



Cobb Update

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Special Dates of

Interest

- Feb. 3rd - Roving Gourmet
- Feb 16th - Monthly Meeting
- Feb 20th - Book Group
- Mar 2nd - Roving Gourmet
- Mar 3rd - Women's History
- Mar 13th - Monthly Meeting
- Mar 17th - CTAUN Conference
- Mar 31st - STEM Program



Happy Valentine's Day

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ATTENTION!!

Date and time of program for Feb. has been changed!

Due to the fact that our meeting would have fallen on Valentine's Day and that the LWV is sponsoring a Lobby Day to which we have graciously been invited to participate, we have a change of plans for February's program. **There will be no meeting on Feb. 14th.**

Instead, we will join the LWV on
Thursday, Feb. 16th at 9:00 am
for a continental breakfast
in the Coverdale Legislative Office Bldg. Rm 123
at the Capitol
for speakers, advocacy training, and then lobbying.

Our AAUW group will gather at a restaurant afterward (yet to be determined) to share our experiences with our legislators and to plan any further actions.

We will carpool to the Capitol and share the cost of the parking. We will plan to leave at 8:00 am.

Please contact Carol Stephens if you are interested in attending. There is no cost to the LWV only the parking and your lunch. See you soon!



Book Group

For additional Book Group information please
email or call Denise Bossarte at
dcj_bst@hotmail.com

Our Book Group meeting will be
Monday, February 20th at 7:30 pm
in the home of
Shirley Mills
4282 Presswyck
Marietta, GA 30062

Our hostess is providing the refreshments
and will facilitate the discussion of the book, too!!

Please RSVP to: wemills@bellsouth.net
or 770-973-4498

Our book this month:

The Warmth of
Other Suns: The
Epic Story of
America's Great
Migration

by Isabel Wilkerson

ROVING GOURMET



Marie Shockley has made reservations for us at

Thaicoon & Sushi Bar

34 Mill St NE
Marietta, GA 30060-1967
(678) 766-0641

It is in the **YELLOW BUILDING** off the Marietta Square,
down the street from Shillings.

www.thaicoonmarietta.com

FRIDAY, MARCH 2nd, at 7:00 PM

Please RSVP to Marie Shockley by Wednesday 29th of February at
mariepearsonshockley@yahoo.com
or 770-984-9928

Plan on being with us
"next" month.
Save the date!!

Friday, April 6th
7:00 PM

WE LOOK FORWARD
TO
SEEING YOU!!

WHO ARE THESE MEMBERS?

Last month's members:

1. Pam Flournoy is the oldest of 23 first cousins – not the boss, but bossy – also loves jazz and can cut a mean rug.
2. Patricia Clay joined the National Teacher Corps under President Johnson and taught reading for two years.
3. Barbara Stidfole was the founding director of the Amelia Island Historical Museum.

Now who are these members?

1. She was spelling bee champion in elementary school and has traveled to five continents.
2. She had a job which entailed reading out loud (punctuation and all) every day.
3. She has sailed in England and the Canary Islands and has visited 63 foreign countries.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

First of all, I apologize (again) for the delay in getting this out. Changes have been made in this month's program and it has taken some time to verify the information. For the second month in a row, we will not be having a regular branch meeting but will be joining with the League of Women Voters to help us in developing our lobbying skills. Since this is an election year, and since the Georgia Legislature is now in session, we are emphasizing our participation in addressing the issues that impact women and hope that you will join us in participating – and having lunch.

Thanks to **Carol Stephens** for organizing our Legislative Forum meeting. I'm embarrassed to say that this is the first one that I have attended, and I hope that many of us will participate in next year's

meeting. It was interesting to meet our Cobb Legislators, and the topics of discussion - the upcoming transportation initiative, charter schools, and other relevant issues showed us that our legislators are articulate and knowledgeable. Get to know them, and become involved

I hope that you saw the information concerning the Susan Komen Foundation's discontinuing its support of Planned Parenthood. I am most dismayed at this, and I hope that you (and the national AAUW organization) will show opposition. I hope that you will sign the petition attached to my email. Mention that you are a member of AAUW in the comment section.

I want to thank **Marty Hughes** and **Elinor Spalten** for their efforts in getting our new "Looking Ahead" interest group off the ground. It appears to be off to a good start. If YOU have an

idea for an interest group (bridge, anyone?), let me know and we'll see what we can do.

Please keep **Patricia Clay** and **Maria Wilson** in your thoughts and prayers. Patricia is having surgery in Boston on a tumor on her pituitary gland, and Maria will be having surgery on February 6 for spinal stenosis, a blockage of the spinal canal by calcium deposits. It's pinching the nerves and causing some of the pain she has been having.

I hope to see you on Thursday, February 16. If you are interested in carpooling, let me know and we'll arrange something from the East Cobb Government Center.

