



# Cobb Update

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*Special Dates of*

*Interest*

- Feb. 4th - Roving Gourmet
- February 5th - CTAUN
- February 8th - Monthly Meeting - STEM Program
- February 16 - Legislative Forum
- February 21st - Book Group
- March 25th - STEM date



Happy Valentine's Day

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## "Why So Few?"

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 2011

7:00 p.m.

MANSOUR CENTER

995 Roswell St., Marietta, GA 30060

Powerpoint presentation on STEM booklet "Why So Few?"  
by Nancy Coakley, our Cobb AAUW STEM chair

In addition to Nancy's powerpoint presentation, she will have copies of the booklet for our members. She will also tell our group of our additional efforts on behalf of encouraging girls and women to enter, and excel in, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields.

Mansour Center will provide refreshments.

Please rsvp to [wemills@bellsouth.net](mailto:wemills@bellsouth.net) by Saturday, Feb. 5th, so we can give Mansour Center an accurate count.

## SNOW-WEEK RE-SCHEDULE

Our *LESIGLATIVE FORUM*, scheduled in January, has been postponed until WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011.

The meeting will be in the Cobb Commissioners room, in the County Government Building, 100 Cherokee Street, on the square in Marietta.

AAUW is again responsible for refreshments. At this point, we are being told that refreshments should arrive at 5:45 p.m., in order to be ready for the 6:00 - 7:00 refreshments period. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. It will be broadcast on channel 23.

DO plan to attend, and to bring your questions for our Cobb legislators. It should be a good meeting!

## Cancellation - Even better new program!

The Saturday, March 19 STEM program scheduled for SPSU has been cancelled due to scheduling problems on the part of the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta. AAUW regrets the inconvenience. We hope to reschedule later on in the year.

Please refer, instead, to our upcoming AAUW program at KSU on "Mentoring in STEM fields," March 25, 2011. It is a Friday, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Please see details elsewhere in this issue.

# Book Group

For additional Book Group information please email or call Denise Bossarte at [dci\\_bst@hotmail.com](mailto:dci_bst@hotmail.com)

Our Book Group meeting will be  
Monday, February 21st at 7:30 pm  
in the home of  
Denise Bossarte  
2124 Adderbury Ln. SW  
Smyrna, GA 30082

Our hostess is providing the refreshments  
and Debbie Karvey will facilitate the discussion of the book.

Please RSVP to: [dci\\_bst@hotmail.com](mailto:dci_bst@hotmail.com)  
or 770-432-4709

*Our book this month:*

*Sarah's Key*

*by Tatuaba de Rosnay*

## ROVING GOURMET



Marie Shockley has made reservations for us at

### Rose & Crown Tavern

1931 Powers Ferry Road, SE, Atlanta 30339  
770-933-5595  
[roseandcrowntavern.com](http://roseandcrowntavern.com)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, at 7:00 PM**

Please RSVP to Marie Shockley by Wednesday 2nd of February at [mommom222002@yahoo.com](mailto:mommom222002@yahoo.com), or 770-984-9928

Plan on being with us  
next month.  
Save the date!!

Friday, March 4th  
7:00 PM

WE LOOK FORWARD  
TO  
SEEING YOU!!



## MENTORING, anyone?



We have received from Krystal Grau (one of this year's scholarship recipients) an appeal for mentors through a program being set up by Women's Leadership Experience at KSU. They ask that mentors meet with the mentee twice a month at least through May. Currently, they have 7 girls coming from various fields and backgrounds needing a match.

Certainly this is in line with our goals and objectives. Anyone interested should contact Krystal Grau ([krysgaru@gmail.com](mailto:krysgaru@gmail.com)) or her advisor, Karen Heilmann ([kboettle@kennesaw.edu](mailto:kboettle@kennesaw.edu)) for further details.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

February is full to overflowing with Cobb AAUW activities. In addition to our regular Roving Gourmet and Book Group, we have 5 Cobb AAUW members attending the Saturday, February 5th CTAUN conference at Georgia State. Then on Tuesday, Feb. 8th, our STEM chair Nancy Coakley will offer a powerpoint presentation on the "Why So Few?" publication put out by AAUW National. On Wednesday, Feb. 16, we join with two other or-

ganizations to present the Legislative Forum, at the County Commissioners room, on the Marietta Square. In addition, Nancy Coakley is continuing to organize the Mentoring Conference to be held at KSU on March 25th.

