



## AAUW Oak Ridge Tennessee Branch

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

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

**April 2018**

### GENERAL MEETING

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

Rachel Golden, chair of the Women, Gender, and Sexuality program at the University of Tennessee, will discuss the ideology, mission, and contents of this newly created interdisciplinary program within the College of Arts and Sciences, which formally opened in August 2017. This discussion will also identify the program's impact within today's educational climate, student accomplishments, and aims for the future.

Dr. Golden is Associate Professor of Musicology at the University of Tennessee, where she chairs the WGS program, and is affiliated faculty with the Marco Institute for Medieval & Renaissance Studies and the Department of Religious Studies. Her research and teaching largely pertain to gender, identity, and political cultures in the music of both 12<sup>th</sup>-century France and the contemporary United States.

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 19, 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 22. 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.



A letter from AAUW Oak Ridge Branch was sent to Victoria Lipinski, Acting Chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, urging action to secure funding for data collection on equal pay.

—Virginia Jones

### ★ 2018-19 Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your AAUW membership for next year. Please see the renewal notice on page 4. **Send form and payment by June 1** to: Maggie Slankas, Treasurer  
18 Raintree Place  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830



### Message from Co-Presidents

It's time to renew your membership once again. Remember that you are supporting "equity for females through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research." Dues have increased by \$10, the first increase from National in ten years. As we all know, costs do go up over time. For your convenience, a Membership Form is attached to this Newsletter.

Your Board has taken the State's Membership Challenge to increase and retain our membership this year. We need four new members, and we want all current members to return. Bring your friends to our informative meetings and introduce them to our relevant goals. They may wish to join us as members.

This month we shall present a plaque to a female RSCC student majoring in Education and planning to attend TN Tech next year to complete her teaching credentials. The student is chosen by the RSCC Education Department, and the plaque is presented at the evening RSCC Awards Ceremony in Harriman.

Three books will be presented to the Oak Ridge High School Media Center. This is an annual arrangement. The book titles, authors, and summaries appear in this Newsletter. Let us know if you have suggestions for next year's books.

Our Public Policy Person, Virginia Jones, keeps us abreast of many relevant issues via e-mails. Virginia writes letters to newspaper editors. We thank her for her diligent efforts. The State honored her at its Annual Meeting. Also, the State honored our two unsung heroes, Mary Uziel and Karen Fuhrman, who prepare food and decorations for each of our monthly meetings. Congratulations!

—Mayme Crowell and Fay Martin, Co-Presidents



### Books to be Presented to Oak Ridge High School

In keeping with the tradition of giving three or four books each year to the ORHS Library as a means of fulfilling our Mission Statement which says, "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research," the following books will be presented for 2018.

**Mothers of Invention, Broad Band** by Claire L. Evans. "The book is a celebration of the women whose minds gave birth to the Internet." *Wall Street Journal*, March 7, 2018.

**Rocking the System** by Siobhan Parkinson. A collection of essays on Irish women, both historical and contemporary, who defied cultural norms to become activists, stateswomen, artists, writers, and rebels of all kinds.

**The Woman's Hour** by Elaine Weiss. This is the story of the fight to pass the 19th Amendment in Tennessee, the state which made women's suffrage U.S. Law.

—Kay Moss, College/University Relations

### News of Jane Buchanan

We have learned that Jane Buchanan, former member of AAUW Oak Ridge Branch, is now recovering from injuries caused by a fall. If you wish to send get-well wishes to Jane, her address is:

Jane Buchanan  
500 Ellington Ave., Apt. 510  
Nashville, TN 37205

### \$\$ The membership dues increase is necessary because of the three Ls—

- the cost of living
- the cost of lobbying
- the cost of loving (one's neighbors)

## Report from State Convention

The Tennessee AAUW convention for 2018 was held March 16 and 17 in Murfreesboro.

