



Cobb Update

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Special Dates of Interest

- Nov 6 - Roving Gourmet
- Nov 10 - Pot Luck Dinner Meeting
- Nov 16 - Book Group
- Dec 6 - Holiday Get-together and Roving Gourmet



YOU ARE INVITED
to
“Thanks for Giving!”

Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 pm, East Cobb Government Center
(not on Saturday, November 14, as reflected in the directory)

A special evening of fellowship, recognition, and fabulous POT LUCK food!

What’s your favorite Thanksgiving dish? Bake or buy—soup to nuts--it’s up to you what you want to bring. Please contact arden_stone@yahoo.com or (678-245-1145) with what that is so we don’t have 10 squash casseroles. Hot dishes can be warmed in the Center’s kitchen. If you want to bring plates, cutlery, napkins or cups in lieu of food, please indicate.

Let’s also make this a special time to honor our veterans in a timely way as Veterans Day is November 11, the day after our “Thanks for Giving” program. Please choose from the following list of food items and bring to the November 10 meeting.

Family sized instant mashed potatoes, family sized stuffing mix (boxed), large box of powdered milk, canned sweet potatoes/yams, canned green beans, canned whole kernel corn, canned cranberry sauce, canned gravy, boxed pie crust mix (Jiffy-add water), canned pumpkin pie filler, boxed biscuit mix (Jiffy-add water).

The items will be taken to United Military Care for sorting and boxing. On Sunday, November 22, from 2:00-5:30 pm, the boxes will be given to veterans who are in need of support post-service to our country. If you would like to volunteer to help on that date/time, call UMC, 770-973-0014. UMC address is 1220 Old Canton Road, Marietta 30062. If you cannot bring a food item, you may choose to write a check for \$15 payable to United Military Care, marked for “Turkey & Trimmings Troops”. The tax-deductible gift will be used to give a veteran an allowance to buy a turkey or fresh meat for the family’s Thanksgiving dinner. *(UMC was recognized by our branch last year for its service to veterans and their families.)*



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Book Group

For additional Book Group information please email or call Barbara Hammond at Bhammond@kennesaw.edu or 770-973-1988

Our Book Group meeting will be
Monday, November 16th at 2 pm

in the home of
Norma Cannon
3002 Kalah Place
Marietta 30067

Please let Norma know if you will be coming.
Judy R. is facilitating and Norma is providing refreshments!!
Please RSVP to: jimnorma@comcast.net or 770-952-6432

Our book this month:

Sweetness at the
Bottom of the Pie

By: Alan Bradley

Please note: Bonnie Williams checked out a kit (12 books) from the library. **There are still 5 books left at Barbara Hammond's house.** If you would like one of these books, please call or e-mail Barbara to make arrangements to stop by to pick one up from her. bhammond@kennesaw.edu or 770/973-1988. The books need to be returned at the November 16 meeting--or before. If you have a book, PLEASE DON'T RETURN IT TO THE LIBRARY. We have to account for the 12 books. Thanks, Bonnie for making that arrangement!!

Bookfair Celebration Saturday, November 7, Maggiano's Perimeter Mall

Worked at the Book Fair? Then you deserve a congratulatory brunch at no charge to you at the Bookfair Celebration event on Saturday, November 7, at 11:00 a.m. at Maggiano's at Perimeter Mall. **If you have not already made a reservation with Debbie Karvey, please do so no later than November 4.**

Final numbers regarding branch allotments will be announced after a meal of soup, salad, sandwiches, dessert, and beverage.



ROVING GOURMET

November 6th, 7 p.m.

TAVOLA

Just east of the East Cobb Government Center
4719 Lower Roswell Road, Suite 210, Marietta 30068
770-575-3001

Casual dining destination set in a strip mall offering classic Italian dishes & a full bar.
www.tavolaga.com/

Please RSVP to Barbara Blue at 404-971-0988

Please note: Next month we will combine Roving Gourmet with our Holiday Get-together on Sunday Dec. 6th.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

