



Cobb Update

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Special Dates of Interest

- Mar 7 - Roving Gourmet
- Feb 5 - Women for Change Legislative Breakfast
- Feb 11 - Monthly Meeting
- Feb 15 - Atlanta Branch Legislative Forum
- Feb 17 - Book Group
- Mar 1 - Women's History KSU
- Mar 28-29 - Georgia AAUW 2014 State Convention



Happy Valentine's Day

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****HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO COBB BRANCH -- 35 YEARS OLD THIS MONTH!!!**

Thanks to:
Bea Piddock

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!!

Fun night of Socializing Through Games and Brainstorming!!
Come to our February Meeting on Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Cobb Government Center
4400 Lower Roswell Rd., Marietta 30068



Please plan on coming to our get-together - and - we can also share all our stories of the area's (per the MDJ's) Snow-pocalypse!!!

Debbie and Nancy

Hopefully Punxsutawney Phil will forecast an early spring!



Book Group

For additional Book Group information please email or call Barbara Hammond at 770-973-1988 Bhammond@kennesaw.edu

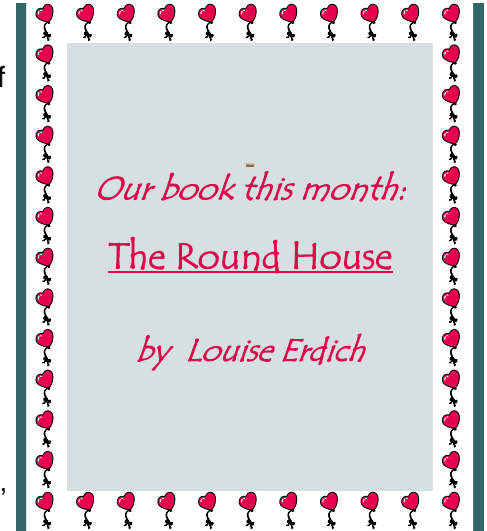
Hello Book Lovers:

Don't forget the next Book Group meeting on **February 17** at the home of Nancy Coakley, 3776 Clubland Drive, Marietta, GA 30068!

Nancy will facilitate, host, and do refreshments---Yea Nancy!

**NEWS BULLETIN: Time change for the February Book Group:
2:00 p.m. in the afternoon!**

At the January Book Group meeting (on a cold and dreary night), it was suggested that we investigate the possibility of an afternoon meeting--in order to be home before dark, etc. Most of our ladies are retired--so we decided we would give it a test for February. Nancy Coakley was willing (and delighted!) So---for those of you who do not like to drive at night, especially in the Winter, please come in February and let us know what you think! We will make some decisions, based on what the majority think---possibly a "hybrid" of alternating months of afternoons/with evenings.



Please let Nancy Coakley know you are coming! 770/971-8227 .
Many good wishes---stay warm! Barbara Hammond

ROVING GOURMET



Peg Montgomery is hosting!!

Copeland's of New Orleans

LET'S EXPERIENCE THE FLAVOR OF NEW ORLEANS
1142 Ernest Barrett Parkway

Copeland's is located approximately two blocks north of Town Center Mall on the same side of the road. Keep watch for their restaurant at the top of the hill. Turn right at the traffic light and make an immediate left turn into their parking lot.

Their varied menu offers special dishes along with "small tasting plates" which sound appealing. Do bring your New Orleans memories, pictures, and souvenirs. It'll be fun to share. If you haven't already signed up, please phone or e-mail Peg and tell her you're coming!

Their process of reservations is to wait until half the party has arrived to begin seating individuals.

<https://copelandsatlanta.com>

(770) 919-9612

Circle the date:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, at 7:00 PM

Please RSVP to Peg at 770-565-7948 or montgomery1718@bellsouth.net by Wednesday, 5th of February.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Cobb AAUW Branch Meeting:

Join us on Tuesday evening, **February 11th, at 7:00 PM**, at the East Cobb Government Center on Lower Roswell for a fun evening: Trivial Pursuit Night, socializing through games fun night. It is not often we are able to meet for a fun evening, enjoy each other's company and talk. This will be a real opportunity to brainstorm in a fun environment about outreach strategies for our Cobb AAUW Branch. If there is another game you would prefer to play, please feel free to bring it. If possible, please bring a small snack to share such as fruit, dessert, chips, popcorn or nuts – we will provide drinks. If the weather is cold outside, we will be warm sharing a fun evening together.

Book Discussion:

As an experiment, the book group will gather in the afternoon to discuss The Round House by Louie Erdrich. We will meet at **2:00 PM on Monday, February 17th** at the home of Nancy Coakley, 3776 Clubland Drive, Marietta, GA 30068. Please call 770-971-8227 to RSVP – as Nancy's computer is undergoing 'emergency surgery'.

