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Monthly Meeting Date and Location Changed!!!

REMEMBER OUR NEW MONTHLY MEETING DATE IS THE SECOND TUES. OF THE MONTH! Our first meeting of the year, Sept. 11th at Merchant's Walk Library, will feature our own State President, Lynn Fountain. She will be wearing two hats at this meeting. She will first speak about Georgia and 4ERA, not can, but when will we do it!!! Secondly, she will talk about the State AAUW and its efforts and focus. We are very fortunate to have her join us! **ALSO, WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR FAMILY AND CHILDREN RESOURCE CENTER AT THIS MEETING! BE SURE TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR THE MOST NEEDED ITEMS!**

48th Annual AAUW BOOKFAIR Perimeter Mall

Sunday September 23 through Sunday September 30, 2007

You are needed!!! The proceeds from the Bookfair fund our contributions to the Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, and our local scholarships. Once again we are at **Perimeter Mall**. Included with this newsletter is the volunteer schedule and sign up form.

While we could use every member working three or more shifts, we will be delighted with whatever time you can give. Please try to volunteer for at least one shift at a **Peak** or a **Critical** time. **Peak** times are **Set-Up** (Sun, 9/23), Preview Night (Tues, 9/25), all day Wednesday (9/24 – **double hours credit**), and **Teardown** (Sun, 9/30). We want family (including teenagers) and friends to help, especially during Set-up and Teardown, which require some physical exertion, but can be a lot of fun! **Critical** shifts have been traditionally understaffed; these are Wednesday morning, Friday night, all day Saturday, and Sunday afternoon. Preview night is always lots of fun. If you are unable to work but want to make a contribution, we have estimated the earnings as \$10 per volunteer hour. Donations are always welcome.

Consider working 2 consecutive shifts to cut down on commuting time (someone will cover for you while you take a break between shifts), or carpooling with a friend in the evening. If you have any questions (especially our new members), please feel free to call me. I will also be contacting you in the coming weeks. Thanks for your support of this important fundraiser and AAUW tradition of 48 years.

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Cobb Personnel Chair
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President's Corner

Carol Stephens

I am excited and awed to be our new Cobb Branch AAUW President. I thank you for your vote of confidence in my abilities and I will do my very best to meet your expectations, as varied as they might be. My goal for this year, besides just learning the job, is to increase our membership and to diversify our membership. This goal is actually the very same as one of the national goals. We must use our creativities and sensitivities to reach out to new, prospective members. As you contemplate this, please share any and all ideas with me and with our Membership Chairs, Carolyn Freeman and Rita Neal. Our world right now is over- stimulated and under- stimulated at the same time. We are over –stimulated by media, noise, pollution, issues, crises, natural disasters. At the same time, we are under-stimulated in the challenge to find meaningful solutions and a balance in our lives. How do we bring AAUW into this arena and especially our own local branch into this arena? This question brings a lot of responsibility onto our Program Chairs, Pam Flournoy and Arden Stone, as well as our Public Policy Chair. Can our local branch be a leader in Cobb to bridge the ever-growing divide between parties, races, and gender? I believe we can. We must just remember the real reason we belong to AAUW Cobb. Perhaps a Focus Group meeting for those interested would help us bring direction to our efforts. Think about it! Give me your thoughts.

Along with the unveiling of the National AAUW website, we have unveiled our own new website - www.aauwcobb.org. I hope that it will be a useful tool to all of you for keeping current with what is happening and look forward to Maria Wilson's policy updates in the About Section and now our first of the year newsletter by Sylvia Goodyear on line as well! As the year unfolds we will make changes and improvements as we see the need. Your input is always needed. If there is anything you wish submitted, please forward to me and I can upload it. I am looking forward to sharing our new National website with you as well at our Oct. meeting. We had to postpone it until then, because National's site will not be launched until after our Sept. meeting. We are linked to the State website as well. My biggest hope is that as newcomers and interested community members search the web for AAUW or women's groups our site will surface as a link. Our webmaster has tried to use key words that will allow that to happen. The more we, ourselves, go to it, the better chance we have of it surfacing, too!

