



April 2017 AAUW of Cobb County Newsletter

KSU WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENT RECAP:

KSU 9th Annual Women's History Month Commemorative Program

On March 4th there were 125 women who attended the event, including Pam Flourney (AAUW Cobb) who was honored for initiating this annual program to acknowledge women who make a difference. The program, *Women Supporting Women*, included two AAUW members on the panel (Dr. Amy Stevens, Women Veterans Advocate and Shameka Wilson, KSU Director of Women's Resource Center.) AAUW Cobb was one of the sponsoring organizations with KSU Alumni Association.



Panelists (l-r) Dr. Amy Stevens, Dr. Julie Newell, Holly Tuchman, Dr. Lucretia Payton-Stewart, Deborah Pike, Haley Kilpatrick and Shameka Wilson

Also in attendance were Beth Farokhi, Bea Piddock, Barbara Blue, Nancy Coakley, Marie Shockley, Rita Neal, Karen Peters, Joanne Mazula, Joan Zenteno, Judy Ribarsky, Debbie Karvey and Myra Carmon, AAUW of Georgia Co-President and Atlanta Branch member.

SPECIAL DATE FOR BRANCH MEETING: APRIL 20TH

Because of the special election, ECGC room was not available until later in the month.

Refreshments: 7:00 PM

Program: 7:30 PM

The 8th Grade Girls STEM Essay contest winners will be introduced. Family and teachers are invited to attend as well. This will be another rewarding evening to celebrate girls interested in STEM fields and to encourage them to continue to pursue a career in STEM.

There will also be a branch business meeting after the program, with a focus on branch officer candidates and woman of the year nominations.

Branch team leaders encourage you to volunteer and become a member of the leadership team during this important business meeting.

FAMILY CARE ACT BILL (SB 201) PASSES!



After many years of collaborative lobbying, hearings and working the ropes at the capitol, this bill for working families has been realized. The vote was 114-51 in the House. At a milestone celebratory event at the capitol, Governor Deal will sign the bill into law. Over several years the Georgia Job and Family Collaborative, under the direction of Georgia 9to5 persisted in getting this bill passed. The vote was 114 - 51.

It all started with AAUW. Representative Katie Dempsey spoke from the well about the meeting her constituent invited her to in Rome just over 6 years ago, at the office of local developmental disabilities group, joined by AAUW leaders and the local

women's shelter director - at which time she was asked to introduce this bill. That's the true story and the real nature of the power of collaboration and dedicated perseverance.

Introducing three new members

Kathleen Farlow lives in Woodstock. She attended Fresno City College and University of San Francisco where she earned a BS in Finance/Economics. She enjoys hiking, reading, history, gardening, yoga/meditation, political activism and attends Olli classes ... where she met Nancy Coakley. She has been a national member for a while and we are excited she has decided to join the Cobb Branch.

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Barbara Kidder also lives in Woodstock. She graduated from Ohio University with a Masters of Education. She was a teacher in her former life and is now retired. She enjoys reading, hiking, choir, cards, concerts, plays and political activism. She is a new AAUW member.

kidderba@yahoo.com / 740-350-7249 (cell)

Linda Mahaney is retired and moved to Georgia from Illinois, where she was a realtor for 32 years. She attended Northern Illinois in Dekalb where she earned a BS in Education. Linda lives in Smyrna and enjoys art, gardening, cooking, family and exercise. She is a member of the League of Women Voters and Smyrna Arts & Cultural Council and is a new AAUW member.

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Cobb County Branch is proud to have these women join us in our mission and friendship.

Bonnie Williams recently had hip replacement surgery and is recuperating at home. She is "housebound" with restricted mobility for another 3 weeks. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she struggles through inactivity and cabin fever. With Bonnie's level of energy, staying still is a big challenge for her. Check in with her, she would love to hear from you.

ROVING GOURMET

7:00 PM Friday, April 7

Tin Lizzy's

The Avenue East Cobb

The Avenue East Cobb, 4475 Roswell Rd #1510

(770) 609-2689

Please let Debbie Karvey know you plan to attend

(770-591-7956 / debbiedah@msn.com)

PS: Restaurant does not take reservations / there may be a wait.

BOOK DISCUSSION

A Star for Mrs. Blake by April Smith

Monday, April 17th @ 2:00 PM

Hostess/Facilitator: Nancy Coakley / 770-971-8227

2168 Winslow Cottage Circle

Marietta, GA 30062

Please contact Nancy to let her know you plan to attend

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Committee members work together to encourage members to participate in a leadership capacity for the branch during the 2017-2018 year. The committee will begin the search as soon as possible and will provide a slate of nominees in April. When you are contacted to join the leadership team, please take the opportunity to say "YES" and work with a great team in the coming year.

Also, please submit Woman of the Year nominations to Debbie Karvey by April 15th for consideration by the membership.

SAVE THE DATE:

- **2017 AAUW Atlanta Book Fair.**
- Perimeter Mall, Dillard's corridor / lower level
- **Monday, September 25 – Sunday, October 1**



PRESIDENT'S CORNER:



I am so proud that AAUW members worked to pass a bill in the Georgia legislature to support working families. The Family Care Act is a reality and will officially become law when the governor signs the bill this spring. It was 6 years ago that Katie Dempsey (R-Rome) introduced the bill after meeting with constituents and organizations (including AAUW) in her district. Thank you to everyone that was able to help and support this important legislation.

I also want to recognize and thank Nancy Coakley for her passion and hard work. Nancy was instrumental in pursuing AAUW as one of the sponsors of the KSU Alumni Association Women's History Month Commemorative Event this year. This enabled the Cobb Branch to be actively involved with LWV Marietta-Cobb, AKA sorority, Federation of Women's Clubs and KSU Alumni Association in the planning of the event which took place on March 4th at the Joe Mack Wilson Student Center on the KSU Marietta Campus. The event theme was "Women Helping Women" with a terrific panel which inspired attendees to support women in academic, professional, community and personal endeavors. Mentorship was a pervasive theme at a great event.

AAUW DUES REMINDER:

Annual dues are now payable.
Look for an e-mail invoice from Amy Stevens.

Mail check to:
AAUW Cobb
PO Box 673683
Marietta, GA 30006

Or bring a check to the April 20th meeting.

\$71 check payable to AAUW Cobb County
(\$49 national / \$10 state / \$12 branch)