



# Cobb Update

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### Special Dates of Interest

- April 9 - Meeting at Mansour
- April 15 - Book Group
- April 26-27 - GA AAUW State Convention-Atlanta
- May 3 - Roving Gourmet
- May 14 - Meeting at Mansour
- June 9-12 - National AAUW



## Live Healthier! Learn How!

Come to our Meeting!!

Tuesday, April 9th

at 7:00 p.m.

at the Mansour Center

Our April meeting should be of interest to all of us who are more and more concerned about our health. Our guest speaker will be Janis Kleinberger who will speak on Integrated Medicine. Janis is a friend of member Marty Hughes who had her speak to our Looking Ahead group. She was so interesting that we wanted a larger audience to hear her views and experience some of her methodologies. She also works in the Hospice field and does energy field, reflexology, and Reiki sessions, Reiki is a practice that strengthens and supports our natural ability to heal by encouraging the system towards balance physically, emotionally, spiritually and mentally. We are certain that you will find her helpful and interesting. She will be available as well to answer your questions.

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# Happy Springtime!

# Book Group

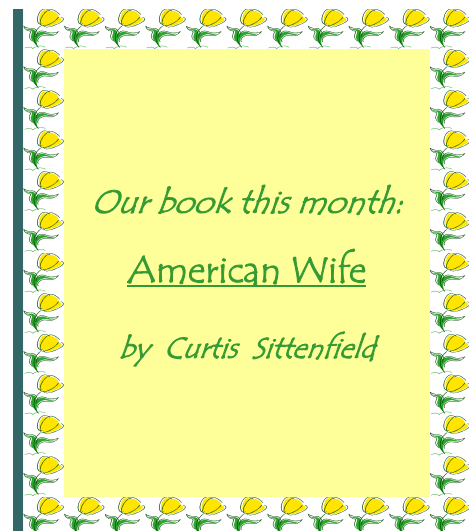
For additional Book Group information please email or call Judy Ribarsky at [jvr@pcvisions.com](mailto:jvr@pcvisions.com) or 770-319-1776

Our Book Group meeting will be Monday, April 15th at 7:30 pm in the home of

Patricia Clay  
3763 Riverly Trace  
Marietta, GA 30067

Judy Ribarsky will facilitate the discussion of the book.  
Debbie Karvey will help with our refreshments.

Please RSVP to: [jpclay@bellsouth.net](mailto:jpclay@bellsouth.net)  
or 678-560-1325



## ROVING GOURMET



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

### ASPEN'S SIGNATURE STEAKS

2942 Shallowford Road  
[sedgwickrestaurantgroup.com](http://sedgwickrestaurantgroup.com)  
(678) 236-1400

Regular dining begins at 6:00 PM.

However, **early bird is from 5:00-6:00 PM** and diners may continue eating and chatting throughout the evening.  
**If you know you'd prefer early bird, please specify so in making your reservations.**

We look forward to seeing you!!

Thanks to our hostess Peg Montgomery!  
Please make reservations with Peg  
by WEDNESDAY, May 1st,  
at 770-565-7948, or [montgomery1718@bellsouth.net](mailto:montgomery1718@bellsouth.net)



### WHO ARE THESE MEMBERS?

#### Answers to "last" month's:

**Arden Stone** danced on the table at her Senior Prom and starred in a musical at Dunwoody Stage Door Players.

**Carol Stephens** spent two hours in jail after being accused of assault. The policeman who drove her there was a rookie, and she had to give him directions to the jail.

**Karen Peters** had a 12-foot python draped around her neck.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I must first of all apologize for the lack of a newsletter last month and the tardiness of this one, but as many of you know, my brother-in-law has had health difficulties for some time, and his deteriorating condition has taken up much of our time. His hospitalization in Snellville necessitated many 35-mile trips and consultations. Following that, he returned to this area and was put in hospice care. Sadly, he died on March 18, and arrangements for that and for my daughter's week-long visit have taken up more time than I had anticipated.

Internet orders in the book room have been wonderful – but very time consuming to package and mail, and the backup in the fiction category has taken up more hours than usual. I'm sorry to be so personal, but I did want you to under-

stand that there are reasons behind my tardiness. (How about coming in and helping me with the fiction? It's quite easy – most everything is \$2 and the boxes are easy to pack.)

Now to look ahead – two conventions – state and national - are coming up, and I hope that you will plan to attend at least one, if not both. They are very inspirational and informative – and the national one in New Orleans should be a wonderful experience.

