



Cobb Update

May 12th -- Celebration Dinner,

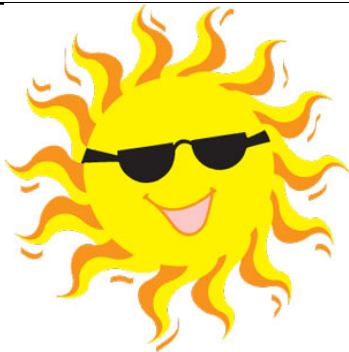
Woman of the Year, Installation of Officers and Scholarships. Please come!!

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Special Dates of Interest

- May 12 - Annual Meeting and Dinner
- May 18 - Book Group
- June 5 - Roving Gourmet



HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!

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Georgia AAUW State convention report:

Our Cobb AAUW members came out in force to host and enjoy the Friday evening reception at the Hilton Garden Inn. There were 30 convention attendees as well as Lisa Maatz from national and Carmita McCall from Florida joining in the shared time with good friends and AAUW colleagues.

The convention program hosted by Bea Piddock and Diane Sakmar was exceptional. Although Macon, Valdosta and the newly formed Milledgeville Branches were unable to send representatives, there were 52 in attendance, which is outstanding.



Lisa Maatz, AAUW VP of Government relations, presented an AAUW overview with slides and videos to highlight the focus and direction of the organization.

Carmita McCall from Florida (studying at Valdosta State University) came with her employer, Dr. Joy Anderson, and spoke about their Gadsden County Healthy Start Program offering services to a very underserved and poor rural population outside of Tallahassee.



Betty Slater introduced a panel of 5 students (Emory, Atlanta Metro State College, Georgia State and advisors from Georgia Highlands) engaged the membership with the perspectives of student chapter needs and interactions with branches and AAUW.

Marlene Humphry reported on AAUW Funds contribution for GA AAUW and branches. Cobb received several rewards and the overall contribution in 2014 to AAUW funds from Georgia was over \$38,000.

Laurie Shaw reported on GA AAUW Membership and presented membership awards, which Cobb also received. The challenge to grow branch membership continues to be a focal point.

Following lunch, Lisa Maatz shared public policy personal stories and advocacy experiences that validate her skills as a terrific strategist and speaker.

There followed reports on Finance, Communications, and election results for GA AAUW Co-President and Treasurer to serve a two year term. The proposed bylaws change was approved as well (changing number of members serving on nominating committee from 5 to 3.). The voting was electronically submitted to all members via Survey Monkey.

All branches had an opportunity to 'brag' about accomplishments this year. The convention provided outstanding speakers and inspiration as well as an opportunity to visit accomplishments of GA AAUW and our branches.

Several GA AAUW members are fired up to attend the national convention in San Diego in June. Members are encouraged to vote electronically for the candidates running for national office as well as the bylaws and public policy proposals for this year.

A proud moment for Cobb members is the election (unanimously) of Yetta McMillan to Co-President of GA AAUW. We are all proud of Yetta's many talents and abilities and applaud the recognition of her leadership skills to guide GA AAUW as she partners with Diane Sakmar (Cartersville) in the coming year. We look forward to supporting the efforts of GA AAUW.

Book Group

For additional Book Group information please email or call Barbara Hammond at 770-973-1988 Bhammond@kennesaw.edu

Our Book Group meeting will be Monday, May 18th at 6:30 pm in the home of

Norma Cannon
3002 Kalah Place
Marietta, GA 30067

Our facilitator will be Peg Montgomery.
Refreshments will be provided by Norma.

Please RSVP to: jimnorma@comcast.net
or 770-952-6432

Looking forward to seeing you all! Barbara

Our book this month:

In the Garden of
Beasts - Love,
Terror, and an
American Family in
Hitler's Berlin

by Eric Larson

ROVING GOURMET



FRIDAY, **June 5th**, 7:00 p.m.



