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Special Dates of Interest

- May 4 - Roving Gourmet
- May 8 - Meeting at Mansour
- May 21 - Book Group
- June 1 - Roving Gourmet
- June 12 - Annual Meeting



MAY 8th - TUESDAY, 7 P.M.

MANSOUR CENTER

“SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING WOMEN”

Come and hear our members talk of their travels!!

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Book Group

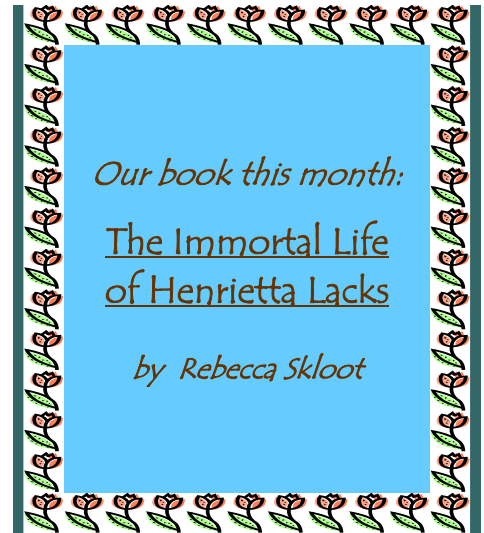
For additional Book Group information please email or call Judy Ribarsky at jvr@pcvisions.com or 770-319-1776

Our Book Group meeting will be Monday, May 21st at 7:30 pm
in the home of

Joan Terwilliger
2703 Bridgegate Cove NE
Marietta, GA 30068

Need someone to facilitate the discussion of the book!!
Judy is going to California!!

Please RSVP to: russell.terwilliger@yahoo.com
or 678-401-4241



ROVING GOURMET



FRIDAY, June 1st, 7:00 p.m.

Aspen Signature Steaks

2942 Shallowford Road, NE
Marietta, Ga. 30066

www.sedgwickrestaurantgroup.com/aspens_east.html
(678) 236-1400

"Hope we get Rebecca as our waitress....."

Thanks to our hostess Marie.

Please make reservations with Marie by WEDNESDAY, May 30th,
at 770-984-9928, or mariepearsonshockley@yahoo.com



WHO ARE THESE MEMBERS?

Last month's members:

1. Barbara Hammond's family tree has a skeleton – a branch belonging to Pretty Boy Floyd.
2. Joan Terwilliger 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. Shirley Mills was high school valedictorian and May Queen.

Now, who are these members?

1. In a previous life she was a missionary in Zimbabwe and Kenya and was also a producer for Channel 2 and producer/director for The Weather Channel.
2. Has been such an introvert all of her life that she has always surprised people when she speaks her mind.
3. She was in charge of getting rid of the gooney birds from Midway Island while she was a project officer in the Navy.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our trip to the Tellus Museum (named for the Roman goddess of the earth) in Cartersville on Friday was a great experience. I myself loved geology in college, so I particularly enjoyed the rocks and minerals exhibit (especially one of the minerals that looked like dandelion fluff – incredible!) while Judy particularly enjoyed the antique cars. Naturally, Marie loved the kids' room with all of the hands-on exhibits, and Patricia also enjoyed the mineral exhibit which has been wonderfully upgraded since her visit a few years ago. The fossils, dinosaurs, and the periodic table (thank heavens there were many many fewer elements when I was in school) were fascinating. The Solar House designed by Georgia Tech students was most interesting and the Planetarium was wonderful in allowing us to lie back and watch the stars. The museum is a real treasure, and I hope you will take the opportunity to visit soon.

I'm assuming that you have received the by-laws changes which have been sent out and which will be voted on at our May 9 meeting. Please read through them and consider the changes which have been approved by our board but which need to be approved by the branch membership. The by-laws have been adjusted to conform with the national by-laws by Sylvia Goodyear who also made the suggestions which we will vote on. Sylvia's experience as a former branch and state president is invaluable.

I have been so appreciative of the help I have received from so many of you as I have stumbled through my first year as president. You have had such good advice and suggestions. And, I might add, patience.

The State Convention in Savannah was an excellent time to get up close and personal with the Executive Director of AAUW, Linda Hallman, a delightful and inspiring person. Debbie is finishing out her second year as co-president and did a fine job leading us through some brainstorming exer-

cises. See her article with more details in this newsletter.

