



Cobb Update

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Special Dates of Interest

- July 12th - Roving Gourmet
- July 15th - Book Group
- August 2nd - Roving Gourmet
- August 19th - Book Selection Potluck
- Sept. 23-Sept 29 - Book Fair



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!!

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Our woman of the Year!!



Nancy Walther, Superintendent of the [Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield National Park](#), was honored by the [Cobb Branch of the AAUW](#) (American Association of University Women) as our Woman of the Year.

She grew up in northern Virginia in a family that valued nature, was active in Campfire Girls, and earned her degree in parks, recreation and leisure studies from George Mason University.

In 1992, Walther began her National Park Service at the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park located in Maryland, West Virginia and District of Columbia.

She moved to metro Atlanta in 2002 where she became the chief of resource education at the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, managing the park's education, interpretation and fee programs.

Today she is in the midst of planning for the 150th commemoration of the Civil War. The sesquicentennial events at the park will take place in 2014. The park is the only NPS property that commemorates the Atlanta campaign. An average of 1.5 million people visit the park annually.

She and her husband, Dan, live with her 16-year-old step-daughter, Jessica, a Wheeler High School student. She also has a 21-year-old step-son, Jacob.



Copied from East Cobb Patch



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

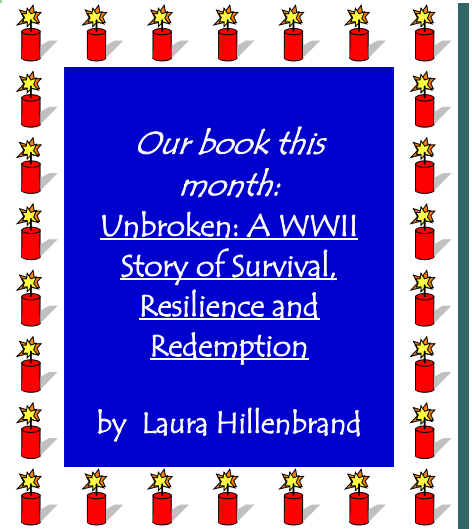


Working hours in the Book Room are Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 10 am to 2 pm
For more info call the Bookroom at 404-261-7646
Address: 3060 Pharr Court North, Atlanta, GA 30305

Book Group

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

Our meeting this month on July 15th will be in the home of Shirley Mills
4282 Presswyck Court, Marietta 30062
Tiffany will facilitate the discussion of the book and Shirley will do our refreshments!!
Please RSVP to: wemills@bellsouth.net or 770-973-4498



Our book this month:
Unbroken: A WWII Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption
by Laura Hillenbrand

FYI Our Book Group meeting in September on the 16th at 7:30 pm will be in the home of Barbara Hammond
Barbara is taking over as chair of the book group, however she will be on Holiday outings for the July and August meetings.
We give special thanks to Shirley, Jane and Barbara for taking over the July, August and September meetings!!

PLEASE SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE BOOK SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

BE SURE TO **SAVE AUGUST 19TH AT 6:30 PM** FOR BOOK SELECTION POTLUCK DINNER AT **JANE BENJAMIN'S -- 3570 BRIGHTON PLACE, MARIETTA 30062**
Please **RSVP** to JANE by August 15th at 770-977-7486 or janebenjamin7@gmail.com
Plan on bringing either a main dish, a salad OR a dessert - there will be a sign-up sheet at the July book group meeting.

ROVING GOURMET



FRIDAY, July 12th, 7:00 p.m. (note this is the 2nd Friday by general consensus)

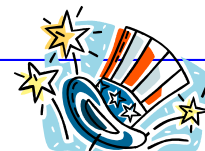
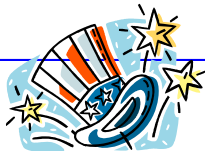


BAY BREEZE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

2418 Canton Road, Marietta 30076
(770) 485-9916 - baybreezemarietta.com

Our hostess for the evening is Barbara Blue and the menu looks good - check it out!!

Please call Barbara at (770) 971-6550 or email her at blu16br@juno.com by Wednesday, July 10th to let her know you'll be there.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Summertime greetings to all our members and readers,

As Cobb County AAUW transitions into a new year, Nancy Coakley and Debbie Karvey want to send special greetings to all. Our branch president, Karen Peters, has guided us into a new AAUW year full of promise and exciting events and programs. We are looking forward to collaborating and working with all our members for a successful and meaningful year within our community and our organization. We will provide a directory with exciting programs and events and a list of our book selections for the coming year in September.

