

Annual Report
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
Oak Ridge Branch Annual Report
1 July 2012- 30 June 2013

Membership

- 57 members [includes four (4) life, twelve (12) 50-year, one (1) student affiliate and seven (7)men] which reflects a maintained member number including those with a high level of long-term commitment.

Branch Meetings

- General meetings: eight (8) including a December holiday reception with an average attendance of about 25 people.
- Topics for general meetings varied from needs in schools to dancing as exercise, from Vision 2020 to economic development in Oak Ridge, from female pioneers in medicine to an overview of the Tennessee women Project, and financial aid for college students.

Study and Interest Groups

- The Book Group reorganized and met six (6) times at Greenfield.
- The Gourmet Group met five (5) times in member's homes.
- The Lunch Bunch met eleven (11) times at area restaurants.

Communications

- Published Yearbook and nine (9) Newsletters with 80% 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.
- Reorganized the Branch website, www.aauw-oakridge.org through the AAUW national website.

Educational Opportunities Fund

- Gave three (3) \$250 grants from the Woy Family Charitable Gift Trust in memory of Evelyn Ellingson, Viola Ergen, and Lois Phillipone.
- Gave one (1) \$500 grant from the Oak Ridge Branch named in honor of Charlotte Odell.
- Gave three (3) \$25 grants from the Oak Ridge Branch in memory of Evelyn Ellingson, Viola Ergen, and Lois Phillipone.
- Stressed the Educational Opportunities Funds donations at the Holiday Tea in December.

Eleanor Roosevelt Fund

- Gave one (1) \$250 grant from the Woy Family Charitable Gift Trust named in honor of Mayme Crowell.
- Gave one (1) \$500 grant from the Oak Ridge Branch named in honor of Margaret Emmett.

Community Service

- Collected in-kind donations of necessities not covered by food stamps for ADFAC's Crisis Cupboard.
- Collaborated on Women's International Day event with League of Women Voters, Altrusa, and Women's Interfaith Group.

Projects in Support of Education

- Donated three (3) library books to the Oak Ridge High School in observance of Women's History Month.
- Prepared a Women's History Display at Oak Ridge Public Library.
- Supported and strengthened ties with Roane State Community College (RSCC)
 - a) continued dialogue with students and faculty,
 - b) received sixty-three (63) female student applications at Roane State Community College and awarded four (4) scholarships for the 2013 Spring Term, and
 - c) presented a plaque to the outstanding RSCC education-major student who will attend Tennessee Tech University to become a certified teacher.
- Invited RSCC Education Award recipient and scholarship recipients to attend April Celebration Luncheon.
- Provided one (1) magazine subscription to Girls, Inc.
- Provided four (4) volunteers to support SHADES.
- Collected box tops for the local elementary schools in the Box Tops for Education program.

Participation in/Support for State and National AAUW

- 2012 TN Economic Summit for Women (Nashville, TN) was attended by Ruth Smiley.
- The 2013 AAUW-TN State Convention in Murfreesboro was attended by Mayme Crowell, Peggy Emmett, Ray McDonough, Fay Martin, Ruth Smiley, Virginia Jones, Charles Jones, and Karen Fuhrman.
- Branch member Ruth Smiley working on a collaborative Tennessee Women's Project.
- Branch member Mayme Crowell served as TN President-Elect and TN Development Officer.
- Branch member Peggy Emmett served as TN Policy/By-laws Officer.
- Branch member Virginia Jones served as TN Public Policy Officer.
- Contributed books for NCCWSL silent auctions at the AAUW-TN conferences.

Fund Raising/Contributions Received

- Received a donation of \$5,000 for the RSCC Scholarship Fund from a member.
- Received Memorial donations of \$1095.
- Received April Scholarship Lunch donations of \$599.
- Received Green Tea donations of \$395.
- Received designated donations with 2013-14 dues of \$339.
- Received designated donations at other times during the year of \$350.
- Received \$81.63 from the sale of AAUW Branch Calendars.
- Received \$57.50 from the sale of White House Christmas ornaments.
- Maintained three (3) certificates of deposit totaling \$3,563.58 as of the 6-16-13 bank statement.

Summary of Support provided by the Oak Ridge Branch

- Scholarships, Grants, Memorials, and Educational Projects mentioned in this report total \$4124:
 - a) RSCC received \$1956;
 - b) National Educational Opportunities Scholarship Fund received \$1325;
 - c) National Eleanor Roosevelt Fund received \$750; and
 - d) ORHS and Girls Inc. received \$93.

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