



# Cobb Update

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### Special Dates of Interest

- June 18 - Annual Meeting
- June 17 - Book Group
- July 5 - Roving Gourmet
- July 15 - Book Group
- August 19 - Book Selections Meeting and Potluck



## Finishing the Year with a CELEBRATION!

As our year draws to an end we have several events to celebrate. First is our Annual Banquet honoring our Woman of the Year, Nancy Walther (see her bio on pg. 4), and installing our new officers for the coming year.

### Third Tuesday, June 18th, 7 p.m. **ASPEN'S SIGNATURE STEAKS**

2942 Shallowford Road, Marietta  
near the corner of Sandy Plains and Shallowford.

The menu is as follows:

First Course:

**Choice of House or Caesar Salad**

Second Course Choices:

**Roasted Black Angus Sirloin -**

caramelized onions, au poivre sauce, mashed potatoes

**Crispy Fried Shrimp & Sweet Fried Onion Straws -**

cocktail & tartar sauce, green beans

**Tenderloin Meatloaf -**

buttermilk mashed potatoes, garlic green beans,

mushroom demi glace

**Roasted Chicken Breast -**

served with buttermilk mashed potatoes and

sauteed green beans

Iced tea or soda

Dessert

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# Book Group

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

Our Book Group meeting will be Monday, June 17th at 7:30 pm  
in the home of

Jane Benjamin  
3570 Brighton Place  
Marietta, GA 30062

Facilitated by Shirley Mills with refreshments by Barbara Blue.

Please RSVP to: [janebenjamin7@gmail.com](mailto:janebenjamin7@gmail.com)  
or 770-977-7486

*Our book this month:*

Day After Night

*by Anita Diamont*

## ROVING GOURMET



**FRIDAY, July 5th, 7:00 p.m.**  
SAVE THE DATE -- INFORMATION WILL BE SENT LATER



PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE **NOT** HAVING ROVING GOURMET IN **JUNE** TO ALLOW EACH OF US TO USE THAT MONEY WE WOULD HAVE SPENT ON ATTENDING OUR BANQUET!!

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The cost of the banquet is \$25, payable in advance to Yetta McMillan, 5998 Tate Drive, Austell, GA 30106.

While you are at it you, can also send her a check for your dues which have GONE DOWN \$10 this year by action at the state convention last month. You may make them payable to Cobb AAUW in the amount of \$71. You can also pay on line with a credit card at the AAUW.org site.

Our next event is the Juneteenth celebration on the Marietta Square on June 15. We will be sharing a table with the League of Women Voters. [get information from Debbie on this]. We joined them in the past and hope to become more visible in the community by doing this.



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

There are many things to celebrate as we end another year. We had a successful Bookfair, gave out scholarships, sent girls to camp and to NCCWSL, enjoyed each other's company at Roving Gourmet and Book Club, and increased our friendships and knowledge of ways to affect the lives of women and girls.

Last week a group of us attended the showing of "Girl Rising" a documentary featuring eight girls from across the globe paired with a renowned writer from her native country telling the girls' stories, each in its style, and all with profound resonance. The girls are each unique, but the obstacles they faced are ubiquitous. Like the 66 million girls around the world who dream of going to

school, what they want most is to be students: to learn. By sharing their personal journeys, they have become teachers. One girl with courage is a revolution. This was a most inspiring film, and if you have the opportunity to see it, don't miss it.

You probably received the email concerning the going-away luncheon that is being held for Carolyn Garfein hosted by the North Fulton branch on Saturday, June 22. Please respond to Judy Seidner if you plan to attend. Carolyn has been the national president of AAUW and will be moving to California soon.

I want to thank so many of you for your support and patience with me these past two years. It has been such a good experience for me learning more about AAUW and

about many of you personally. I particularly want to mention Shirley Mills who took on the responsibility of the Scholarship Committee both years, doing her usual magnificent job, and the wonderful Debbie Karvey, always ready with a helping hand, a good idea, a smile and friendship. Judy Ribarsky's skill and good humor have been a joy to work with as well. Nancy will be a fine co-president, I'm certain, and I know that you will be as generous to her as you have been to me.

Now off to the convention in New Orleans, to return filled with inspiration and great ideas for the coming year.

Thank you again for your support and good wishes.

--Karen



ENJOY YOUR



SUMMER!!