It was exciting to see the article and photo in the East Cobb Patch about our awards banquet honoring Nancy Walter, Superintendent of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, as our 2013 Woman of the Year. Members enjoyed a delightful dinner at Aspens and Marcia Ca-

priotti, past president of Georgia AAUW, officiated at the installation ceremony of new officers: Co-Presidents Nancy Coakley and Debbie Karvey, Treasurer Yetta McMillan, VP Membership Karen Peters, Communications Officer Carolyn Freeman. Also joining us on the board are Marie Shockley, Public Policy Chair and Judy Ribarsky multitasking as newsletter editor, Roving Gourmet chair and annual directory publisher, as well as Barbara Hammond, Book Discussion Group chair. As Karen Peters indicated at the banquet, we will be calling on our members to serve on task force and committees for our mission based initiatives.

Coming up most immediately for Cobb AAUW is a call for volunteers to help prepare for book fair as well as volunteers to work at the book fair. The scheduled dates for book fair at Perimeter Mall are: set-up Sunday, September 22nd, opening night Monday, September 23rd and sale

days Tuesday, September 24th through Sunday, September 29th ... with final tear down Sunday night. Please mark your calendars for this week and prepare to help out with as many shifts as possible during the sale. This is the big annual fundraiser for our Atlanta AAUW branches and our proceeds are directly related to the number of volunteer hours contributed by each branch (Hint, Hint!) Also plan to help with the book fair postcard mailing project in late August or early September.

We are planning a great social event to start the new year, please look out for more details to come soon!! We look forward to carrying on our great traditions and perhaps welcoming some new traditions. Enjoy your summer, think book fair and we'll see you soon!

Nancy Coakley and
Debbie Karvey



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

OUR 54th ANNUAL BOOK FAIR



PREVIEW SALE - **MONDAY** EVENING, **SEPTEMBER 23rd**



COST \$10 PER PERSON

OPEN TO ALL SALE - SEPTEMBER 24th THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29th

AT THE PERIMETER MALL

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

Voltaire

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

The "due date" for submission of suggested books for next year is our next book group meeting, July 15th. Please either email me (Judy Ribarsky at jvr@pcvisions.com) your recommendations by July 15th or bring them with you to the book group meeting. You can recommend as many books as you like in any of our categories. You don't have to have a book for each category, please just recommend ones you enjoyed. :)

- Fiction, Non-Fiction, Biography, Memoir
- Classics
- Science Fiction
- Mystery

For each book you recommend, please include information on the following:

- Title and Author

Note: The selection committee will gather the other information on the books, such as the description, etc.

We are also looking for volunteers to be on the Selection committee. If you are interested in helping narrow down the field of books for the selection party in August, please RSVP by Monday, July 22th. We will be holding a selection committee meeting the end of July, beginning of August to come up with the final list for the group voting.

Duties include reading all the brief descriptions for the recommended books and participating in the meeting to narrow down the field.

Come join the fun!



IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO - PLEASE It is time for us to pay our dues for the 2013-2014 year. Please send your check for \$71 to our treasurer Yetta McMillan, 5998 Tate Drive, Austell, GA 30106 **OR** You can pay on-line! If you're interested in that route, e-mail Yetta at yettemcmillan@bellsouth.net or Debbie Debbiedah@msn.com and one of them will be glad to walk you through the process.

Juneteenth Celebration on June 15th

Another successful event that we participated in recently was the 10th Annual Cobb County NAACP Juneteenth celebration on June 15th. Helping to man the Cobb County AAUW information booth shared with the Marietta-Cobb LWV on Saturday in the Square in Marietta were: Shirley Mills, Bea Piddock, Nancy Coakley, Elinor Spalten, Connie Van Blarcum, Barbara

Blue, Marie Shockley, Judy Ribarsky, Rita Neal and Debbie Karvey. I want to personally thank all our members that came out on Saturday to absorb the sun's rays and pass out flyers and encourage visitors to learn about AAUW.

Submitted by Debbie Karvey



National Convention in New Orleans

Several Cobb County AAUW members attended AAUW national convention in New Orleans June 9th through June 12th. Bea Piddock, Beth Farokhi, Karen Peters, Yetta McMillan and Debbie Karvey attended (in addition to Carol Stephens, now a Richmond, VA AAUW member.) Also attending from Georgia were Sharon Bevis-Hoover, Diana Witt, Laurie Shaw, Evelyn Merk and of course, Carolyn Garfein, AAUW National President. It was also delightful to connect with Pat DeWitt, who is now a Jacksonville, FL AAUW member. New Orleans was a great adventure together and convention is always an energizing time as well as an opportunity to network and glean new ideas and new ways of engaging AAUW within the community and promoting our mission to empower women and girls.



