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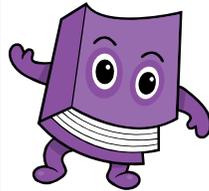
# Cobb Update

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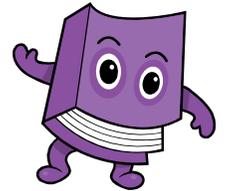
September, 2012

### Special Dates of Interest

- September 7 - Roving Gourmet
- September 17 - Book Group
- Sept. 26-Sept 30 - BOOKFAIR
- October 5 - Roving Gourmet



## BOOKFAIR IS ALMOST HERE!!!



### WELCOME BACK ARDEN!

Tuesday, September 11th  
at the Mansour Center  
7 p.m.

Our meeting will feature a presentation from member **Arden Stone** who will recount some of her experiences as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ukraine for the past two years. She will bring slides to show and will tell us about her experiences as a leader and teacher (and cold person) there.

Invite a friend or neighbor to hear this interesting talk.

Join us as we kick off a new year -  
and bring your questionnaires with you, please.  
We hope to see a large crowd!!



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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 Karen (she's there many hours) or 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](mailto:jvr@pcvisions.com) 770-319-1776

Our Book Group meeting will be  
Monday, September 17th at 7:30 pm

in the home of  
Nancy Coakley  
3776 Clubland Drive  
Marietta, GA 30068

Please let Nancy know if you will be coming  
as she is doing "it all" - facilitating and fixing refreshments!!

Please RSVP to: [Nance34@bellsouth.net](mailto:Nance34@bellsouth.net) or 770-971-8227

*Our book this month:*

*The Greater Journey:  
Americans in Paris*

*By: David McCullough*

You will find the **schedule for the 2012-2013 books** to read, enjoy, and discuss on **pg. 7** of this newsletter. As you can see a lot of the spots are already spoken for and each book is already assigned to a month. We still need a couple of facilitators and hostesses and I'm sure the hostesses in most cases would appreciate help with the refreshments!! Please let me know what date and job you would like to take.



## ROVING GOURMET



September 7th, 7 p.m.

### P F Chang's China Bistro

Cumberland Mall

1624 Cumberland Mall Suite LS109, Atlanta 30339

(770) 803-5800

[www.pfchangs.com](http://www.pfchangs.com)

Their signature appetizer is Chang's chicken lettuce wraps.

RSVP to Marie Shockley at [mariepearsonshockley@yahoo.com](mailto:mariepearsonshockley@yahoo.com) or 770-984-9928 ASAP!!

(Thanks to Marie for taking such good care of finding us places to break bread together the past two years. Judy will be assuming responsibility for Roving Gourmet in October.)

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello, again, you powerful AAUW women! Time to take a deep breath and dive in. It's an important election year and I know that many of us are participating in whatever ways we can to get out the vote and testify for our chosen candidates. In addition, we will be working with the League of Women Voters to have brochures at the Bookfair urging people to vote.

Speaking of Bookfair (and don't I always???) please sign the form attached to the newsletter and return it to Barbara Buchanan or to Debbie, Sylvia, or me who will get it to her. North Fulton, with about half the membership of our branch, is now ahead of us in hours. This cannot stand!!! We must make up for it by working in the bookroom before the fair on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday between 10 and 2 and/or by signing up for **at least** three shifts during the Bookfair. I would appreciate some help pricing and boxing fiction, since I'm behind because of the incredible number of internet books that have been ordered – more than 50 last week alone. Fiction is relatively easy since the books are standard size and are all priced at \$2. Let me know if you can come down, and I will either meet you there or work out a way to carpool.

We've had some sad news. Dick Welty, husband of former Cobb president, Billie Welty, died last month. I know that those of you who know Billie will want to send her a note. And in the same vein, Patricia Riggs who was about to become a part-time Cobb member after marrying a classmate that she reconnected with at her 50<sup>th</sup> college reunion just found out that he has been diagnosed with acute mye-

loid leukemia and has been moved to a hospice in Michigan. Their marriage took place just 8 weeks ago. You may have met them at Roving Gourmet at the pizza place in Woodstock. Our sympathy to her.

Carol Stevens is having such a good time in Richmond (might a gentleman be involved??) that she won't be returning until the end of October. We miss her! It's good to see Shirley Mills and Marie Shockley recuperating from their recent injuries. Shirley was traveling and hiking in Machu Picchu recently, so it seems that she has pretty much fully recovered. Sounds like Shirley, doesn't it?

