



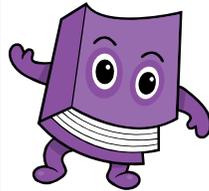
# Cobb Update

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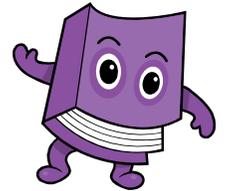
August, 2012

*Special Dates of Interest*

- August 3rd - Roving Gourmet
- August 20th - Book Selection Potluck
- Sept. 26-Sept 30 - BOOKFAIR



BOOKFAIR IS COMING!!



This coming year let's make AAUW Cobb Branch number 1 in membership gains, spectacular programs, super candidates for our scholarships, and the best camaraderie ever!!

We need YOU!!



Remember to vote and school starts soon!!

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Don't forget our need for workers in the Book Room!!



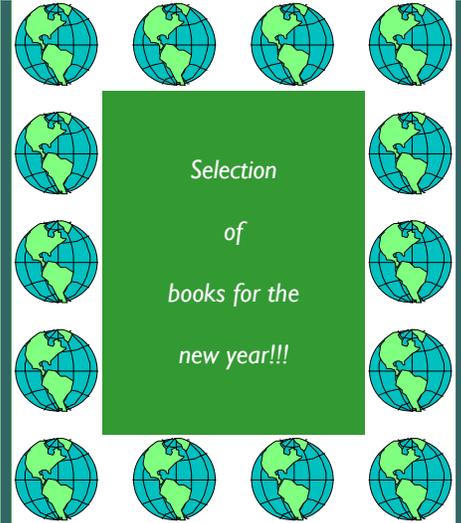
Working hours in the Book Room are Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 10 am to 2 pm  
 For more info call Karen (she's there many hours) or the Bookroom at 404-261-7646  
 Address: 3060 Pharr Court North, Atlanta, GA 30305

# Book Group

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

Our Book Group meeting will be Monday, August 20th at 6:30 pm  
in the home of  
Sylvia Goodyear  
5380 Willow Point Parkway  
Marietta, GA 30068

This is our annual potluck meeting where we decide on our reading choices for the new year. You will receive your list of book suggestions and your ballot very soon.  
Please contact Judy for a copy if you don't receive it by August 10th.



September book , The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris by David McCullough (a B I G one, so start early)

## WHO ARE THESE MEMBERS?

Last Month's Members:

1. *Marianne Krus* started skiing at 60 and loves it.
2. *Joanne Gareau* played trombone in an oom-pah-pah band and taught country-western dance.

## ROVING GOURMET



August 3rd, 7 p.m.  
Zucca Bar & Pizzeria

2860 Atlanta Road SW  
Smyrna, GA 30080  
(770) 803-9990  
[www.zuccapizza.com](http://www.zuccapizza.com)

Their Victory Pie earned them the 2008 prize in an International Expo of some renown.

rsvp to Marie Shockley at [mariepearsonshockley@yahoo.com](mailto:mariepearsonshockley@yahoo.com) or 770-984-9928 by August 1st

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope that you are all having a relaxing and fun summer and that you're managing to keep cool. We've continued with Roving Gourmet and our Book Group just to keep in touch and will start things off in September.

Remember to mark your calendars for Bookfair which will be held the last week of September. Sign-up sheets will be published in our September newsletter and we hope that you will plan to put in many hours to build up our branch's share of the proceeds. This is how we earn the money for our scholarships, and we need everyone's contribution to do this - besides, it's great fun! We would also love to see you at the book room itself on either Tuesday, Thursday or SATURDAY (Cobb's major day) between 10 and 2. Debbie and I appreciate our regulars, Barbara Blue and Rita Neal, who are there most weeks..

An important Leadership Training Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 11, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, in Byron, Georgia. We can all learn new skills at this type of event, and I hope that several of you will be able to participate. Unfortunately, I will be attending my niece's wedding in Ohio that weekend and won't be able to go (though I certainly could use it).

Debbie Karvey will be organizing a car pool after she returns from her Minnesota vacation, so please let her know that you are interested in attending. It would be great to have a good turnout from Cobb.

We are happy to have sent two of our scholarship winners, Fate Abbasi and Greta Samuels, to NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) at the University of Maryland in June. Several of us enjoyed meeting with them at the Marietta Diner to hear of their experiences, and they have written articles which appear elsewhere in this newsletter. Fate will be moving to Texas with her mother to prepare for dental school there, and Greta will continue her studies at Chattahoochee Tech.

Membership News: Shirley Mills is recovering from ankle and knee sprains which have caused her to cut down on some (though not most) of her activities, and while in South Africa with Peace Corps Volunteers, Marie Shockley fell and broke her shoulder. She returned and had surgery and is now recuperating at home. We send our good wishes their way.

