



## March 2017 AAUW of Cobb County Newsletter

### FEBRUARY BRANCH PROGRAM RECAP



Erika Gravett, Title IX\* Coordinator at Kennesaw State University presented an overview of the Title IX process on campus and clarified that the Title IX Director is responsible for addressing violations of school policy. Some cases may be directed to law enforcement as a criminal investigation. With a very detailed presentation complete with supporting documentation Erika was able to provide a comprehensive look at examples of Title IX cases on campus and how those issues are handled through the university. Erika fielded a great many questions from members and guests seeking clarification and understanding of Title IX. I think we all would agree that we learned a lot and greatly appreciate Erika sharing her expertise in the field.

*\* Title IX is a law passed in 1972 that requires gender equity for boys and girls in every educational program that receives federal funding. Many think this applies only to Athletics ... however, Title IX is a key component of 10 areas of education that also include: Access to Higher Education, Career Education, Education for Pregnant and Parenting Students, Employment, Learning Environment, Math and Science, Sexual Harassment, Standardized Testing and Technology.*

### Updates and announcements from the business meeting:

- Branch Budget was approved
- New Members Welcomed: Linda Mahaney and Kathleen Farlow
- Eileen Buckingham brought a guest, Maggie
- AnnaMarie Hoffman and Lu Conti attended from the North Fulton Branch
- Eighth Grade Essay Contest and Scholarship Applications in progress ... deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>

### AAUW FUNDS NAMED HONOREES:

AAUW Cobb County is proud to announce that Karen Peters is the named honoree for the 2016 branch donation to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund and Barbara Blue is the named honoree for the 2016 branch donation to the AAUW Educational Opportunity Fund. In addition to the book fair, Karen is the shipping magnate par excellence for internet sales and puts in hundreds of hours in the book room and she also oversees the fiction category for the book sale. Besides shifts at the book fair, Barbara Blue picks up book donations from East Cobb and escorts them to the book room on a weekly basis. As well as pick-ups, Barbara works in the book room sorting and boxing books for the sale. Both Barbara and Karen contribute greatly to the success of the book fair all year long and their volunteer hours directly impact the branch's share of the proceeds from the book sale. The book sale is the primary fundraiser for local scholarships as well as community outreach programs. Well-deserved honor!

## **ROVING GOURMET**

**7:00 PM Friday, March 10** *\*Note: Second Friday*

Camps Kitchen & Bar (*Old Paper Mill Restaurant*)

255 Village Pkwy NE

Marietta, GA 30067

Phone: 404-252-5378

Host: *Debbie Karvey*

Please RSVP with Debbie (770-591-7956 / [debbiedah@msn.com](mailto:debbiedah@msn.com))

*by Wednesday, March 8th*

## **BOOK DISCUSSION**

Vinegar Girl by Ann Tyler

Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM

Hostess: Joan Zenteno / 678-309-1323

Address: 221 Ennisbrook Drive

Smyrna, GA 30082

Facilitator:

Please contact Joan to let her know you plan to attend

*Note: It was very rewarding to have Norma attend the book discussion on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at the East Cobb Government Center. We are delighted that she is doing so much better and look forward to her sharing time with us on a more regular basis.*

## **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. The nominating committee will be formed in March.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

### FEBRUARY Lobby Day Events down at the capitol



**League of Women Voters GA** Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>,

Attended a great lobby day event with guest legislators speaking and specific bills highlighted to raise a level of awareness for citizens and legislators alike.

Senator Nan Orrock, Rep. Pat Gardner, Chris Harvey were some of the officials in attendance as well as advocates from nonprofits and agency watchdogs speaking to League issues.

HB 338: The education bill is OSC "lite" or Plan B.

HB 51: ... campus assault bill is passed in Senate ... activism initiated.

HR 2/3 and SR 6/7: are redistricting resolutions ... League is watching these to see impact on gerrymandering practices.

HB 280: Campus Carry bill is back

SB 8 & HB 71 ... bills to determine process to prevent surprise medical billings

SB 201: Family Care Act passed in Senate, now in House for a vote

### 9to5 Lobby Day, Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Family Care Act (SB 201) was the only focus of the lobby day ... great attendance, including a class from South Atlanta High School. Advocacy training provided in the morning followed by photo op with Governor Deal and an opportunity to call out Senators to ask for support and YES vote on SB 201. I took the opportunity to personally thank Senator Brandon Beach for co-signing the bill and supporting the family care act.



On Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, Beth Farokhi and I attended a rally at Representative Barry Loudermilk's office and Senator Johnny Isakson's office ... to request a town hall and be given an opportunity to voice our concerns and look to their support. Beth's Facebook page provides descriptive detail of the day and our interactions.

## SAVE THE DATE:

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



**MARCH PROGRAM  
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENT**

**KSU Marietta Campus**

**March 4, 2017**

**9:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

**\$10 admission**

Register online:

<https://community.kennesaw.edu/events/womens-history-month-commemoration-event>

**KSU Women's History Month Event:**  
*Women Helping Women*

Saturday, **March 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30AM-12PM**

AAUW Cobb County Branch is a sponsor this year and involved in the planning and coordination of this event with the KSU Alumni Association, LWV Marietta-Cobb, and AKA Sorority.



Come out and support this women's history month event and listen to these remarkable women in the greater Atlanta community making a difference.

**PANELISTS:**

Haley Kilpatrick:	Author/founder <i>Girl Talk</i>
Dr. Julie Newell:	Special Assistant to the Provost, KSU
Dr. Lucretia Payton-Stewart:	13 <sup>th</sup> South Atlantic Regional Director, AKA
Dr. Amy Stevens:	Clinical Military Advocate
Holly Tuchman:	CEO/Executive Director, liveSAFE Resources
Shameka Wilson:	Director, Women's Resource Center, KSU

**REMINDER: THE EVENT IS AT THE MARIETTA CAMPUS, NOT AT KENNESAW.**

- KSU Marietta Campus
- Joe Mack Wilson Student Center
- 1100 S Marietta Parkway (main entrance), Marietta, GA 30060
- Plenty of parking and central (use P 35, P36 and P2 to park)
- Registration is available online: