



Cobb Update

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Special Dates of Interest

- April 4 - Roving Gourmet
- April 8 - Regular Meeting
- April 21—Book Group



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Downsizing!!

Please join us on **Tuesday, April 8th at 7 pm**
Sterling Estates on Lower Roswell Road ...

Welcome to Spring!

For our April program we have an appropriate subject:
Downsizing—(Think Spring Cleaning and Life Changes.)

Our speaker will be

Colin Brown, Principal of Overall Transitions.

As an addition to the program,

Eleanor Spalten and Marty Hughes will reprise information garnered by the subcommittee "Looking Ahead." This group of AAUW members gained much insight into various aspects of aging by visiting senior living communities and through talks given by experts on the subject.

Sterling Estates is almost directly across from the main entrance to Indian Hills Estates (Shortly after traffic light on the right, if you are coming east from Terrell Mill direction. If you are coming west from Johnson Ferry on Lower Roswell, Sterling Estates will be on the left, shortly before the traffic light at Indian Hills.) Please park to the right of the main building. If you enter the building at the lower level, there is an elevator to the first floor and signage will direct you to the meeting room. You may also enter directly through the front main door from the parking lot.

Refreshments and socializing will begin at 7:00 PM.

A brief business meeting will follow: to focus on appointing a nominating committee and selecting our woman of the year. Let's make this a good turnout to show our appreciation of the work that Eleanor and Marty have done and to keep Cobb AAUW vibrant and viable.

Happy Springtime!

Book Group

For additional Book Group information please email or call Judy Ribarsky at jvr@pcvisions.com or 770-319-1776

Our Book Group meeting will be Monday, April 21st at 7:30 pm in the (changed!!!) home of

Barbara Hammond
2430 Weatherford Court
Marietta, GA 30068

Judy Ribarsky will facilitate the discussion of the book.
Barbara Blue will help with our refreshments.

Please RSVP to: bhammond@kennesaw.edu
or 770-973-1988

Please note this book has been swapped-the June book will now be Out of Order: Stories from the History of the Supreme Court

Our book this month:

The End of Your
Life Bookclub

by Will Schwalbe

ROVING GOURMET



FRIDAY, April 4th, 7:00 p.m.

THE RIB RANCH

2063 Canton Road
Marietta 30066
TheRibRanch.com
(770) 422-5755

This restaurant is on the west side at the "y" where Old Canton joins going north so if you are coming from the south, you will have to go by it and make a u-turn to be able to go back and turn into the Restaurant.

We will have a private room and we look forward to seeing you!!

Please make reservations with Judy
by WEDNESDAY, April 2nd
at 770-319-1776, or jvr@pcvisions.com



CTAUN Conference at Georgia State University: College of Education on March 8th

Once again, as a contributing member of the steering committee, Cobb AAUW worked with GSU, KSU, Georgia Tech and UN staff (Committee Teaching About the United Nations) and personnel to present the 7th Annual CTAUN Conference focused on: Youth at Risk, A Call to Action. Workshops and keynote speakers increased awareness about bullying, sexploitation of children, education and economic opportunity, children with disabilities and organizations working to provide healthy balance for our children. This program offered teachers and citizens an insight into the challenges facing today's youth, locally and globally. The program provided resources to support a "Call to Action" for teachers and individuals and offered opportunities to become involved and help make a difference.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

It was a wonderful gathering of branches, friends and allies at state convention this weekend in Cartersville.

Friday night found many convention attendees at the Loft in Cartersville enjoying wine and refreshments with a talented young jazz band playing in the background. Cartersville Co-Presidents, Julie Newcomb and Diane Sakmar, were very gracious hosts and introduced Uzma Shah, a local talent and Kennesaw State education major, winner of the AAUW National STEM Curriculum Award. We will continue to follow up with Uzma as a potential 2014 NCCWSL candidate.

Saturday's State Convention, hosted by Diana Witt and Bea

Piddock, provided an energizing program with visitors from AAUW national, Roz Homer, Finance Vice President and Melissa Jackowski, State Grassroots Advocacy Major. We were fortunate to also have Char Singleton, AAUW State Organizer join us as well. Cobb AAUW members present were Debbie Karvey, Nancy Coakley, Connie Van Blarcum, Rita Neal, Amy Stevens, Yetta McMillan and Bea Piddock.

