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Oak Ridge Tennessee Branch

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November—December 2017



Barbara Walker and Kay Moss
at Holiday Green Tea 2016

You are cordially invited
Annual Holiday Green Tea
“Seeds for Education”

Sunday, December 10, 2017
3:00—5:00 pm
Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church
Activities Building, Room 101

Seeds for Education is the theme for this year’s annual Green Tea. The public is invited to drop in and share with AAUW members the celebration of the season. Those attending are encouraged to bring seeds and cuttings from their gardens to share with others. Bring or take away, the focus is on sharing “seeds for growth.” Sophy Littrell, who had the idea of sharing seeds, says she will bring fig and goji berry bush cuttings and some seeds for maypops and pawpaws.

Education is a primary concern for AAUW from pre-school to university. Donations to AAUW help with our scholarship program, our book program at Oak Ridge High School, and other efforts to further education.

Calendars for 2018 and this year’s White House Christmas ornaments may be purchased at the tea.



Notes from the Co-Presidents

Greetings to you all.

Our next big event is the Holiday Green Tea on December 10. The theme is **Seeds for Education** Sophy Littrell had the brilliant idea of bringing seeds and cuttings from our gardens to share, and we hope this will attract several people.

We are sorry that SHADES, the brainchild of Peggy Emmett, had to be cancelled this year because it is an ideal program to inspire young students. It is always a real joy to see the young girls enjoying sessions such as genetics and chromatography and to see their competitive spirit while attempting various engineering feats.

We would encourage our members to attend the AAUW Book Group discussions at Greenfield. At the next meeting (Nov. 17), we will discuss C. Thimmesh's book, *Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women*. (The Book Group will not meet in December.)

We congratulate the newly formed Public Policy Committee of Anne Garcia, Virginia Jones, Kay Moss, and Donna von der Lage for their diligent work.

We really hope we can have a large attendance at the Green Tea. If you can think of a way to get people there, like some form of entertainment, do give us a call.

Best wishes for the Holiday Season.

—Fay Martin
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Fundraising Items for Sale At Holiday Green Tea

White House Christmas Ornaments, \$35, proceeds for Local Scholarship Fund.



The Official 2017 White House Christmas ornament honors the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt, who served as the thirty-second president of the United States from 1933 to 1945 and his remarkable journey to restore the faith of the American people. The ornament is crafted from shiny brass plated with nickel and 24-karat gold.

The ornament was designed using elements unique to the life and legacy of President Roosevelt. The eagle on the speaker's stand at Roosevelt's first inauguration is the inspiration for the main element of the 2017 ornament. The two flags below have 48 stars each, representing the number of states in the union during Roosevelt's four terms.

Thanks to Barbara Walker for getting these ornaments for us.



2018 Calendars, \$5, proceeds for Local Scholarship Fund. This is the perfect calendar for keeping track of AAUW events, appointments, birthdays, etc. Thanks to Karen Fuhrman for getting these calendars printed especially for AAUW Oak Ridge Branch.



Calendar

December 10: Holiday Green Tea
3:00—5:00 pm, Oak Ridge First
Presbyterian Church

Book Group and Lunch Bunch will not meet in December.

Upcoming Events 2018

January 8: AAUW Oak Ridge Board Meeting, 10:00 am, RSCC

January 10: Deadline for submitting newsletter material to Ruth Smiley, smileyrcj@gmail.com.

January 19: Book Group, 3:00 pm at Greenfield Senior Living Parlor

January 22: General Meeting, 11:30 am, Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church

January 24: Lunch Bunch

March: Women’s History Month

March 8: International Women’s Day

March 17: AAUW of Tennessee State Convention, Murfreesboro

March TBA: Women’s Lobby Day, Nashville

April 10: Equal Pay Day

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The newly formed **Public Policy Committee** (Anne Garcia, Virginia Jones, Kay Moss, and Donna von der Lage) met and sent out emails to the membership urging calls to Legislators in Washington expressing concern about provisions in the tax bills of both the Senate and the House.

Thanks.

—Virginia Jones



In the spirit of holiday giving, consider bringing gifts for ADFAC (Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties) to the Holiday Tea. Paper products, cleaning supplies, and personal care items will be much appreciated.