Meantime, several of us, in our "spare time," continue to work in the bookroom (Debbie Karvey & Karen Peters & Rita Neal, among others), to unload "The Monster"-our Providence Square bookbin-(Carol Stephens, Gene & Shirley Mills, Marie Shockley), to tend to

financial matters (Debbie Karvey), to plan future meetings (Tiffany Fannin), to work on the newsletter (Judy Ribarsky & Shirley Mills), and to attend the myriad other responsibilities that make up our Cobb AAUW outreach. (As you see from the note from Sumy, Ukraine, our outreach goes far beyond our immediate neighborhood!)

Several other opportunities for service are outlined in this copy of our newsletter, so do check those out and see if any of them is a perfect fit for you. Meantime, a big THANK YOU to everyone above, as well as others whose names I've inadvertently skipped, for your good service.

Looking forward to seeing you at these upcoming events,

Shirley

### Our Books Arrived in Ukraine!!



We hear from Arden Stone on January 13, 2011, that our package of books did arrive in Ukraine, and the library there sent the following tremendously charming thank you note:

"We are very much glad to inform that. [we] received nearly 50 new books. donated. by Cobb County Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). The necessity of fiction books is very high here and they are very popular among our customers.

"Thank you so much and if there's an opportunity we are always welcome efforts of people sending us books.

"Please come to view our display!"

For your information, I am attaching a list of the books we sent. We will need to keep this list in mind in case we decide to send books again next year. Who knows, perhaps we'll get requests for specific titles for next year, or even duplicate copies of things that have proved to be popular? THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this endeavor! I know I drug some folks kicking and screaming into this project, but I do want to say how much I appreciate your allowing our branch to initiate this outreach. You all are the very best! Shirley



#### List of Books sent to ARDEN STONE, A/R 14, Sumy 40000, Ukraine: Dec.. 2010

Brooks, Geraldine. Year of Wonders  
 Cunningham, Michael. The Hours  
 Dubus, Andre, III. House of Sand & Fog  
 Edwards, Kim. The Memory Keeper's Daughter  
 Flagg, Fannie. Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café  
 Frazier, Charles. Cold Mountain  
 Goodman, Allegra. Kaaterskill Falls  
 Guterson, David. Snow Falling on Cedars  
 Haruf, Kent. Plainsong  
 Hazzard, Shirley. The Transit of Venus  
 Hosseini, Khaled. The Kite Runner  
 Jones, Edward P. The Known World  
 Macguire, Gregory. WICKED:The Life & Times of the Wicked Witch of the West  
 Patchett, Ann. Bel Canto  
 Paton, Alan. Cry, the Beloved Country  
 Proux, E. Annie. The Shipping News  
 Robinson, Marilynne. Gilead  
 Roth, Philip. American Pastoral  
 Rushdie, Salman. Midnight's Children  
 Russo, Richard. Empire Falls  
 Shaffer, Mary Ann & Annie Barrows. The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society  
 Tyler, Anne. Digging to America  
 Zusak, Markus. The Book Thief

"Doubt is a pain too lonely to know that faith is  
his twin brother."  
Kahlil Gibran

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**S A V E T H E S E D A T E S !!**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8th at 7 pm**  
Mansour Center  
"Program on Education"



### **STEM event at KSU.**

A Mentoring Conference will be held at KSU on Friday, MARCH 25, 2011  
In collaboration with the new AAUW affiliate on campus, our STEM chair Nancy Coakley has organized a forum on mentoring, and its effect on retention of women in STEM fields.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

**Committee on Teaching About the United Nations (CTAUN)**  
**"Educating for Action: The United Nations as a Resource"**  
**Saturday, February 5, 2011 9 am - 4 pm**  
**Georgia State University, College of Education**

This Conference has been approved for 1 PLU by the Georgia Dept. of Education.

Registration is online at [https://webpay.gsu.edu/C20797\\_ustores/web/](https://webpay.gsu.edu/C20797_ustores/web/)

Once you click on the URL you will be directed to a GSU page with multiple conferences listed. Look at the left hand list and click on "Educating for Action, Committee for Teaching about the UN." Cost is \$35 for adults and \$10 for students.

Some great speakers are coming to Atlanta to participate in this conference.

Contact Marie Shockley or Carol Stephens, our representatives to this committee for information and to carpool.

