



AAUW Cobb Summer Newsletter 2020



BOOKFAIR UPDATES

Sharon Bevis-Hoover's message accurately sums up decisions made by the steering committee:

Based upon the continuing COVID pandemic, the Bookfair Steering Committee made the very difficult decision to cancel this fall's Bookfair. In addition, the Committee agreed that it is unlikely that we will have another Bookfair on the scale of our historical fairs based on increasing financial costs of holding the event and on the substantial demands that the event puts on our volunteers.

In addition, our lease on the warehouse where we store our tables, bookshelves, etc. is up at the end of August, and we do not have the option to extend that date. The Committee was not yet ready to give up the properties, but it was also hesitant to enter into a new, costly lease for storage. As a result, we will be moving most of the properties into the Bookroom for now.

Given those two decisions, we moved most of the books that were already packed to Thriftbooks, where we will make some money for them over the coming months.

Many of you have already been brainstorming on smaller, shorter, and/or more cost effective events for next year and beyond. Suggestions have included participating in the Jewish book festival; having a presence at the Decatur Book Festival; selling vintage children's books at an art festival; selling children's books at back to school events for teachers or parents, or at home schooler events. As a result, we did hold back some books that would fit those suggestions.

Please let the Steering Committee know of any other ideas that you have. The Steering Committee will be meeting again on August 19.

We will continue listing books for sale online, and participating in events held by the Georgia Antiquarian Booksellers Association.

For now, please continue to sort, price, and box books as before. We will be adjusting where we stack the categories in the coming week.

Thank you to our Cobb members who participated in the recent Bookfair survey. Results will be provided electronically, in a separate e-mail.

CTC SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES

Chattahoochee Tech Scholarships were awarded during the initial phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please see the thank you notes from our two scholarship winners:

Charlene Norman and Erika Parker.

Branch finances are in good shape for AAUW Cobb to offer CTC scholarships through the foundation next year.



Dear AAUW of Cobb County Scholarship:

Thank you for taking the time to review my application and selecting me as a recipient for this scholarship. I am very thankful for being awarded the generous amount of \$1,500 towards my education. Let me tell you a little bit about myself. My name is Charlene Norman and I am striving to become a wonderful teacher towards our children growing up. Growing up, I have always been around children. I always had my two little cousins with me and did not realize I was helping them learn and develop at such a young age. Children have a huge place in my heart, and I want to help them reach their goals and dreams. My father always taught me that love and kindness help the world go around. He also taught me to be a leader. He was very proud of me when he found out I wanted to be a teacher. Unfortunately, last year he was murdered due to violence in Chicago. My goal is to accomplish my dream and make myself and my father proud. By awarding me the AAUW of Cobb County Scholarship, you have reduced some stress from me when it comes to finance. I strive to keep my grades and GPA up. One day I hope to help another student in need of assistance for school. I know there are students who are going through struggles and financial issues as well. This scholarship brought back more motivation to finish school and anything is possible. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Sincerely, Charlene Norman

Hello,

My name is Erica Parker and I would like to thank the American Association of University Women for your donation to further my education. Receiving grants and scholarships is the only means I have to pay for school and without it; I would not have the opportunity to go to school. My degree is accounting. My inspiration came from my boss, who is an accountant herself and owns her own business outside of the company we currently work for. She has provided me with much guidance in management skills and often gives me things to work on from her personal company to teach me as much as she can, little by little. My goals after completing my associate's degree at Chattahoochee tech are to move on to a university to further my education and one day receive my CPA licensing. Moving forward from that, I would like to start my own business one day with my husband, who has worked in the construction field for 15 years. He plans to oversee projects while I handle the financial and marketing side of things to grow our business. Again, I want to thank you for your generous donation. As I mentioned before, I would not have been able to begin or finish school without the help of people like you. Warm regards, Erica Parker



MEMBER UPDATES

We certainly hope that all our members and extended family are safe and well. As we move forward in these uncertain times, Cobb AAUW will work to stay connected and to implement activities that our membership will be able to participate in safely.

Bookroom:

Karen Peters continues to be our internet shipping guru and Barbara Blue, Mary Ann Krus and Debbie Karvey continue to pick up book donations and volunteer in the bookroom on a more relaxed schedule following CDC guidelines. After volunteering this past Saturday, Debbie Karvey stopped by to check on Rita Neal ... although moving more slowly, she is doing well. We had a delightful visit and she misses so many of her AAUW friends and looks forward to the time when we can gather together. Something we all are looking forward to sooner than later!

Book Group:

June and July Cobb AAUW book discussion groups were via ZOOM. We were delighted to have Sylvia Goodyear join in the discussion from her home in the north Georgia Mountains this month via ZOOM. Karen Peters will be sending out via e-mail a detailed list of titles, authors and descriptions for next year's reading list selections and vote. Voting results will be revealed on August 19th ... plans are in the works for a virtual potluck!?!?

New contact information:

Connie Davis has a new telephone number: **678-324-0190**

Rosemary Winters has a new address: **147 Jasmine Way, Villa Rica GA 30180**

ZOOM BRANCH BRAINSTORMING SESSION

Please let Debbie Karvey know if you are interested in a branch ZOOM get together. We can use this opportunity to catch up and also share ideas about our Cobb Branch, about programs, about ways to connect and about staying relevant. We will coordinate an August event so hopefully many may be able to participate.

PUBLIC POLICY

Recently AAUW announced an Every Voice/Every Vote campaign. More information will be coming about how each of us can become involved in voter registration and promote "get out the vote!" projects. We will be looking to partner with the League of Women Voters and other organizations. Information will be provided as soon as details are put in place. This is an important alignment with the 100th anniversary of woman's right to vote! This is something we can all do from the safety of our own homes.

2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

It is good to see so many of our members have already renewed and paid dues for the new AAUW year. I will e-mail the dues invoice link in August to enable additional members to renew.

Everyone stay healthy and safe!
Debbie and Bea