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advocacy, education, and research.***



Washington Update is AAUW's free, members-only weekly e-bulletin. It offers an insider's view on the legislative process, the latest policy news, resources for advocates, programming ideas, and updates from the Public Policy and Government Relations Department.

After more than 26 years of keeping AAUW members up to date on policy matters, *Action Alert* will no longer be published. With the advent of AAUW's website, as well as faster electronic modes of communication, *Action Alert* readership has waned in favor of *Washington Update* and other e-mail vehicles, including *Action Network*.

To stay up-to-date on all issues important to our mission, all AAUW members, including college and university partners, are encouraged to subscribe to *Washington Update* by emailing VoterEd@aaunw.org.

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BOOK FAIR INFORMATION

Contact:

PEG MONTGOMERY, 770-565-7948 montgomery1718@bellsouth.net to:

- Schedule or re-schedule Book Fair hours
- Inquire about possible car-pooling with other members
- Get directions to Perimeter Mall
- Determine closest parking location to Book Fair area
- Discuss scope of duties
- What to do when you first arrive at Book Fair site

TIP: Bring a suitcase with wheels to accommodate your book purchases.
There are so many books, and they get so heavy!

President's Corner

Carol Stephens
770-427-8403

“ Celebrate what you want to see more of.” Tom Peters

Welcome to a new year for AAUW!! I have to say I am very proud of the way our membership has responded to the challenges of our organization this past year. We have shown a willingness to venture out of our comfort zone in many ways and to try to impact and interact with our larger community. THANK YOU! Our challenges are not over, however. The National Association has suggested considerable changes to our bylaws to be voted on at the next convention in St. Louis this summer. Our program in Feb. will be devoted to exploring these changes and giving direction to our representatives at the convention. We will vote on the members who will serve as our representatives at that meeting. I hope you will consider running as a representative for us. Our President for the 2009-2010 year will be one of the voting members.

This year we will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary as of March 2nd!! Bonnie Williams and Bea Piddock have volunteered to chair the committee responsible for planning and executing our celebration. Please contact them if you are interested in participating in any way. The Exec. Bd. would like to invite all past presidents, Women of the Year, previous scholarship winners and previous members to join in our celebration. If you are in contact with any of these people, please let them know! We will be celebrating in March. If you have any pictures or other items that would add to the history of our organization, please let Bonnie and Bea know. JoRae is presently updating our 2005-2009 scrapbook and will do another update later in the year. Send any pictures or newspaper clippings etc. to me so I can give them to her in one group.

Our Program VP's have done a terrific job of setting up special programs this year to enhance our celebratory mood for our 30th! We are looking forward to a terrific program in Sept. at KSU. **REMEMBER IT IS THE 3RD TUES. OF THE MONTH THIS MONTH ONLY!!** This program will be a perfect one to bring a friend to join in the fun. Cobb Newcomers Club has said they will share our flyer with their membership. (Our Exec. Bd. has agreed to paying for an ad each month in their newsletter. It is up to our membership, however, to approve this expenditure at the Sept. meeting when we vote on our budget.)

Many members have expressed a desire to invite prospective members to our Holiday Party. Therefore, this year, we will be holding it at the Monsour Center in Dec. and it will not be potluck, but a buffet dinner for approximately \$25. We look forward to “showing off” our marvelous scholarship winners then. A huge THANK YOU to Bonnie Williams for her gracious hosting of our Holiday Party these past several years!

Nancy Coakley is heading up our efforts to hold a STEM conference at Southern Polystate on Oct. 25th. We will need helpers for registration and lunch etc. Please let Nancy know if you are available to help in any way.

The Cobb League of Women Voters has responded positively to our offer to co-host a candidate forum in Oct. I am in the planning stages with Janet Cohen right now. It will be broadcast on Ch. 23 TV. Stay tuned for more details!

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SEPT. 21- 28 -- THE MORE HOURS WE WORK THE BIGGER THE SHARE OF THE PIE AND THE MORE SCHOLARSHIP MONEY WE CAN AWARD!! SIGN UP WITH PEG MONTGOMERY *now!*

As you can see, we have a busy year ahead of us! Plug in where you can!

If there is anyone who is willing to take charge of Publicity for us for the year, I would be most grateful. As you know, Maria Wilson, will not be able to help us in that capacity at this time. Please continue to keep her and her sweet husband and family in your thoughts and prayers. Maria is now in Windy Hill Hospital in Rm 224. Plug into caringbridge.com for regular updates.

“ A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to the old dimensions.” Oliver Wendell Holmes

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.

2008-2009 Branch officers/chairs

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Branch Events for September and October

Roving Gourmet – Friday, September 5, 2008 -- 7 p.m.

The Paris Cafe, 1100 Johnson Ferry Rd, in the Publix shopping area, Marietta, 30068. 770-977-4945, THEPARISCAFE.NET. The Cafe serves specialty sandwiches, specialty salads, soups, with 2 different "specials of the day" daily. Moderate prices.

Please call your reservations to Barbara Stidfole, 770-579-8674, by Wed. Sept 3

Book Group -- Monday, September 15, 2008

The **AAUW Book Group** will discuss *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Housseini. The EVENING group will meet at 7:30PM at the home of Carol Stephens, 1288 Rolling Oaks Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30152. Please contact Carol at 770-427-8403 or artkappa@comcast.net if you plan to attend.

The MORNING group will meet at 10:30AM (Please note time change) at The Cafe Paris - C'est Moi, 1100 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta, GA 30068. Please contact Bonnie Williams at 770-971-6130 or Bonnieb41@juno.com if you plan to attend.

For Book Group information please contact Joanne Gareau at gareau109@comcast.net

Branch Program – Tuesday, September 16, 2008 - 7 p.m.

Women in the Arts at KSU, 7:00 p.m. \$10 -- light refreshments will be served. This will be a great meeting to invite potential new members and friends to join us.

MOST IMPORTANT -- DON'T FORGET!!

AAUW Bookfair 2008

Set up September 21st, preview night-September 23rd, sale continues through September 28th. Please save these dates!!! Your help is needed.

Sylvia Goodyear & Debbie Karvey co-chairs.

SAVE THIS DATE!!

Candidates' Forum

The details are firming up for our joint forum with the League of Women Voters. It will be held the evening of October 16th, 2008 -- at the County Commissioner's Meeting Room.