



Cobb Update

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Special Dates of Interest

- Mar 7 - Women's History KSU
- Mar 21 - CTAUN Georgia Tech
- Apr 14 - Branch Meeting
- Apr 25 - Georgia AAUW 2015 State Convention
- **May 12 - Branch Meeting - Woman of the Year, Scholarship Awards and Installation of new officers**
- Jun 19-21 - National Convention, San Diego, CA



St. Patrick's Day

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There will not be a regularly scheduled branch meeting in March.

Recap of last month's meeting:



**Dr. Amy Stevens, Advocate
GA Military Women**

Our most recent branch meeting on February 10th, at Sterling Estates found dynamic advocates addressing us about Female Military Veterans transitioning to civilian life. This informational program was presented by one of our members, Dr. Amy Stevens, a Navy Veteran and an advocate who provides counseling and consulting services as well as a Facebook outreach for GA Military Women. Also addressing the members was Kim Scofi, with Battle Buddy of United Military Care.org. It certainly was an eye-opening look into the challenges of women serving in the military, especially as they transition back to civilian life. Some of the stories relayed spoke to homelessness, PTSD and mental challenges adjusting to civilian life, as well as the very personal story of a Cobb County resident, Kisha Holmes, who killed herself and her children recently. It was a wakeup call that rang across the local and national news recently. At this time, Amy and Kim's organizations are looking for individuals to step up and help out in even the smallest way – donating time, donating household goods, donating funds ... anything and everything to support those who have served and/or continue to serve us.

Remember to submit your suggestions for Cobb AAUW Woman of the Year to Nancy Coakley no later than March 15th.

Scholarships:

This is the first year that our scholarship applications are available in the spring. Please encourage and spread the word to family and friends that AAUW is offering a scholarship at KSU, SPSU and CTC and the deadline for applications to be received is March 13th. Applications are to be submitted to Nancy Coakley, 3776 Clubland Dr., Marietta, GAS 30068 and are available in the financial aid office on each campus as well as on the branch website, <http://cobbcounty-ga.aauw.net/scholarships>.

Book Group

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

Hello Book Lovers:

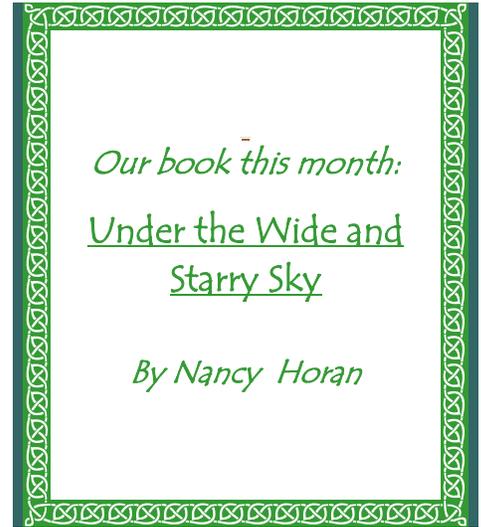
Don't forget the next Book Group meeting on **March 16** at the
East Cobb Government Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Rd,
Marietta, GA 30068

Debbie will facilitate AND Debbie, Karen and Barbara Blue will do
refreshments

Remember: Time is 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon!

Please let Karen know you are coming! 770-971-4087
or Krpeters12@aol.com

Thanks, Barbara Hammond



ROVING GOURMET



Judy is hosting!!

KISH RESTAURANT

105 North Park Square, Marietta 30060
near The Strand Theatre

This is a newly opened restaurant on the square and they were very excited when we
made the reservation about our coming to try them out!!

<http://www.kishatlanta.com/>
(770) 672-6803

Circle the date:

FRIDAY, MARCH 6th, at 7:00 PM

Please RSVP to JUDY at 770-319-1776 or jvr@pcvisions.com by Wednesday, 4th of March.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

We hope everyone is weathering the erratic and frigid winter that has us guessing from day to day, "What's next?" We hope everyone is staying safe and warm. At our February meeting, Amy Stevens, Barbara Blue and Yetta McMillan volunteered to serve on the branch nominating committee to recruit officers for the coming year. When you are called, please be receptive if you are asked to serve as a branch leader. Working together in a collaborative framework and knowing that current/past leaders will be there to help you – so feel comfortable taking on a position for the branch. We each have something special to bring to the branch and we encourage you to get involved ... it truly is a great learning and bonding experience.



Nancy and Debbie

Women's History Month

We hope that many of you have signed up for the 7th Annual Women's History Month event on Saturday, March 7th at Kennesaw State University Continuing Education Center at 3333 Busbee Drive NW, Kennesaw. This event starts at 9:30 AM with a continental breakfast, followed by the program starting at 10:00 AM. This year's program and panel will explore the successes and challenges of women in the medical profession. Registration and continental breakfast are free. Co-sponsors of the Women's History event are Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated - Rho Zeta Omega Chapter, Kennesaw State University Alumni Association - Women's Council, General Federation of Women's Clubs - Cobb Woman's Club, and the League of Women Voters Marietta-Cobb.

