



## AAUW Oak Ridge Tennessee Branch

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

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<http://aauw-tn.aauw.net>

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<http://oakridge-tn.aauw.net>

**March 2017**

### GENERAL MEETING

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

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, March 23, 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, March 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.

#### **AAUW 2017 RSCC Scholarship Awarded to:**

Crystal Pinsly  
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Major in Business Management

**Community Coalition  
Against Human  
Trafficking—  
What is the Tennessee  
Legislature doing  
about it?** is the topic  
for the March 27 lunch-  
eon meeting.

The speaker is Kate Trudell (pictured at right), who was named Executive Director of the organization in 2014.

She is involved with numerous community initiatives including the Knoxville Anti-Trafficking Task Force, the Women's Fund of East Tennessee Advocacy Committee, and the DCS East Region Human Trafficking Working Group. Her expertise is in human trafficking, domestic violence, and other women's rights issues.



**Owen Driskill** has been named Roane State Community College's executive director for the Oak Ridge Campus and Community Relations. He spoke at the May 2016 meeting of AAUW.



### Notes from the President

Our state convention is in Memphis on March 31 and April 1. Your Tennessee AAUW newsletter has information on the speakers and the agenda. March 23 is the deadline to register.

In February the Branch Board voted to purchase one of the \$100 bricks for the statue honoring Febb and Henry 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. We are accepting donations to help our Branch pay for the brick we are purchasing (see page 3).

We are holding a discussion about our Roane State scholarships, pending whether the Legislature passes the required bill to grant tuition to all community college students. Currently only recent high school graduates qualify. We are discussing redefining the criteria for our scholarship and using it to pay fees other than tuition. No decision has been made. Mayme Crowell is checking with Roane State to see what options are available.

Please plan to attend our March 27 luncheon where we will hear about human trafficking and what our Tennessee legislature is doing about it. See details elsewhere in this newsletter.

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. However, I have served for 3 years and do not have the time to serve another year because I have obligations on some other fronts, including being Chair of the Board at my church and being a Board member for the University of Tennessee Alliance of Women Philanthropists. Please give this some thought. We must have nominees by April 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



### Gift Books Presented to Oak Ridge High School

Nathalia Holt, *Rise of the Rocket Girls*

David Sobel, *The Glass Universe*

Connie Jordan Green, *Slow Children Playing*, (2007)

Connie Jordan Green, *Regret Comes to Tea*, (2011)

Connie Jordan Green, *Household Inventory* (2015)

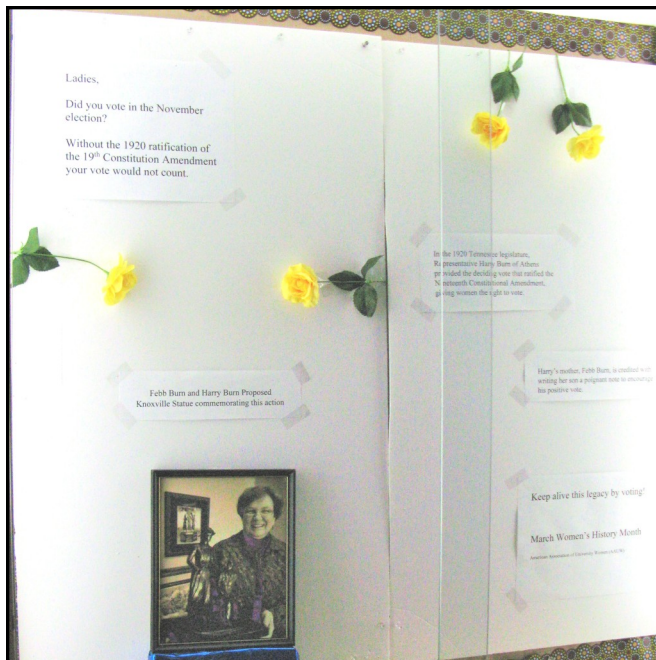
Note: Connie Jordan Green donated her books.

## *Exhibit in Honor of Women's History Month Highlights Burn Memorial*

The exhibit at Oak Ridge Public Library was designed and assembled by Mayme Crowell, Charles Jones, and Virginia Jones. The exhibit shows Wanda Sobieski who is heading the Suffrage Coalition's fundraising efforts for a memorial honoring Harry Burn and his mother Feb Burn. Harry Burn, at the urging of his mother, cast the deciding vote in the legislature making Tennessee the 36th and final state needed to ratify the 19th amendment. Thus, women's right to vote became law,

Contributors who give \$100 will be recognized by a brick with the name inscribed. AAUW Oak Ridge Branch is raising money for a brick identifying our branch. To date, \$32 has been contributed. You may contribute to this fund at the upcoming meeting, or you may purchase your own brick. This would be a good way to honor a daughter or granddaughter or as a memorial for someone. For more information about the memorial and how to make a gift, see:

<http://www.knoxnews.com/story/news/local/2016/12/29/etf-announces-fundraiser-burn-statue/95792012/>



**AAUW Exhibit at Oak Ridge Public Library**

## *Welcome New Member*

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## *Mark Your Calendar*

**March 17:** Book Group, 3:00 pm, in the Greenfield Parlor, book selection, *Crazy Rich*, by Jerry Oppenheimer

**March 22:** Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Red Lobster

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

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

## *Upcoming Events*

**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

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