
AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, life-long education, and positive societal change.

Host Branch Convention Preparation

Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Central Library in Marietta

For the first time the **Georgia State AAUW convention** will be held on a weekday, April 2nd, in order to share in the **Phenomenal Women** conference on Thursday, April 3rd, at the Kennesaw State University Continuing Education Center. The one-day state convention begins with registration at 1:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kennesaw and concludes with dinner that evening. The registration form is included with this issue of the Cobb Update as a separate attachment. Please note that registration for the Phenomenal Women conference is separate. If you register by March 3rd, there is a reduced rate. Also check off that you are a member of a group sending 5 or more people to get another 10% reduction.

A Look at AAUW History for Women's History Month

1898 ACA (AAUW predecessor) establishes a Committee on Educational Legislation to promote policies that further educational opportunities for women and girls. By the early 1900s, it advocates for child labor laws, compulsory education, establishment of juvenile courts, the abolition of child labor, and funding for public schools and libraries. The committee was the forerunner of the Association's legislative program.

1913 Members begin pay equity efforts with a report on U.S. Civil Service job classifications and compensation.

1921 Members establish the Committee on Educational Policy and branches throughout the country make public education a priority. Work by this committee led to the appointment of an educational secretary and the development of a broad study-action program in education. Study of child development led to pioneering work in nursery schools, kindergarten, and guidance. Local branches throughout the country made public education a primary concern, working for adequate support and better standards for students, studying the financial problems facing public schools, recruiting teachers, and educating the public on school needs.

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President's Corner

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Title IX is now 35 years old. Cobb AAUW will be 30 years old next year! Let's be thinking how we want to celebrate our 30th "birthday". Maybe we can get some thirtysomethings as members! Anyway, I did want to be sure that you were aware that AAUW is involved in a joint effort that produced a report on Title IX after 35 years - Title IX at 35: Beyond the Headlines. You can read the complete report at: <http://www.ncwge.org>, or at least the executive summary. Look on page 2 to see the organizations that contributed to this study. As you read the sample headlines, you will definitely walk down memory lane, and some recent memories, too. Our work is not done! AAUW's Lisa Matz chaired this study and AAUW helped to write the chapter on Sexual Harassment.

Celebrate International Women's Day

International Women's Day, March 8, is just around the corner, but there's still time to plan an activity. Visit AAUW's International Corner or the International Women's Day website for more information and ideas on how to celebrate this important day for women around the globe. Please let me know if there is something you want us to do!

You Can Support College Women Student Leaders!

AAUW and NASPA are once again partnering to present the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, which will take place June 5-7, 2008, at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Scholarships to the conference are a great way for branches and states to support college women student leaders. Last year one of our AAUW Student Leaders at KSU attended with money from KSU. She felt it was extremely worthwhile.

AAUW Launches New Blog, *AAUW Dialog*

AAUW recently launched an online blog, AAUW Dialog, to provide timely commentary on current news and events and the way they relate to AAUW's mission. Share your thoughts and stay up-to-date on all the latest news by visiting the blog regularly at <http://blog-aauw.org> or subscribing to the [AAUW blog RSS feed](#).

Cobb Branch

I am very excited about the responses we have had from our last meeting Feb. 12th. **Bea Piddock** is willing to spearhead a "survey" of non-members of various ages to help us understand what we need to do to attract new members. This will be a personal interview type survey. If you are interested in helping with this please contact Bea. **Sylvia Goodyear and Nancy Coakley** are working on creating a brochure for Cobb AAUW to have available at the Poster Session of the Phenomenal Women's Conference as well as to use where we can to spread the word that we are alive and well! If you have ideas as to where we can distribute brochures, or ideas on what should be in the brochure, please contact Sylvia or Nancy. **Nancy Coakley** is in the process of drafting a letter to Dr. Rossbacher, Pres. of Southern Polytechnic State University to explore the possibility of a joint venture to encourage early teen girls to study science and math. If you are interested in helping with this venture, please contact Nancy.

As we continue to discuss who we are and what we are about and how we want to move our values into action, let's remember that we are a multitalented and multifaceted organization. We need to stay focused on our mission and have fun at the same time! Any organization has disagreements, but we must spend 100% of our time and energy on the 80% of things we agree on, and not 80% of our time on the 20% of things we disagree on! Let's discuss, vote, and then roll up our sleeves and work together to bring about **Equity in Education for Women and Girls!**

Branch Events for March

Book Group Monday March 17, 2008, The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

The EVENING meeting will be @7:30PM at the home of Joanne Gareau, 869 Ector Chase NW, Kennesaw, GA 30152. Please email or telephone Joanne @ gareau109@comcast.net or 678-581-0296 if you plan to attend.

The MORNING meeting will be @10AM at the home of Peg Montgomery, 720 Fairfield Dr, Marietta, GA 30068. Please email or telephone Peg @ Montgomery1718@bellsouth.net or 770-565-7948, if you plan to attend.

For questions or information about the Book Group, please email Joanne Gareau gareau109@comcast.net

Roving Gourmet

The Gourmet Group will meet at FISHMONGERS Restaurant, 609 Holcomb Bridge Road, 770-993-1600 on Friday, March 7 at 7:00 PM. The restaurant is located just east of the Alpharetta Highway and Holcomb Bridge Road intersection on the south side of the street. Please contact Bea Piddock at 770-565-7583 or bpiddock@earthblink.net no later than Wednesday, March 5 for reservations..

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. A college or university degree is a requirement for full membership.

2007-2008 Branch officers

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Deadline for the April Cobb Update is March 22, 2008. Please email information to Sylvia Goodyear, smgoodyear@mindspring.com

A Look at AAUW History continued

1946 After acting as an early and influential advocate for the United Nations, AAUW is accorded permanent U.N. observer status. This designation is reserved for nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), liberation movements, and specialized agencies of the U.N. system.

1952 The AAUW Board of Directors issues a "Communist Threat Statement" analyzing the Communist threat to freedom and democracy and warning of the risk of losing liberties by the same means adopted to defend them. Many requests for the statement came from educators and organizations, and AAUW responded by distributing several thousand copies of the document.

1955 Members at the AAUW National Convention voted to establish a separate foundation, to raise funds for fellowship programs and provide the financing for a new headquarters building. It was officially named the AAUW Educational Foundation.

1968 After watching street riots in Washington, D.C., in the wake of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, the AAUW Board of Directors launches "Action for a Unified Society," a collection of community activities for civil rights.

1969 The Educational Foundation launches the Coretta Scott King Fund, providing opportunities for black women to study African American history and culture, social change, and peace.

1972 AAUW is instrumental in the passage of Title IX, the law that prohibits sex discrimination in schools receiving federal funds. Rep. Patsy Mink (D-HI), an AAUW member, co-authored the law.

1980 AAUW President Mary A. Grefe is named an official delegate to the U.N. Mid-Decade Conference for Women in Copenhagen, Denmark. There, delegates from around the world assess women's progress in health, education, and employment since a 1975 U.N. conference that established 1976-85 as the Decade for Women, addressing their collective struggles for recognition and advancement.

1983 The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund achieves permanent status as an AAUW corporation. Since then, LAF has awarded more than \$1 million in support of plaintiffs challenging sex discrimination and harassment on campuses nationwide.

1988 The Educational Foundation celebrates the centennial of its first fellowship with more than 5,000 fellowships awarded to women from more than 100 countries and with \$40 million in endowed funds.

1991 In an effort to get girls onto America's education agenda, AAUW launches the AAUW Initiative for Educational Equity. To kick off the initiative, AAUW commissions the research report *Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America*, the most extensive examination of the comparative self-esteem levels, career aspirations, educational aspirations, and math/science interests of American girls and boys ever done.

For more go to aauw.org and select "about AAUW".