Roz provided a program on AAUW programs and services, accompanied with an animated slide/video presentation. Mel and Char presented the benefits of the new SALSA advocacy platform and how it serves AAUW state and branch members as a communication, advocacy and outreach engine enhanced with flexible features

and filters. Debbie Karvey, Bea Piddock and Diana Witt have all been trained on how to use the SALSA application.

Debbie Karvey provided an overview of Georgia AAUW Public Policy Advocacy efforts during this year's legislative session. Georgia AAUW advocacy efforts have gotten off to a good start and will continue with advocacy work at the local and state levels

--Debbie



KSU Sixth Annual Women's History Month Commemoration.

On March 1st, AAUW Cobb members attended this event featuring: **Women in STEM Careers**. At the AAUW Cobb table were Nancy Coakley, Debbie Karvey, Karen Peters, Rita Neal, Joanne Mazula, Lisa McMasters and a guest, Margaret Blakey, a Senior Consulting Professional from Holly Springs. AAUW was recognized as a sponsor for this event. Also in attendance at the League of Women Voter's table was Pam Flournoy, who was lauded for her years of service to the League and to the community. The panel participants were: Sharon Stone, Moderator; Stacey Desamours, forensic pathologist with GBI; Faye DiMassimo, a transportation specialist with Georgia DOT; Katrina Knight, an engineer with City of Atlanta's Department of Water; Adriane Randolph, Director of BrainLab and Kerstin Valdes, VP of Finance with Georgia-Pacific NA Consumer Business. These women all excel in their STEM fields – and relayed personal stories with a common theme: the importance of mentors.



Book Room Notes — this bears repeating—from Karen, last year

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 still could also use old file folders and a paper cutter if you have one lying around.

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

Kevin Smith

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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.

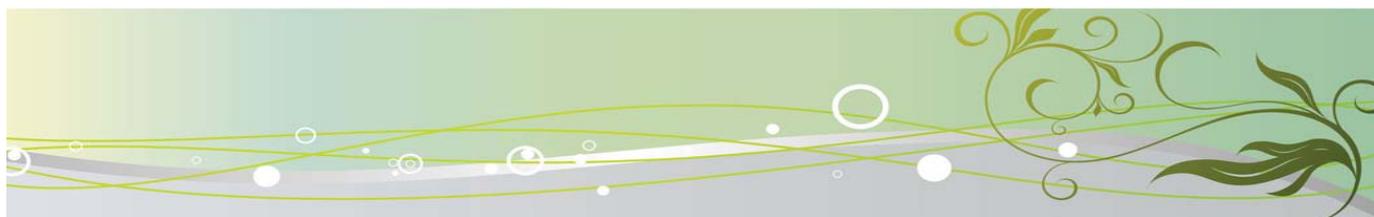
Georgia AAUW at the Capitol

There were dedicated AAUW members working with various organizations to promote a Lobby Day Event on March 12th at the state capitol. In attendance with AAUW were members of Planned Parenthood Southeast, Younger Women’s Task Force-Atlanta and 9to5. This event provided training and key talking points on specific bills: SB98 (the abortion bill prohibiting health coverage for procedures) and HB 875 (the everywhere gun bill) and SB167 (anti-common core education bill.) Another key bill, HB891, would restrict or eliminate early voting in local precincts and was vigorously opposed by LWV of Georgia – as well as AAUW. With resources and supporters, the group headed over to speak with legislators and request YES or NO votes when these bills were presented. Going to the capitol can be quite a whirlwind, as there is so much going on ... but the importance of having the opportunity to speak directly to your representative or your senator allows one to leave on a ‘high’ note.

Georgia AAUW has worked hard with 9to5 and the Georgia Job and Family Collaborative Committee to foster support for HB290 (The Family Care Act) during this session. Many worked very hard to get key representatives to commit to support the bill, but it failed to make it out of the rules committee by crossover day. GA AAUW will continue to be committed to this bill and have it become law in Georgia.

I attended the HB875 Senate Committee Hearing (gun bill) and listened to both pros and cons presented – it was amazing to listen to Martin Luther King, Jr’s sister, Christine King-Farris, speak against this bill. Also speaking was the mother of Jordan Davis, the young man shot for playing loud music in Florida. This bill did pass as HB60, with some key elements removed and/or reworded (campus and church) to limit the ‘everywhere’ tone of the original bill.

Georgia AAUW will continue to build on this foundation of advocacy in Georgia.



Cobb Woman of the Year Nominations



Put on your thinking caps and come on Tuesday the 8th 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.