Needed – members for the scholarship committee. This is the main reason for our being. We earn our money by working in the bookroom and at Bookfair, dividing our proceeds by the percentage of hours each branch has worked. Now comes the good part – selecting the recipients of our funds. Every December we are inspired by meeting the women who have stood out and have received our scholarships. If you can participate in this, it would be wonderful. Please let me know as soon as possible. We need to get working.

I also invite you to fill out the attached questionnaire indicating in which areas you would like to contribute your time and talent. How about getting together with others to organize a day trip or a movie date or a tour of someplace local? How about helping to publicize AAUW or working on STEM programs or political action events? There are many ways to be involved – many ways crying out for your skills. Motto for the year: "Don't vegetate. Participate." Sorry. It just popped into my head and I couldn't resist. I don't know any vegetaters in our branch. All are active in various areas. May AAUW be a prior-

ity for you this year.

Looking forward to a strong and fun filled year.

--Karen

P. S. I do want to say one more thing about this election. You may have received the email that I forwarded from Carol about the legislation being considered in various states concerning women. People, we need to do everything in our power to stop this! I heard the term "American Taliban" and thought it rather extreme. But upon giving it some more consideration, I can see that this is where this type of control of women, their bodies, their incomes, their homes, their security in old age, and their dignity is headed. We cannot let ignorant men (and certainly not all men are ignorant – but those proposing these types of bills are) - we cannot let them take control without standing tall and shouting "Enough! More than Enough!" Each of us has this responsibility to ourselves, our daughters, our granddaughters, our sisters, our nieces, our mothers, our aunts, our friends - not to let this happen and to do everything we can to make our voices heard – loudly and clearly.

The American Association of University Women, AAUW, advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Amen.



“Grace is the beauty of form under the influence of freedom.”  
Friedrich Schiller

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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.*



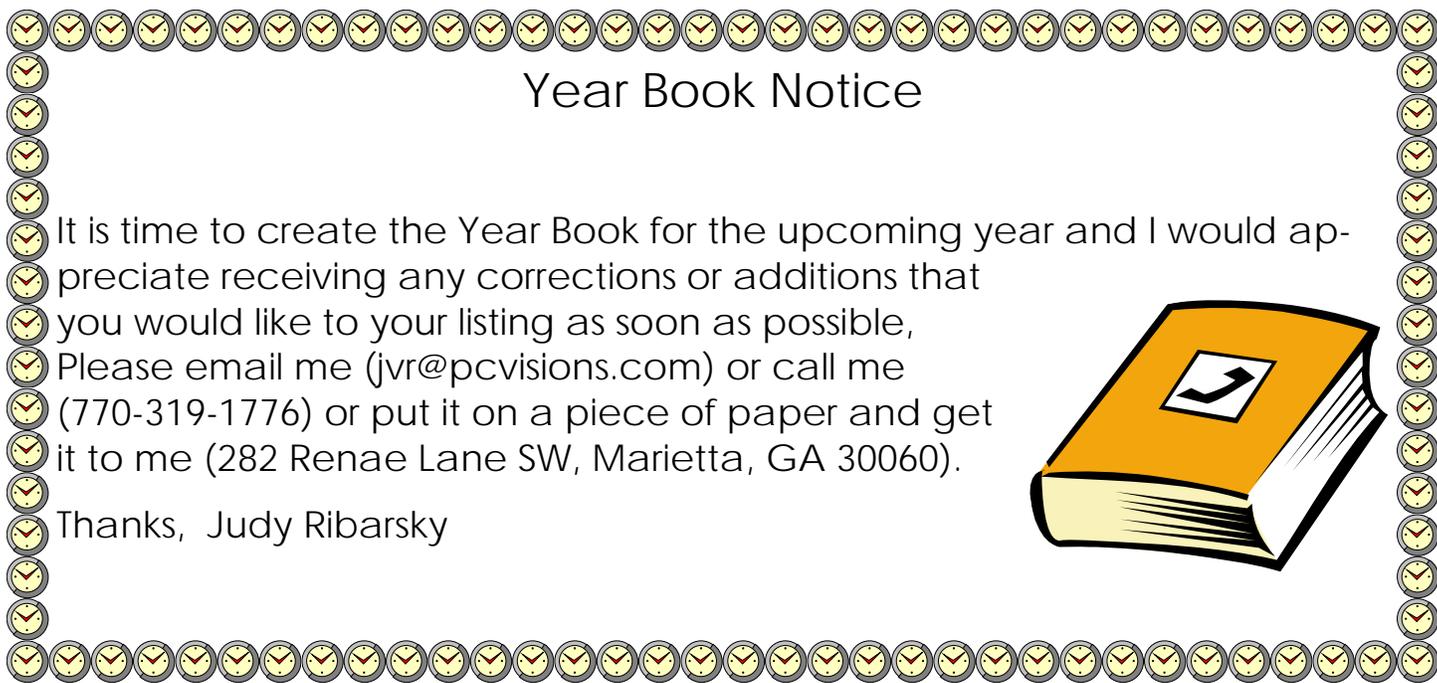
**COME ONE - COME ALL  
TELL ALL YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS  
AND STRANGERS!!!**



**OUR 53rd ANNUAL BOOK FAIR**

PREVIEW SALE - TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 26TH  
COST \$10 PER PERSON

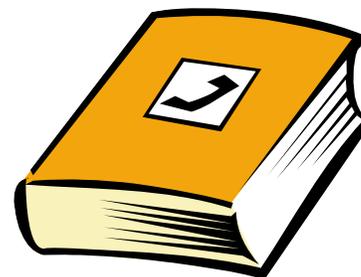
OPEN TO ALL SALE - SEPTEMBER 27TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH  
**AT THE PERIMETER MALL**



### Year Book Notice

It is time to create the Year Book for the upcoming year and I would appreciate receiving any corrections or additions that you would like to your listing as soon as possible, Please email me ([jvr@pcvisions.com](mailto:jvr@pcvisions.com)) or call me (770-319-1776) or put it on a piece of paper and get it to me (282 Renae Lane SW, Marietta, GA 30060).

Thanks, Judy Ribarsky



Name \_\_\_\_\_

TASK FORCES: We are hoping and expecting that each and every member will participate in at least one area

Please check all areas in which you have skills and would be willing to help.

\_\_\_\_\_ Bookfair:

- \_\_\_ working in the book room sorting, pricing, boxing, etc.
- \_\_\_ working at the Bookfair itself (cashiering; keeping tables uncluttered and attractive; working the financial area - collections, deposits, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Program planning and execution -

- \_\_\_ coming up with ideas for programs;
- \_\_\_ finding speakers for programs and panels (have links to people in the community)
- \_\_\_ coming up with other fund raising events

\_\_\_\_\_ Public Policy: Legislative/national & local/AAUW issues (keep the branch informed about bills and issues which impact women and girls - and help us with concrete ways in which we can act )

\_\_\_\_\_ Social/cultural events (girls just want to have fun, too)

- \_\_\_ Roving Gourmet
- \_\_\_ book club
- \_\_\_ movies
- \_\_\_ museums
- \_\_\_ small interest groups (plan and organize outings or groups)

\_\_\_\_\_ Community outreach

- \_\_\_ scholarships
- \_\_\_ STEM
- \_\_\_ other ideas to gain visibility in the community

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership (good people skills; creativity)

- \_\_\_ hospitality -
  - \_\_\_ special meeting decorations and arrangements,
  - \_\_\_ recruiting
  - \_\_\_ publicity
  - \_\_\_ articulating who we are

Other skills: \_\_\_\_\_ computing/word processing  
 \_\_\_\_\_ assisting with newsletter and mailing  
 \_\_\_\_\_ artistic  
 \_\_\_\_\_ tutoring  
 \_\_\_\_\_ publishing the directory  
 \_\_\_\_\_ other talent(s) or experience that I could bring to the table:

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## WHO ARE THESE MEMBERS?

### This Month's Members:

1. Mastered the art of playing the fiddle while balancing on a bongo board, performed with the Pittsburgh Symphony Junior while in Junior High, and attended summer school in Mexico City studying Spanish and flower arranging when I was 13.
2. Was a child actress on a radio show for children called "Fairytale Theater" WGAR & did small acting parts for the Public Radio station both in Cleveland, Ohio. I think my salary was \$10.00 a show. We would rehearse a couple times during the week, and then all morning on Sunday before the 12:30 p.m. show time. Various tour groups of children would watch the show behind a big glass window, and then after the show we would meet with them for a few minutes.
3. Upon flying back to the US by myself, having left the group I had toured Europe with, I stayed overnight in New York City. I stayed in a nice hotel right across from Radio City Hall and during the day walked all over and to the UN to see everything I could see!! When I arrived in NYC I had only \$10 to my name (no credit cards). I didn't go out that night or have any help with my expenses. The next day when I flew home I had a dime left in my purse!! The year was 1960.

