
AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

Where the Girls Are: The Facts About Gender Equity in Education

In May, AAUW released the most comprehensive analysis to date on trends in educational achievement by gender, race/ethnicity, and income. The report, [Where the Girls Are: The Facts About Gender Equity in Education](#), presents a comprehensive look at girls' educational achievement during the past 35 years, paying special attention to the relationship between girls' and boys' progress.

This report shows that girls and boys from the fourth grade through the end of college are making steady educational gains. It is also the first report to analyze gender differences within economic and ethnic categories.

Many media outlets are already reporting this story. You can help spread the word about AAUW's new research by commenting on the stories and blogs, starting with those listed below.

As of 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, the [Washington Post story about AAUW's report](#) was the second most e-mailed article on their website, and more than 70 readers had posted comments. Among other media outlets, we have already received coverage from

- [The New York Times](#)
- [The Wall Street Journal](#)
- [The Denver Post](#)
- [The Hartford Courant](#)

Blogs featuring the AAUW report so far include *Education Week's Eduwonkette*, the [American Council on Education](#), and [Best Education Today](#). We encourage you to visit these sites and comment about the research or join the conversation on the [AAUW Dialog](#) blog. Welcome to citizen journalism!

Copies of *Where the Girls Are* may be downloaded free from [the AAUW website, www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

Annual Dinner Meeting and Installation of Officers

Tuesday, June 10, 7:00 p.m. at Scalini's Restaurant

Woodlawn Shopping Center - 1205 Johnson Ferry Road

Join with us as we recognize women of achievement at our annual dinner on June 10, 2008. (See article on page 4). Dinner reservations should be made with Pam Flournoy by June 5 at 770-427-1724 or pamflour@bellsouth.net. Menu selections range in price from \$16.50 to \$18.80 for salad, rolls, entrée, soft drink, or tea including the 20% gratuity and 6% tax. Bar beverages are extra.

Dues are now payable for 2008-2009. Total Branch, State, and Association dues are \$71. Help simplify the job for our branch treasurer by paying at the May or June meeting or mailing your dues to Shirley Mills, 4282 Presswyck Court, Marietta GA 30062. Shirley's dues report is due by July 1, so please pay early!

President's Corner

Carol Stephens
770-427-8403

It is hard for me to realize that we are winding up another year of AAUW! This has been a truly rewarding year for me. You have all been extremely cooperative and helpful in all of our endeavors. We have accomplished quite a bit and I cannot thank you enough!!

We have passed a detailed budget that allowed us to accomplish many outreach programs such as scholarships to Jekyll Island for Sedalia Park girls, purchase of 90 books for GRITS this summer at Girls Inc, Marietta, publication of a Cobb Brochure, and "seed money" for an ambitious forum for teenaged girls interested in math and science at Southern Poly this fall as well as our usual scholarships to deserving young women at KSU, Southern Poly, Chatahoochee Tech, and this year, North Metro Tech. Wow!!! A huge Thank You to our major contributors to the Book Fair!!

In addition to the above, we spent quality time exploring our visions for Cobb AAUW and came up with several good ideas, including our Cobb brochure and the survey conducted through Bea Piddock. We also were able to revise our Policies and Procedures and update our ByLaws to be in compliance with National changes.

This year we spent more time than usual in business meetings than Program presentations. Thank you for your patience! Thank you to Pam and Arden for great programs this year! We also cooperated with LWV and Junior League to host the Legislative Forum in January. Don't forget the major task this year of hosting the State AAUW Convention! We also were able to support both a morning and evening book group session several times this year.

We have had a very productive year and I thank you all for your contributions and expertise! Way to go Ladies!!

See you at the End of the Year Banquet at Scalini's on June 10th! Be sure to make your reservation with Pam and also don't forget to pay your dues of \$71 no later than June 25 (the report is due to the association by July 1). You can bring your dues check to the banquet if you wish or mail to Shirley Mills at 4282 Presswyck Ct. Marietta, GA 30062. Ask a friend to join with you!!

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. A college or university degree is a requirement for full membership.

2007-2008 Branch officers

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Karen Peters	Secretary	770-971-4087
Shirley Mills	Treasurer	770-973-4498.

Branch Events for Summer

Book Group: Monday, June 16, 2008, Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral by Kris Radish.

The EVENING group will meet at 7:30PM at the home of Jane Benjamin, 3570 Brighton Place, Marietta, GA 30062. Please contact Jane at 770-977-7486 or richardbenjamin@earthlink.net if you plan to attend.

