
AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education, and positive societal change.

8th ANNUAL PHENOMENAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Shaping a Legacy of Leadership: Economic Empowerment of Women

April 3, 2008

Kennesaw State University Center

Join us for the 2008 PWC Conference, "Economic Empowerment of Women" through the contexts of leadership, ethics and character development.

This conference is planned to inspire, empower and equip women from all walks of life. This is held in conjunction with Georgia AAUW state convention. There is still time to register for either or both. Register onsite at the Hilton Garden Inn, Kennesaw, GA at 1:00 pm April 2, 2008 for state convention.

To register for the Phenomenal Women's conference, go to: www.siegelinstitute.org

Summit on Women and Girls

Wednesday, April 16, 2008 9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Attend The Atlanta Women's Foundation *Summit on Women and Girls* and join hundreds of women and men who share your passion for changing our community, and a desire to make a difference.

Included in the full day of workshops are two special sessions highlighting Atlanta's community leaders.

The **Follow the Leader roundtable conversations** with Atlanta women leaders including **Dr. Beverly Tatum**, President, Spelman College; **Lani Wong**, Chair, National Association of Chinese-Americans, Atlanta Chapter; **Michele Ozumba**, Executive Director, Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention; **Gwen Keyes Flemming**, DeKalb County District Attorney; and **Nancy Harris**, Mayor of the City of Duluth.

Men on the Front Lines panel with **Jerry Gonzalez**, Executive Director, Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials; **Kwame Griffith**, Executive Director, Teach for America-Atlanta; **Kent Alexander**, General Counsel, Emory University; and **Milton Little**, President, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta along with moderator **Bill Bolling**, Executive Director, Atlanta Community Food Bank

For more information or to register go to: www.atlantawomen.org/about/events.asp

President's Corner

Carol Stephens

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Welcome to a new member! Carol Allegood has joined us. She is an artist and owns The Old Mill Restaurant with her husband, Tommy Allegood, the mayor of Acworth. Carol attended Ohio State and earned a Masters in Counseling from Barry University.

You will be able to meet her at the State Convention, if you are working or attending.

YOU ARE ALL AMAZING! We actually made changes to the Policies and Procedures without “coming to blows”! Seriously, I totally appreciate everyone’s willingness to share her feelings and concerns and focus on the purpose of our organization. Many people collaborated together to make the outcome possible. Thank you to you all! The final approved version will be coming to you via email shortly. We will also have some available at our next meeting in May. Sylvia has agreed to publish them in our Membership Directory for next year as well.

Many new and good things have come out of our discussions over the past 2 months. A new brochure about Cobb AAUW will be ready for the State Convention and to use in further outreach efforts in the coming year. We will be starting a Girls Read In The Summer book group at Girls Inc. this summer over 9 weeks. We hope to continue the book groups in schools in Cobb and Marietta during the school year. In addition, Nancy Coakley will be writing to Dr. Rossbacher at Southern Poly to see if we can collaborate with them for a Forum on a Sat. in Oct. for girls grade 8-11 to encourage their pursuit of a career in science or math. It is hoped that we will also be able to continue with a summer program through Girls Inc for those who attended the fall Forum. Bea Piddock has generated Interview Questions for us. Please conduct interviews with family members, neighbors, friends, and co-workers over the next 6 weeks to 1) find out what makes an organization attractive to women to join and 2) use this as a tool to spread the word about AAUW to try to bring in new members, especially women in the 35-55 age range. We would like to collate the results of your efforts in May to help the new Exec. Bd. better plan for the coming years. If everyone contacts only 2 people, we will have reached out to over 80 women!!

Sedalia Park financial efforts were very successful! We were able to send 4 fifth grade girls to Jekyll Island to science camp! We have received a T shirt and 4 thank you notes along with the girls pictures. If someone who has a digital camera could bring it to the State Convention, we could take some pictures to use on our website as well as to send out to local papers. I will bring everything to the next meeting in May!

Our State Convention is soon upon us! You have all been invaluable in your support and ideas! Nancy and Pam have done a great job in gathering items for our goodie bags! All seems to be progressing well with everything and we are expecting close to 40 attendees!

Again, a huge thank you and sigh of relief for all your help and cooperation over the last few months. Our “Iceberg Might Be Melting” but we are addressing the issues by putting our Values into Action!

Branch Events for April

Book Group Monday April 21, 2008, The Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan

The EVENING group will meet at 7:30PM at the home of Theresa Robertson, 860 Chestnut Lake Dr, Marietta, GA. Please telephone Theresa at 770-973-0860 if you plan to attend.

The MORNING group will meet at 10AM at Caribou Coffee, 1275 Johnson Ferry Rd NE, Marietta, GA. Please contact Bonnie Williams at 770-971-6130 or Bonnieb41@juno.com if you plan to attend.

For questions or information about the Book Group, please email Joanne Gareau gareau109@comcast.net

Roving Gourmet

Contact Marie Shockley, 770-984-9928 or mommom222002@yahoo.com, for information. The dinner will be at the Pattaya (Thai) restaurant on Terrell Mill and Powers Ferry.

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. A college or university degree is a requirement for full membership.

2007-2008 Branch officers

Carol Stephens	President	770-427-8403
Arden Stone/Pam Flournoy	VP Program	770-499-9171 / 770-427-1724
Carolyn Freeman/Rita Neal	VP Membership	770-499-9614 / 770-428-8427
Karen Peters	Secretary	770-971-4087
Shirley Mills	Treasurer	770-973-4498.

Deadline for the May Cobb Update is April 22, 2008. Please email information to Sylvia Goodyear, smgoodyear@mindspring.com

My heartfelt thanks to my dear AAUW friends for all the well-wishes, cards, prayers, and offers of help I received during my recovery and rehab from my latest mishap which resulted in a total hip replacement. I am getting along fine, son and daughter at the forefront with care and cossetting. I hope to rejoin you all as soon as possible.-----Sincerely, Barb Blue

Report of the Nominating Committee Cobb County Branch AAUW

Debbie Karvey, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, would like to thank Joanne Gareau and Carolyn Freeman for their time and assistance.

The Committee submits the following slate of nominees for 2008 – 2009 Cobb County Branch AAUW leadership:

President	Carol Stephens
Co-VP Program	Arden Stone, Pam Flournoy
Co-VP Membership	Rita Neal, Marie Shockley
Secretary	Karen Peters
Treasurer	Debbie Karvey

Many thanks go out to those volunteering in a continuing role and to those volunteering in a new role.

NOTE to all members: Please be available to partner with this leadership team as they carry the branch into a new year of mission-based activity, community involvement and friendship.

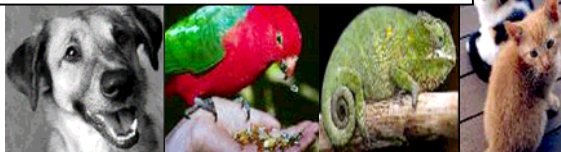
AAUW Releases Newly Revised Community Action Guide to Mobilize Women Voters

"This is the most critical election in a generation, and AAUW is committed to ensuring that women's voices are heard at the polls. Making this valuable how-to manual available free on our website is a critical part of our voter education campaign."

- Lisa Maatz, AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has released a second edition of its well-received publication, Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout: A Manual for Community-Based Campaigns to Mobilize Women to Vote. Thanks to critical donor support, this new tool is now available free online to both AAUW members and coalition partners who are making plans to activate women voters across the country this fall.

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