November is the month of Thanksgiving, a day that's my favorite because it's a celebration everyone can enjoy regardless of race, creed, religion, or culture. We stop and count our blessings despite all the bad news that is a media constant. As many do, we try to make the world a better place, but sometimes we wonder if we are just spinning our wheels. I remind myself that, maybe, when I jump off, the wheel will keep on spinning and get somewhere after all, though where I will never know. I am thankful to have AAUW friends to "spin the wheels" with me as we strive to do what we can to bring positive change into the lives of women and families in our community. I am grateful for dedicated people who give their own time and resources to make possible what we do, and also give to the community in other ways. Lately, I've also been thankful just to be alive in this Age of Technology, an age of amazing discovery and instant communications more possible than at any time in human history. I was watching a program on the National Geographic channel the other day, about the mysteries of the cosmos and how, as technology advances, we can look ever more deeply into space. Each glance reveals how mindboggling immense and beautiful it is. How wondrous are the unseen forces of dark matter that hold countless galaxies together, including our own Milky Way, and, of course, ourselves that reside on that tiny blue dot circling the sun. These are the things I'm feeling most thankful for this year—my AAUW friends, to live in this age that allows us to view our world from high above to the deepest sea, and, of course, my family—the dearest part of all my life, and that of yours I am very sure. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours!

Arden



Branch News



AAUW Cobb sponsors Cobb Library Foundation. Our branch recently became an official sponsor of the Cobb Library Foundation, providing the Foundation with a \$500 donation to help with the financing of STEM programs for youth who come to the library for interactive workshops during the school year and summer vacations. In addition to the growth of the STEM and Summer Reading programs, the Foundation's goals are to further develop the Teen Center, which provides a safe harbor for teens to meet, study, be mentored, and enjoy interactive workshops. Sponsoring the Foundation illustrates AAUW Cobb's intent to collaborate on efforts to promote STEM careers for girls and support the Foundation's purpose to provide creative education programs to Cobb County residents. Other Foundation sponsors are the Braves, Chattahoochee Tech, Georgia Power, Cobb EMC, and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Kudos to Nancy Coakley who promoted our sponsorship early on and has made it a reality.

Wine-Tasting Event successful. Our second annual wine-tasting event, held at Marietta Wine Market on Saturday, October 10, was a lot of fun and successful, too, bringing in \$350 to be added to our Scholarship Fund. There were about 20 from our group, including guests, but a number of wine-tasters were also there who just happened in and gave donations, too. Thank you, Yetta, for your always excellent job in making such events special, including those culinary delights at our general meetings.

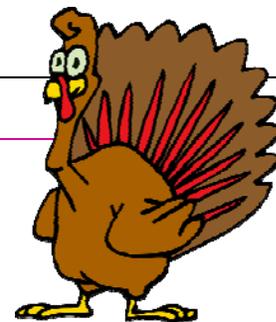
"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do." Helen Keller

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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.

8th Grade Essay Contest project. Plans for launching the 8th Grade Essay Contest are underway, and a report will be given at the November 10 meeting on progress. Cobb County Schools has offered to transmit the communications necessary to the principals at all of Cobb's public middle schools. Thank you to Nancy Coakley, Karen Peters, Sandi Nelson, and new member, Sarah Calhoun, for serving on this committee.

AAUW KSU. Simoine Kenya, student and President of the university's AAUW, reported a well-attended and interesting program with a woman from India as guest speaker. On November 2, Arden will speak with the group about potential plans for an open forum on the issue of sexual assault on campus, a problem reported as being on the rise on many college and university campuses. If you are interested in attending, please contact Arden.



Please make note: Our branch has established a new address for all mail needing to go to AAUW Cobb:

PO Box 673683
Marietta, GA 30006

New and renewal checks for membership can be mailed to this address, mail that goes to anyone on the Board from our national office, and scholarship and essay contest applications are major reasons for opening the box. The box also eliminates the need for using personal addresses for Board positions and those addresses having to change each year as new Board members are elected or appointed.

Thought for the Day: World records list a Russian peasant in the late 1800s as holding the record as giving birth to the most children: 67. Out of 27 pregnancies, this highly fertile woman gave birth to 16 pairs of twins, 7 sets of triplets, and 4 sets of quads. No sane woman is known to have tried to tie or surpass this record since.

Quote of the Day (solve the cryptogram and win a prize at the next AAUW general meeting):

Z ailzd hv qhus z mszojz. Eiw uzd'm msqq kia vmcidf vks hv wdmhq eiw bwm
ksc hd kim azmsc.

Eleanor Roosevelt