



Cobb Update

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Special Dates of Interest

- July 20 - Book Group
- August 7 - Roving Gourmet
- August 17th - Book Selection Potluck
- Sept. 21-Sept 27 - Book Fair



HOPE YOUR 4TH WAS GREAT!!!

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BRANCH NEWS!!



BOOK FAIR ... get ready to volunteer for shifts!

Please be on the lookout for Sign-Up Genius in your e-mail. Barbara Buchanan, Book Fair Personnel Chair will be sending online form to sign up for volunteer shifts during the book sale in September.

Sunday, September 20th is set up day / night

Monday, September 21st is opening night

Tuesday through Sunday, September 22nd through September 27th book sale continues

The book sale will be open mall hours.

North Point Mall West Courtyard Lower Level (between Dillard's and Von Maur)

The steering committee has elected to implement 4 hour shifts, as many volunteers will have a greater distance to travel to North Point Mall. We all should plan to make a day of it – volunteer for a shift (even two) ... taking a break to shop and/or see a movie. Plan to carpool. Alternate directions (avoiding GA 400) will be provided.

Book room volunteers are also needed in the book room before the sale. Please touch base with Debbie Karvey if you are interested in coming down on a Saturday to help sort. Carpooling is necessary as parking options at the Habersham have changed and there is very limited space to park.

YWCA of Greater Atlanta June 2nd Roundtable

Arden Stone and Debbie Karvey attended this coalition round table in the beginning of June at the YWCA offices on North Highland. Helen Robinson, YWCA Advocacy Director led the discussion. Coalition members present were AAUW, LWV of Georgia, Ga Job and Family Collaborative/9to5, Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Feminist Women's Health Center, Georgia Budget and Policy Institute, Georgians for a Healthy Future, Georgia Commission on Family Violence, Voices for Georgia's Children, YWCA's Georgia Women's Policy Institute and YWCA's Advocacy Committee.

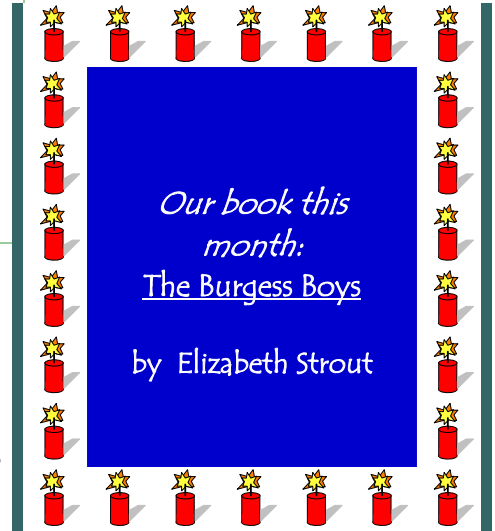
The purpose of the meeting was to gather as many coalition members as possible to review the successes from the 2015 legislative session as well as the remaining challenges to move forward and fight for in 2016. Strategizing about potential issues and need for bills to be presented and supported in the upcoming legislative session provided a framework for action and collaboration. Women's issues, family issues, and homelessness were at the forefront, with voting rights, gun violence and religious freedom act targeted as areas to watch.

More information will be shared as this collaboration under the YWCA moves forward.

Book Group

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

Our meeting this month on July 20 will be in the home of Bonnie Williams **at 6:30 p.m.**
 380 Woodstone Drive, Marietta 30068
 Jane Benjamin will facilitate the discussion of the book and Barbara Blue will do our refreshments!!
 Please RSVP to: Bonniebw41@att.net or 770-971-6130



SPECIAL NOTE:

It is "That Time" again---to submit your recommendations for Books for 2015-16!

Book selection committee is Karen Peters, Joanne Mazulla, and Bonnie Williams. Please send your "great book suggestions" to Karen Peters at: Krpeters12@aol.com and she will distribute the "tasks" to the others in the selection committee.

Thanks to all. Hope we get some "wonderful reads" for 2015-16!!!!

BE SURE TO **SAVE AUGUST 17th AT 6:30 PM** FOR
 BOOK SELECTION POTLUCK DINNER AT

JANE BENJAMIN'S -- 3570 BRIGHTON PLACE, MARIETTA 30062

Please **RSVP** to JANE by August 14th at 770-977-7486 or janebenjamin7@gmail.com

Plan on bringing either a main dish, a salad OR a dessert -
 there will be a sign-up sheet at the July book group meeting.

ROVING GOURMET



Save: **FRIDAY, August 7th at 7p.m.**
 Place will be announced later in the month!!

