

January 2017 AAUW of Cobb County Newsletter

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS and HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS:



Members attended delightful holiday concert events in early December presented by GSO and MOS ... and also gathered together to enjoy dinner at Pastis in Roswell.

Members of the Book Discussion Group enjoyed an annual tradition with a holiday book exchange and potluck dinner at the home of Barbara Hammond. Barbara is such a gracious host and her home is always full of the warmth and spirit of the holiday season. The group discussed the simple grace of Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf.

We hope that all our members were able to partake in holiday celebrations and gatherings with family and friends.

JANUARY and FEBRUARY BRANCH MEETINGS:

Taking into consideration shorter days and colder weather, the first two branch meetings of 2017 will take place on Saturday afternoons.

January 7th @ 2:00 PM

Switzer Library (Central) Meeting Room
266 Roswell St. SE
Marietta, GA 30060
770-528-2320

Program: Title IX (Guest Speaker: Erika Gravett, KSU Title IX Coordinator)

February 11th @ 2:00 PM

East Cobb Government Center Meeting Room
4400 Lower Roswell Road
Marietta, GA 30068
770-449-4447

Program: AAUW In The Community

ROVING GOURMET

7:00 PM Friday, January 6th

Red Lobster
2579 Cobb Pkwy SE, Smyrna (near Cumberland Mall)

Host: Karen Peters

Please RSVP with Karen at krpeters12@aol.com or 770-971-4087
by Wednesday, January 4th

BOOK DISCUSSION

The Scapegoat by Daphne Du Maurier

January 16th @ 2:00 PM

Hostess/Facilitator: Bonnie Williams

380 Woodstone Drive

Marietta, GA 30068

Advisory: construction on Lower Roswell, delays possible

BRANCH BUSINESS:

AAUW of Cobb County met recently to propose a (2016-2017) budget. The budget will be submitted in a separate e-mail for member review and approval. Please provide YES or NO response to the proposed budget by January 30, 2017. E-mail responses may be submitted to debbiedah@msn.com.

Also, the Working Policies and Procedures were updated at the November Branch Board meeting.

Also, the AAUW Cobb Branch Bylaws with mandated changes were approved by the board and submitted to national.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

I am announcing appointees for upcoming committee that will begin their focus in the New Year. We greatly appreciate these members agreeing to take on these responsibilities for the branch.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Scholarships will be available online on the branch website in January for student applications. The Committee works together to review the applications and determine the most deserving recipient(s). The timeline for the committee is middle to late March after the scholarship deadline.

The following members have been appointed based on their expertise, experience and commitment to this primary goal of the branch: **Beth Farokhi, Barbara Blue, Peg Montgomery and Yetta McMillan.**

EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS ESSAY CONTEST COMMITTEE: Applications for students will be provided to middle school principals in January. The Committee works together to review the essays and select the most deserving applicants.

The following members have been appointed based on their expertise, experience and readiness to create a unique outreach through STEM education and community involvement: **Nancy Coakley, Bonnie Williams, Karen Peters and Sandi Nelson.**

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 begins the search in February and provides a slate of nominees in April. The nominating committee will be appointed at our January business meeting.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:



As 2016 winds down, we all anticipate a new year of friendship and time together as well as involvement in community outreach and recognizing scholars and women of distinction – of all ages in our local community. 2017 will be a year of transitions and challenges in a larger perspective. AAUW advocacy and mission will continue to be a critical focus as we move forward in 2017.

I will be going to the AAUW national convention in June in Washington, DC. I hope other branch members will plan to go as well. Lobbying at the capitol is always a highpoint of this inspiring time together.

As we gear up for increased public policy advocacy and events in Georgia in the new year, I am also planning to attend the Women's March on January 21st in Washington, DC ... if all arrangements work out and weather is cooperative. Let me know if you are interested in participating in this historic march as well.

There will also be an event in Atlanta on the 21st. Atlanta March for Social Justice and Women will start at 1:00 PM at the Center for Civil and Human Rights and end at the Georgia State Capitol.

See the website for additional information: <https://atlantamarch.com/>

And Facebook page: Atlanta March for Social Justice and Women.

Best wishes for a fulfilling and meaningful year together,
Debbie

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

KSU Women's History Month Event:
Women Helping Women

Saturday, **March 4th 9AM-12PM**

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



Dr. Amy Stevens, AAUW branch member, will be a guest panelist ... come out and support her and listen to the panel of remarkable women in the greater Atlanta community making a difference.

- KSU Marietta Campus
- Joe Mack Wilson Student Center
- 1100 S Marietta Parkway (main entrance), Marietta, GA 30060
- Plenty of parking and central location