Our keynote speaker was Kim Churches, the AAUW CEO, who has been in that position for less than a year. She brings a fresh perspective to AAUW and her high energy level is sustaining her as she visits 22 state conventions this year. She is quite impressive. Her topic was 'The Future of AAUW.' Some highlights of her speech included:

'No Rollbacks!'-focus on Now- Where to Be – How to Get There with Transparency.'

Put mission first – not membership.

Find new revenue sources.

Implement a strategic plan.

Start Smart – educate employers, not just employees and include men and women.

There was also a panel discussion "What Can We Do For Women & Girls This Year?" All panelists agreed that story-telling is powerful, and that we should lobby every day in order to develop relationships by calling/writing our legislators. They suggested using the 'Platinum Rule = Treating Others As They Want to be Treated'.

Our other leader from national AAUW was Elizabeth Holden, Grassroots Advocacy Manager, who spoke on what we can do locally to advance AAUW's mission in an election year.

A UT-Knoxville student, Morgan Juliana Hartgrove, from Maryville was selected to attend NCCWSL this summer.

Nashville is under consideration for hosting the 2020 national AAUW convention. Knoxville is the location for the 2019 Tennessee AAUW Convention. Oak Ridge and Maryville Branches are expected to help the Knoxville Branch with planning and hosting the convention.

—Peggy Emmett

**VOTE—County Primary  
Election, May 1**

**Early Voting, April 11-26  
10 am-6 pm, M-F  
9 am-7 pm S**

**Midtown Community Center**

## Membership Challenge

As Membership Vice President, I have accepted the Tennessee AAUW Membership Challenge of 2018-2019 for the Oak Ridge Branch to increase our membership by 10 percent (4 new members) including increasing Branch racial and age diversity by 5 percent (2) and increase retention of members to a minimum of 90 percent (37 members).

Membership growth is essential if AAUW is to achieve its mission in Tennessee. We must also retain and reclaim our Branch members. We have the enthusiasm, excellent programs, and a supportive community. The Tennessee AAUW Membership Committee will recognize these accomplishments at the April 2019 State Convention with the awarding of ONE FREE 2019 convention registration EACH to the Branch with the highest number of new members and to the Branch that retains the highest percentage of renewal memberships.

Are you in? Everyone needs to renew this month and carry a Branch brochure and a membership application in their pocket as they recruit. These will be at the check-in table at our meeting on April 23. Thank you for supporting AAUW!

—Jean Hiser, Membership Vice President

## Mark Your Calendar

**April 10:** Equal Pay Day, this date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year.

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

**April 25:** Lunch Bunch, 12 noon, El Cantarito, 191 S. Tulane

**May 18:** Book Group, 3:00 pm, Greenfield Parlor, *Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage*, also talk by Mayme Crowell about her January 2018 trip to Antarctica with some pictures

**May 21:** Branch General Meeting, 11:30 am, First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102

**May 23:** Lunch Bunch, Lulu's Tea Room, Powell, meet at library parking lot at 11:00 am for carpooling

**June 9:** 3:00 pm, Re-enactment of Suffrage Parade (assemble on Main St. in front of City/County Building; 4:30 pm, Unveiling of Burn Monument, Market Square, Knoxville.

**June 15:** Book Group, 3:00 pm, Greenfield Parlor

**June 27:** Lunch Bunch, 12 noon, place to be announced.

**Ruth Johnson Smiley, Newsletter Editor**  
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**Oak Ridge Branch AAUW Membership Renewal  
2018-2019**

Dues for 2018-2019 are due June 1, 2018. National dues are \$59, State dues are \$12, and Branch dues are \$9, for a total of **\$80**. Student Affiliate Dues are \$18.81. Part of the National Dues are tax deductible: \$56 for Regular Members and \$16.82 for Student Affiliate Members.

Paid Life Members are exempt from payment of National dues but continue to pay State and Branch dues (\$21). 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \$80 (OR STUDENT AFFILIATE DUES \$18.81)

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