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Special Dates of Interest

- December 7th - Roving Gourmet
- December 11th - Meeting at Mansour Center
- December 17th - Book Group
- January 15th - Legislative Forum



OH - WHAT FUN...!!

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SCHOLARSHIPS



Our RECEPTION on
Tuesday, December 11th
7:30 P.M.

will feature our Scholarship Winners!!

Come and share your good wishes with these special girls.

We will meet as usual at the
Mansour Center 995 Roswell Street NE
(a block west of the Big Chicken) at 7:30 PM.
There will be a charge of \$10 for the reception.

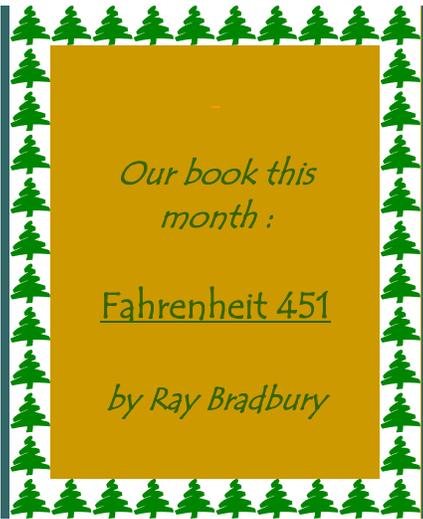
Please remember to bring
either canned foods or diapers
and other children's goods
to donate to the Center
and the families they help.

Please respond either to Karen at krpeters12@aol.com or to our treasurer, Yetta McMillan, at yettemcmillan@bellsouth.net You may mail your check to Yetta at 5998 Tate Drive, Austell, GA 30106 or pay at the door.



Book Group

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



The **AAUW Book Group** will meet on Monday evening,

December 17th at 6:30 PM

at
BARBARA HAMMOND'S HOME
2430 Weatherford Court
Marietta, GA 30068

This is our annual Holiday Party--you are to bring food to share. Please RSVP to Barbara and let her know what you would like to bring. (If you wish, you may also bring your favorite drink.)

You are also asked to bring a new or gently used book, gift wrapped, to exchange.

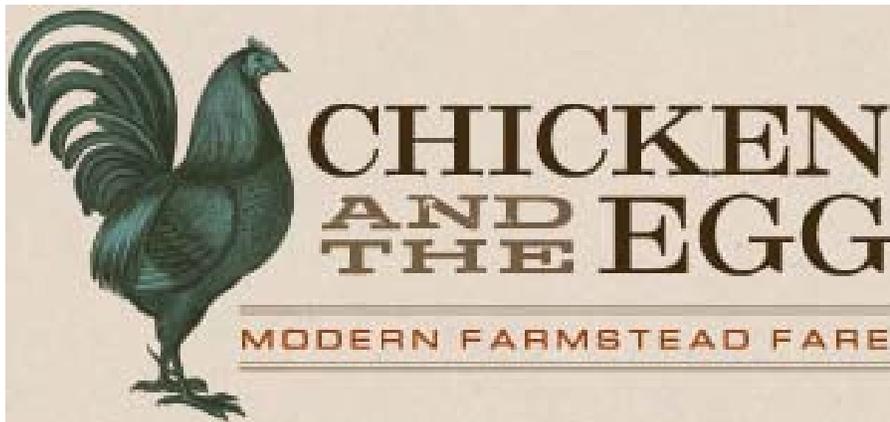
We have great fun at this party "exchanging" the gifts!
Come and partake in the camaraderie!!

If you plan to attend, please contact Barbara Hammond
770-973-3403

Bhammond@kennesaw.edu

Debbie Karvey will facilitate our discussion of [Fahrenheit 451](#)

ROVING GOURMET



WE LOOK FORWARD
TO
SEEING YOU!!



HOLIDAY ROVING GOURMET



Friday, December 7th, 7:00 PM

CHICKEN AND THE EGG
800 Whitlock Avenue, Suite 124, Marietta 30064
678-388-8813

To view menu and wine list, check www.chickandtheegg.com

We have reserved their special room so we are going to be singing and having our "very own" good time!!

Do join us for this Holiday event. Singles, couples, and friends are very welcome.
RSVP to Judy Ribarsky at 770-319-1776 or jvr@pcvisions.com

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

So again we are into our preparations for the holiday season, which preparations take up many hours in most of our lives. We have not had many programs this fall, so I'm hoping that we will all enjoy gathering and celebrating our scholarship winners at our Scholarship Reception on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:30 P.M. at the Mansour Center. We will not be having a meal, but will enjoy a cake and some light refreshments (I'm certain that we recall last year when people expected more of a meal than "heavy hors d'oeuvres" and depleted the buffet until Yetta came to the rescue with some KFC). The cost will be only \$10. So please respond either to me at krpeters12@aol.com or to our treasurer, Yetta McMillan, at yettemcmillan@bellsouth.net You may mail your checks to Yetta at 5998 Tate Drive, Austell, GA 30106 or pay at the door. Just please let us know that you will be coming and please also remember to bring donations for the families that Mansour Center assists.

This is an opportunity to celebrate all of the good work at Bookfair which earned funds for these scholarships. See the Bookfair report inside. The Scholarship Committee has read many resumes and has interviewed the finalists, whom I am

certain you will wish to meet and congratulate. Heartfelt thanks to Shirley Mills who so ably again chaired this important committee and put in many hours in preparation. It is so true that to get a job done, ask the busiest person. Other members of the committee were Debbie Karvey, Joanne Mazula, Yetta McMillan and me.

