

Annual Report  
**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN**  
**Oak Ridge Branch Annual Report**  
**1 July 2014 - 30 June 2015**

**Membership**

- 61 members [includes four (4) life, ten (10) 50-year, eleven (11) student affiliate and five (5) men] which reflects an increased member number including those with a high level of long-term commitment.

**Branch Meetings**

- General meetings: seven (7) including a December holiday reception with an average attendance of 25 people. One meeting cancelled due to bad weather.
- Topics for general meetings varied from women's suffrage to fracking, to Tennessee Human Rights Commission, to health care, to a classical music program.
- Celebrated 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Eleanor Roosevelt's visit to Oak Ridge and our Branch.
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**Study and Interest Groups**

- The Book Group met nine (9) times at Greenfield of Oak Ridge.
- The Lunch Bunch met ten (10) times at area restaurants.

**Communications**

- Published Yearbook and nine (9) Newsletters with 85% being sent by e-mail.
- Placed newspaper publicity in The Oak Ridger, The Oak Ridge Observer, and the Knoxville News-Sentinel for meetings, projects, awards, and opinions.
- Called members in advance of each General Meeting using a telephone committee.
- Held open Board Meetings at Roane State Community College.
- E-mailed minutes of Board meetings to Board members.
- Used conventional mail for personalized communications with members and newsletters for those without e-mail.
- Maintained the Branch website, [www.aauw-oakridge.org](http://www.aauw-oakridge.org) through the AAUW national website.
- Published several letters to the editor of local newspapers.

### **Educational Opportunities Fund**

. Gave one (1) \$500 grant from the Oak Ridge Branch named in honor of Barbara Walker and one \$250 in honor of Mayme Crowell.

- Total Branch donations to AAUW Funds was \$2535. Top Branch in Tennessee.
- Stressed the Educational Opportunities Funds donations at the Holiday Tea in December.

### **Community Service**

- Collected in-kind donations of necessities not covered by food stamps for ADFAC's Crisis Cupboard.

### **Projects in Support of Education**

- Supported and strengthened ties with Roane State Community College (RSCC)
  - a) continued dialogue with students and faculty,
  - b) received sixty-two (62) female student applications at Roane State Community College and awarded three (3) scholarships for the 2015 Spring Term, and
  - c) presented a plaque to the outstanding RSCC education-major student
- Invited RSCC Education Award recipient and scholarship recipients to attend May/ Celebration Luncheon.
- Continued one (1) magazine subscription to Girls, Inc.
- Provided three (3) volunteers to support SHADES.
- Collected box tops for the local elementary schools in the Box Tops for Education program.
- Donated 4 outstanding books about women to the Oak Ridge High School Library

### **Participation in/Support for State and National AAUW**

- 2014 TN Economic Summit for Women (Nashville, TN) was attended by Ruth Smiley.
  - The 2015 AAUW-TN State Convention at Montgomery Bell was attended by Peggy Emmett.
- Branch member Mayme Crowell served as TN Past President.
- Branch member Peggy Emmett served as TN Policy/By-laws Officer.
- Contributed books for NCCWSL silent auctions at the AAUW-TN conferences.
- Peggy Emmett and Ray McDonough attended the June 13 leadership conference in Murfreesboro.
- Peggy Emmett attended the national convention in San Diego, CA

### **Fund Raising/Contributions Received**

- Received May Scholarship Lunch donations of \$758.
- Received HolidayTea donations of \$497
- Received designated donations with 2015-16 dues of \$347.
- Received designated donations of \$800 from family of Barbara Walker for LEP.
- Received undesignated donations at other times during the year of \$50.
- Received \$30.79 from the sale of AAUW Branch Calendars.
- Received \$183.50 from the sale of White House Christmas ornaments.
- Maintained three (3) certificates of deposit totaling \$3,600.87 as of the 7-16-15 bank statement.

### **Summary of Educational Support provided by the Oak Ridge Branch**

- Scholarships, Grants, Memorials, and Educational Projects mentioned in this report total \$1323.
  - a) RSCC received \$1323 and
  - b) National Educational Opportunities Scholarship Fund received \$800.

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