



# Cobb Update

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### Special Dates of Interest

- December 2nd - Roving Gourmet
- December 13th - Meeting at Mansour Center
- December 19th - Book Group
- January 19th - Legislative Forum



## SCHOLARSHIPS



Our meeting on  
Tuesday, December 13th

will feature our Scholarship Winners!!

Come and share your good wishes with these special girls.

We will meet as usual at the Mansour Center 995 Roswell Street NE (a block west of the Big Chicken) at 7:00 PM. There will be a charge of \$10 for heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Please remember to bring either canned foods or diapers and other children's goods to donate to the Center and the families they help.

PLEASE LET KAREN KNOW IF YOU'RE COMING!!  
770-971-4087 OR Krpeters12@aol.com

Happy Holidays



OH - WHAT FUN...!!

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# Book Group

For additional Book Group information please email or call Denise Bossarte at  
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The **AAUW Book Group** will meet on Monday evening,

**December 19th at 6:30PM**

at  
**BARBARA HAMMOND'S HOME**  
 2430 Weatherford Court  
 Marietta, GA 30068

This is our annual Holiday Party--you are to bring food to share. If you haven't already signed up for what you will bring, you can do so when you RSVP to Barbara.  
 (If you wish, you may also bring your favorite drink.)

You are also asked to bring a new or gently used book, gift wrapped, to exchange.

We have great fun at this party "exchanging" the gifts!  
 Come and partake in the camaraderie!!

If you plan to attend, please contact Barbara Hammond  
 770-973-3403

[Bhammond@kennesaw.edu](mailto:Bhammond@kennesaw.edu)

Karen Peters will facilitate our discussion of [The Elegance of the Hedgehog](#)

## ROVING GOURMET

Directions to The Magnolia Thomas Restaurant in Woodstock

- Take I-75 North
- Merge onto I-575 N/GA-5 N via EXIT 268 toward Canton for 5.7 miles
- Take the Towne Lake Pkwy exit, EXIT 8, toward Woodstock for .3 mile
- Keep right to take the ramp toward Woodstock for .3 mile
- Turn slight right onto Towne Lake Parkway for .6 mile
- Towne Lake Pky becomes Arnold Mill Road for .2 mile
- **108 ARNOLD MILL RD is on the right.**  
 (If you reach Bentley Parkway, you've gone a little too far)

### OR

- From I-75 take the Canton Road exit and continue on Canton Road, which becomes Canton Highway. Go approximately 9 miles
- Turn right onto Towne Lake Parkway, which becomes Arnold Mill Road for 0.2 miles - **108 ARNOLD MILL RD is on the right.**

WE LOOK FORWARD  
 TO  
 SEEING YOU!!



## CHRISTMAS ROVING GOURMET:



Friday, December 2nd 7:00 PM at  
**THE MAGNOLIA THOMAS RESTAURANT**

108 Arnold Mill Rd., WOODSTOCK, GA., 30188, 678-445-5789.

To view menu and wine list, check [www.magnoliathomas.com](http://www.magnoliathomas.com). Many of you may recall what a special evening we had there several Decembers ago when we were entertained with a delightful guitarist who played Christmas music during our meal and afterwards. We can look forward to a similar treat as they are featuring a guitar player again!! We've been assured we're welcome to hum or sing along,

Do join us for this Christmas event. Singles, couples, and friends are very welcome.  
 RSVP to Peg Montgomery, December Chairman, 770-565-7948, [montgomery1718@bellsouth.net](mailto:montgomery1718@bellsouth.net).  
 Roving Gourmet Chairman: Marie Shockley

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Holidays are upon us, and festivities abound. Our **Scholarship Dinner** will be at 6:30 (note the earlier time) on Tuesday, December 13, at which time we will honor exceptional women in our local colleges and universities with scholarships from the proceeds of Bookfair. Our Scholarship Committee, ably led by Shirley Mills and including Linda Stewart, Yetta McMillan, Denise Bossarte, and Joanne Mazula, has been sifting through applications and interviewing candidates. They will be eager to introduce us to these fine recipients. The menu is heavy hors d'ouvres, and the cost will be \$10.00 each. Please let me know that you will be coming by sending an email ([krpeters12@aol.com](mailto:krpeters12@aol.com)) or calling me at 770-971-4087. And remember to bring donations to the Mansour Center for the families that they assist.

**Roving Gourmet** will celebrate the holidays on Friday, December 2nd 7:00 PM at The Magnolia Thomas Restaurant, 108 Arnold Mill Road, Woodstock, GA., 30188, 678-445-5789. See the article for details, and let Peg Montgomery know if you will be attending. It is a lovely time to invite a friend to join us.

The **Book Group's Christmas meeting** will again be held at Barbara Hammond's lovely and beautifully decorated home. We will be discussing The Elegance of the Hedgehog after a pot luck supper and before our book exchange. Plan to bring a wrapped book to exchange, and let Barbara know that you will be coming. Again, invite a friend.

In January we collapse after all of the festivities – but we revive in time to participate in the Legislative Forum on Thursday evening, January 19, in place of our regular second Tuesday meeting. Meet and interact with our Cobb Legislators in this event sponsored by the League of Women Voters, AAUW and the Rho Zeta Omega Chapter (Marietta/Cobb) of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.. More information will follow.

Carol Stephens and I had the privilege of attending the most wonderful event, the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Georgia Women's Assembly, on November 10 at the Loudermilk Center. The air crackled with the energy and enthusiasm of Georgia women from all walks of life and many local organizations. Georgia AAUW was well represented by Diana Witt, Deane Bonner, Pat DeWitt, Tami Anderson, Carol and me. I attended workshops on human trafficking and on issues affecting older women. Luncheon speakers

were former mayor Shirley Franklin, author Pearl Cleage, and Deborah Richardson. They were delightful and inspiring. I was again challenged just as I was following the AAUW convention by being in the presence of these dynamic women and realizing that we women can accomplish so much if we put our minds and efforts to it. How can we become more effective advocates for women and girls? What more can we do? I welcome your ideas and suggestions.

And wasn't Stacy Evans an impressive young woman? I am proud to have her as my representative. She is so bright and grounded and down to earth. Thanks to Carol Stephens for making the arrangements to have her attend.

See you at the December events – with bells on.

Happy Holidays, -- Karen



Bookfair is now in our rear view mirrors, and we are again gathering, pricing, and boxing books for the 2012 sale. We earned more than \$13,000 for our branch, and after deducting for community projects, we will be able to fund the AAUW Funds and scholarships for more than \$5,600 each.

More people participated this year, and I want to honor the following people who put in more than 15 hours picking up books, working in the book room or working at Bookfair:

15- 20 hours	Bea Sprinkel
21-25 hours	Joan Zenteno, Patricia Clay, Peg Montgomery, Denise Bossarte, and Barbara Blue
25-50 hours	Judy & Randy Ribarsky, and Bonnie Williams
50 – 100 hrs.	Marie Shockley and Carol Stephens
100-150 hrs.	Sylvia Goodyear
150-200 hrs.	Debbie Karvey and Shirley Mills
200+ hrs.	Rita Neal
499 hours	Karen Peters

Is your name on the list? Will it be next year? Picking up books is so important and so needed. You can earn 1-1/2 hours for every hour you do this. It is truly amazing to see the number of books that are deposited in our book drops each week, and they don't fly down to the book room by themselves. We also need volunteers in our book room to sort, price, and box the books. Even a few hours once a month add up over the course of the year. Of course Bookfair itself is where some of you shine. Setting up tables and bookcases, putting tablecloths on the tables, helping unpack boxes of books, cashiering, merchandising and just answering questions and directing buyers to the various areas all help our final result. Won't you pledge to increase your hours this coming year? We all benefit. It would be wonderful if we all participated.

“Blessed are those who give without remembering and  
blessed are those who take without forgetting.”

Bernard Melzer

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## Save the Date

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19th meeting at the COBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ROOM at  
6:30 p.m.

Legislative forum in collaboration with LWV and Rho Zeta Omega chapter  
of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

### WHO ARE THESE MEMBERS?



Last month's members:

1. Debbie Karvey played the viola for 10 years and was a music major.
2. Sylvia Goodyear spent a year in Japan.
3. Nancy Coakley won a state essay contest by describing the origin of the name of the town she grew up in, Jamaica Plain. It was called that because the residents liked their Jamaica (rum) plain.

Now who are these members?

1. She learned to use a unisex toilet in Japan.
2. She tried and tried to learn how to smoke to be like her friends, but just couldn't get the hang of it.
3. She was a radio disc jockey in college.



### NEW INTEREST GROUP

Cobb AAUW has a new interest group forming. “Looking Ahead” will focus on topics of concern to us as we age, such as downsizing and other practical concerns, with possible tour(s) of continuing care facilities. It's never too early to become knowledgeable about such matters, for ourselves or members of our family! There will be a preliminary meeting for interested participants later in January, possibly at the East Cobb Government Center. Bring your concerns and suggestions. Further information will follow.