--Karen



"LOOKING AHEAD" INTEREST GROUP

The first meeting of our new interest group, "Looking Ahead", was very productive, with 9 enthusiastic attendees, including two husbands! We discussed issues of aging: downsizing, (possibly finding a speaker to show us how to make this task less painful!), how to choose retirement housing, financial issues, and more. Some valuable resources were shared and passed around, with more to come in the future. Some members will be doing "homework" to bring more information to our next meeting.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 12, at 2:00pm, at the East Cobb Government Center, again in the conference room. Future plans include tours of several senior residences, probably beginning with Presbyterian Village. Elinor Spalten will handle arrangements for tours. Please RSVP to Marty Hughes if you plan to attend our next meeting, so we'll know if we need to bring in extra chairs to accommodate everyone. Hope to see you there.

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"Doubt is a pain too lonely to know that faith is
his twin brother."
Kahlil Gibran

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 8th at 7 pm
Mansour Center
"Program on Education"



Cobb Legislative Forum

Contributed by: Carol Stephens

Cobb AAUW continued its tradition of partnering with other women's organizations in its sponsorship of the annual Cobb Legislative Forum televised by Ch. 23. We had a good showing of our legislators. North Cobb was represented by Senators Chip Rogers and Lindsey Tippins. South Cobb was represented by Representatives David Wilkerson, Stacey Evans, and Alisha Morgan. East Cobb where were you???? Senator Judson Hill and Rep. Ed Setzler and Sam Teasley had indicated they would be participating but did not make it. LWV Marietta-Cobb arranged for the room and moderator and provided the index cards for question submission. The Rho Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority provided very good publicity with the MDJ and brought lots of yummy pastries and the most attendees. We provided the beverages, cheese and crackers, and fruit, as well as the invitations/communication with the legislators. The forum was open to the public and it being an election year, we even had a candidate who is running against Rep. Phil Gingrey for Congress in the primary. Many of his supporters were in attendance. Many issues were discussed including transportation, immigration, state appointed charter schools, Hope scholarship, mandatory drug testing of unemployment and TANNF recipients, and prison reform. The answers to all the questions seemed thoughtful and provided a variety of viewpoints. This year we did not have to reschedule due to snow!

Political Issues

Georgia Women for Change is urging us to contact our Senators and Representatives about the defunding of the Adolescent and Teen Centers in the rural parts of Georgia. The Governor is keeping the funds for the metro area and Columbus, Macon, Augusta, and Savannah only. The teen pregnancy rate has dropped in recent years and we believe it has a lot to do with the quality programming of these teen centers. If funding is dropped and the teen pregnancy rate rises, Georgia will have additional expense for education of low-birth weight babies, teen mothers, and teen drop outs. Please contact your representatives to put that money back in the budget! The good news is that the funds for the rehabilitation of the child prostitutes was not cut. Be sure to urge our representatives to keep it that way! FYI there have been 50 cases brought to trial since June when the Governor signed the bill making teen prostitutes victims rather than criminals. Guess you could say that is good news and bad news. Rep. Buzz Brockway will be sponsoring a bill HB 1151 that establishes a study committee to see what is needed in the future for rehabilitation of all human trafficking victims, not just children and not just sex trafficking, what the cost would be and who would best be responsible for carrying it out. The next breakfast briefing will be held on Feb. 23, 8:00-10:00 am. Come join us! Marie and I were lonely this time but we did get to speak to Sen. Tippins and Sen. Rogers, as well as Sen. Jason Carter. Come make your representatives accountable. If not you, who??

Fourth Annual Women's History Event

Celebrating History Through Her Story

Saturday, 3/3/2012

10 a.m.—12 p.m.

Kennesaw State University Continuing Education Building
3333 Busbee Dr. NW, Room 400, Kennesaw, Ga. 30144

Celebrating Women in Business Who have Broken the Glass Ceiling

Panelists include:

Shan Cooper (Lockheed Martin Aeronautics)

Terri Buntin Guthrie (First Landmark Bank)

Mitzi Smith Moore (Sundial Plumbing)

Condace Pressley (WSB Talk Radio)

Pam Younker (Engineering Design Technologies, Inc.)

Moderator: Beverly Lewis McAfee
(Partner, McAfee Properties)

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Rho Zeta Omega Chapter, Georgia Federation of Woman's Club, Cobb Woman's Club and The League of Women Voters Marietta-Cobb will host the Fourth Annual Celebrating History Through Her Story. This year's focus will be "Women in Business Who have Broken the Glass Ceiling." Chairing the event will be *Pam Flourney with the LWV, AKA, Jennifer Turner, and CWC, Jan Dudley*. The breakfast buffet event will be a highlight of Women's History Month with no charge to attend. If you would like more information or to reserve your seat as space is limited, please contact Jo Tront at 770-640-0321 or e-mail her at WHM3312@gmail.com.



Alumni Association
Kennesaw State University

Karen has reserved six seats and would appreciate your letting her know whether you plan to attend. It would be a good opportunity for AAUW to make its presence known. Call me at 770-971-4087 or e-mail me at krpeters12@aol.com

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Saturday, March 17, 2012

Georgia State University, Atlanta GA

College of Education

8:30 to 4:15

Regular Registration \$35 Student Registration \$10

Lunch Included