HOOK, LINE AND SCHOONER

4600 West Village Place, Suite 3009, Smyrna, Georgia
(770) 333-3338 -- hooklineschooner.com

Please make reservations with Debbie by Wednesday, June 3rd
at 770-591-7956, or Debbiedah@msn.com



May 12th Celebration Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Please register to attend the Cobb AAUW Celebration Dinner on May 12th at Indian Hills Country Club. Social time starts at **6:30 PM** and dinner will be served at **7:00 PM**.

Please contact Nancy Coakley with your menu selection:

Salmon with pineapple salsa with a choice of rice or potato,
Or

Rosemary chicken with a choice of rice or potato.

Only coffee, tea and/or water are provided. There will be a fee for any other beverage choice.

With your RSVP also include a **\$30.00 check payable to Cobb AAUW** and mail to:

Nancy Coakley
3776 Clubland Drive,
Marietta, GA 30068

Deadline to register is May 7th.

We hope to see you there!

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Thank you to our Cobb AAUW team for hosting an outstanding reception and State Convention at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kennesaw. Nancy Coakley scored outstanding gift items and bags for the event from KSU Continuing Education OLLI program. Barbara Blue contacted Cobb County Chamber of Commerce to provide brochures and bags for convention attendees.

At our April 14th Cobb AAUW Branch meeting we had an outstanding brainstorming session. Debbie Karvey started the meeting with an acknowledgement of Equal Pay Day which led to a stimulating exchange of shared experiences and stories.

Important business was conducted with an introduction of 2015-2016 slate of officers:

Arden Stone – President
Amy Stevens – Treasurer

The slate of officers was unanimously approved by the membership. We are very proud of our new branch leaders and will support their efforts to have an outstanding year for Cobb AAUW.

Shan Cooper, VP and Manager of Lockheed Martin – Marietta, was selected as Cobb AAUW 2015 **Woman of the Year**. We have presented Shan Cooper with a certificate and extended an invitation for her to join us for our May 12th celebration dinner and we hope she will be able to attend.

A branch survey was distributed to the membership (electronically as well as at the meeting.) During the meeting there was further discussion and suggestions about how the branch can work together to promote community involvement and generate visibility for Cobb

AAUW.

The survey results are on pg. 5-6 and will be posted to Cobb AAUW website.

Nancy and Debbie have enjoyed partnering together as Co-Presidents of Cobb AAUW over the past two years. Working with our outstanding membership has enabled us to volunteer in our annual book sale fundraiser to provide local scholarships to deserving women and donations to AAUW funds. We've had outstanding programs and some great social events. The camaraderie of very special friendships keeps us together and we look forward to continuing AAUW's mission as we move into a new year.



Cobb AAUW Woman of the Year 2015: Shan Cooper



Shan Cooper, Vice President and General Manager, Lockheed Martin, Marietta Age: 45 Cooper is the first woman to lead the Marietta assembly plant, long one of the largest employers in the region. She is managing through the uncertainty of Pentagon budget cuts that have resulted in layoffs and slowed production. With a MBA from Emory and a Masters in Human Resources from Rutgers, Cooper joined Lockheed Martin in 2002 as part of a diversity management team.

Ms. Shan Cooper will be with us at our dinner on the 12th.

Please make a point of coming to our Annual Dinner and meet her along with our Scholarship winners!!

"The most rewarding things you do in life are often the ones that look like they cannot be done."

Arnold Palmer

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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.



Memorial Day - May 25th
Remember those who served.



Our wonderful member, Shirley Mills, a past President, is no longer a resident of Marietta!! Her new address is [15 Pine Top Place, Durham, NC 27705](#) - email will remain the same.

We wish Shirley and Gene the best in their new home near grandchildren!!