Our meeting on Tuesday night should be more interesting and will include some important business. We will form a nominating committee and will consider nominations as well for Cobb Woman of the Year, so put on your thinking caps and let me know if you are interested in a position for next year or have someone to consider for Woman of the Year.

My term is coming to an end, and while I have enjoyed being president, it seems that I have run out of steam and am looking forward to being an active participant rather than the leader. I'll try and keep it together for the next couple of months, but I will certainly appreciate your assistance. So many of you have been very helpful to me, and I appreciate it deeply.

Here's to a good spring – and sign up for the conventions!

--Karen



Come by air, road, or rail ... just make sure you don't miss the trip of a lifetime in New Orleans, June 9–12! Never attended an [AAUW National Convention](#)?

Well, we've made getting there easier (and cheaper) and the content more worthwhile than ever! Our [pre- and post-convention tours](#) and workshops let you combine a holiday in one of the nation's most charming cities with an education on all the latest [tips, tricks, and tidbits](#) for recruiting, engaging, and energizing members. Want to hone your leadership skills? We've got the [programs](#)! Want to explore the nooks and crannies of historic New Orleans? [Got you covered](#) there, too. We've arranged for you to travel by [plane, train, and yes, RV!](#) (We're working on dog sled accessibility for members from northern climates!)

So [register now](#), because early-bird rates expire April 14!

We hope to see you there, and as they say in New Orleans, "laissez les bons temps rouler!"

## Book Room Notes



As I mentioned in my letter, sales are wonderful - as are donations. This means that books are piling up, and more help is needed. PLEASE consider coming in on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM to help. We always have a good time, and we certainly can use a few more helping hands.

If you order books from Amazon or if you have small book-sized boxes, we would appreciate your donating them. We save a dollar for each box we use in place of a mailing envelope. We could also use old file folders and a paper cutter if you have one lying around (I know that I kept mine from our move five years ago, but I haven't run across it yet – guess I'll have to get to some of those boxes in the closet . . . !!)

“Sometimes the path you’re on is not as important  
as the direction you’re heading!”

Kevin Smith

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date.

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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.*

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



April 26 & 27, 2013 GAAUW State Convention, in Atlanta  
(All information regarding the convention on pages 6-8)



MAY 14th - TUESDAY, 7 P.M. - MANSOUR CENTER



JUNE 9th - 12th National AAUW Convention New Orleans  
JUNE ?? - Date to be decided - MANSOUR CENTER.  
ANNUAL MEETING, WOMAN OF YEAR PRESENTATION.



## Cobb Woman of the Year Nominations



Put on your thinking caps and come on Tuesday with suggestions for our Woman of the Year. Perhaps one of the women who spoke at Women’s History Month or someone you personally know that deserves recognition would be a good choice.

## Georgia General Assembly Legislative Wrap Up 2013

At the Georgia Women for a Change Legislative Breakfast on March 21st, Stephanie Davis and guests presented a wrap up of the 2013 Georgia General Assembly session.

Some successes that were realized (with a final push in the House and/or Senate during the final days) were the results of hard work by so many. On a personal note, being part of the Georgia Women's Policy Institute team that worked to updated elder abuse law (HB 78) in Georgia was very gratifying. The Elder Abuse Protection Act modernizes Georgia Code to include sexual abuse and financial exploitation as types of abuse, as well as extending list of mandated reporters and requiring that all reporters contact both Adult Protective Services (APS) and Law Enforcement. The bill also provides for expedited depositions in cases of alleged abuse. This bill also moves all definitions of elder abuse to the criminal code, allowing for better prosecution of cases of elder abuse. GWPI worked on this bill with allies such as GBI, AARP, PAC and various Agencies on Aging and are very grateful to House Judiciary Chair Wendell Willard for sponsoring the bill and very grateful to Representative Sharon Cooper (One of our 2012 Cobb County AAUW Women of the Year) for being a primary signer on the bill. Debbie Karvey attended committee meetings and met with legislators during the session. Working with the GWPI team in 2012 to prepare for the 2013 session and introduction of the bill has been a valuable learning experience that I hope to continue with Georgia AAUW in the form of a Lobby Corps. More to come on training and our action plan to mirror AAUW missions and priorities in Georgia 2014 Legislative session and beyond. Additional bills that were wins for citizens in Georgia were:

- HB 141: Hotline for trafficking victims to be posted at designated businesses and key locations for support and help.
- HB 142/HB 143: Ethics bill provides transparency in reporting and caps lobbyist gifts at \$75. It does not infringe on an individual's right to contact legislators.

