



Cobb Update

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Special Dates of

Interest

- May - Roving Gourmet
- May 18th—Book Group Meetings
- June 6th - Award and Installation of Officers
- June 26-28th - National AAUW Convention, St. Louis



PLEASE NOTE: There is NO BRANCH MEETING in the month of May but the reservation deadline for this June 6th event is May 29th

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A COBB AAUW ANNUAL EVENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2009

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM BRUNCH BUFFET

MARIETTA COUNTRY CLUB
1400 MARIETTA COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE NW,
KENNESAW, GA 30152
(OFF STILESBORO ROAD, WEST OF BARRETT PARKWAY)



HONORING 2009 COBB COUNTY
"WOMAN OF THE YEAR"
MARIE SHOCKLEY



COME HEAR HER STORY AND CELEBRATE THE
INSTALLATION OF 2009-2010 OFFICERS BY
DR. BEVERLY FARNSWORTH,
PAST-PRESIDENT COBB AAUW; PROFESSOR EMERITUS,
KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

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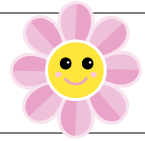
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\$25.00

FOR RESERVATIONS, CONTACT PAM FLOURNOY
770-427-1724 OR EMAIL: PAMFLOUR@BELLSOUTH.NET
SEND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO COBB AAUW TO
DEBBIE KARVEY, 5112 OLDE MILL DRIVE,
WOODSTOCK, GA 30188
RESERVATION DEADLINE: MAY 29, 2009

BookFair Sale at Girls, Inc.
Doris Carroll is organizing this sale for them
to be held on May 2nd.
Thank you Doris for helping the girls.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



We are winding down this year for AAUW and are looking toward a new year. In this Newsletter you will find a survey from the Program VP's. It is extremely important that you take the time to complete this and mail it to Arden Stone. Here's why! Two years ago several members stated that they could not attend Wed. evening meetings and asked us to change to another night. The members were surveyed and the best night for most members was Tues. We switched our regular meetings to Tues. One of the by-products of this switch was losing a "lock" on the use of the East Cobb Government Center. In an

effort to try to accommodate our growing membership in South and West Cobb, we sought to find meeting places that were more centrally located, sometimes we were successful, but other times we needed to meet in East Cobb or in West Cobb. The past two years and this year, more particularly, we have seen a marked drop in attendance. We are trying to understand why and to plan for next year to maximize attendance. This year we tried to reduce the number of monthly meetings as well as to make them "special". The questions that I ask myself are these: does the increasing age of our "veteran" members mean

that fewer women are willing to attend evening meetings; does the changing location to places "unfamiliar" to our "veteran" members affect their willingness to come out at night; does retirement and involvement with grandkids change availability or priorities? I do not question the quality or topics of our programs as they have been excellent and relevant. So.... the big question is why have we had such a significant drop in attendance? Please complete the questionnaire, anonymously if you prefer, and make specific comments that will help the new Board and Program VP's meet the needs of our membership. As you may be aware, the

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Book Group

The **AAUW Book Group** will meet on Monday evening, **May 18th at 7:30PM** at the home of **Arden Stone** **1721 Hedgestone Court Kennesaw, GA 30152** Our discussion of the book will be facilitated by Rita Neal. If you plan to attend, please contact Arden Stone at 404-661-2715 or

arden_stone@yahoo.com

1 pm discussion at the **Government Center Conference Room** **4400 Lower Roswell Rd. Marietta, GA 30068** **on May 18th**

will be facilitated by Bonnie Williams. Bonnie Williams will co-ordinate the daytime meetings. If you are interested in the daytime group, please contact Bonnie at Bonniebw41@ATT.net or 770-971-6130 at your earliest convenience.

For additional Book Group information please email Joanne Gareau at gareau109@comcast.net



ROVING GOURMET

Nancy Coakley invites you to join in a meal at **Old Ephraim's Restaurant** **70 S. Park Square Marietta, GA 30060** **770-425-0073**

On the 1st Friday night of the month there is an Art Walk from 6-9 pm which we will enjoy before dinner. **Note our plan is for an 8 pm dinner!!!**

"It just might be the best barbecue, seafood, burger or dessert you've ever had!" Check out their website at www.oldephraims.com

With such short notice, Nancy assures me that there will be room if you want to come on Friday.

If you wish, please contact: **Nancy Coakley at** **770-971-8227 or** Nance34@bellsouth.net

Friday, May 1st, 2009
8:00 PM

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!



It is time for us to pay our dues for the 2009-2010 year.

Please send your check for **\$71** to our treasurer
Debbie Karvey
5112 Olde Mill Drive,
Woodstock, GA 30188

It is important that your dues are paid by June 30, 2009.

AAUW National Individual Membership dues for fiscal year 2010 are \$49:

\$46 is tax deductible, and \$3 is not tax deductible (because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities).

The following link provides more important information about AAUW dues/fees and tax deductibility

http://www.aauw.org/member_center/taxDeductible.cfm

STATE CONVENTION

Our state convention was held last weekend in Milledgeville at the Georgia Military College. This is a beautiful campus and was a great venue for our meeting. Several members from our Branch attended; and as you will read elsewhere in the Newsletter, we as a Branch received many awards with our very own Carol Stephens winning the AAUW State Woman of Achievement award.

We were shown and told about the new look to the Georgia State web site. I encourage you to go to aauwgeorgia.org and check out the changes. It is really improved, much more user friendly and the site will only get better as time passes.

