



May 2017 AAUW of Cobb County Newsletter

AAUW Cobb April Branch Meeting Recap:

On Thursday, April 20th, Cobb members hosted special guests. Members generously provided refreshments that were enjoyed by all. Nancy Coakley, Chair of the 2017 Eight Grade Girls STEM Essay Contest, introduced the winners of the contest, their families. First place: Erin Yoo (\$75); Second place: Nkechi Holmes and Third place: Sophia Sobrino (\$25.) Also present were Pam Dycus (teacher) and John Tanner (principal) from Campbell Middle School. Students read their essays reflecting STEM interest from aerospace, to neurosurgery to computer technology.



At the business meeting, Amy Stevens introduced the Woman of the Year nominee: Darlene Duke. Darlene is the Director of Sweetwater Mission in Austell and has dedicated her leadership to the organization for many years. Sweetwater is a non-profit that has provided community support and services for decades to families and individuals in need in south Cobb. Next year, Sweetwater will celebrate their 50th year of service. Operating on a much smaller budget, Sweetwater provides multiple resources to the community, just like MUST Ministries.

To honor our Woman of the Year, AAUW Cobb is donating \$100 to the mission in her name. Darlene will be honored at our dinner celebration and we will have an opportunity to meet her and learn more about the work of Sweetwater Mission.

Also, I am pleased to announce our AAUW of Cobb Branch officers for 2017-2018.

- President/Administrator: Bea Piddock
- Treasurer: Amy Stevens
- Recording Secretary: Karen Peters

Joining the leadership team are Judy Ribarsky (newsletter/directory); JoRae Dahl (hospitality) and Debbie Karvey (public policy.) Please be ready to support the leadership team by volunteering when teams and committees are organized for the coming year.

AAUW COBB CELEBRATION DINNER: Tuesday, May 16th at 6:30 PM

Mark the date on your calendar. We will be celebrating at Aspens in East Cobb.

Our guests will be:

- Darlene Duke, Executive Director of Sweetwater Mission
AAUW of Cobb County 2017 Woman of the Year
- Elizabeth Neleski, KSU Scholarship recipient and family
- Karen Rios, KSU Scholarship recipient / guest

Aspens Signature Steaks: 2942 Shallowford Road, Marietta, GA 30066 / 678-236-1400
<http://www.sedgwickrestaurantgroup.com/Menus/east/dinnermenu.pdf>

If you have not already RSVP'd with Nancy Coakley (770-971-8227 / Nance34@comcast.net) please do so...

Member news:

Bonnie Williams has received her "Get out of jail free card" and is now out and about. We are all very grateful that her healing process has gone well, that she is pain free and that she is getting stronger every day!

Arden Stone will be visiting in the area the end of May ... we are hoping to coordinate time with her before she heads off to a 60th reunion and back to southern California.

Opportunity: If you would like to represent AAUW at Governor Deal's signing of the Family Care Act at the capitol, please let me know by May 5th. Signing will be at 1:00 PM on Monday, May 8th ...

ROVING GOURMET

7:00 PM Friday, May 5th

Bonefish Grill

2997 Cobb Parkway SE

Atlanta, GA 30339

(678) 202-3394

<https://www.bonefishgrill.com/dinner-menu/wood-grilled-fish>

Please RSVP with Debbie Karvey by Wednesday, May 3rd:

(770-591-7956 / debbiedah@msn.com)

BOOK DISCUSSION

America's First Daughter by Stephanie Dray * Laura Kamoie

Monday, May 15th @ 2:00 PM

Location: East Cobb Government Center / small meeting room

Facilitator: Debbie Karvey

Refreshments: Jane Benjamin

Please contact Bonnie Williams to let her know you plan to attend

Bonniebw41@att.net / 770971-6130

AAUW DUES REMINDER:

Annual dues are now payable. Look for an e-mail invoice from Amy Stevens.

Mail check to:

AAUW Cobb

PO Box 673683

Marietta, GA 30006

You may bring a check to the celebration dinner, if that is convenient for you.

\$71 check payable to AAUW Cobb County

(\$49 national / \$10 state / \$12 branch)

REMINDER TO SAVE THE DATE:

- **2017 AAUW Atlanta Book Fair.**
- Perimeter Mall, Dillard's corridor / lower level
- **Monday, September 25 – Sunday, October 1**



PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

IMAGES FROM STATE CONVENTION:



I want to thank our members that volunteered to provide refreshments for the state convention reception Friday, April 21st, at the Hilton Atlanta Perimeter Suites in Dunwoody. An exceptional spread and array of deliciousness was enjoyed by all. The reception was held outdoors in the patio/pool area courtyard.

Everyone enjoyed an opportunity to chat and catch up ... and meet and greet some of our guest speakers and student attendees.



New AAUW of Georgia officers for 2017-2019 are:

- Yetta McMillan, Co-President (Cobb)
- And Sharon Dawson, Treasurer (Houston Peach)

We are grateful for their leadership and dedication to AAUW of Georgia.

State Convention on Saturday, April 22nd, was in a graciously decorated pavilion tent at the hotel ... a spacious venue for the 60 or so attendees. Cobb was well represented at the convention as well as the reception. AAUW of Georgia celebrated 90 years with an anniversary cake.

Co-Presidents, Yetta McMillan and Myra Carmon, recognized past state presidents during the program. Yetta presented the President's Award to Valdosta Branch for the branch's ongoing success with the Sister2Sister Summit for middle school girls in Valdosta.

Guest speaker from AAUW National Board, Traci Jensen, spoke about national plans, media resources and encouraged attendance at national convention. Also present from national was Amber, Giving Manager.

Amanda Hammett, "Millennial Translator", spoke about the value of dual mentorship in the workforce and in organizations.

The final guest speaker, Gail Buckner, spoke about initial efforts to galvanize individuals and organizations to present ERA objectives during the 2018 General Assembly Legislative Session.

AAUW Cobb received multiple awards for per capita / branch donations to AAUW Funds. We will share these awards during our celebration dinner in May.

