



November 2020 Newsletter

Greetings from AAUW Cobb. Our members are staying connected mainly through ZOOM meetings focused on monthly book discussions and some in-person volunteer work at the bookroom. Cobb representatives continue to engage as participants with the Atlanta AAUW Book Sales Steering Committee.



On October 13th we had our first ZOOM branch meeting with 6 attendees. This was the first branch meeting since the Women's History Day event at Chattahoochee Tech on March 7th. We discussed Bookfair, budget and enjoyed visiting online.

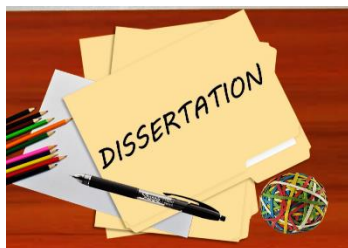
Our October 19th ZOOM book discussion was a great success with 10-12 attendees. All participants really enjoyed reading The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Richardson and we had a lively exchange about the characters, the location and the many issues and story lines that led to a highly recommended read.

On October 17th, Bea Piddock wowed the AAUW Atlanta Branch with her presentation on the census and the critical importance of the 2020 census.



On November 10th, there is a tentative plan to have an in-person branch meeting if venue, space and/or weather permit. This will be a "cooties free" meeting with hand sanitizer, facemasks, and social distancing ... with logistics and location still in the planning stage. The scheduled date and time for the meeting will be the second Tuesday at 2:00 PM (our standard meeting timeslot.)

We will conduct business to determine philanthropy distribution, program ideas and we will share social time. Members are asked to mark their calendars, as this meeting will take place, whether in-person or via ZOOM.



We welcome a new branch member, Carlene Thornton, who is focused on her Organizational Leadership EdD dissertation research at GCU. Her focus is on the unique challenge Black female academics in leadership positions face on university campus. As part of her research, Carlene will be looking for AAUW GA members to volunteer to participate in her research. A link to her “recruitment letter” will be made available:

Carlene has already participated in several ZOOM meetings as well as volunteering at the bookroom sorting book donations. She is eager to be involved and engaged in AAUW activities that promote our mission of equity for women and girls as well as our focus on the importance of education. We are extremely fortunate to have her join our group!

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In addition to sponsoring local scholarships through the Chattahoochee Tech Foundation, and donations to AAUW Funds, the branch has also made a preliminary determination to donate to the Atlanta Girls School. It is hoped that we can also partner with AGS and/or an organization within the school to sponsor some type of book sale fundraiser. We are fortunate to have funds available to make these decisions, during these uncertain times.

With the pandemic-forced cancellation of our annual mall bookfair this October, Atlanta, Cobb, and North Fulton branches continue to collaborate on future fundraisers. The branches are committed to internet sales as an ongoing source of revenue with the hopes that we can move forward in new directions and explore book sale opportunities and venues yet to be discovered. A committee has been created to gather venue ideas, leads, as well as follow up on contacts, costs, and logistics.

We look forward to times when we can once again gather in mission, purpose, and friendship. This pandemic has certainly created challenges we never anticipated and brought tragedy to far too many. Everyone stay safe and well!!

Debbie and Bea