The Association Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, was an inspiring and very informative opportunity for this "nubie" to AAUW! I met amazing people and our foursome roommates were the best! Like being back in a college dorm (only snores instead of late night chatter ☺). I look forward to being able to share more of this experience with you at the October meeting. But, I did acquire some interesting books that you are welcome to use – *The Tao of the Defiant Woman* by CJ Golden, *Tenure Denied: Cases of Sex Discrimination in Academia* by AAUW EF And LAF and *Degrees of Equality: The AAUW and the Challenge of Twentieth Century Feminism* by Susan Levine. Two speakers who really touched my soul were Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch, a retired LT.Col. in the US Army and Asra Q. Nomani, colleague who helped hunt for kidnapped fellow journalist, Danny Pearl. Amazing women!!

Several changes are under way for AAUW as a result of Convention votes. First, there will be in 2009 a single board that combines assets and responsibilities of EF and AAUW and an interim board will function in the transition period. In addition, the delegates approved voting on issues between conventions by mail or electronic voting to allow the organization to be more responsive and equitable. Finally, the delegates agreed to strike all references in the bylaws to the International Federation of University Women, except for a clause that provides for international reciprocity, as a courtesy.

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Branch Events for September

Book Group

East of Eden by John Steinbeck

Book Group will meet on Monday evening September 17, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the home of Nancy Coakley, 3776 Clubland Drive, Marietta, GA 30068. Please telephone Nancy at 770-971-8227 if you plan to attend..

Roving Gourmet

We will be dining at **THE CATCH**, on Friday, September 7th, at 7 PM.

THE CATCH is located in the Stonewood Village shopping center on Woodlawn and Lower Roswell, (in front of Ritter's restaurant and behind the fruit stand). It specializes in seafood but has steak and chicken dishes as well. Its phone # is 770-321-2717.

Valet parking is available, otherwise you may park behind the restaurant in the shopping area.

If you will be attending please contact Barbara Blue, at 770-971-6550 by Wed. Sept 5th.

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.

President's corner continued

At the LAF banquet I was able to again hear the outstanding remarks and story of Claire Schuster, a professor of nursing at Berea College. She had spoken at our State Convention this last spring. At the EF banquet Mae Jemison was the featured speaker and was awarded the AAUW Achievement Award. She stressed the need for women to strive for excellence and to set the standards for excellence.

Finally, we are an extremely diverse and talented group of women. I look forward to "harnessing" all of your energies, ideas, and enthusiasm to impact the lives of the women we represent in our society, both here in Cobb, Georgia, the US and the world! We will "advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research."

2007-2008 Branch officers

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Pick your times to work at the 2007 Bookfair!!!

DAY	9:30 – 12:30	12:30 – 3:30	3:30 – 6:30	6:30 – 9:45
Sunday 9/23 Set-up				Sun. set-up 6:30 till finished PEAK
Monday 9/24 Set-up				
Tuesday 9/25 Set-up				
Tues. 9/25 Preview Sale				Preview sale shift starts 5:45 till 9:45 PEAK
Wed. 9/26 Sale	PEAK	PEAK		
Thursday 9/27 Sale				
Friday 9/28 Sale				CRITICAL
Saturday 9/29 Sale	CRITICAL	CRITICAL	CRITICAL	CRITICAL
Sunday 9/30 Sale		CRITICAL (This shift starts @ 11:30 ends @ 3:00)	CRITICAL (This shift starts @ 3:00 ends @ 7:00)	
Sunday 9/30 Tear-down				Tear-down 7:15 till finished PEAK

Please put a check above in the white space of the shifts that you prefer to work. (select **4 or MORE** shifts)

PEAK: Shifts that are busy, requiring many staff

CRITICAL: Shifts not quite as busy as Peak shifts but traditionally under-staffed

Name: _____

Branch: _____

Phone: _____ e mail: _____

Please indicate whether you have a strong preference to work as a cashier or on the floor as a merchandiser during the sale.

Cashiering is a sedentary job, but you must be able to operate our calculators accurately and quickly. **ALL CASHIERS MUST FOLLOW STANDARDIZED CALCULATOR PROCEDURES.** All set-up shifts require unpacking books. If you do not state a preference, you will be assigned as needed. Evening shifts should help clean after closing.

If you must sit but don't want to cashier you may be given a security/information job, if enough cashiers are available.

Preferred duty (cashier or merchandiser): _____

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 relief cashier and merchandiser.

Comments:

Please note that set up and tear down begin at 7:00 this year because of changes in mall hours. Also, the mall is open until 10 on Friday and Saturday nights, so we will not be closing the book sale those nights until 10.

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