Other festive December events will be our Roving Gourmet dinner at the Chicken and the Egg restaurant on December 7 and the Book Group's Christmas party at Barbara Hammond's lovely home on December 17. See the articles in the newsletter with details about these.

On January 15 (a Tuesday) we, along with the League of Women Voters and the Rho Zeta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will be hosting the Legislative Forum whereby we will have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of the people who represent us in the legislature and will be making major decisions which will affect each of us. The meeting will be held at 6:15 in the Cobb County Commissioners' Room so mark your calendars and plan to attend. We have not had a good representation in past years, so we hope to show the LWF and AKA that we, too, are involved in the efforts concerning local legislation, particularly subjects involving women and girls.

I love this quote from Nancy Thayer in her book Bodies and Souls: "Most beautiful people - fashion models, movie stars - give us hope, because they are human, and we think, well, maybe if I had my hair cut that way, or wore that shade of lipstick, I could be beautiful, too. I think that trying to be beautiful is not just vanity, it's a celebration of existence. We are fluffing up our feathers against the cold of life, we are shining as brightly as we can while we can. I love seeing people at Mother's cocktail parties, or the people I baby-sit for when they are dressed up to go out for an evening. They are not dressing to show off or attract; they are dressing up in order to make their existence gleam, as a sculptor will polish stone to make the surface shine. They must be thinking: Here I am. I'm alive, a unique reality in this world. And in this way we encourage others, because being human is usually such a difficult task, and we are so fragile and transient. Every human being who shines warms us, and makes us feel the glitter of being alive."

Happy holidays,

Karen



Looking Ahead

Our group met on Nov. 19 at our usual location, East Cobb Government Center. Our discussion ranged over subjects such as various Medicare plans and the Metropolitan Opera showings at the Merchants Walk Theater. We agreed to tour Mount Vernon Towers in January, after Elinor Spalten gets more information and dates from her contact there. This will be our fourth field trip. You are welcome to join us anytime; let me know if you are interested. So far, all the tours have included lunch!

Marty Hughes 770-953-3403

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

Desmond Tutu

Judy Ribarsky, Editor
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Please call, mail, email newsletter articles by the 22nd of the month prior to publication 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.

Save the Date

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15th meeting at the COBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ROOM at 6:15 p.m.

Legislative forum in collaboration with LWV and Rho Zeta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

WHO ARE THESE MEMBERS?

1. She played cello in high school and also worked at the 5 & 10 to earn money for college. She paid her own way through college by working at various jobs.
2. She lived in Europe for two years and goes there each year. She places scholarship students from Balkan countries into American homes and public schools .



BOOKFAIR REPORT 2012

Kudos to our Bookfair workers who are responsible for earning nearly \$13,000 for our branch. The following people worked in the bookroom, at book drops and at Bookfair. We owe them our gratitude. After deducting for community projects, we will fund the AAUW Funds and our scholarships from our proceeds.

1-14 hrs	Marcia Capriotti (2), Bonnie Williams (2), & Joanne Mazula (2)
15-30 hrs	Yetta McMillan (17), Bea Piddock (21.25), & Carol Stephens (26.25)
31-45 hrs	Arden Stone (31.5), Patricia Clay (34.5), & Connie VanBlarcum (40.5),
46-100 hrs	Joan Zenteno (52.5), Marie Shockley (63.75), Barbara Blue (98), & Shirley Mills (99.25)
100-200 hrs	Judy and Randy Ribarsky (122), Sylvia Goodyear (122), & Rita Neal (183.5)
200 + hrs.	Debbie Karvey (223.75) & Karen Peters (444.5)

Is your name written above? How about making the list next year? This is one of our major reasons for existing, and we need your help. Besides this, it's great fun. Saturday is Cobb's main day, but you will be welcome on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well from 10 AM to 2 PM or whatever hours you can donate. Come on. Dive in. The water's fine – and profitable.

22nd Georgia Women's Assembly

By: Debbie Karvey

The 22nd Georgia Women's Assembly at the Loudermilk Center on October 26th found over 200 women from various organizations and schools gathered to discuss "Having It All or Simply Enough: Who Decides?" AAUW was well represented with over 10 metro area branch members present. The luncheon program stimulated great conversation based on the panel participation of Charmaine Davis (State Director of 9to5), Senator Nan Orrock and Dr. Beverly Tatum, President of Spelman College. There were great workshops to choose from and great interactions during those sessions.

Under the auspices of Georgia Women for a Change, the Assembly presented the 2013 Legislative Agenda focus:

- Create Economic Security, Independence and Opportunity for Women and Girls
- End Violence Against Women and Girls
- Advocate for Transparent, Responsible, and Balanced Revenue and Spending Policies
- Safeguard and Improve Access to Health Care for Women and Girls

During the Assembly, members of the Georgia Women's Policy Institute's inaugural class were introduced and provided a brief accounting of two bills affecting welfare of senior citizens to be introduced in the 2013 legislative session. Two AAUW members (Virginia Merlini – Cartersville and Debbie Karvey – Cobb) are participating in the institute and strongly encourage other AAUW members to apply for the 2013 class, which will begin in February of next year. Please see Debbie Karvey if you are interested in participating.

The ultimate goal of AAUW participation in the GWPI is to help launch our own AAUW of Georgia advocacy and lobbying group to support important issues for women and girls in Georgia. Looking forward to upcoming public policy events, AAUW Cobb Branch will co-sponsor a legislative forum in January with League of Women Voters and AKA sorority prior to the legislative session. In early February, AAUW Atlanta Branch will be hosting a metro area public policy issues event that will include many panelists from the Georgia Women's Assembly.