We had a wonderful dinner together on July 3rd at
 Kish Restaurant on Marietta Square
 with a record number attending!!
 Those who couldn't come, we missed you.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am proud to be AAUW Cobb's incoming President. I will do my best to help lead AAUW to greater heights in membership and service to those ideals we have supported throughout the years. The first Board meeting for 2015-2016 was held on June 30 with eight attending and all highly motivated and excited about the coming year. It is a privilege to work with such women of inspiration and dedication. Debbie's and Nancy's previous roles as Co-Presidents continue to provide example and advice that is enormously helpful. A theme emerged from the meeting: Educate, Collaborate, Advocate. This falls in line with our national AAUW effort. Membership Chair, Yetta McMillan, who attended the recent National Convention in San Diego, said "Collaboration was repeated over and over throughout the convention." Plans are underway to strengthen ties to other organizations on the same advocacy issues so that our voices will be heard by those that make decisions that affect millions of women and families. Programs and activities are planned to coincide with your responses to the Branch survey conducted last spring that reflected your priorities and issues of concern. Important goals include an increase in community volunteerism, publicity and visibility, and winning new members to our Branch to sustain long-term viability and build diversity. Along the way, we will continue to enjoy our time together, in either light-hearted or serious conversation, at meeting, social event, and interest group venues. I have no doubt that you are all Wonder Women and that friendships will grow as our mission advances.

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**COME ONE - COME ALL
TELL ALL YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND STRANGERS!!!**



OUR 56th ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

PREVIEW SALE - **MONDAY** EVENING, **SEPTEMBER 21st**

COST \$10 PER PERSON

OPEN TO ALL SALE - SEPTEMBER 22nd THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27th

AT THE NORTH POINT MALL



"Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out."

John Wooden

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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.

The "due date" for submission of suggested books for next year is our next book group meeting, July 20th (unless Karen tells you otherwise) and Karen Peters is the one to give them to. You can recommend as many books as you like in any or all genres.

Think of a possible classic we could "revisit"!! For each book you recommend, please include the full title and Author.

The selection committee will gather the other information on the books submitted and prepare our ballots for the August meeting!!



IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO - PLEASE It is time for us to pay our dues for the 2015-2016 year. Please send your check for \$71 to our treasurer [Bea Piddock, 1914 Pine Bluff, Marietta, GA 30062](#) OR You can pay on-line! If you're interested in doing it on-line and need help, e-mail Debbie Karvey at Debbiedah@msn.com and she will be glad to walk you through the process.

Pledge to contact and provide resources to Title IX Coordinators in local schools.

If you go online to www.AAUW.org you will find information about an online pledge to support Title IX by providing resources to school Title IX Coordinators to provide structure for their responsibilities to promote equitable and fair treatment for all students in school, not just on the athletic field.

<http://www.aauw.org/2015/04/24/title-ix-coordinator-resources/> **

LWW of Georgia: Voter registration training and phone bank opportunities

If anyone is interested in the opportunities for voter registration training and phone bank volunteering for the special election in July under the guidance of the League of Women Voters of Georgia, please check in with Debbie Karvey or Marie Shockley to find out more information about location and time frames. These events are taking place in DeKalb County (not too far from Fernbank Museum) and sponsored by ProGeorgia – so if you are interested in carpooling, please touch base.



2015 AAUW National Convention Summary



Georgia members (Diane Sakmar and Yetta McMillan, AAUW of Georgia Co-Presidents) and Myra Carmon (Atlanta), Debbie Karvey, Barbara Blue and Betty Dinkins (Cobb Branch) and Evelyn Merk (Houston-Peach) attending convention experienced inspiring speakers and panels, brainstorming through workshops and networking with new and old AAUW members. Approximately 1000 women attended the convention in San Diego, which greeted attendees each day with marvelous temperatures, refreshing breezes and beautiful sunshine.

A very motivational opening session featured Title IX stories and advocacy with Catherine Lhamon, Assistant Secretary of Civil rights, US Department of Education. AAUW Action Alert is available for members to sign a pledge to contact local Title IX school coordinators to provide resources from AAUW. (see pg. 4 for the link) **

Women and Girls in STEM featured a panel of female leaders representing AAUW and corporations such as Verizon, BAE and Lockheed Martin who discussed the opportunities and challenges focused on women working in the world of science and technology.

An outstanding panel participated in a discussion of “What Makes a Woman Leader?” which included Lilly Ledbetter, Noorjahan Akbar, Kate Farrar, Don McPherson and moderator, Marianne Schnall. Very insightful comments and personal experiences highlighted this engaging interaction.

All workshop materials are available on AAUW website under Convention Tab and/or Resources Tab. Workshop options focused on membership and marketing your branch as well as STEM, philanthropy and mission-based programs. The primary focus of this year’s convention is threefold:

- Philanthropy
- Salary Negotiation
- Public Policy

On Saturday afternoon, the annual meeting and town hall revealed that 12% of AAUW members voted. The new board members were announced as well as the new public policy platform and by-laws implemented for 2015. One of the key voting issues was open membership. The vote was 55% against and 41% for open membership (4% did not vote on this item.) Education requirement for membership remains. For complete details – refer to the AAUW website.

The annual banquet Saturday evening featured:

2015 AAUW Achievement Awardee: Maria Klawe, President / Harvey Mudd College

2015 AAUW Alumnae Recognition Awardee: Faith Ringgold, Artist, Educator and Social Activist

The speakers were dynamic and inspirational for AAUW members to pay it forward in action and in advocacy.

On Sunday, the closing session featured an outstanding speaker sharing her personal experience as well as relaying results of research on the challenge of non-traditional black women returning to college.

2015 Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Awardee: Juanita Johnson-Bailey,
UGA Director of Institute for Women’s Studies

