



# Cobb Update

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## *Special Dates of Interest*

- February 6th—Roving Gourmet
- February 10th— Important Meeting
- February 16th—Book Group Meetings
- March 7th— Our 30th Anniversary Celebration
- April 24-25, 2009 GA State Convention in Milledgeville



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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**Cobb AAUW General Meeting:  
Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Girls, Inc.,  
461 Manget Street, Marietta, GA 30060**

### *"Looking in the Crystal Ball: Proposed Changes to AAUW Bylaws at the 2009 Bi-Annual National Convention"*

Panelists Marcia Capriotte, Dr. Beth Farokhi, and Sylvia Goodyear will lead a discussion about the proposed AAUW Bylaw changes. Branch members will then vote to instruct our elected delegates how to vote at the Convention. Our distinguished panelists are long-time members of AAUW, and each has served as President of the Cobb Branch, as State President, and has held various positions at the National level as well.

**To be better prepared for the discussion and your vote**, please review the important proposed changes to the AAUW Bylaws by going to the [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) website. Log into the Membership Center using your Membership Number. Click on "Charter and Bylaws" and read the four sections of the "Proposed Revised Bylaws."

Don't know your Membership Number? Email: [arden\\_stone@yahoo.com](mailto:arden_stone@yahoo.com)

**Directions to Girls, Inc.:** From I-75, travel west on South Marietta Parkway. Cross South Cobb Parkway (Hwy 41). Cross Fairground Street (Cobb Civic Center on left at intersection). At next light, turn left on Manget Street. In first block, before stop sign, turn left down long driveway to the parking lot for Girls, Inc.

**From Powder Springs Street:** Travel east on South Marietta Parkway. Cross Atlanta Road. At next light turn right on Manget Street. In first block, before stop sign, turn left down long driveway to the parking lot for Girls, Inc.

## Savories and Sweets for February 10th

Carolyn Freeman would appreciate 3 members volunteering to bring some refreshments to share at the meeting.

Your offer to bring cookies or fruit or crackers and cheese would be most appreciated.

Please email Carolyn at [ccfreeman@yahoo.com](mailto:ccfreeman@yahoo.com) or call her at 770-499-9614 to confirm what you will bring.

Thanks!!!



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Well, Ladies, the time has come for us to seriously consider whether we will have full representation to the **Breaking the Barriers National AAUW Summer Conference in St. Louis, MO June 25-28<sup>th</sup>**. If you register before March 22<sup>nd</sup> the Registration fee is \$399. Room rates run about \$159. Two years ago when I attended 4 of us shared the cost of the room (also had to share beds), but it made the stay affordable. We have set aside in our budget the money for the registration fee for our newly elected President, whoever she may be. At this point we do not have funds set aside for any other registra-

tion fees. At our Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at Girls Inc. we will have a budget report and recommendations from our Board for expenditures for the remainder of the year based on the budget that we approved in Sept. It is my hope we might have some extra funds to contribute toward registration fees for elected representatives from our branch, but I do not know if that is feasible at this moment. Please consider whether you are willing to run to represent our branch in St. Louis. A definite plus for attending the convention this year is that the featured speaker is **Lilly Ledbetter**, the impetus for the newly approved

Lilly Ledbetter law passed by both the House and Senate! If the other speakers are as good as the ones I heard 2 summers ago, you are in for a treat!

Additionally at our **Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will be electing our Nominating Committee**. Please consider either serving on the Committee or serving as one of our officers. I would love nothing better than to hand over a list of "volunteers" interested in serving in leadership capacities this coming year June '09 – June'10 to our Nominating Committee.

I also am very happy to report that Susan Cotter facili-

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## Book Group

The AAUW Book Group will meet on Monday evening,  
**February 16, 2009 at 7:30PM**  
at the home of  
**Joanne Gareau**  
**869 Ector Chase NW**  
**Kennesaw, GA 30152**

Our discussion of the book will be facilitated by Tiffany Horne. If you plan to attend, please contact Joanne Gareau at 678-581-0296 or [gareau109@comcast.net](mailto:gareau109@comcast.net)

Since there has been an increase in attendance and more members are willing to commit to a daytime discussion (same book/same date), arrangements have been made to schedule a 1PM discussion at the Government Center Conference room in February, March, and April of 2009. Bonnie Williams will co-ordinate the daytime meetings. If you are interested in the daytime group, please contact Bonnie at [Bonniebw41@ATT.net](mailto:Bonniebw41@ATT.net) or 770-971-6130 at your earliest convenience.

For additional Book Group information please email Joanne Gareau at [gareau109@comcast.net](mailto:gareau109@comcast.net)



Our book this month:

*Lincoln's*

*Melancholy*

*by Joshua Wolf Shenk*

## ROVING GOURMET

Carol Stephens invites you to join in an East Indian meal at

**Haveli's**  
**490 Franklin Road**  
**Marietta, GA 30067**  
**770-422-8000**

On the South Loop and I 75 across from Crowne Plaza

Look at: [www.haveliindiancuisine.com](http://www.haveliindiancuisine.com)  
The website is for the CA Haveli restaurant but the menu is the same as our local Haveli's.

