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**January 2017**

## **GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday, January 23, 11:30 am**  
**Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102**

Dr. Susan Riechert will speak from her own experiences on the topic, *Challenges of Being a Woman in a Male-Dominated Field*

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, October 20, please call Marjorie Congdon, 483-3120, or Mary Uziel, 483-1043. Members may add or cancel reservations up to Sunday evening, January 22. If your reservation is not canceled, 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.



**Dr. Susan Reichert** is a leading expert on spiders who has worked to make science education more accessible to public school students. She is a Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. In 2016 Dr. Reichert was honored with the Faculty Achievement Award from the SEC. She holds a PhD from the University of Wisconsin



**Notes  
from the  
President**

The Tennessee AAUW state convention will be in Memphis March 31-April 1. The state newsletter will have details. Perhaps we can put together a carpool to go. I am not sure whether or not I will be able to go because I have a potential conflict.

I have missed a couple of the state public policy conference calls because they have them on Sunday afternoon and for the last 3 months the Lady Vol basketball team has been playing on Sunday afternoon at the same time. This will continue through a couple of more public policy calls. I did get them to delete the one they had scheduled for Easter Sunday – it was moved to the following Sunday.

There is a resolution that we are being asked to sign that would make August 18 Febb Burn Day in Tennessee provided of course that our legislature pass a bill approving it. For those who don't know who she is – she was Harry Burn's mother and he cast the deciding vote in Tennessee legislature that gave women the right to vote – Tennessee was the 36<sup>th</sup> state to ratify it and we were the deciding state.

**—Peggy Emmett**

See photo of proposed Burn memorial on page 3.



**Holiday Green Tea  
Hospitality Committee Report**

Twenty members and guests enjoyed our 2016 Holiday Green Tea at the First Presbyterian Church Activities Building from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Sunday, December 11. This event is truly a team effort and the Hospitality Committee offers a sincere “Thank You” to the many Branch members who so generously and enthusiastically supported it.

Many thanks to Peggy Emmett and Ray McDonough who set up the room, served tea and punch, helped with cleanup, and carried many heavy boxes; to Karen Fuhrman, who could not attend, but stored our dishes, planned and packed the decorations a month ahead of time, and even provided pictures to guide our setup; to Anne Garcia who came early, stayed late, and took care of everything that needed to be done during the interim; to Charles and Virginia Jones who provided the tea service and AAUW tablecloths; to Jean Kiser who greeted guests at the door; to Maggie Slankas who loaned her beautiful tablecloth and poinsettia at the last minute; to Barbara Walker who set the mood with her lighted Christmas tree and Christmas music; to Sophy and Ken Littrell who made it possible for us to enjoy holiday music; and to all members who provided food, attended, invited guests, and supported our local and national scholarships and operating fund.

**—Mary Uziel, Hospitality Committee**



## *We Care About Our Members*

If you know of illness or death in the family of a member, please contact Sophy Littrell, 291-7589 or [sylittrell@yahoo.com](mailto:sylittrell@yahoo.com).

### **Holiday Green Tea Contributions**

Thanks to all who made generous contributions at the Holiday Green Tea—\$71 for Local Education projects, \$50 for AAUW Funds, and \$70 for the Oak Ridge Branch Operating Fund.

In addition, we made a profit of \$101 on calendar sales, and these proceeds go to the Branch Operating Fund. A profit of \$184 on White House ornament sales goes to the Local Education Project Fund.

—*Maggie Slankas, Treasurer*



**Wanda Sobieski**, shown with a model of the proposed Burn Memorial, heads fundraising efforts on behalf of the Suffrage Coalition for the memorial honoring Harry Burn and his mother Febb Burn.

## *Mark Your Calendar*

**January 23:** Branch General Meeting, 11:30 am, Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102

**January 25:** Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Jefferson Drug

**February 17:** Book Group, 3:00 pm, Greenfield Senior Living parlor, book *Killing the Rising Sun* by *Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard* (no meeting in January)

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

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

## *Upcoming Events*

**March 2017:** Women's History Month

**March 2017:** Women's Lobby Day on the Hill, Nashville (date and time TBA)

**March 31-April 1, 2017:** AAUW State Board Meeting, AAUW Tennessee Convention and Annual Business Meeting, hosted by Memphis Branch (time and place TBA)

**June 14-17, 2017:** AAUW National Convention, Washington, DC