Please access the website to register online ... <https://community.kennesaw.edu/reservations>

If you need assistance, please contact: jcolem42@kennesaw.edu

Registration deadline is March 2nd.



June 19th through June 21st ... Plan to attend, not to be missed opportunity

AAUW National Convention

Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center
San Diego, CA

Register as soon as possible ... contact Debbie Karvey if you have any questions
Some of our members have already registered to attend.



"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at."

Stephen Hawking

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.

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Legislative Events:

AAUW Atlanta Branch Legislative Issues Meeting: Ansley Golf Club on February 7th.

Guest speakers addressing key issues of AAUW policy concern in Georgia were Taifa Butler of the GBPI, Charmaine Davis of 9to5 and Dalia Racine, DeKalb County CSEC Attorney.

Taifa Butler put some real nuts and bolts together to help those in attendance appreciate the monetary impact and influences in policy decisions related to the state budget. GBPI advocates for a strong work force to be the base for business opportunities in Georgia. Instead of promising budget compromising tax cuts to bring business to Georgia, the focus should be on developing and providing a strong work force.

Charmaine Davis reported on the progress for the Family Care Act bill (HB 92) to successfully get to the floor of the house for a vote. There are some hoped for updates that will boost the potential for the FCA bill sponsored by Tommy Benton of Jefferson to be approved during this legislative session.

Dalia Racine provided eye-opening statistics and stories to highlight the work that needs to be done to aid children commercially sexually exploited children and to combat a multi-billion dollar industry that poses unique threats to children in our community as well as the legal / court systems working to protect and defend our communities and our at-risk children.

Cobb Branch attendees were Marie Shockley, Cobb AAUW Public Policy Chair and Debbie Karvey, Georgia AAUW Public Policy Chair.

Lobby Day Events:

Following the legislative issues briefing, Georgia, Cobb and Atlanta AAUW Public Policy participated in a very rewarding lobby day. On February 12th at the Freight Depot, over 500 supporters gathered with Street Grace, Georgia Cares, Wellspring Living and Youth Spark to campaign for passage of Senator Rene Unterman's bill to protect at-risk children forced into sex trafficking, to provide safe harbor after being rescued and harsher penalties for perpetrators and purchasers involved in child sex trafficking. In attendance were Diana Witt and Betty Slater of the Atlanta Branch and Debbie Karvey, Cobb Branch.

On February 18th, AAUW participated in lobbying with the League of Women Voters to ask representatives to vote NO on HB194 which would negatively impact early voting ... "Hands Off Early Voting" lobby day participants worked the ropes at the capitol to talk with representatives.

AAUW members continues to collaborate with Georgia Job and Family Collaborative to promote passage of the Family Care Act ... and support is asked to contact Industry and Labor Committee Members to request favorable passage of the bill out of committee. Hearing is scheduled for March 4th in the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB.)

For additional information about any of these events, check in with Debbie Karvey:

debbiedah@msn.com or 678-520-2231



IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

CTAUN Conference, March 21st at Georgia Tech (teaching about UN in school)

8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Program: Global Technology (Think Locally, Apply Globally)

Public and teachers encouraged to attend.

Presentations and Workshops will focus on applying technology in education locally and globally

STEM event at Georgia Tech for high school students will partner with the conference.

AAUW is a collaborating partner for this event

Please plan to attend – contact Debbie Karvey if you are interested and/or would like to help.

April 14th, Tuesday, 7:00 PM ... Cobb AAUW Branch Meeting

at East Cobb Government Center. In April we will have a very important branch meeting to address time sensitive business issues.

Approve slate of officers for 2015-2016

Vote on proposed bylaws changes

Select Woman of the Year recipient

April 25th, Saturday ... Mark it on your Calendar!!!!

Georgia AAUW State Convention

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Program and Business Meeting

Guest Speaker: **Lisa Maatz**, AAUW Vice President of Government Relations and AAUW's top lobbyist!

The opportunity to interact and hear her speak is an outstanding experience you will long remember.

Hilton Garden Inn, 895 Cobb Place Blvd. NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144

Registration Forms will be posted by March 1st, on state website and via *Cherokee Rose* Newsletter

Friday Evening, April 24th

Social Reception and Hospitality, TBD

More detail information will be made available in the March *Cherokee Rose*

If you didn't note it last month: CHANGE ALERT

Cobb AAUW Scholarship Recipients, Woman of the Year and Installation of Officers Dinner

has a new date:

May 12th at 6:30 PM

Indian Hills Country Club

Clubland Drive, Indian Hills, East Cobb



This year, to coordinate with spring scholarship awards, we will be meeting in May before the end of the academic year to optimize awardees attendance. We had such a delightful event last year with many thanks to Nancy Coakley, Cobb AAUW Co-President, for arranging such a wonderful celebration. This year we are sure to have another delightful venue and dinner.

Please plan to come ... it is so rewarding to celebrate together our successes and recognize the accomplishments of students and women in our community.