The MORNING group will meet at 10AM at the home of Bonnie Williams, 380 Woodstone Drive, Marietta, GA 30068. Please contact Bonnie at 770-971-6130 or Bonnieb41@juno.com if you plan to attend.

On Monday, JULY 21, 2008 the AAUW Book Group will discuss "The Interpretation of Murder" by Jed Rubenfeld.

The EVENING group will meet at 7:30PM at the home of Linda Stewart, 3263 Timberloch Drive, Marietta, GA 30068. Please contact Linda at 770-977-1545 or Lindstew@aol.com if you plan to attend.

The MORNING group will meet at 10AM at the Daily Grind, 2595 Sandy Plains Rd, Marietta. Please contact Bonnie Williams at 770-971-6130 or Bonnieb41@juno.com if you plan to attend.

On Monday EVENING, AUGUST 18, 2008, the AAUW Book Group will meet at 6:30PM for a Book Selection/Potluck Dinner. The full book group will meet at the home of Sylvia Goodyear, 5380 Willow Point Parkway, Marietta, GA 30068 to vote on the final 11 books to read for the 2008-2009 season. If you plan to attend, please contact Sylvia at 770-594-9901 or smgoodyear@mindspring.com to discuss the potluck dish you plan to bring.

Roving Gourmet – Friday, June 6, 2008

Are you really a roving gourmet? Join us June 6th for some roving around downtown Acworth during their First Friday Festivities. We will meet at Gallery4463 (parking is available there) at 5:00 pm to explore the shops etc. in mostly a 2 block area. We will reconvene at the Gallery4463 at 6:30 and then proceed to the Old Mill Restaurant at 4271 Southside Dr. in Acworth, about 2 blocks uptown from the Gallery. Old Mill has a wonderful website with pictures and a menu at www.acwortholdmill.com and Gallery4463 also has a website at www.Gallery4463.com

Gallery4463 is located at 4463 Cherokee St. just across the railroad tracks from historic downtown Acworth. Every first Friday you can meet the artist and enjoy live music and refreshments at the gallery from 6:30- 10:00. free The next exhibition will be "Landscapes" from May 22-June 28.

You can reach Acworth via I 75 with exits #278 at Cherokee St. (follow Cherokee St. into Acworth) or via Cowan Dr.

Please contact Carol Stephens for reservation by June 3rd.

2008 Women of Achievement

Emily Lembeck, Supt. of Marietta Public Schools

She is involved in the community as a supporter of Theater in the Square, The Atlanta Opera, and regularly attends student sporting events. She supports the Cobb Marietta Library Foundation and is the originator of the Marietta Reads for Adults which the Library has continued and is having an author speak here on March 29 for the 2008 fund raiser to be held at Walker School to support the Library Foundation. Last year Pat Conroy spoke. He was a great entertainer with his family tales about his dad who his siblings called Godzilla. His stories brought tears and laughter. She is the first woman elected supt. of the Marietta City School System in its over 113 year history. She has provided strong leadership. All schools in the system have principals who have had the Leadership Course.

Janet Street, retired as CEO of Girls, Inc of Greater Atlanta in Dec.

She served as leader for 28 years, starting with 300 girls in Cobb County in Marietta and growing to more than 4,000 girls in 13 counties. She worked as an aide at the club from her Freshman year in high school through college. She had been a member of the Teen Club there prior to working as an aide. She received her degree from Georgia State University in Non-profit Administration and then began as administrator at Girls Club, which became Girls Inc in the early 90's. "All girls are at risk. We have to start them early - to tell them what their rights are and how to be successful." (information from AJC Jan. 3, 2008

Rebecca Denlinger, Former Cobb County Fire Chief

She was appointed fire chief in Cobb County in April of 1997. She retired in 2007 and became fire commissioner of British Columbia in February 2008. A partial listing of her awards includes: Public Safety Employee of the Year in 2005; Cobb County Department Managers 1999 and 2004 Silver Eagle award for outstanding leadership and performance; the 2002 Cobb County Golden Goose Award for exemplifying teamwork and leadership in government; recognized by Georgia Commission on Women as an honoree at the Georgia Women in Public Safety conference in 2001; and the 2002 Georgia Fire Official of the Year by the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner for the State of Georgia.

The next issue of the Cobb Update will be for September. Judy Ribarsky is the editor for 2008-2009.

AAUW Bookfair 2008 – Set up September 21, preview night – September 23, sale continues through September 28. Please save these dates!!! Your help is needed. Sylvia Goodyear & Debbie Karvey co-chairs.