We learned that Arden Stone has returned from her Peace Corps venture in Ukraine. She writes: "After leaving Ukraine in late May, I met my sister--a

PCV [Peace Corps Volunteer] in Macedonia--in Rome for a 5-day vacation, then I went to Abu Dhabi and stayed with my daughter and grandchildren before finally getting stateside. Since arriving, I've been busy getting moved back into my town home, plus looking for a car. It all seems so complicated after living a much simpler life for 2-3 years. My daughter and grandchildren are here visiting until August 18. We plan to take a few short trips to see other family members while they are here. After that, I'll be ready to get back into all the AAUW activities," - and we will certainly be delighted to welcome her back.

New Members: We are happy to "officially" welcome as new members Norma Cannon and Patricia Riggs. Norma has attended our book club a few times so some of us feel like we've known her for a long time. A friend of Patricia Clay, she is a contracting officer with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Welcome, Norma. Pat Riggs will be joining us this fall. She and her fiancé and soon-to-be husband will be sharing their time between Marietta and Michigan - summers there, winters here. They have attended one of our Roving Gourmet gatherings and her many years of AAUW experience should prove to be an asset to our branch.



--Karen

**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO -  
PLEASE**

**It is time for payment of our dues for the  
2012-2013 year.**

\$81 (\$49 association; \$20 state; and \$12 local)

**Please send your  
check for \$81 to our treasurer  
Yetta McMillan  
5998 Tate Drive  
Austell, GA 30106**

**(\*\*see below for details about how to pay on line)**

**\*\*Go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), login (if you don't have your membership number there is a lookup available). Choose join or renew membership on right side of member page, then join or renew branch in the middle of the page. Then on left side, select member services database and the pay dues process will come up. You will see a summary page after you submit the first time. You have to select submit again to complete the payment. A confirmation of payment page will appear and you will receive a confirmation email.**

“The longer we dwell on our misfortunes,  
the greater is their power to harm us.”

Voltaire

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**COME ONE - COME ALL  
TELL ALL YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS  
AND STRANGERS!!!**



**OUR 53rd ANNUAL BOOK FAIR**

PREVIEW SALE - TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 26TH  
COST \$10 PER PERSON

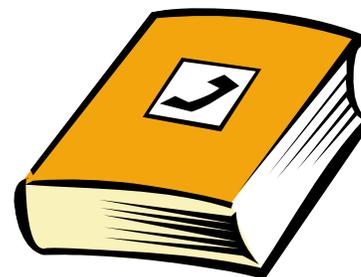
OPEN TO ALL SALE - SEPTEMBER 27TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH  
**AT THE PERIMETER MALL**



### Year Book Notice

It is time to create the Year Book for the upcoming year and I would appreciate receiving any corrections or additions that you would like to your listing as soon as possible, Please email me ([jvr@pcvisions.com](mailto:jvr@pcvisions.com)) or call me (770-319-1776) or put it on a piece of paper and get it to me (282 Renae Lane SW, Marietta, GA 30060).

Thanks, Judy Ribarsky



**NCCWSL 2012 Conference**  
National Conference for College Women Student Leaders  
**Baltimore Md.**  
May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**From: Fate Abbasi**

Courage, motivation and leadership are a few words that describe the characteristics of the modern woman. As education has broadened our knowledge on many subjects, we have acquired the confidence to be courageous and stand up for our opinions and rights. With the aid and inspiration of organizations such as the AAUW, young women do not feel alone. As an Iranian-American woman, I have had the opportunity to interact with various cultures. This has allowed me to have a broad point of view of the treatment of women throughout the world. By attending the NCCWSL, I was able to interact with various bright young women who just like me want to be part of change they want to see in the world. One of the women that inspired me the most was Afghani activist Noorjahan Akbar.

Although only twenty years old, Ms. Akbar has accomplished numerous projects for her homeland. As the co-founder of Young Women for Change, she seeks gender equality for women in Afghanistan. At the NCCWSL she was the recipient of the 2012 Women of Distinction Award. Throughout her speech, Ms. Akbar mentioned that she inspires young women to attend school and make education their priority. Although Afghani women have minimal rights, Ms. Akbar bravely supports these young women in order to have a better and brighter future. However, holding such a position in a nation where women have no respect is very difficult. Ms. Akbar is constantly harassed and threatened by religious organizations, leaders and neighbors. Although it is very difficult for her to work in such an environment, she has never thought of giving up. I salute her for the braveness within her and her constant battle with struggle. She is an outstanding leader and role model to countless women who relate to her. In the Persian language, such women are titled as “Shirzan”, which means lioness. Only those with a heart of a lion are brave enough to protect their rights.

As a Persian woman, I have the utmost respect and understanding for women such as Ms. Akbar. It takes courage to rebel against people who have absolutely no understanding for women’s rights. Being from her part of the world, I can relate to the inequality. Not only does this deal with women’s inequality, but most importantly it is a human rights issue. Women in the Middle Eastern society are almost invisible in the community. In order to break this barrier, we have to educate these women and help them grow stronger and become braver to fight for their rights.

I am very pleased that I had the opportunity to attend this conference. I came back as a stronger and more motivated woman. Ms. Akbar has truly touched me and has motivated me to be the change that I want to see in the world. Being able to meet such powerful women allows me to keep trying to improve my society. Currently, I am in contact with her organization through Facebook and keep myself educated and informed on the latest news relating to Middle Eastern women.