Make your reservations for Friday, February 6th, via phone or e-mail.

Please contact: **Carol Stephens**  
**770-427-8403 or**  
**artkappa@comcast.net**

**RSVP by Wed., February 4th,**  
so we may confirm with the restaurant.

**Friday, February 6, 2009**  
**7:00 PM**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!**



## AAUW of Cobb: 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

March 7, 2009 at 10:30AM

Marietta Country Club

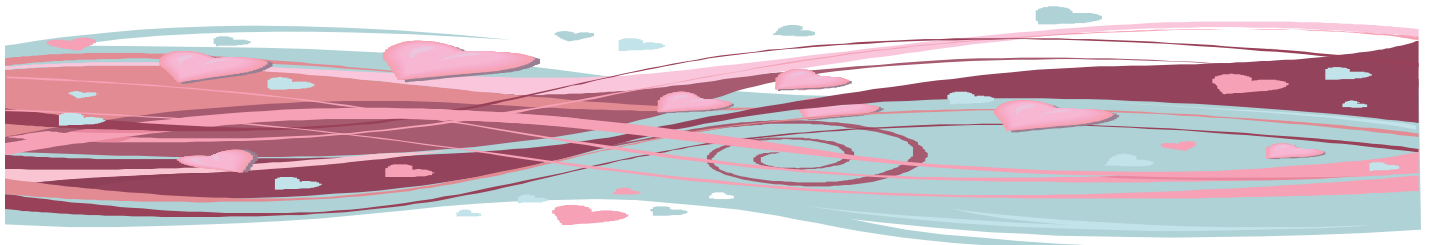
Cost: \$25

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (Sylvia Goodyear, Bea Piddock, Debby Shonka, Bonnie Williams) are busy planning a wonderful celebration. Besides a lovely setting and brunch, our program will be a review of our accomplishments of the last 30 years. This would be a wonderful opportunity to invite prospective members, friends, etc.

If you would like to have someone receive an invitation, please send the name and address to Bonnie Williams at [bonniebw41@att.net](mailto:bonniebw41@att.net).

By now, you should have received an invitation. If not, please contact Bonnie Williams at 770-971-6130 or email to [bonniebw41@att.net](mailto:bonniebw41@att.net).  
The cost of \$25 is due from each member and guest attending.

**The deadline for reservation and payment is February 25<sup>th</sup>.**



## Celebrating History through Her Story

The League of Women Voters Marietta-Cobb and the YWCA of Northwest Georgia will host the first annual Celebrating History Through Her Story. The event will be held at the Workforce Development & Conference Center at Chattahoochee Tech on **Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m. until noon**. This year's focus will be on first elected women officials in Cobb with a panel including Victoria Chastain, the first female Mayor of the City of Marietta; The Honorable Dorothy Robinson, the first female elected Superior Court Judge of Cobb County Judicial Circuit; Lynda Coker, first female state representative from Cobb; Barbara Williams, the first female Cobb County Commissioner; and Alisha Thomas Morgan, the first African American female state representative from Cobb. Chairing the event are Pam Flourney with the League of Women Voters Marietta-Cobb and Holly Comer, CEO & Executive Director of the YWCA. The event will be a highlight of Women's History Month and there will be **no charge to attend**. If you would like more information or to reserve your seat as space is limited, please contact Holly Comer at 770-423-3562 or e-mail her at [hcomer@ywcanwga.com](mailto:hcomer@ywcanwga.com).

**THE FUTURE LIES BEFORE YOU LIKE A FRESH BLANKET OF SNOW. BE CAREFUL HOW YOU TREAD IT, FOR EVERY STEP WILL SHOW.  
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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:*

Susan Cotter's new email address is [sckimbrough@gmail.com](mailto:sckimbrough@gmail.com)  
Bonnie Williams' new email address is [bonniebw41@att.net](mailto:bonniebw41@att.net)

**Please welcome two new members!!**

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



**SAVE THESE DATES: April 24-25, 2009** Georgia State Convention — Ann Bertoli of Milledgeville has secured the "beautiful new facilities" at Georgia Military College for our state convention with no fees!

**June 26-28, 2009** National AAUW Convention, St. Louis, MO

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tated a meeting with Nancy Coakley, myself, and Lissa Snowden from **Greater Atlanta Girls Scouts** to discuss a collaboration this fall in an expansion of our STEM conference we hosted this year at SPSU. We are very excited about the possibilities that would revolve around a Forensics theme. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Nancy!

January has been a busy month for our Membership Chairs, as we have had many inquiries about membership. We look forward to welcoming interested women to our meetings and interest groups in the coming months. Our website has been the vehicle for several of these women.

Those who have expressed interest in **reading to the girls at Girls Inc.** will be meeting with the program director and the girls' advisory council on **Tues. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30.** If you are interested in joining us to help, please do so!!

**HOW ABOUT THOSE 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA INVITATIONS! 182 HAVE BEEN MAILED!! LOTS OF FUN AND MEMORIES ARE IN STORE! BE SURE TO COME CELEBRATE WITH US! MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW! YOUR COMMITTEE HAS BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO MAKE THIS A TERRIFIC EXPERIENCE! SEE YOU THERE!**



### **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](http://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!

