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Special Dates of Interest

- September 9th - Roving Gourmet
- September 13th Meeting
- September 19th - Book Group
- Oct 3-Oct 9 - Book Fair
- October 14th - Roving Gourmet



**BOOKFAIR
TIME!!!**

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CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL FEATURE THE G.E.N.I.U.S. GIRLS

The September regular branch meeting will feature, as part of our highlighting our community outreach projects, a presentation by the G.E.N.I.U.S. girls (**G**irls **E**xploring **N**ew **I**deas **U**sing **S**cience) who won the state robotic competition and competed in the national robotics competition in St. Louis, Missouri in April.

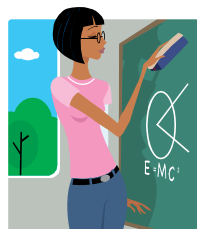
The girls will show a video with the background of their team and do a 5-minute project presentation, which includes a demonstration of the prototype backup system they built on a manual wheelchair. After demoing the prototype, they will show a video of how they implemented their project by installing cameras on the electric wheelchairs of two children and will do a brief demo of their robot.

We look forward to meeting these girls that we helped to sponsor and to congratulate them on their achievements.

We will also highlight the girls from Sedalia Park Elementary that we sent to the 5th grade science field trip at Rock Eagle 4-H Center and will have a report from the NCCWSSL student we supported.

Following the presentation, we will have our business meeting and present the budget for next year along with other branch business. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

We will meet as usual at 7:00 P.M. at the Mansour Center, 995 Roswell Street, Marietta (across from the Big Chicken).



Book Group

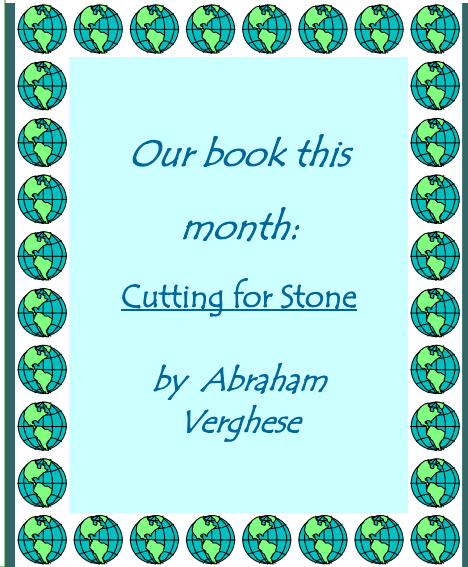
For additional Book Group information please
email or call Denise Bossarte at
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Our Book Group meeting will be Monday,
September 19th at 7:30 pm
in the home of

Linda Stewart
3263 Timberloch Drive
Marietta GA 30068

Karen will facilitate the discussion of the book and
Linda will do our refreshments!!

Please RSVP to: lindstew@aol.com or 770-977-1545



WHO ARE THESE MEMBERS?

Last month's members--

1. Carol Stephens didn't know how to string beans for her high school play (too citified)!
2. Rita Neal wanted to talk about sumo wrestlers at our book group discussion on Freakonomics.
3. Denise Bossarte collected fossils and broke her permanent front teeth in second grade.

Now, who are these?

1. She cut her face on barbed wire when she was six years old -- can you find the scar?
2. She walked three miles a day, five days a week, for 25 years!!
3. She won two "ten-words-or-less" contests, one national and one local.

ROVING GOURMET

FRIDAY, September 9th, 7:00 p.m. (note this is the 2nd Friday)



THE TEXAS ROADHOUSE

2475 Barrett Creek Parkway, Marietta, GA 30066

Please check out the menu and the "spot" at

www.texasroadhouse.com

RSVP's to Marie Shockley at shockleym5@aol.com or 770-984-9928

by Wednesday, September 7th to let her know you'll be there.



Because of Bookfair our Roving Gourmet for
October will be held on the second Friday also, which is the 14th.
Be sure to save that date for a great dining experience.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Bookfair!! Bookfair!! Remember--

The number and amount of scholarships we can award to deserving women are directly related to how many hours our Branch can put into the Bookfair.

Please be a part of this great, worthwhile effort!!!

CONVENTION NOTES

One of the most interesting events at the National AAUW Convention in Washington, D. C. this summer, was our lobbying of Congress. The eight Georgia delegates (four of whom were from the Cobb Branch!) headed for the capitol along with many of the other 800 delegates to the convention (the "Big Teal Machine") to lobby for three main issues. We met with the staff persons at Saxby Chambliss's and Johnny Isaacson's office – then went off to our congressperson's offices. This article will report on the first of the issues we lobbied for. Later issues will address the other two items.

Members lobbied Congress to oppose any cuts to **Social Security**. Sunday, August 14, marked the 76th anniversary of Social Security. When it began in 1935, Social Security paid retirement benefits only to workers, not their spouses or children. Social Security has evolved to become one of the most successful anti-poverty programs in our nation's history. It's a national commitment to care for one another across generations. It is particularly important for women's economic security, since more than half of older women would fall into poverty without Social Security benefits.

Yet Social Security faces challenges. The renewed focus on America's deficit has prompted many politicians to pledge to "reform" Social Security, which they (incorrectly) blame for the deficit. Other proposals would raise the retirement age, cut benefit levels, or privatize Social Security accounts. Social Security did not cause the federal deficit — in fact, the program is "off budget" — and should not be blamed for it or weakened to address America's financial problems. In poll after

poll, Americans across the political and age spectrum have affirmed that they would rather pay more in taxes than see Social Security benefits cut.

AAUW believes that it is vital to women's economic security to provide for the long-term solvency of Social Security and to maintain its current guaranteed benefits and strongly opposes attempts to cut Social Security.

You can do that too by visiting AAUW's Two-Minute Activist and telling Congress that you oppose cutting a critical program relied upon by millions of Americans.

To learn more, go to AAUW.com and read AAUW's position on Social Security, retirement security, and Social Security privatization.

CHALLENGE #1: In a video of the convention posted on AAUW.com you can (briefly) spot some of us Georgia delegates. For a prize, email me [krpeters12@aol.com] the time on the video where we appear.



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

OUR 52ND ANNUAL BOOKFAIR
PREVIEW FEE ON TUESDAY NIGHT THE 3RD
IS \$10 PER PERSON

OCTOBER 4TH THROUGH OCTOBER 9TH

NO CHARGE - OPEN TO ALL SALE

AT THE PERIMETER MALL



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

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving..”

Albert Einstein

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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 books for the new year have been selected, hostesses assigned and refreshments planned for. If you have not received the roster, please let

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know and she will be sure you receive one and are put on her list for future announcements.



It is time to publish our new year's membership and meeting agenda booklet. **PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP** any changes you need to be made to your listing.

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AAUW's Research Reports

Many of us know about the research reports funded and published by AAUW. AAUW has been at the forefront of research on issues of women and education for decades and has published reports on topics including girls in science, sex discrimination in academia, women and online learning, sexual harassment in schools, the impact of Title IX, Latinas in schools, and single-sex education among others. (Reports may be [downloaded from the web](#) and are also available at [ShopAAUW](#).)

AAUW's trailblazing **1885** research report, *Health Statistics of Women College Graduates* helped to debunk the idea that if women went to college, it would adversely affect their ability to have children, as silly as that seems today.

Our 2010 report *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics* (STEM). sparked important dialogue at the United Nations, in the federal government, and in the media. Astronaut and pioneer Sally Ride even referenced the report on NPR.

Reports such as these are one of the important things that our membership helps support. The quality of the research is impeccable, and these reports influence the way women and girls are treated. Be proud of what you are helping to support by your being a part of this great organization.

CHALLENGE #2: Three new AAUW reports are in the works. What are the topics that these reports will address? Check out the AAUW.com website and email me your answer [krpeters12@aol.com]. The first to respond will receive a prize at our next branch meeting. Answers will be published in the October newsletter.

Bookroom Thoughts #2

Another Happy Customer



Hi ,
I am Adrian and living in Canada, Alberta, City of Edmonton. Is it possible to remove the delivery restrictions to allow me to order this book from you ? Cameron Hydraulic Data - 19th Edition
Regards, Adrian 7/29 3:40

-----*Thanks for your interest. I've forwarded your email to our mailing volunteer who will see if the book will fit into a priority mail envelope. If not, we can calculate other shipping costs, but they tend to be obnoxiously high.*
Best, Julie Keller, aka Oldbooky, AAUW Atlanta Bookfair Internet Sales 7/29

-----Hi Julie,
I am looking forward for a good resolution. This book (I had it from a friend) "will fit into a priority mail envelope" I know that. Just let me know when the book can be available for me and I will be pleased to do business with you.
Thanks, Adrian 7/29

-----*Hello, Adrian,*
We have not heard from you and have another buyer. If we don't hear back by noon on Monday, we will go through with the sale to him. Please respond if you still want the book.
Karen Peters, AAUW Mailing Volunteer 7/30

-----Hi,
Yes I still want the book...but is not available anymore. Is it possible to relist the book ?
Regards, Adrian 7/31

-----*Dear Mr. B.,*
Please excuse our delay in responding. While we were communicating about the shipping, another person ordered the book. We told him about the situation and said that since you had indicated an interest first, the ethical thing to do would be to honor your request. The book has been relisted, will fit in a priority envelope, and is available to shipping to Canada. We will expect to hear from you soon.
Karen Peters, AAUW Mailing Volunteer 8/2

-----Hi,
I really appreciate your way of doing business and I would like to buy this book from you. However I can not see the book being listed under your store. Is this book still available?
Regards, Adrian

-----*Please order this today. 8/3*

-----I just order the book ! Thanks a lot for your help !
Cheers, Adrian 8/3

-----*Adrian,*
It's on its way - the order came in just before I was going to leave our book room this evening, so I was able to take it right to the post office along with my other orders. I'm very pleased that this worked out so well for you (though not for the other person who wanted it). Thank you for your patience. I hope that you enjoy the book and find it useful.

Karen Peters
AAUW Mailing Volunteer 8/3

-----Hi Karen,
I received the book in perfect conditions. The book is helpful in my work. Thanks a lot for your help.
Cheers, Adrian