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**Respectfully Submitted by Greta M Samuels:**

As the airplane landed in Baltimore, I couldn’t help but think about the year 1980 in the Fall when I entered Morgan State University as a freshman student. A sigh of relief, a reflection on wow am I really here? Did I truly come full circle? I left the campus of Morgan State University in the Fall of 1981 because I had become pregnant and wanted to finish my education closer to home so I could be close to my family.

I did go back to school in New York and received my Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Mercy College in August of 1988 and was at this conference with another accomplishment of being a college graduate of a second degree, A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education. As I watched the young ladies boarding the shuttle to go to the campus of the University of Maryland, I kept thinking to myself was I as eager, excited, energetic and electrifying as the young ladies I was about to participate with in this leadership conference. Silently I secretly hoped so. Since I currently continue to exhibit leadership qualities, I am inclined to believe I was also just like them back in 1980. I truly had come full circle and God was giving me a second chance to witness and experience what I didn’t have as a freshman entering college back in 1980.

The opening session began with Marsha Ginsler-Stephens and it was called “Finding Your Voice”. It was like being

on a talk show where current event thought provoking questions were asked and we were asked to stand if we were for or against the question that was being asked and some women were allowed to give their viewpoint on why or why not they believed as they did. Some of the questions were:

Do you believe in your lifetime there will be a female President of the United States of America?

Have you ever been told you can't do that because you are a woman?

I consider myself a feminist!

I intend to vote in the next election!

Are you balancing the time you have? I actually spoke about this and told the young ladies that I feel I balance my time well because I don't over extend myself, I follow my heart and my passion so it doesn't feel like work, I know how to say no and I also told them that they will be their biggest "fan" in life that no one will love them more than they love themselves and that when you please yourself and do what feels good to you it's less exhausting and you can find balance.

\*\*A lot of young and non-traditional students came up to me after to say that my words were very encouraging. The opening session was very inspiring and got the conference off to a great start. The Women of Distinction Award Ceremony was enlightening because every nominee did not feel like they deserved to be up on the stage. They were fighting for injustices and what they were strongly passionate about and were great role models for women to be brave, just do it, follow your heart and love what you do so it doesn't feel like work. They each expressed a call on their lives to do for others more than themselves to make this world a better place and that was inspiring as well.

During the conference I told my fellow young ladies that I didn't understand feminism and I couldn't really answer the question. I was told to read 2 books: Full Frontal Feminism by Jessica Valenti and Feminism is for Everyone by Bell Hooks.

My workshops were also very educational I learned about myself, what was expected from me as I pursue career opportunities and I learned about having a "safe space" on campus for women of color that brought me to tears. When I heard young women stating they were the only minority on a lot of their campuses but felt invisible and not respected because of their skin color it was disheartening. I was looking at some strong powerful Latino and African American leaders and they felt they needed a safe space on campus to come together and discuss issues that affect their respective communities. This workshop impacted me the most because I see how the world really hasn't changed and how we have to empower and give our girls self esteem so that they can co-exist in any situation, on any campus and at any time.

Another highlight of the conference was hearing the story of Lilly Ledbetter and how she along with AAUW has made a difference for me and my girls as far as trying to get equal pay and finding out about the "Lilly Ledbetter Law". It was awesome to meet her and hear her story.

The closing session was just as great as the opening. We heard words of welcome from Deb Moriarity Vice President of Student Affairs who introduced Mayda del Valle a spoken word artist that took us from her journey in college to her current profession as a spoken word artist who enlightened us with her awesome poetry that truly was a treat to witness.

I can truly say the conference was an experience of a lifetime and I am very thankful I had the opportunity to be a part of it.



We can be proud of our two representatives to NCCWSL!!



## REGISTRATION FORM FOR SUMMER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

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

Branch Office or Committee \_\_\_\_\_

State Office \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student or Guest? (indicate College/University or Host) \_\_\_\_\_

\* \* \* \* \*

Send registration with check for \$25 made payable to Georgia AAUW by August 8, and mail it to Marlene Humphry, Registrar, Houston-Peach Branch, 141 Majestic Oak Circle, Byron, GA 31008, phone: 478-918-3666.

Lunch will be from The Drugstore Deli. Please select from the following sandwiches:

Chicken Salad     Turkey     Pimiento Cheese     Ham

Each sandwich comes with chips, fruit cup, candied dill pickles, and a brownie for dessert.

Please select one of the following beverages:

Sweetened Tea     Unsweetened Tea     Bottled Water

**DIRECTIONS TO THE HISTORIC BYRON DEPOT, E. Heritage Street, Byron, GA 31008**

Exit I-75 at Exit 149. Go south on Hwy. 49 to the first traffic light (Main Street). Turn right. Go two blocks. Just before the railroad tracks, turn right. The Depot is on your left. Parking is perpendicular to the road and tracks, behind the Caboose.