On the website, you can look at a copy of the program for the convention. The speakers were very interesting and informative.



New LAF Information

April was Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- Visit LAF's new [Sexual Assault Awareness Month](#) section of the LAF Resource Library, which features specific resources for [campus](#) sexual assault and sexual assault in the [military](#).
- LAF staff attended the first-annual [Men Can Stop Rape conference](#) April 14–15 on men and women as allies in the prevention of men's violence against women. A range of experts led discussions in workshops, during a federal agency briefing, and at a Capitol Hill reception. Read more about the event on the [AAUW blog](#).
- On April 29, AAUW and George Washington University will co-sponsor an event called [Military and Sexual Assault: A Discussion of Experience, Prevention, and Legislative Updates](#). AAUW members in the Washington, D.C., region are welcome to attend this free event. Contact laf@aauw.org for more information or visit the [AAUW website](#).



MEMBER INFORMATION CHANGES

(especially email addresses)

If any of your information has changed, in addition to letting your Branch know, you should go to the AAUW website

www.aauw.org;

click on Members' Services, login and change your information online.

This will assure that National and State also have the new information.

Thank you!

THE WORLD DOES NOT REQUIRE
SO MUCH TO BE INFORMED
AS REMINDED.

HANNAH MORE, ENGLISH RELIGIOUS WRITER (1745-1833)

Judy Ribarsky, Editor

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Please call, mail, email newsletter

articles by the 22nd of the month prior to publication
date.

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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.

Member Additions and Changes: NOTHING REPORTED!!

Please note the survey form on the next page. It is VERY important that you print this page out and then fill in the form and mail it to Arden Stone so the information can be tabulated and used to make our next year's programs just the way you'd like them to be.

Please inform the editor of any additions or corrections to the Year Book.

SAVE THESE DATES:

**June 6th Presentation of our Woman of the Year Award and Installation of Officers
June 26-28, 2009 National AAUW Convention, St. Louis, MO**



I wanted to thank all of you for submitting my name as one of the 3 we sent to State AAUW for Woman of Achievement. I was given the award along with another woman from Warner Robbins. I was most surprised to win, as I know I was in very good company with the nominations. You have been a wonderful Board to work with and I appreciate all that you have done to make this a fantastic year for AAUW. We earned many awards as a branch at the Convention as well. I will bring them all to the EOY Banquet in June and then Jo Rae can put them in the scrapbook for our 40th Anniversary Celebration!

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national board is looking at ways to change its delivery of services to meet our changing society. Perhaps Cobb needs to hold its meetings on Saturdays or Sundays or "on line" via our website or maybe we should change our bylaws and not meet regularly for program, but only do the bookroom, Roving Gourmet, and Book Group, as well as service projects like our STEM Conference. Let us know what you think as we need your input!!

A most sincere **Thank You!!** Carol Stephens



Our winner of the Cobb Woman of the Year is Marie Shockley who will be presented her award at our brunch on June 6th.

**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



**COBB AAUW PROGRAM SURVEY
2008 – 2009**

Please complete the following survey and mail to Arden Stone, 1721 Hedgestone Court, Kennesaw, GA 30152. Doing so will be a great help to the Program Chairs and the Executive Board generally in planning the 2009 – 2010 program agenda. If you need more space for your comments and suggestions, you may write on the back of this form. You do not need to sign your name to the survey unless you wish to do so.

Programs held in 2008-2009:

Check the following from 1 to 7 (one being highest) your order of interest in the programs held in 2008 – 2009. If you enjoyed certain programs equally, you can mark “1” twice, etc. For instance, if you enjoyed two programs equally, you can put “1” (or any number)” for each. *If you did not attend a particular program, mark “N/A” as non-applicable.*

___ Tuesday, September 16, 2008. “Women in the Arts” reception and program at the Bailey Performance Center, Kennesaw State University. Speaker: Dr. Diana McClintock, Associate Professor of Art History.

___ Thursday, October 16, 2008. Forum of candidates for the Cobb County School Board and State legislative offices. Co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters. Held at the Cobb County Commissioners Building.

___ Tuesday, December 9, 2008. Holiday event honoring the 2008 scholarship recipients, held at the Mansour Center, adjacent to the Center for Family Resources.

___ Thursday, January 8, 2009. State Legislative Forum, held at the Cobb County Commissioners Building. Co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters and the Marietta Junior League.

___ Tuesday, February 10, 2009. “Looking in the Crystal Ball.” Member panelists, Marcia Capriotti, Dr. Beth Farokhi, and Sylvia Goodyear explain potential changes to the structure and bylaws of AAUW.

___ Saturday, March 7, 2009. Brunch and celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Cobb AAUW. Held at the Marietta Country Club.

___ Tuesday, April 14, 2009. Progress of the “Marietta-Kennesaw Partnership: Program for Postsecondary Readiness,” presented by Co-Directors of the project, Dr. Carol Harrell, Kennesaw State University, and Sally Cole, Grants Coordinator, Chattahoochee Technical College.

Do you object to a ticket cost to attend special events, as was required for the Holiday and 30th Anniversary events? ___ I object. ___ I do not object. No more than ___ times a year.

Preferred day of week for General Meetings (circle one): Monday Tuesday Wednesday
Thursday Friday Saturday

Daytime or Evening meeting preferred (circle one)?

Comments and/or Suggestions for 2009-2010 Program Topics: _____

