



Cobb Update

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Special Dates of Interest

- Jan 15th - Meeting at Cobb Cty Government Bldg.
- Jan 21st - Book Group
- Feb. 1st - Roving Gourmet
- Feb - Joint Meeting TBA
- Mar 12th - Monthly Meeting
- Mar 18th - Book Group



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Legislative Forum

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013



Our program for January is a shared effort with Marietta/Cobb League of Women Voters and the Rho Zeta Omega chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority on January 15th at 6:30 - 9:00 pm. All of the Cobb Legislators have been invited to attend. This is your opportunity to become a better informed citizen. Come out and hear the issues facing the 2013 legislative session, proposed legislation for 2013, and other important legislative issues.

It will be held at:
Cobb County Board of Commissioner's Meeting Room
100 Cherokee Street
Marietta, GA

The forum will be televised by Ch. 23 and we will let you know when it will be shown. This is a perfect opportunity for us to network with the members of these other organizations as well as to meet your legislators in an informal setting. Questions from the audience will be encouraged, so please bring your concerns and ask about them!

**SEE YOU ON TUESDAY JAN. 15TH
6:30 P.M. FOR REFRESHMENTS
7 P.M. THE FORUM BEGINS!**



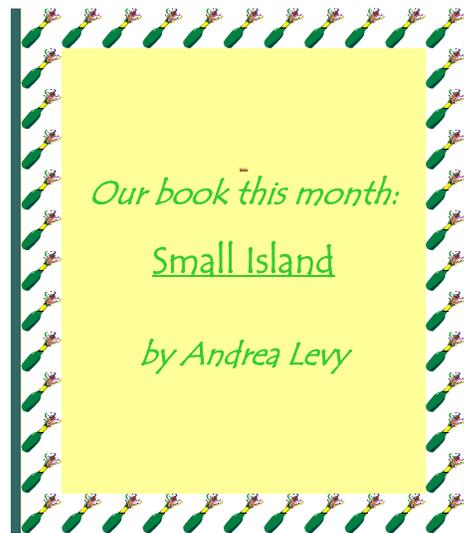
Book Group

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

Our Book Group meeting will be Monday, January 21st at 7:30 pm
in the home of
Joan Zenteno
221 Ennisbrook Drive
Smyrna, GA 30082

Our hostess is providing the refreshments
and we all will facilitate the discussion of the book.

Please RSVP to: jzenteno@bellsouth.net
or 678-309-1323



ROVING GOURMET

SAVE "NEXT" MONTH'S DATE!!
Friday, March 1st

Fuji Hana Thai Peppers Restaurant

2606 George Busbee Parkway
Kennesaw, GA 30144
Tel: 770-419-9500

www.FujiHanaThaiPeppers.com

FRIDAY, February 1st, at 7:00 PM

Please contact Arden Stone for reservations by WEDNESDAY, January 30th
at arden_stone@yahoo.com or 678-727-3947

The restaurant is next to Bank of America, which is close to the George Busbee and Barrett Parkway intersection (Starbucks on corner) near Town Center.



"LOOKING AHEAD" INTEREST GROUP

Happy New Year! Hope your holidays were beautiful! Remember, our new meeting place is **East Cobb Library, Parkaire**, in their meeting room. Janis Kleinberger will be with us, to speak on Integrated Medicine. She also works in the Hospice field. And does energy field and reiki sessions, so come with your questions ready!

Please RSVP to Marty Hughes [marty-hughes@mindspring.com or 770-953-3403] if you plan to come, so we will know how many to plan for.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It was good to see a fine turnout at the reception for our four scholarship winners. The reception format seems to have worked out much better than the "heavy hors d'oeuvres" of the past. Many thanks to **Connie Van Blarcum** for providing the lovely decorations, **Judy Ribarsky** for procuring the delicious cake, and the several other persons who came with nuts, candy and salty goodies. Our Scholarship Chair, **Shirley Mills**, introduced our recipients. Thanks to her and her committee for the many hours of work involved in the selection – most of which was done by Shirley herself.

It is good to see the results of all of our hard work at the book room and Bookfair. Please plan to donate a few more hours this coming year. Books have been

piling up in the book room, and we could use some more sorters. Cobb people are always there on Saturday between 10 and 2, and the room is also open the same hours on Tuesday and Thursday when you would also be welcome.

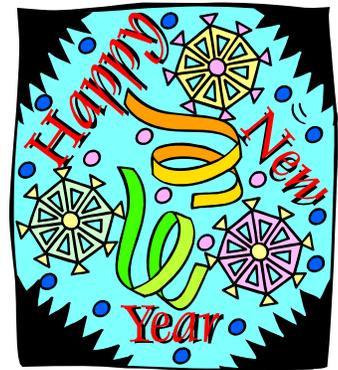
The new year always is a relief to me. What has been done for the holidays has been done, and there is no more to do to make it better. I think that we (at least I) used to have a tendency to recall many of the past Christmases and think that things that made them special were all done in one year and that I had to replicate them in the current year. I have finally given up on that. It is what it is, and that, finally, is enough, really.

Please plan to join us for the Legislative Forum on Tuesday, January 15 at the Cobb Commissioners' office. Refreshments will be at 6:30 (pm of

course), and the meeting will begin at 7:00. This is a great opportunity to hear from our representatives to the state legislature and to have your questions asked and addressed. The meeting will be broadcast on channel 23 as well.

May the coming year bring you good health and opportunities for learning, laughing, and growing and sorting, pricing, and boxing.

Sincerely, --Karen



Announcing the Theme for National Women's History Month March 2013

After considering over 100 ideas and suggestions sent in by our amazing supporters, we are proud to announce the theme for National Women's History Month 2013:

Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Congratulations to Debra Kolsrud of Johnstown, NY who created the theme! We added the sub-heading to emphasize that we are honoring women in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. (STEM)

Go to the web site and see the 18 women chosen to be honored this year.

Very impressive!!

<http://www.nwhp.org/whm/index.php>

"A little knowledge that acts is worth infinitely more than much knowledge that is idle."

~ Kahlil Gibran

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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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



FEBRUARY ?? - The big event in February will be a joint meeting with the Atlanta and North Fulton Branches at Spelman College.
Date to be announced.

MARCH 12 - TUESDAY, 7:00 P.M. at MANSOUR CENTER



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Arden Stone is speaking!!!

Please mark this date and plan on coming to the East Cobb Library, Parkaire to hear our member speak on her experiences in the Peace Corps.

Saturday, February 16th at 11:30

We will plan on going to lunch afterward if there are those of you who could and would like to do so!!



Scholarship Recipients



Christabeth - - Melody - - Tara

Bookfair 2012 took in roughly 10% less monies than previously, and Cobb's share of hours worked was also down, so we had one less scholarship to award this year than last. However, the quality of our applicants, and thus recipients, remained superb.

This year saw an unprecedented number of applications, the preponderance of which came from Life University. Our committee (Debbie Karvey, Joanne Mazula, Yetta McMillan, Karen Peters, and Shirley Mills, chairperson) evaluated, sifted, debated, argued - and finally winnowed the 60+ applications down to nine (9) persons to be interviewed. Of these, four women were chosen to receive \$1K schol-

arships each, and the remaining monies were distributed as encouragement grants of \$300 each to the remaining five. Those five were Kimberly Farley, Chattahoochee Tech, LaTeshia McFadden, Life U, Samantha March, Life U, Kayla Perry, Life U, and Tammy Poole, Chattahoochee Tech.

Also from Life U is our first full scholarship winner, Tara Atkins. Tara is part of a new emphasis at Life U, in that she is not in the chiropractic track, but is instead majoring in business administration, and also working full-time in the financial aid office. Tara's husband is in the Air Force soon to be deployed to Kuwait, so she will be managing her academic career, her job, and her three children (ages 14, 8, & 5) alone next year.

Tiffany Gregory is also a mother as well as a rising senior at Kennesaw State U. A human resources management major, Tiffany has a very impressive record of giving back to our community with her volunteering. Tiffany & her family live in Kennesaw, and her husband is a nurse technician at Grady hospital, so he has quite a commute. Because Tiffany was accompanied by her charming daughters, 12 & 5, she had to leave as soon as our program ended, and therefore was not present for the photo of our winners, but trust me that she is a beautiful and charming person, well qualified for our award.

Melody Rose is the perfect STEM representative for AAUW, in that she is a systems engineering major at Southern Polytechnic U. She transferred from West GA Tech, as she wants to minor in aerospace engineering, and SPSU has been putting her in touch with internships which are giving her the experience to make her dream possible. Melody says the male to female ratio in her field is 30:1, so our committee was pleased to assist this single mother who is a true pioneer in her field.

Christabeth Vaughn at 21 is our youngest recipient. She is a human services major at Kennesaw State U. Christabeth is currently working three part-time jobs to finance her education, to try to minimize the amount she will owe when she graduates. Among the myriad of volunteering activities that Christabeth has pursued is one that AAUW has also been working on, that of rescuing girls from sex trafficking. Along with her various local efforts, she has also traveled with various groups as far afield as Cambodia and India, working primarily to aid women and children.

At the end of our presentation on December 11th, our Pam Flournoy asked the winners to tell us something amusing about themselves. All four did, and quite well, but perhaps Tiffany's tale of winning a competition at age 19 which entitled her to a trip to New York, from her native small town North Carolina, was the highlight. She told of her cab ride from the airport, which took more than an hour, covered most of the tourist sites, and cost more than \$150, because she so obviously was a country-girl-come-to-town. Her charming tale brought the house down.

Thanks to everyone for all the hard work to fund the scholarships for these deserving women.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Mills, chair