



## AAUW Oak Ridge Tennessee Branch

*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*

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**February 2017**

### GENERAL MEETING

**Monday, February 27, 11:30 am**  
**Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102**

Speakers will be Edwena Crowe and Karen Lott. They will discuss the sororities they are active in which encourage and support young women in their educational endeavors.

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, February 23, please call Marjorie Congdon or Mary Uziel. Members may add or cancel reservations up to Sunday evening, February 26. 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 such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, etc.

#### ***Promoting Educational Opportunities For Women Alpha Kappa Alpha Delta Sigma Theta***

Edwena Crowe will describe Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's efforts in promoting education, and Karen Lott will discuss the efforts of Delta Sigma Theta.

Besides being president of Delta Sigma Theta, **Karen Lott** served as Mentoring Leader from 2008 to the present. Karen is a chemical engineer working currently for Bechtel in Oak Ridge as Senior Process Engineer. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Tennessee.

**Edwena Crowe** has served in numerous positions in Alpha Kappa Alpha. She is currently Director of the Documents and Records Management at Pantex in Amarillo, Texas and at Y-12 in Oak Ridge. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering Technology from South Carolina State University and a Master of Science in Engineering Administration from the University of Tennessee.



### Notes from the President

Tennessee AAUW is planning a Women's Day on the Hill in Nashville on March 8. Plans for the day are as follows:

Breakfast 7:30 – 8:30 am at Waller Law, 511 Union Street, 27<sup>th</sup> Floor

Legislative Office and Committee Visits 8:30 – 11:45

Luncheon 12:00 – 1:00

Legislative Offices and Committee visits – 1:00-4:00 pm

This event was first presented to the Tennessee Public Policy Committee members because Tennessee AAUW had agreed to pay for 18 of the \$20 lunches. Impact grant money will be used for \$15 registration fee for 18 people. If less than 18 members of the Public Policy Committee sign up, it will be opened to branch members.

The state newsletter deadline is February 15. When it is published, it will have information on the state convention which will be March 31 and April 1 in Memphis. Officer elections will take place then. Dia Cirillo of Murfreesboro is nominated for President-Elect and Phyllis Driver of Knoxville is nominated for another year as Finance officer.

The Branch Board voted to purchase one of the \$100 bricks for the statue honoring Febb and Harry Burn. Purchasing bricks helps pay for the statue. Our brick will be engraved with 'Oak Ridge AAUW'. Individuals are encouraged to make donations to ETF Suffrage Coalition. The Board declined to become an organization member of the Coalition because of the many requirements involved. (See photo of memorial model on page 3 of the January newsletter.)

We are holding a discussion about our Roane State scholarships, pending whether the Legislature passes the required bill to grant tuition for all community college students. Currently only recent high school graduates qualify. We discussed redefining the criteria for our scholarship and using it to pay fees other than tuition - for example, to purchase textbooks. No decision will be made until we know what the new state rules will be.

—Peggy Emmett



**February 17** Book Group, 3:00 pm, Greenfield Senior Living parlor, *Killing the Rising Sun*, by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard

**February 22:** Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Panera's

**February 27:** Branch General Meeting, 11:30 am, Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102

## Upcoming Events

**March:** Women's History Month

**March 8:** Women's Lobby Day on the Hill, Nashville

**March 17:** Book Group, 3:00 pm, Greenfield Senior Living parlor (book to be announced)

**March 23:** Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Red Lobster

**March 31-April 1:** AAUW State Board Meeting, AAUW Tennessee Convention and Annual Business Meeting, hosted by Memphis Branch