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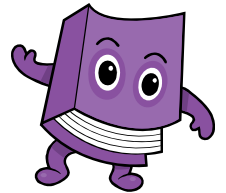
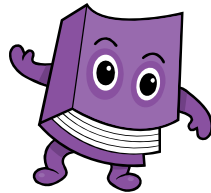
# Cobb Update

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### Special Dates of Interest

- August 5th - Roving Gourmet
- August 17th - Book Selection Potluck
- August 20th - Kickoff Meeting
- Oct. 5-Oct 9 - Book Fair



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2011**

**10:00 A.M. at the Book Room in Buckhead**

**KICKOFF MEETING**

**and Brunch Pot Luck (beverages will be provided)**

**If you need a ride, please call Karen Peters (770-971-4087).**

## School starts!!

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**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

# Book Group

For additional Book Group information please  
email or call Denise Bossarte at  
[dci\\_bst@hotmail.com](mailto:dci_bst@hotmail.com) 770-432-4709

Our Book Group meeting will be Monday, August 15th at 6:30 pm  
in the home of  
Sylvia Goodyear  
5380 Willow Point Parkway  
Marietta, GA 30068

This is our annual potluck meeting where we decide  
on our reading choices for the new year. If you have  
not received your list of book suggestions and  
your ballot, please contact Denise for a copy.

Please RSVP to: [smgoodyear@mindspring.com](mailto:smgoodyear@mindspring.com) or 770-594-9901



## WHO ARE THESE MEMBERS?

1. When she was a junior in high school she was Mrs. Webb in *Our Town* for their junior class play. She was such a city girl that the director of the play had to show her how to string beans, as there is the scene when Mrs. Webb is talking with Mrs. Gibbs and she is stringing beans. She knew only about canned and frozen beans!
2. She keeps wanting to talk about sumo wrestlers.
3. She used to collect fossils and in second grade she lost her two front permanent teeth after tripping over the legs of a desk.

(answers will be in next month's issue)

## ROVING GOURMET



Call Marie Shockley (770-984-9928) or [Mommom222002@yahoo.com](mailto:Mommom222002@yahoo.com)

for further information on future month's locations.

We'll get next month's information to you in a more timely manner!

**Mark your calendars for these events – more information will follow:**

### Women of Change: Decisions that shape the world

In **October**, *Golda's Balcony* will be on the Alliance Stage. The play is about Golda Meir, an extraordinary woman that affected massive change in her time, and it stars Tovah Feldshuh, another extraordinary woman in her own right.

On **Monday, September 12** at 7:00 p.m., you can get up close and personal with Ms. Feldshuh, along with three other women affecting change in our world today: **Elizabeth Omilami** and **Lois Frank** will join Ms. Feldshuh in a panel discussion and the incomparable **Pearl Cleage** will moderate. This conversation will touch on the experiences of all of these remarkable women and their role in an ever-changing world.

Please call Karen at 770-971-4087 if you are interested in attending.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well, here we go! Committees/ Task Forces are being formed, plans are being made, and hopes are high for a good year for our branch.

Of course the big project looming in the foreground is our Bookfair which will take place from October 4-9. Help will be needed, however, from Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> for setup. Invite friends and neighbors – especially strong ones – to join you in helping to set up the tables, opening boxes and arranging the books. We accomplish a great deal that night with everyone's help. Opening night is Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00, and for those of you who haven't been there to see the dealers and super-enthusiastic buyers chomping at the bit for the opening bell, you won't want to miss it. We will have sign-up sheets available at the meeting and expect everyone to participate in at least two two-hour shifts, though we know that many of you work much more than that. Thank

you. Every hour spent adds more money for our scholarship funds. Please think about doubling your hours from last year – unless, like Shirley, you worked every day for every shift – incredible!

If you have not yet paid your dues for this year (\$81), please send your check to Debbie Karvey, 5112 Olde Mill Drive, Woodstock, GA 30188 or pay on line at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org). We also want to remind you to update your information in the directory (adding your cell phone number, unless you don't wish to have it published).

We're looking forward to enjoying time together seeing "The Help" and discussing it over a meal on August 21 and are looking forward to several more outings like this during the year.

Our regular meetings will again be held at the Mansour Center on the third Tuesday of the month, beginning in September.

If you have any suggestions or ideas that you would like to share, I'd love to hear from you. I'm really counting on

the participation of each of us to make this a successful year.

Do keep our mission on the tip of your tongue so that when people ask "What is AAUW?" you can answer, "American Association of University Women, AAUW, advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research." We're all going to memorize this – and there WILL be a test. :)

With high hopes for a good year,  
Karen

### IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO - PLEASE

It is time for us to pay our  
dues for the  
2010-2011 year.