## AAUW COBB BRANCH BOOK GROUP SELECTIONS FOR OCTOBER, 2012---SEPTEMBER, 2013

Date	Book	Hostess	Facilitator	Refreshments
10/15/2012	<u>Unbroken: A WWII Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption</u> By: Laura Hillenbrand	Norma Cannon	Tiffany Fannin	needed
11/19/2012	<u>The Space Between Us</u> By: Thrity Umrigar	Sylvia Goodyear	Sylvia Goodyear	needed
12/17/2012	<u>Farenheit 451</u> By: Ray Bradbury	Barbara Hammond	Debbie Karvey	needed
1/21/2013	<u>Small Island</u> By: Andrea Levy	needed	Bonnie Williams ??	needed
2/18/2013	<u>Caleb's Crossing</u> By: Geraldine Brooks	Nancy Coakley	Nancy Coakley	needed
3/18/2013	<u>The Sense of an Ending</u> Julian Barnes	needed	Karen Peters	needed
4/15/2013	<u>Custom of the Country</u> By: Edith Wharton	Joan Zenteno	Peg Montgomery	needed
5/20/2013	<u>American Wife</u> By: Curtis Sittenfield	needed	Judy Ribarsky	needed
6/17/2013	<u>Day After Night</u> By: Anita Diamont	Jane Benjamin	Shirley Mills??	needed
7/15/2013	<u>One Foot in Eden</u> By: Ron Rash	needed	Joan Zenteno	needed
8/19/2013	<b>Pot Luck</b> --Selection of Books	Sylvia Goodyear		"Everyone!!"
9/16/2013	<u>Mighty and the Almighty: Reflections on America, God and World Affairs</u> By: Madeline Albright	needed	Barbara Hammond	needed

## 2012 BOOKFAIR SIGN-UP FORM

	9:30 – 12:30 a.m. p.m.	12:30 – 3:30 p.m. p.m.	3:30 – 6:30 p.m. p.m.	6:30 – 9:30 p.m. p.m.
Sunday 9/23 Set-up				<b>PEAK</b> Set-up starts: 7:00 ends: approx. 10:30
Monday 9/24 Set-up				
Tuesday 9/25 Set-up				
Tues. 9/25 Preview Sale				Preview sale shift is from 5:45 till 9:45 <b>PEAK</b>
Wed. 9/26 Sale	<b>PEAK</b>	<b>PEAK</b>		
Thursday 9/27 Sale				
Friday 9/28 Sale				<b>CRITICAL</b>
Saturday 9/29 Sale	<b>CRITICAL</b>	<b>CRITICAL</b>	<b>CRITICAL</b>	<b>CRITICAL</b>
Sunday 9/30 Sale		<b>CRITICAL</b> This shift starts: 11:00 ends: 3:00	<b>CRITICAL</b> This shift starts: 3:00 ends: 7:00	
Sunday 9/30 Tear-down				<b>PEAK</b> Tear-down starts:7:00 ends: when finished

**Please put a check in the chart above in the white space of the shifts that you prefer to work. (select 3 or MORE shifts)** **PEAK:** Shifts that are busy, requiring many staff **CRITICAL:** Shifts not quite as busy as Peak shifts but usually under-staffed

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate whether you have a strong preference to work as a cashier, cashier's assistant or on the floor as a merchandiser during the sale. Cashiering and cashier's assistant are sedentary jobs, but you must be able to operate our calculators accurately and quickly. All set-up shifts require unpacking books. Evening shifts should help clean and cover tables after closing. If you must sit but don't want to cashier you may be given a security / information job. If you do not state a preference, you will be assigned as needed.

**Preferred duty: cashier/assistant \_\_\_\_\_ or merchandiser \_\_\_\_\_** Please note: We will attempt to place you in your preferred duty, as much as personnel needs and policies permit. No one will be required to stand or lift books that cannot do so. If you can serve as a **Shift Chair** check here: \_\_\_\_\_ Shift Chair duties include assigning worker's stations at the beginning of a shift and giving information to AAUW personnel, as well as working as a relief cashier and merchandiser during the shift. Someone on each shift must be the Shift Chair.

**Comments:**

## 53rd Annual AAUW Bookfair!!!

We should all be very proud that our annual event has continued this many years. It is very unusual for a not-for-profit organization to be able to sustain a fundraising effort for this long. This is just further proof that AAUW members are well organized, smart, and committed.

Bookroom volunteers have been working hard to make this year's Bookfair a successful event, but we cannot do that without **YOU!!!** Please think about your commitment to AAUW and all the good work that we do in the community. It would be impossible to fund all of the local scholarships, national fellowships/grants and the local community action grants that we award without a large fundraiser like our Bookfair.

We'll see you at Perimeter Mall September 23rd – September 30th!

**PLEASE SIGN-UP NOW!!! HELP US TO PLAN STAFFING AND AVOID THE LAST MINUTE RUSH.**

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