Disappointingly, we received no responses from the colleges in the area regarding recommendations for attendees for NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders), but two of our scholarship winners were most excited about the opportunity to attend. Fate Abassi (pre-dental student) and Greta Samuels (the woman with a family who is returning to school and majoring in early childhood education) will be the recipients of our NCCWSL funds. These women are each so enthusiastic and deserving that it is a pleasure to further help them develop their leadership abilities. They will be reporting to us on their experiences, and I have a feeling that they will be using their leadership skills for AAUW in the future.

--Karen



LOOKING AHEAD

On April 20, we took a grand guided tour of Presbyterian Village at Austell, seeing the different types of living arrangements, including cluster homes, "cottages", apartments, assisted living and nursing care available on their 60 acre property. We saw lots of open green space, trees, and a small lake. They have many services available, including a pool, workout room, van service, etc. Some in our group felt the facility exceeded their expectations. We finished the tour with a delicious lunch.

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 7, at 2:00pm, at East Cobb Government Center in the Conference Room. Our speaker will be Dawn Reed, who directs "Aloha to Aging", in the yellow Mt. Bethel building housing respite care for elders and their caregivers on Lower Roswell Rd. Dawn comes enthusiastically recommended by Billie Welty, one of our branch's former presidents. Come early, so you can view our "Lending Library" of books, which will be on display, ready to take home. All of our members are most welcome to attend any of our meetings or other events.



Marty Hughes

“The longer we dwell on our misfortunes, the greater is their power to harm us.”

Voltaire

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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 !!



**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**

National AAUW News: **Unhappy Hour** On Tuesday, April 17, our national office of AAUW in Washington, D. C., marked Equal Pay Day — the symbolic day when women’s earnings finally catch up to what men made last year. They celebrated with a patio-style “Unhappy Hour” outside the national office. Featuring a “secret salary” garden and a pep talk from AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations Lisa Maatz, the event — which drew more than 150 guests — was a great success.



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**

Member Update

Barbara Stidfole and her husband Gene are settled in Zion National Park where she is working in the gift shop and he is doing general handyman duties. Spending time in a national park has been one of Barbara's dreams for years. After this year at the park they will settle in Jacksonville, Florida.

Marie Wilson had a hip replacement on April 26th and is having a good recovery. She is undergoing therapy.

From our Debbie:

Our GA AAUW State Convention was successfully held in Savannah at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown the weekend of April 13, 14. Cobb members attending were Karen Peters, Sylvia Goodyear, Marcia Capriotti, Bea Piddock, Nancy Coakley and Debbie Karvey. Our guest, Linda Hallman, AAUW Executive Director, was a great asset to our event and we all enjoyed getting to know her and collaborating with her on Georgia successes and challenges. During Friday evening's Southern Banquet, Branch Membership Awards and AAUW Funds Awards were announced, followed by a presentation by Linda Hallman, with an opportunity for Q&A afterwards. Gifts of appreciation were awarded to Marcia Capriotti and Debbie Karvey, in recognition of service to GA AAUW as Co-Presidents. Our Hospitality Suite saw many participants kick back and share memories and time together.

On Saturday, our convention business meeting was convened and several important issues were addressed, and without a quorum present, no major changes were implemented. A motion was approved to appoint an ad hoc committee to review and evaluate reduction in state dues. The committee will consist of 2 current state board members and 3 branch members. The committee will report back findings to the state and to the branches. Sylvia Goodyear, past state president, installed the incoming officers for 2012-2014: Diana Witt, GA AAUW Co-President and Betty Slater, GA AAUW Communications Officer.

In the afternoon there were two interactive and productive programs which focused on Membership appeal to potential new members and focused on AAUW's Woman to Woman Voter Turnout collaboration with League of Women Voters and other organizations. Look for more information to participate in this project. Cobb was very ably represented by Nancy Coakley who spoke about our branch STEM programs. Several branches reported on great projects including Atlanta Branch's Elect Her program at Georgia State University, Houston-Peach Branch's GRITS STEM program and Cobb County's SPSU-Teach STEM program. Our branches continue to make great strides in bringing AAUW initiatives to local communities.

GA AAUW 2012 State Convention was 'dismissed' mid-afternoon, and several attendees stayed on in Savannah to enjoy the beautiful spring weekend and local events and cuisine. It was great to have Linda Hallman with us and we greatly appreciated her contributions to our convention. Once photos are made available, we will post those as well.

