

Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

East Cobb Government Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta, GA 30068



(These are not our winners, but you will meet the real ones on April 12)

Welcome our 8th Grade Girls Essay Contest Winners!

Parents, teachers, and principals also attending!

Following this gala presentation and reception, we will have our annual business meeting:

- Vote on "Woman of the Year" for 2016**
- Vote on passage of the AAUW Cobb bylaws (bring your copy from the March newsletter)**
- Vote on branch leadership for 2016-2016**

QUORUM NECESSARY!

"Why STEM for Me?" was the topic of our 2016 8th Grade Girls Essay Contest. After spending hours reading, assessing, and debating the quality of the essays, Karen Peters, Sandi Nelson, Nancy Coakley, and Arden Stone selected the final three who just happened to be from different schools. Congratulations to 1st Place Winner, **Sakshi Joshi from Campbell Middle School**, who will receive \$100; 2nd Place Winner, **Mia Karega from Tapp Middle School**, who will receive \$75; and 3rd Place Winner, **Jayita Davis from Lindley Middle School**, who will receive \$50. Please come on April 12 to show how much we support them as young women aspiring for non-traditional careers and how much AAUW supports quality public education.

ROVING GOURMET, FRIDAY, APRIL 1. Don't be a fool and stay home! Come and enjoy conversation and good food at Shillings on the Square, grill-side level, at 6:30 p.m. 19 North Park, Marietta 30060. Check out the menu at www.shillingsonthesquare.net. **RSVP TODAY** to Arden at 678-245-1145 or arden_stone@yahoo.com.

STATE AAUW CONVENTION, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 15-16, Hampton Inn, Warner Robins. Opens with reception at 5:00 pm. Friday evening; convention program, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. (9:00 a.m. if you have pre-registered) until-4:00 p.m. Please participate in planning a successful coming year. Yetta McMillan is senior co-President for State next year and deserves our branch support. Registration form attached. Cost: \$40 includes Saturday breakfast if pre-registered and lunch on Saturday. A separate attachment to this emailed newsletter has all the registration information. **Respond by April 1 if you want to stay Friday night.**

BOOK GROUP, MONDAY, APRIL 18, 6:30 p.m. (note time change). Bonnie Williams will host, facilitate and do refreshments. **RSVP to Bonnie:** 770-971-6130 or Bonniebw41@att.net

READ ON: THIS IS NOT ALL!



**TUESDAY, MAY 10, 7:00 P.M., INDIAN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
CELEBRATION BANQUET for Woman of the Year and Scholarship Winners.
RSVP as soon as possible to Nancy Coakley 770-971-8227 and state your meal
preference. Dinner, dessert, non-alcoholic beverage: \$30.00**

HELP NEEDED NOW FOR SEPTEMBER 2016 BOOKFAIR—Back at Perimeter Mall!

Karen's message from the Bookroom: "We have received a HUGE donation of very nice books - hundreds of boxes from a collector in Vinings who is moving to Illinois. The bookroom is packed to overflowing and we desperately need volunteers to help sort them. PLEASE consider coming down and helping. The Cobb branch usually is the only branch than comes in on Saturday between 10 and 2. We would so appreciate your help. If Saturday doesn't work for you, the room is also open on Tuesday and Thursday - same hours. It is a good opportunity to meet and work with the folks from other branches. We need you. Come and earn hours toward our scholarships." (Call or email Karen for details about pick-up help: 770-971-4087 or krpeters12@aol.com.)



!!! POSITIONS NEEDED FOR BOOKFAIR !!!

Bookfair Co-Chair: We need an individual to work with experienced Co-Chair **Debbie Karvey**. Bookfair Co-Chairs are responsible for non-bookroom activities leading up to the fair and for activities at the fair.

Personnel Chair: The Bookfair Personnel Chair is responsible for staffing activities at the Mall from set-up through tear down. She works in the weeks leading up to the fair to organize volunteer sign ups, and she monitors staffing and changes during the fair to ensure coverage. Experienced Personnel Chair Barbara Buchanan is available to provide training and assistance.

Set-Up Chair: The Set-Up Chair coordinates our move into the Bookfair location, directing the movers and volunteers to set-up and place tables, tablecloths, and signs; to deliver books to the proper tables and storage locations; and to unbox and merchandise books in preparation for opening night. The Set-Up Chair works in cooperation with the Layout Chair and the Bookfair Chair.

Tear Down Chair: The Tear Down Chair is responsible for developing a plan for moving all books and properties from the mall at the conclusion of Bookfair. She coordinates the activities of the movers and volunteers during tear down. Experienced Steering Committee members are available to provide input and assistance.

Questions about these roles?? Contact Debbie Karvey 678-520-2231 or debbiedah@msn.com.

President's Message

Tuesday, April 12, is our last general meeting for the 2015-2016 year. It is very important that as many come as possible to honor the 8th Grade Girls Essay Contest winners and welcome the parents, teachers and principals that are also invited! Attendance by members at events we sponsor also portrays our branch as a strong contributor to our Cobb community and the AAUW mission. If you did not attend the March 12 general meeting, you missed an opportunity to hear the remarkable stories of women veterans, including our own Amy Stevens and Bea Piddock, both Navy veterans. I'm sure you have your own amazing life story. Write it down! Pass it on to your family members as an historical journal to be treasured for years to come. So often I've wished that I had asked my mother and grandmothers, father and grandfathers about their own lives—what it was like "when..." Such stories would have gone back to the 19th Century. But now it's too late, so for my own children and grandchildren, I am writing down what I remember "when..." Our memories don't have to go too far back to see how dramatically technology has changed everything, brought the world closer to our doorstep, and heightened the clash of ideologies and cultures at home and abroad. AAUW fellowship with like-minded women in this era of great change has been important to me. I hope it has been the same for you.