Please send your  
check for \$81 to our treasurer  
Debbie Karvey  
5112 Olde Mill Drive,  
Woodstock, GA 30188

Some of us are thinking of going to see "The Help" on Sunday, August 21st, and getting a snack or something and discussing it afterwards, We'll be going to the afternoon show between 2 and 3 (more specifics to follow) at Merchant's Walk and think it would be fun to have a group attend together. If you're interested, please call Joan Terwilliger at 678-401-4241 or Denise Bossarte at 770-432-4709 or just show up. But mark your calendars now.

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

OUR 52nd ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

PREVIEW SALE - TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 4TH

COST \$10 PER PERSON

OPEN TO ALL SALE - OCTOBER 5TH THROUGH OCTOBER 9TH

AT THE PERIMETER MALL



See sign-up to work sheet on page 6 - we need everyone to help in some way!!!

*“The longer we dwell on our misfortunes,  
the greater is their power to harm us.”*

Voltaire

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My heartfelt thanks to all you wonderful ladies who have thought of me, prayed for me and brought us food during my illness. It has really helped the healing!! With much love and gratitude, Judy (editor-back at work!!) 🙌😊

## Bookroom Thoughts

We often get feedback from the buyers of the books we sell on line. Most of the time the comments are similar to these:

“This is a fantastic seller and a wonderful organization! I highly recommend buying from them!!” and “Rapid delivery. Book actually in better condition than described. Seller's description said book was used in very good condition. That was understatement. This book appears in like new condition. Would not hesitate to use this seller again.”



Ninety eight plus percent of the time the feedback is positive, but occasionally we get a message from someone who is not pleased for some reason, such as this:

“Wish I had known what the donation to their charity was, but didn't get an explanation until I received the actual book. Usually a charity that discriminates against someone because they prefer [sic] to help Women only, I wouldn't support, but was limited in other options to purchase the book.”

Then there are comments that warm our heart and help us realize that doing what we do is about the best volunteer job in the world:

“I am absolutely delighted with the book and your service. It was exactly as described and even better, there was a signed photo and a letter dated 1949 in the book as well! I was so excited that I cried. I bought this because my Dad was in the 1st Cavalry Div and is named in the book for his silver star and he was from Atlanta! Thank you so much!”



## Convention Report

As I mentioned in my earlier letter, the National Convention was a very exciting and stimulating time. This write-up from our State Co-President, Laurie Shaw, summarizes it very well, and so rather than reinvent the wheel, I'm including it. It was good having four of the eight Georgia attendees be from the Cobb branch. If you have further questions about the event, please don't hesitate to talk to Debbie Karvey, Marcia Capriotti, Barbara Stidfole, or me.  
--Karen

The AAUW National Convention held June 16–19 in Washington, DC was an energizing experience! Comparing this convention with the national one I attended in 2005, also in Washington, DC, has me armed with considerably more information than I previously received. With the new “one member, one vote”, both electronic and paper balloting began before the convention for electing AAUW Board of Directors, proposed bylaws amendments and proposed changes to the Public Policy Program. The election results were announced at Saturday's luncheon, with Carolyn Garfein (GA) re-elected as President and Patricia Ho (MA) elected Vice-President. Those who attended the State Convention in April will recall Patricia Ho was our Director at Large representative from the AAUW National Board. You can view other election results at the AAUW web-site. The major change I noted between the 2005 convention and the 2011 convention was that there were more panel discussions on major topical issues as well as more work-shops and special interest group meetings. Because legal requirements for notice of business preclude amendments and voting from the floor at convention, no time is now taken up with issues that could produce much time-consuming debate over wording, amendments, etc.

There were ten of us there from Georgia but since President Carolyn Garfein and Board of Director Marcia Capriotti had some official duties to attend to, the remaining 8 of us tried to sit together as a group for meals and panel discussions. This allowed us to share ideas to take to our respective Branches and further discussion on topics such as AAUW Public Policy, Safe Schools: Bullying and Sexual Harassment, Why So Few? In STEM, and Women and Men in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workplace. Since there were many opportunities to attend workshops and briefings on a wide range of topics, the Georgia attendees tried to split up to gather as much information as possible. Some of the topics were Sharing successful recruitment retention stories, Branch fundraising, Mission-based programming, College/university partners, and Social media.

Attending a national convention with 800 attendees is a great experience. I would strongly encourage everyone to consider it in the future. The next AAUW National Convention will be June 9–12, 2013 in New Orleans. Hope to see you there!

Laurie Shaw, Co-President