### THE NEW OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR WHO WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE BANQUET ARE

Co-Presidents: Nancy Coakley and Debbie Karvey

Treasurer: Yetta McMillan

Secretary: Carolyn Freeman

Membership Chair: Karen Peters

Other members of the board are Public Policy - Marie Shockley; Book Group - Barbara Hammond; Newsletter, Year-book & Roving Gourmet – Judy Ribarsky

### LOOKING AHEAD

We have a tour and dinner planned for June 12 at Huntcliff Summit, on Route 9, Roswell Road, just south of Roswell. If anyone would like to join us, you are welcome! For more information and to RSVP IMMEDIATELY, email Marty Hughes, [marty-hughes@mindspring.com](mailto:marty-hughes@mindspring.com).

Marty Hughes



"Our lives begin to end the day we become  
silent about things that matter."  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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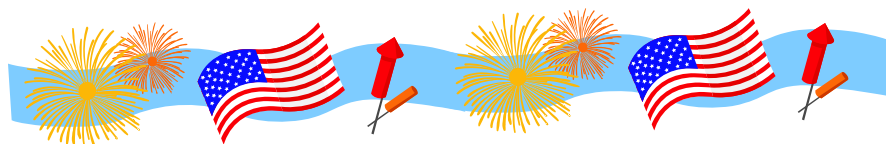
*In principle and in practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability. Membership is open to anyone who holds an associate's or equivalent, bachelor's, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.*

## WOMAN OF THE YEAR

We are delighted to celebrate **Nancy Walther** as our Woman of the Year. Nancy is the Superintendent of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park in Marietta. One of very few women to head a national park, Nancy began her career with the National Park Service in 1992 as a living history interpretive ranger at the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park. After her first season there, she was promoted to supervisor of the interpretive program in the lower district of the park, which receives one million visitors per year. In 1996, after the park was devastated by two major floods, Walther became the park's volunteer coordinator. In two years she coordinated more than 390 projects and engaged 7,600 volunteers who gave more than 30,000 hours to assist with the rebuilding of the park. Her position grew to include partnership work with local businesses, non-profit organizations, and other private entities.

In 2002, Walther moved to Atlanta and became the chief of resource education at Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, where she managed the park's education, interpretation, and fee programs. Under her leadership, Chattahoochee's fee program grossed \$730,000 in FY 2011. She took over her new post in early November 2012.

She holds a bachelor's degree in parks, recreation, and leisure studies from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. She is a native of Northern Virginia and currently lives in Marietta with her husband, Dan, and her 16-year old step-daughter, Jessica. She spends her personal time canoeing, biking, hiking, and gardening.



**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



**BOOKFAIR THIS YEAR IS SEPTEMBER 23rd - 29th - PERIMETER MALL HOURS**  
**SET UP STARTING ON SUNDAY THE 22ND**  
**OPENING NIGHT - \$10 ADMISSION - MONDAY THE 23RD**

## The State Convention was Inspiring

By: Debbie Karvey

The Georgia AAUW 2013 State Convention at the Country Inn & Suites in Marietta was a collaborative coming together for guests and members that was a great success.

Following an awards banquet on Friday night, April 26<sup>th</sup>, which recognized the successes and philanthropy of Georgia branches, there was a showing of the documentary film, *The Invisible War*. This film examines a military framework that enables abuse and ignores victims. Several profound personal stories of abuse are unfortunately played out within a hierarchy more concerned with protecting its image than pursuing justice. The documentary is a very powerful indictment of the need for the passage of the STOP Act.

On Saturday, one of our special guests, Patricia Ho, AAUW Vice President, spoke to AAUW's future by embracing positive opportunities for change and by extending mission priorities across multiple communities and platforms. Patricia Ho is a highly qualified and experienced candidate running for the office of AAUW President. We will look to support her at our national convention in New Orleans, June 9<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup>.

It was our honor to host Jessica Hinves, an LAF Plaintiff and amazingly brave young woman featured in the film, *The Invisible War*. LAF (AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund) supports women's cases of gender discrimination and sexual abuse. To hear her story, to understand her struggles and to appreciate her commitment to passage of the STOP Act is truly admirable. We loved getting to know her, and will be there to support her and support the STOP Act.

During the Georgia AAUW business meeting, two key issues were presented and voted on by the delegates present. State dues are now \$10 annually, effective immediately. Georgia AAUW will move to one member, one vote for all attendees at state meetings.

If you have not already made arrangements, please consider attending national convention in New Orleans, June 9<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup>. It is an energizing time and all attendees return with renewed focus and stories to share.

