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**April 2017**

## GENERAL MEETING

**Monday, April 24, 11:30 am**  
**Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102**



**Niki Stephanie Nichols**

Niki Stephanie Nichols, Superintendent of both the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area and the Obed Wild and Scenic River and Acting Site Manager of the Oak Ridge unit of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park, will present information on the Manhattan Project National Historic Park and will ask for input concerning the project.

Prior to taking her current position, Superintendent Nichols served as Chief of Resources Management and Science at Yosemite National Park. She holds a BA in biology from Northwestern University, an MS in ecology from the University of Tennessee, and a PhD in forestry from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Lunch will be catered by the Soup Kitchen. Cost is \$8.00. The menu includes a choice of soups,

sandwiches, and a dessert. If you have not been contacted by the telephone committee by noon on Thursday, April 20, please call or email Mary Uziel, 483-1043, [maryuziel@comcast.net](mailto:maryuziel@comcast.net). Members may add or cancel reservations up to Sunday evening, April 23. If your reservation is not cancelled, please reimburse the AAUW treasurer for the cost of your lunch. Thank you.

Student members are always invited but not usually bothered with a phone call because we know you are busy. Please call in your reservation if you wish to order a lunch.

Members are reminded to bring donations to benefit Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties (ADFAC). Needed are items such as hand soap, laundry soap, dishwashing soap, cleaning supplies, and personal care items. These items cannot be purchased with food stamps.

### **2017-18 Membership Renewal**

It's time to renew your AAUW membership for next year. Please see the renewal notice on page 3. **Send form and payment by June 1** to: Maggie Slankas, Treasurer  
18 Raintree Place  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830



### Notes from the President

Our state convention was in Memphis on March 31 and April 1. The theme was “Navigating the Future: Women in Leadership.” Seven branches sent representatives. Martin and Memphis brought student affiliates, and there was a special session for them. Tennessee AAUW has 124 student affiliates. Traci Jensen, a national director, was one of our speakers. She brought an update on what is going on at HQ, including the “Barriers and Biases” research. She announced that AAUW will be releasing research on student loan debt in May. Voting in the national AAUW election begins April 17, and we are encouraged to vote. Candidate bios are on the [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) site. Our other key speaker was Beverly Watts, Executive Director of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission who spoke on women in leadership at the executive level by using the Wizard of Oz story to point out facets of leadership, pointing the way along the ‘yellow brick’ road. The Memphis Branch did a great job of hosting the Convention. They secured a cost-free location at Southwest Tennessee Community College- Macon Campus where we met in rooms at the library. Our hotel was next door to the college.

During the Business Meeting, state officers were elected – Dia Cirillo is President-Elect; Letha Granberry moves up to President and Phyllis Driver continues as Finance Officer. In other business, state dues were raised \$2 to \$12 beginning in July 2018. A state Leadership meeting will be held in Murfreesboro on June 3. Also Murfreesboro Branch agreed to host the 2018 state convention next Spring – date to be determined.

Our Branch is holding a discussion about our RSCC scholarships, pending whether the Legislature passes the required bill to grant free tuition to all community college students.

Lastly, it’s time to select candidates for Branch officers for next year. The Board is acting as the Nominating Committee. The pressing need is for someone to serve as President because the other officers have agreed to serve another year. We must have nominees by April 24 because the election is at the general meeting April 24 and officers are installed in May to take office on July 1. If you have a candidate, please notify Peggy Emmett or one of the other Board members.

—Peggy Emmett

### Mark Your Calendar

**April 21:** Book Group, 3:00 pm, in the Greenfield Parlor, Book selection, *Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey*, by The Countess of Carnarvon

**April 24:** Branch General Meeting, 11:30 am, Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102

**April 26:** Lunch Bunch, Lulu’s Tea Room in Powell, meet at 11:00 am in library parking lot for carpooling

**May 19:** Book Group, 3:00 pm, in the Greenfield Parlor, Book selection, *The Assassination of the Archduke: Sarajevo 1914*, by King and Woolman

**May 24:** Lunch Bunch, 11:30, Outback

**June 14-17:** AAUW National Convention, Washington, DC

### News of Marjorie Congdon

Marjorie and Charles Congdon are now living with daughter Claudia Marlar in Tellico Village. AAUW friends are invited to visit her. Please call Claudia at [865-385-8288](tel:865-385-8288) to get directions. Marjorie can be reached at her cell phone number, [865-335-6108](tel:865-335-6108). Marjorie has most capably chaired out telephone committee for many years. We will all miss her calls.

**Oak Ridge Branch AAUW Membership Renewal  
2017-2018**

Dues for 2017-2018 are due June 1, 2017. National dues are \$49, State dues are \$10, and Branch dues are \$9, for a total of **\$68**. Student Affiliate Dues are \$18. Part of the National Dues are tax deductible: \$46 for Regular Members and \$16 for Student Affiliate Members.

Paid Life Members are exempt from payment of National dues but continue to pay State and Branch dues (\$19). Fifty-year Life Members are exempt from payment of National, State, and Branch dues, although some continue to make contributions. Dues from new members joining after March 15 cover the next fiscal year.

When you pay dues for the coming year, you may contribute to the following funds.

**Educational Opportunities Fund** ---- supports National AAUW scholarships, fellowships, and grants for women pursuing higher education. Contributions to this fund are tax deductible.

**Local Education Projects Fund** ---- supports scholarships for RSCC women students and other local educational projects. Contributions are not tax deductible.

**Oak Ridge Branch Operating Fund** ---- supports our yearbook, newsletter, meeting facilities, programs, and travel to conferences. Contributions are not tax deductible.

**Please complete this form and return with your dues payment and contributions.  
Make check payable to AAUW.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address, if given, will be included in the yearbook and used for our correspondence with you during the year.

REGULAR DUES \$68 (OR STUDENT AFFILIATE DUES \$18)

CONTRIBUTIONS

\_\_\_\_\_ Educational Opportunities Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ Local Education Projects Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ Branch Operating Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

**Return by June 1 to:** Maggie Slankas, 18 Raintree Place, Oak Ridge, TN 37830