beth in addition to our newly elected President will be our representatives at National Convention in St. Louis. We will have a short business meeting after our 30th Anniversary Gala.

Take part in this [exclusive International Women's Day event](#) on March 5, 2009, featuring the acclaimed documentary film, *A Powerful Noise*, followed by a live town hall discussion at these local theatres. This event begins at 7:30 pm. Cost is \$15 a ticket. [Panelists](#) include:



Kennesaw showing is at AMC Barrett Commons 24. Marietta showing is at Merchant's Walk Stadium Cinema 12.

Carol Stephens will be at the Kennesaw theatre and Beth Farokhi at the Marietta theatre. Go to the website <http://www.apowerfulnoise.org> for more info.

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.

Thank you!



AAUW OF GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION
 APRIL 24-25, 2009 GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE
 MILLEDGEVILLE GEORGIA

Welcome AAUW of Georgia members to the 2009 State Convention, hosted by the Milledgeville Branch. The meetings will be held in the Concert Hall and meals will be in the dining hall. The proposed agenda is condensed below. A general map of the Milledgeville area is attached. If you have any questions, please contact President Pat DeWitt at 706-766-5068 (cell) or 706-233-7308 (work) or Program Vice President Marlene Humphry at 478-956-3854 (home) or 478-918-3666 (cell) or by email at mhumphry@cox.net

Convention Agenda: Breaking Barriers for Women

Friday, April 24

4:00-6:00 Registration
 6:15-7:30 Dinner and Awards
 7:45-9:15 Evening Program featuring
 AAUW Champion Thomasyne H.
 Smith
 9:15-9:30 Transfer to hotel (see below) for
 President's Reception

Saturday April 25

8:00-9:00 Continental Breakfast at hotel or
 on own
 9:00-9:30 Opening Ceremonies
 9:30-10:30 Plenary Session: International
 Women's Concerns
 10:30-10:45 Morning Break
 10:45-11:45 Breakout Sessions
 (Students/Regular): Job Ne-
 gotiation and Pay Equity
 12:00-1:15 Lunch
 1:30-2:30 Breakout Sessions
 (Students/Regular): Women's
 Health
 2:45-3:45 Plenary Session: Women in
 Other Cultures Near Us
 3:45-4:00 Afternoon Break
 4:00-5:00 Student get-together and dis-
 cussion

Hotel Information		
Comfort Suites Milledgeville		
2621 North Columbia Street		
478-453-2212		
\$82.80 plus tax per night (2 persons per room)		
Additional persons (\$8.00)		
Reserve by March 24, 2009		
Convention Costs		
Registration		\$30.00
Meals	Friday Dinner	\$16.00
	Saturday Lunch	\$13.00

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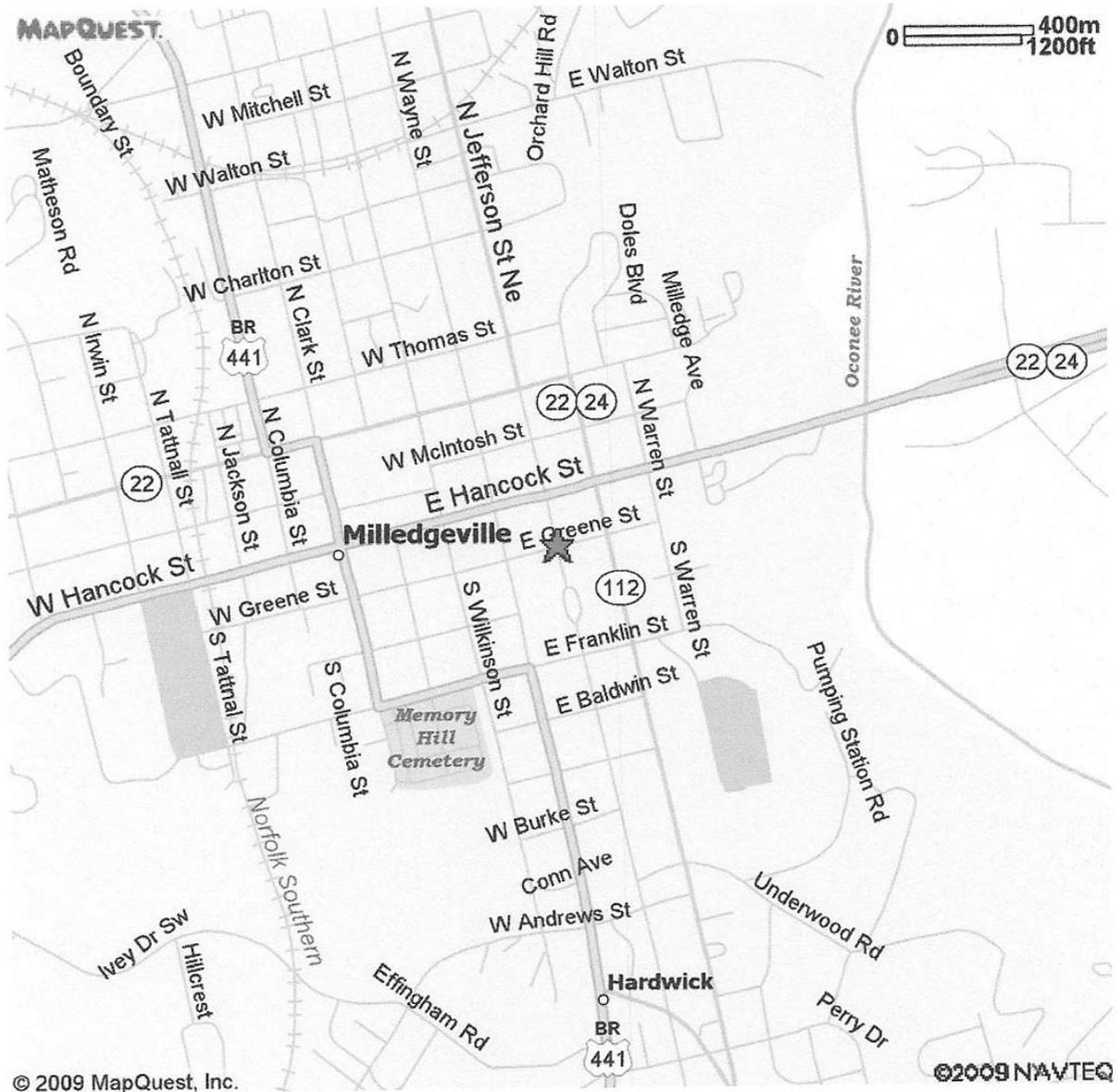
Branch Office or Committee Chair _____ State Office _____

Student? _____ If Yes, College or University Name _____

Send Registration with checks make payable to AAUW of Georgia in the amount of \$59 (for registration and both meals, or Registration and separate meal cost(if Necessary) to: Marlene Humphry, 141 Majestic Oak Circle, Byron GA 31008, no later than April 13, 2009.

Amount Enclosed: _____
 Please register directly with the hotel and mention "AAUW"

Georgia Military College
201 E Greene St
Milledgeville, GA 31061-3519



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