And -- If you didn't get the message, Barbara Blue has a new email address: blu16br@gmail.com

Dues are due:

o Annual Membership dues for 2015-2016 can be paid now. National/State/Branch dues are still \$71.00 (\$46.00 tax deductible.) AAUW Membership dues should be paid before the beginning of a new fiscal year (July 1st.) Checks can be mailed to **Bea Piddock, 1914 Pine Bluff, Marietta, GA 30062 770-565-7583** or paid on line at aauw.org.



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



BOOKFAIR THIS YEAR IS SEPTEMBER 21st - 27th - NORTH POINT MALL HOURS

New Location this year due to major renovations at Perimeter Mall!!

SET UP STARTING ON SUNDAY THE 20th

OPENING NIGHT - MONDAY THE 21st - \$10 ADMISSION

Results of AAUW of Cobb County Evaluation Form: April 2015

No. of Responses: 14

1. What program topics and AAUW sponsored or co-sponsored events in 2014-2015 were of most interest to you:

Working Families and the Family Care Act:	7
A Profile of Today's Female College Student:	12
January Legislative Forum:	6
Women in the Military:	11
KSU Women's History Celebration:	8
CTAUN	3

2. List women's issues by order of importance that you would like to see included in next year's line-up (first 3 had more response; others about the same)
 - Pay equity
 - STEM
 - ERA/Title X and legislation affecting working women/families (legislation updates)
 - Awareness of international women's issues
 - Domestic violence/homeless women
 - Human trafficking
 - Military women's issues
 - Women's health and safety
 - Elder care
 - AAUW historical accomplishments
 - Financial advice (trusts, etc.)

3. If you have been unable to attend meetings please indicate the reason:

No interest:	0 (N/A)
Schedule conflict:	2
Don't drive at night/transportation challenges:	2
Other:	1 (travel)

4. Meetings should be changed to: (13 responded to keep 2nd Tuesday evening of the month). Comments were: "maybe alternate evenings and Saturdays"; "open for change"; "meet in other areas of the county"

5. What social events did you enjoy/attend this past year: (one comment: wants a day-time event)

Wine Tasting:	6
Book Fair Celebration:	7
Christmas concert/dinner:	10
Roving Gourmet	9
Book Discussion:	8

6. What activities would you want to see included this coming year to engage members and attract new members?
 - More social events for all ages
 - More collaboration with other branches
 - Lower fees for 1st year dues
 - Letter writing campaigns for equal pay/legislative lobbying
 - More "Start Smart" programs for college women
 - Sponsor or co-sponsor a "walk" for a women's cause
 - Learn new skills, using talents of members.
 - More wine-tasting events

Join community efforts to beautify (“tree keepers”)
Book Fair, most of what’s already being done.

7. What activities can Cobb AAUW Branch participate in to have greater visibility in the community?

Literacy programs
Mentoring programs
Have a booth at festivals (art, music, etc.); be a part of county holiday celebrations/parades
Collaborate with Cobb PTAs to promote awareness of STEM programs
Collaborate with League of Women Voters
Follow-up on students we’ve helped (given scholarships?) in the newsletter
More newspaper coverage
Be a part of student orientation (KSU?)
Have events that draw young professionals
Volunteer to be a part of WABE phone bank
Hold a conference that encourages women to run for office.

8. What changes or improvements would you like to see made for the Cobb Branch?

Better communication:	2
More relevant programs	2
More community projects/interactions:	10
More collaboration with other local branches	6
More social events/excursions	2
Monthly meetings	1
Minimal meetings	1
Other	0

9. What branch projects would you like to be involved in?

Advocacy	7
Campus/school interaction	4
Social outings	4
Membership recruitment	0
Program development	2
Literacy	3
Other:	Public policy

10. Additional Comments and Suggestions:

Review requirements for scholarships
Choose one or two projects a year
Good relevant topical programs to attract new members and keep members interested
Always keep growing and changing and looking for opportunities to affect the community
We need to push our KSU Chapter to promote greater visibility on campus through tables at KSU events, posters, programs, etc.
I appreciate being asked for ideas.
Great programs this past year! Good job!