[carterstephens69@att.net](mailto:carterstephens69@att.net) or [mommom222002@yahoo.com](mailto:mommom222002@yahoo.com)

### **Atlanta Symphony Decorators' Show House**

Anyone interested in volunteering as a docent? The dates are April 15 - May 8, 2011. Shifts are 9:30 - 1:15 morning, and 1:00 - 4:45 afternoon. Sundays are 11:30 - 5:30.  
This year's DSH is located at 1945 W. Wesley Rd., NW. There is absolutely NO PARKING at the site. Shuttles will operate from the IBM parking lot on Northside Drive.  
Volunteers tour the house for free. Ask a friend to join you, and plan to volunteer to raise money for the Atlanta Symphony.

## Report from Carol Stephens on Georgia Women for a Change Legislative briefing

Jan. 26th - The two major pieces of legislation that GWFC is organizing its members to support are the Freedom From Human Trafficking bill that Rep. Edward Lindsey is sponsoring and Flexible Sick Leave which will have a sponsor by the end of the week.

Rep. Lindsey is working with Attorney General Sam Olens and the chair of the committee Rich Golick on it right now. Both of these gentlemen are supportive of the bill, so we in Cobb are well represented in this effort! If you know these men, please be sure to let them know how important their support is! Rep. Lindsey became involved in this because the church he grew up in on North Ave. and his present church, All Saints Episcopal, contacted him for support as they are both located in the area where most of the sex trafficking takes place. He stated that drug trafficking penalties are higher than sex trafficking penalties. In this bill he wants the assets of the traffickers to be seized by the state and the proceeds used to pay for the restitution of the the victims. He also shared that the National Conference of State Legislatures have adopted this issue as one their important issues to address. PBA 30 will be airing a documentary film on this issue, Candy Shop, this Sunday. Watch for it!

The Flexible Sick Leave bill will require businesses that give employees sick days to allow those days to be used for caring for a sick child, spouse, or elderly parent. Presently, businesses can disallow that kind of leave and even fire workers who use it for other than their own personal illness. Presently, 70% of Georgia workers are denied Flexible Sick Leave.

The Budget - Revenues are up from last year, but we have had a 20% drop since 2007. It is predicted that it will take us until 2015 to return to pre-recession income levels. \$27million must be cut from the Jan. - June 2011 budget. Gov. Deal is targeting cuts rather than making them across the board. The Dept. of Human Services budget has been cut 25% from 2008-2010. Ten thousand families will no longer receive childcare subsidies. It also cuts funds for Alzheimers respite care and completely removes care for Domestic Violence victims!! There will be no increase in funds for the increase in Peachcare enrollees. Go to GBPI.org to find out more about the budget.

HB47 allows out of state insurance companies to come in to Georgia and sell policies. They will not have to meet the state mandates that we have fought so hard to win that provide coverage for women and children.

Bobby Franklin has again made sure that he dropped the first bill. HB1 requires the death penalty for doctors who perform abortions. He also wants to do away with the Health and Human Services Dept. and wants to eliminate the requirement for vaccinations.

Rep. Earl Erhardt is no longer the chair of the Rules Committee. It is now being chaired by John Meadows. Terry England, a Barrow County farmer is now the chair of the Appropriations Committee.

From Cobb, Rep. Sharon Cooper and Alisha Thomas Morgan attended the breakfast. The next breakfast will be held on Feb. 23rd. Hope you will join me and celebrate my birthday with me!





## Breaking through Barriers

(American Association of University Women)

Cobb County Branch in association with KSU's own Branch

**Science**

*Invite...*

**March 25TH**

**Technology**

**1:00 - 4:00PM**

**Engineering**

**STUDENTS**

**Student Center**

**Math**

**University Rooms**

# "Mentoring: Working the System"

**Keynote Speaker:**

Katherine N. Kinnick, Ph.D.

Professor of Communication, KSU

"Media Portrayal of Professional Women: Why Popular Culture Matters."

**Guest Speaker:**

Carolyn H. Garfein

National President, AAUW

"Why So Few"

Join **professional women** in breakout sessions that will recount their career paths to success and share tips

An informal panel discussion will be held after the seminar on graduate school and scholarship/fellowship information

**RSVP to [aauwkennesaw@gmail.com](mailto:aauwkennesaw@gmail.com) ----- RSVP REQUIRED!**