Kennesaw State University Women's History Month: Saturday, March 1st at 10:00 AM:

Please plan to attend this 6th annual event celebrating women and their accomplishments. Women in STEM in Cobb County will be the focus of the event.

The event takes place at the KSU Continuing Education facility on Busbee Pkwy.

<https://community.kennesaw.edu/sslpage.aspx?pid=269>

AAUW Legislative Event:

The AAUW Atlanta Branch invites metro area branches, students and supporters to attend a **Legislative Forum on Saturday, February 15th, from 11:00 to 1:30** at the Law Offices of Greenberg Traurig located at 3333 Piedmont Road NE, Suite 2500, Atlanta, GA 30305. An invite will be forwarded to RSVP for the event.

On a personal note, I hope that our members encountered minimal impact from the recent severe weather and dangerous road conditions. I've already heard stories of extreme challenges and hours on the road trying to just get home, as well as people helping strangers, friends and neighbors. Atlanta and surrounding communities hope that this type of scenario will not be experienced again ... I hope everyone is safe and warm and ready for spring to put an end to Arctic Vortex influences.

Debbie



Women in the Halls, is a multi-organization lobbying 101 opportunity to network and get up to speed on key issues. Meetings are held every **Wednesday** during the legislative session at **9:00 AM in the Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 328**, directly across from the capitol. After the meeting, individuals/groups segue to the capitol to speak with legislators about key issues. <http://gawand.org/2014/01/24/women-in-the-halls-2014/>



"Fearlessness may be a gift, but perhaps most precious is courage from cultivating the habit of refusing to let fear dictate one's actions.."

Aung San Suu Kyi

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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.

Public Policy Events in January

CARTERSVILLE LEGISLATIVE FORUM

Bea Piddock, Debbie Karvey and Diana Witt (GA AAUW Co-Presidents and GA AAUW Public Policy Chair, respectively) attended Cartersville Branch Legislative Forum on January 14th at the Bartow Health Center. Paul Battles, District Representative, addressed the attendees on 2014 Georgia General Assembly challenges. Questions were also posed about Family Care Act, gun control, Medicaid expansion and local benefit services. Cartersville AAUW members, family and residents attended this event.

TOWN HALL

On Saturday, January 25th, Cobb AAUW Co-Sponsored with LWV of Marietta-Cobb and the local chapter of AKA Sorority an informative town hall on marketplace resources for Affordable Care Act health coverage and Medicaid Expansion in Georgia. The event took place at the central library in Marietta and big thanks go out to Linda Thomas of LWVMC who organized the event and special thanks go out to our members who assisted at the event: Yetta McMillan, Marie Shockley, Amy Stevens, and Rita Neal. On the panel were Marie's daughter, Karen Shockley, Cover Georgia and Timothy Sweeney, Georgia Budget and Policy Institute. Also in attendance were Elizabeth Poythress and Kelli Persons of LWV of Georgia. There was a great turnout on a cold January afternoon.

Upcoming Public Policy Events in February

9-5

9 to 5/Georgia Job and Family Collaborative Lobby Day at the state capitol on **Tuesday, February 4th, 9:00 AM**. GA AAUW has been working with this multi-organization effort to successfully pass the Family Care Act (HB 290) sponsored by Katie Dempsey, Rome.

<http://www.gaworkingfamilies.org/?p=1508>

Georgia Women for a Change Legislative Breakfast has been rescheduled for **Wednesday, February 5th**, at the Freight Depot, due to extremely inclement weather and travel-related challenges. If you have not already registered, please take an opportunity to do so ... this is a key kick-off event for lobby activities.

For additional information please contact Debbie Karvey.

<http://www.gwomen.org/events.html>

AAUW Lobby Day

On **Wednesday, February 12th**, we will have an **AAUW Lobby Day** to support the Family Care Act (FCA / HB290) co-sponsored with Younger Women's Task Force of Atlanta, 9 to 5, PPSE and other organization. This is an initiative critical to Georgia AAUW Public Policy action plan and advocacy. Please come out and support this effort that will promote greater involvement of AAUW in the legislative process in Georgia. We will gather at the capitol at 9:00 AM ... more details will be made available soon.

One Billion Rising

Mark your calendar for **February 14th** and join the rally at the capitol for **One Billion Rising** events in conjunction with V-Day events to work to end violence against women. This is a worldwide event on a global scale – participants in multiple countries around the globe, rising for women and girls and a better future all on the same day! Additional information will be made available as soon as details are received.

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**Georgia AAUW 2014 State Convention will be held in Cartersville this year
at the Hilton Garden Inn.**

**Cartersville Branch is hosting a delightful evening on Friday, March 28th,
that everyone will greatly enjoy.**

**On Saturday, March 29th, Georgia AAUW State convention program
and business meeting will take place.**

**Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Additional information and detail will be
made available in the forthcoming edition of the Cherokee Rose.**