Beth Farokhi and Bea Piddock - "standing on the corner watching all the?? go by"



Carol Stephens and Pat DeWitt "cutting a rug" during the all woman jazz band performance at national

A NOTE FROM OUR JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT

Just a few last words before I leave. I am so pleased that the Installation Banquet and our Woman of the Year presentation went so well. Nancy Walther is such a worthy recipient, and her talk was most interesting (and it was nice not to be scuttled out of there by 9:00 so that they could close the building). I hope that we will continue to be in touch with Nancy and perhaps work together on some things. She would be a wonderful role model for some of the Sedalia Park students, wouldn't she?

I so enjoyed the national convention and the workshops I attended, as did Debbie, Bea, Yetta, and Beth, I'm sure. Of course it was delightful to spend time with Carol Stephens as well. It's truly inspiring to see the work of this great organization – and I've been won over by our new green and blue logo – so crisp and modern with, as always, an emphasis on the "W."

Karen

LOOKING AHEAD

We had a grand time touring Sunrise of Huntcliff Summit on June 12, ending with probably our best meal yet, including delicious bread pudding. One of the ladies on the tour asked if she could join our group, as she thought it was a great idea! We plan to have a meeting later this summer, with someone from "A Place For Mom" as a speaker, to help us compare various retirement and assisted living facilities. Thanks, Elinor, for researching this idea. For more information, contact Marty Hughes at marty-hughes@mindspring.com.

The Clinton Global Initiative and AAUW

Many of you are aware of the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI), an opportunity for global leaders to come together in a forum to talk about the challenges facing our country and our world and to brainstorm solutions. To the delight of many of us, the CGI was one of the sponsors of our Convention in New Orleans.

Recently Gloria Blackwell, AAUW Vice President of Fellowships, Grants, and Global Programs, attended the Clinton Global Initiative America's annual two-day meeting in Chicago where she played a role in the Girls and Women in America session, an opportunity to talk about the challenges facing women and girls in STEM. She also participated in the STEM working group, since increasing the number of girls and women in STEM fields is a priority for AAUW.

STEM – Not Only Engineering, But Computer Science

Gloria participated in the computer science breakout group, a part of the STEM working group. She said that at AAUW we talk a lot about engineering and the lack of women and girls in engineering, but there certainly is as dire a crisis in computer science, particularly as it relates to not just girls but all students' being exposed to computer science in high school. The group that she was in set a goal that a third of all high schools should offer computer science courses and that the individuals in those courses should mirror the demographics of the students at their schools. In that way the opportunities would be available not just to students who are likely to take computer science and AP courses.

Some Solutions

One way to do that would be to engage new computer science teachers, repurpose teachers from different fields, and explore the link between IT professionals and teachers in order to create a joint curriculum. Once the curriculum was in place, there would need to be mechanisms in place to publicize it through organizations like AAUW or the PTA and other people who clearly have a vested interest in it. Making the connections, creating a toolkit, and then finding the mechanisms to get the information out there was a large part of their discussion.

Joyce Diane Bauer Brothers Born October 20, 1927-Died May 13, 2013

On May 13, 2013, America lost a popular icon, Joyce Brothers. A well-known psychologist, television star, and author, Brothers brought popular psychology and talk therapy to the American public in an understandable language. She frequently appeared on talk and game shows, and she had her own syndicated shows such as *Ask Dr. Brothers* and *The Dr. Joyce Brothers Show*, making her a fixture on the TV sets of American households for decades. Her list of accomplishments also included several books like *What Every Woman Should Know about Men* and a monthly column for *Good Housekeeping* magazine.

Brothers, born Joyce Diane Bauer, was born in Brooklyn, New York, on October 20, 1927. She attended Cornell University, majoring in home economics and psychology. From there, she enrolled in Columbia University as a doctoral student in psychology.

Brothers might have pursued a career in academia if it weren't for a chance happening in 1955. While appearing as a contestant on the TV game show *The \$64,000 Question*, she answered questions on the subject of boxing, amazing viewers with her mental sharpness and quick memory. From there, Brothers' television career took off.

But here's another fact that you might not have known about Brothers: In 1952, while at Columbia, she received a fellowship from AAUW of New York State. That fellowship enabled her to finish her dissertation, "an investigation of avoidance, anxiety, and escape behavior in human subjects as measured by action potentials in muscle." Brothers passed away at the age of 85. She will be missed, but at AAUW she will always be proudly remembered as one of our fellows.