

Annual Report
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
Oak Ridge Branch Annual Report
1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017

Membership

- August 2016 we had 47 members [included one (1) life, nine (9) 50-year, six (6) student affiliates and two (2) men] which reflects an increased member number including those with a high level of long-term commitment. During the year 1 member died, and we added a new member, leaving 49 members as of June 11, 2017. This includes 2 MAL's affiliated with the Branch.

Branch Meetings

- General meetings: eight (8) including a December holiday reception with an average attendance of 20 people.
- Topics for general meetings varied from women's suffrage to Oak Ridge Water resources to Manhattan Project National Historic Park to Human Trafficking to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services for school children to sorority women who promote educational goals for women to women's colleges.

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, and the Knoxville News-Sentinel for meetings, projects, awards, and opinions.
- Posted our meetings on Oak Ridge Today website.
- 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 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 Mary Uziel .
- Total Branch donations to AAUW Funds was \$875
- Stressed the Educational Opportunities Funds donations at the Holiday Tea in December.
- Gave \$25 in memory of 1 member.

Community Service

- Collected in-kind donations of necessities not covered by food stamps for ADFAC's Crisis Cupboard.
- Put up a women's history exhibit at the Oak Ridge Library

Projects in Support of Education

- Supported and strengthened ties with Roane State Community College (RSCC)
 - a) continued dialogue with students and faculty,
 - b) received female student applications at Roane State Community College and awarded one (1) scholarship for the 2017 Spring Term, and
 - c) presented a plaque to the outstanding RSCC education-major student
 - d) Donated 5 books to ORHS during Women's History Month
- Invited RSCC Education Award recipient and scholarship recipients to attend May Celebration Luncheon.
- Continued one (1) magazine subscription to Girls, Inc.
- Collected box tops for the local elementary schools in the Box Tops for Education program.

Participation in/Support for State and National AAUW.

- Peggy Emmett is one of the AAUW Governance Gurus who are available to assist branches and states with Bylaws and Policy Sheets.
- Peggy Emmett was on the Tennessee AAUW Advisory Council
- The 2017 AAUW-TN State Convention at Southwest Tennessee Community College in Memphis was attended by Peggy Emmett
- Peggy Emmett, Ray McDonough and Fay Martin attend the state Leadership Conference in Murfreesboro on June 3.

Fund Raising/Contributions Received

- Received May Scholarship Lunch donations of \$116
- Received Holiday Tea donations of \$70
- Received designated donations with 2017-2018 dues of \$170

- Received \$186.53 from the sale of AAUW Branch Calendars.
- Received \$253.70 from the sale of White House Christmas ornaments.
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Maintained three (3) certificates of deposit totaling \$3,631.03 as of the 5-15-2017 bank statement.

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Summary of Educational Support provided by the Oak Ridge Branch

- Scholarships, Grants, Memorials, and Educational Projects mentioned in this report total \$875
 - a) RSCC received \$543 in scholarships and \$22 for education award plaque.

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