



Cobb Update

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Special Dates of Interest

- April 6 - Roving Gourmet
- April 13 & 14 - State Convention in Savannah
- April 16 - Book Group
- April 27 - Tellus Museum
- May 4 - Roving Gourmet
- May 8 - Meeting at Mansour



STEM ISN'T ONLY FOR THE YOUNG

JOIN US AT THE TELLUS MUSEUM IN CARTERSVILLE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Although our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs are usually aimed at young girls in order to stimulate their interest in these fields of study, we are never too old to learn. So for our April branch event we will be traveling to Cartersville to visit the Tellus Museum on Friday, April 27.

Tellus is a world-class 120,000 square foot museum located in Cartersville, GA just off I-75 at exit 293. The museum's exhibits open minds and ignite a passion for science. Tellus features four main galleries: The Weinman Mineral Gallery, The Fossil Gallery, Science in Motion and The Collins Family My Big Backyard. A 120-seat digital planetarium and an observatory with a state-of-the-art 20-inch telescope is also located at Tellus. The museum also features eye-popping exhibits like an 80 foot-long Apatosaurus and a replica Wright flyer. Dazzling gems and minerals sparkle and glow alongside interactive exhibits demonstrating how the Earth moves and changes.

We will plan on arriving at the museum at 11:00 and will have lunch at the Café there. Car pools will leave from the East Cobb Government Center and from somewhere north on I-75 to be determined. Barbara Blue (blu16br@juno.com or 770-971-6550) will coordinate the East Cobb carpool and Debbie Karvey (debbieday@msn.com or 770-0591-7956) the I-75 one. The admission is \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors over 65. The planetarium show is an extra \$3.

This would be a great opportunity to invite a friend for a day of exploration, learning, and fun. Please let Karen know (krpeters12@aol.com or 770-971-4087) if you plan to attend, and arrange for carpools through Debbie and Barbara. Let's have a good turnout.

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Happy Springtime!

Book Group

For additional Book Group information please email or call Judy Ribarsky at jvr@pcvisions.com or 770-319-1776

Our Book Group meeting will be Monday, April 16th at 7:30 pm in the home of

Marty Hughes
3307 Somerset Court
Marietta, GA 30067

Debbie Karvey will facilitate the discussion of the book.

Please RSVP to: marty-hughes@mindspring.com
or 770-953-3403

Our book this month:

Nothing Daunted:
The Unexpected
Education of Two
Society Girls in the
West

by Dorothy Wickenden

ROVING GOURMET



FRIDAY, May 4th, 7:00 p.m.
WEST COBB DINER

3451 Barrett Parkway, Marietta 30064

www.westcobbdiner.com

(770) 422-7717

Barrett Parkway at Dallas Highway in The Pointe shopping center between Walgreen's and Pike Nursery

Review Highlights...."delicious" comfort food"
"The turkey dinner is amazing"
"Recipes/menus are awesome"



Thanks to our hostess Marie. Please make reservations with Marie by WEDNESDAY, May 2nd, at 770-984-9928, or mariepearsonshockley@yahoo.com

WHO ARE THESE MEMBERS?

Last month's members:

1. Elinor Spaltin lived in Manhattan for 45 years.
2. Joanne Mazula was an exercise instructor during graduate school.
3. Joan Zenteno is a frustrated actress, having been involved in every high school and college play, either on stage or behind the scenes, and has her name on a plaque at college for being "Player of the Year."

Now, who are these members?

1. Her family tree has a skeleton – a branch belonging to Pretty Boy Floyd.
2. She played a prostitute sitting at a bar in "Oliver" in college and disguised herself so well that even her family didn't recognize her.
3. She was high school valedictorian and May Queen.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Kudos to Nancy Coakley for her wonderful organizational efforts in developing this year's STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) program at Southern Polytechnic State University. This is a love of hers, which you can sense every time you speak to her about educating girls in the STEM subjects. Working at coordinating the university and the Girl Scouts groups is not an easy task, but Nancy brings experience and enthusiasm to the task, and we very much appreciate her efforts.

I was reading the letters to the editor in a recent *Smith-*

sonian magazine and came upon this: "Julie Des Jardins' article, 'The Passion of Madame Curie' was excellent and shed new light on the important accomplishments of this great woman. The \$100,000 donated to Curie to purchase a gram of radium to continue her research was supplied by the American Association of University Women. This effort initiated a fundraising campaign that continues to this day through the association's support and funding for women to pursue scientific research."

Doesn't that make you proud? What a history we have! And isn't it wonderful that the Executive Director of AAUW will be speaking at our convention in Savan-

nah April 13 & 14? We are going to have a good delegation attending – most of whom are or have been state or branch officers and therefore voting delegates. You can still decide to attend. Just let Debbie know. I'm sure that no one who would like to attend will be turned away. Hope to see you in Savannah.

--Karen



LOOKING AHEAD

Elinor Spalten has been researching information on *Sterling Estates*, the new senior living facility being constructed on Lower Roswell. *Aloha to Aging* is a network for seniors we will also be checking out. The McCleskey-East Cobb YMCA will hold a series of Lunch and Learns about many topics of concern to older citizens, which some of us may attend (thanks to Linda Stewart for that contact). Finally, we will have a tour and luncheon at Presbyterian Village on April 20.

Meeting: Monday, May 7, at 2:00pm, Government Center Conference Room



Don't forget our need for workers in the Book Room!!

Working hours in the Book Room are Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 10 am to 2 pm

For more info call the Bookroom at 404-261-7646

Address: 3060 Pharr Court North, Atlanta, GA 30305



**BOOKFAIR THIS YEAR IS SEPTEMBER 26th - 30th - PERIMETER MALL HOURS
SET UP STARTING ON SUNDAY THE 23RD
OPENING NIGHT - TUESDAY THE 25TH - \$10 ADMISSION**

“Sometimes the path you’re on is not as important
as the direction you’re heading!”

Kevin Smith

Judy Ribarsky, Editor
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date.

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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.

S A V E T H E S E D A T E S !!



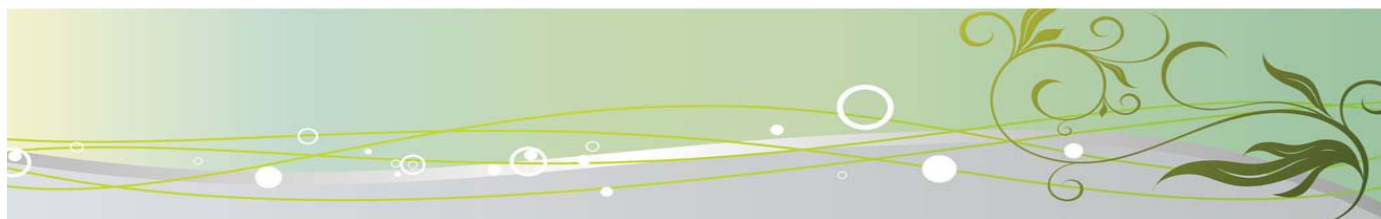
April 13 & 14, 2012 GAAUW State Convention, in Savannah
APRIL 27 MEET AT THE TELLUS IN CARTERSVILLE - 11 A.M.



MAY 8th - TUESDAY, 7 P.M. - MANSOUR CENTER
“SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING WOMEN”



JUNE 12th - TUESDAY, 6:30 P.M. - MANSOUR CENTER.
ANNUAL MEETING, WOMAN OF YEAR PRESENTATION.
(buffet dinner \$28 per person) ** note earlier time



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - Those of you who have been following the activities of the legislature this session may be interested in attending a legislative update program sponsored by the League of Women Voters Atlanta-Fulton. It will be held at the Roswell Library on Saturday, April 28th at 10:15 am. (Library opens at 10am.) Many issues impacting women were addressed this session, and this is an opportunity to learn more about them.



The STEM Initiative – Nancy Coakley

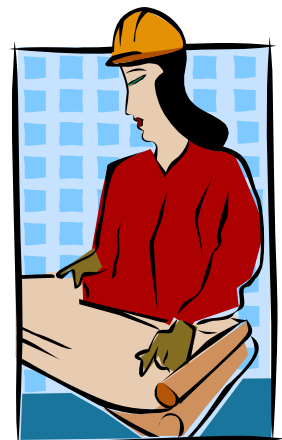
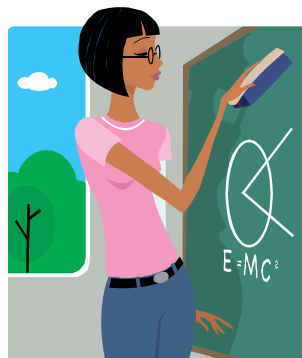
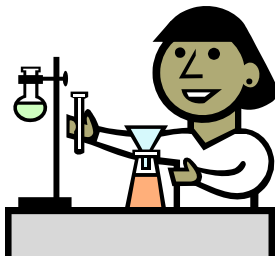
The 4th annual STEM Initiative was held at Southern Polytechnic State University on Saturday, March 31st, in collaboration with SPSU and The Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta. Approximately 35 Hispanic and black students attended. Dr. Julie Newell, Professor of Social and International Studies at Southern Poly, set the tone with her presentation "Women in Science and Technology: How Changing What We See Changes What We Can Do." She illustrated how over the years women in these fields did not receive recognition for their monumental achievements because of their gender. She directed the girls to be inspired by their example, to develop their curiosity, and to consider entering these fields.

Master Teacher Jan Nourollahi and one of her "UTeach" students held Discovery Sessions in which students experimented with dry ice in the morning and designed a motor in the afternoon. The hands-on activities kept them focused, excited, and interested. They were treated to lunch at the new campus cafeteria (by AAUW) and thoroughly enjoyed sampling as much food as possible.

"UTeach" is a grant program in which students who participate receive a teaching certificate along with the degree in their chosen fields upon graduation. These highly qualified teachers could make a huge difference in schools because of their expertise and enthusiasm for the subject they would teach.

Other aspects of the STEM Initiative were covered in previous programs: 2008-2009--"Girls and Science Workshop" (career exploration); 2010--"Who Dunit: A Foray Into CSI and DNA;" and "Mentoring: Working: Working the System," a spinoff of "Why So Few", held at Kennesaw State University.

Many thanks to Judy Ribarsky for computerizing and printing the program, and Shirley Mills and Debbie Karvey for their assistance on the day of the event.



Spring

 The word "Spring" is written in a large, green, cursive font. To the right of the word is a stylized green leaf and a yellow flower with a green stem.