HB 242: Juvenile Justice Reform Act updates Georgia Code, which has long been needed

Note on HB 290: Family Care Act unfortunately did not make it for crossover day. Georgia AAUW will continue to work with the Georgia Job Collaborative and 9to5 on the passage of this bill. Representative Katie Dempsey (Rome - R) has been a champion for this bill and continues to push for its passage.

Thank you to AAUW members that responded to alerts to contact legislators to support many of these bills.

Becoming more involved with the Georgia legislative process will hopefully find AAUW collaborating with other groups to achieve success on issues important to women and girls.

Debbie Karvey  
Georgia AAUW Public Policy Chair



# AAUW

## Empowering Women Since 1881

2013 Georgia AAUW State Convention Registration and Program

April 26-27, 2013

Country Inn & Suites Atlanta Windy Hill

4500 Circle 75 Parkway

Atlanta, GA 30339

Phone: 1-770-956-9919 or 1-800-830-5222

### PROGRAM

#### FRIDAY

4:00—6:00 pm	Registration and Check In
6:30—7:30 pm	Celebration Banquet
7:30—9:00 pm	The Invisible War (documentary movie)
9:30—11:00 pm	Hospitality Suite

#### SATURDAY

7:30—9:00 am	Breakfast, Late Registration
9:00—10:15 am	AAUW Guest: Patricia Ho, AAUW National Vice President
10:15—10:30 am	BREAK
10:30—11:30 am	Jessica Hives, LAF Plaintiff, Cioca v. Rumsfeld
11:30am—12:45 pm	Lunch & BREAK
12:45—2:15 pm	Convention Business Meeting
2:15—2:30 pm	BREAK
2:30—3:45 pm	Convention Business Meeting
3:45—4:15 pm	Wrap-up/Thank you

AAUW Guests: Patricia Ho, AAUW National Vice President  
Jessica Hives, LAF Plaintiff, Cioca v. Rumsfeld

We are extremely honored to have two national guests at the Georgia State Convention. We will have a dynamic meeting with opportunity to interact with a key leader from our national office in Washington, DC and an LAF Plaintiff. If you have any questions about state convention, please do not hesitate to contact Laurie Shaw ([laurie.shaw@maconstate.edu](mailto:laurie.shaw@maconstate.edu)) or Diana Witt ([diana.witt@comcast.net](mailto:diana.witt@comcast.net)).

2013 Georgia AAUW Convention Registration



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Branch Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Delegate: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

State Delegate: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Member Attendee: Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any unique food restrictions:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Both dinner and lunch are buffet style with choices to satisfy most dietary needs.)

Friday Evening Dinner Buffet      \$25    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Deli Lunch Buffet      \$10    Yes \_\_\_\_\_    No \_\_\_\_\_    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration:      \$      5.00

Total Due:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail registration form and check payable to AAUW of Georgia to:

Debbie Karvey

5112 Olde Mill Drive NE

Woodstock, GA 30188

Registration should be received by MONDAY, APRIL 15.

If you have any unique requests or concerns, please contact Debbie Karvey:

[debbiedah@msn.com](mailto:debbiedah@msn.com) or 770-591-7956 or 678-520-2231

Georgia AAUW 2013 State Convention

April 26-27, 2013

Country Inn & Suites Atlanta Northwest @ Windy Hill Road

4500 Circle 75 Pkwy.

Atlanta, GA 30339

770-956-9919 (toll free: 1-800-830-5222)

Convention registration: 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

Friday Banquet Savannah Room: 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Movie: 7:30 – 9:00 PM

A block of rooms is being held for GA AAUW state convention registrants. The group rate (\$89 double room) cutoff date is April 5, 2013 ... 3 weeks prior to the scheduled event.

Our GA AAUW convention contact is Sharon Johnson. Just let the reservation desk know you are with the GA AAUW group when you make your arrangements.

Coming from I-75 north, take the Windy Hill exit, Circle 75 Parkway is directly across from the exit ramp, at the traffic light.

Coming from I-75 south, take the Windy Hill exit, turn left off of ramp to go over the interstate, turn left at light for Circle 75 Parkway.

The Windy Hill exit is the last exit before I-285 interchange, if you are southbound on I-75 and the first exit after I-285 interchange if you are northbound on I-75.

For those coming from the south, you will go through/bypass Atlanta ... as it is the north loop of I-285 that you will be near.

Use the MacDonald's as a landmark, as Country Inn & Suites is down Circle 75 Parkway beyond the MacDonald's.

Cumberland Mall and Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center are nearby, if you would like to extend your stay and take advantage of these venues and attractions.

If organizers need additional contact information, Sharon Johnson's extension is 579.