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## *Message from the Co-Presidents*

Summer has passed quickly! We are ready to begin an AAUW New Year. Save the date of September 24<sup>th</sup> for the initial 2018-2019 General Meeting. The program will be on Voter Apathy in Anderson County by Mark Stevens, AC Election Commissioner. Can you believe that Tennessee is 50<sup>th</sup> in voter turnout? We must work on having more people register and vote. Perhaps we can partner with the League of Women Voters.

With sadness I must inform you of our active and loved member Peggy Emmett's illness. Peggy has an inoperable brain tumor. Ray is taking good care of her, but can only do so much. Peggy does not speak and has trouble focusing but she does read and do crossword puzzles. To see such a vibrant lady so incapacitated is devastating. Kindnesses would be appreciated.

As you remember, we begin our meetings with the AAUW Mission Statement. That Statement has been altered by our national association. We no longer will use the word "philanthropy." The Mission Statement now reads: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. The rationale is that philanthropy is included in the other three words.

Most of our members have rejoined us this year. We have two new members that you will find listed in this newsletter. Please give them a warm welcome. Also, invite your friends to come for an AAUW meeting. Our Program Chairman Anne Garcia has excellent programs lined up for us. You will find them listed in this newsletter and your yearbook. Yearbooks will be available at the September General Meeting.

Fay and I look forward to working with each of you this year. Let's make it the best AAUW Oak Ridge year ever!

***—Mayme Crowell and Fay Martin***

### *We Care About Our Members*

If you know of illness or death in the family of a member, please contact

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## *General Meeting Programs* 2018-2019

**September 24**—*Voter Apathy in Anderson County*, Mark Stephens, Anderson County Administrator of Elections

**October 22**—*Bridges Out of Poverty*, Naomi Asher, United Way of Anderson County

**December 9**—*Holiday Green Tea Reception* with choral group from Oak Ridge High School

**January 28**—*Antarctica Experience*, Mayme Crowell.

**February 25**—*The Gift of Life*, University of Tennessee Transplant Center staff

**March 25**—*Who is the Trust Company and What is a Trust*, Kim Cochrane

**April 22**—*Tariffs and Trade Policy*, Stella Schramm

**May 20**—*Anderson County and Oak Ridge Truancy*, Juvenile Court Judge Brian Hunt (The meeting is moved up to 3rd Monday because 4th Monday is Memorial Day)

**Note:** Meetings will be held at the Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church in the Activities Building, Room 102. Program details will be given in branch yearbook and forthcoming newsletters.

**Lunches** will be catered by the Soup Kitchen.

**Program Committee:** Anne Garcia, Charles Jones, Kowetha Mack, Kay Moss, and Sophy Littrell

### **ADFAC Bow Tie Fundraiser**

On Saturday, November 10 from 5-9 pm, at the Doubletree Hotel will be a fundraiser for Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties (ADFAC). ADFAC answers more than 6,000 requests for assistance each year. AAUW Oak Ridge gives to ADFAC supplies that are brought to our general meetings. The fundraiser requests purchasing a table for 8 or 10 at a cost of \$1000. As an organization, AAUW does not have funds to buy a table. However, if 8 or 10 members wish to pool your money to buy a table, please contact Mayme Crowell, [crowellmr@comcast.net](mailto:crowellmr@comcast.net), who will coordinate your plans.

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



**Book Group** meets at 3:00 pm on the third Friday of each month except in December. The group meets in the parlor at Greenfield. New members are always welcome. Book selection for August 17 was *Place Names Origins*, reviewed by Eileen Neiler. Book selection for September 21 is *The World is Blue: How Our Fate and the Oceans Are One* by Sylvia Earle

Sponsor: *Mayme Crowell*



**Lunch Bunch** gets together at noon on the fourth Wednesday of each month at a different restaurant. Everyone is always welcome to come join in the fellowship. The following have been scheduled:

August 22, China Palace, Jackson Square  
September 26, Jefferson Drug. Jefferson Center  
October 24, Applebee's, Turnpike

*Chair: Connie Battle*

### **YWCA Tribute to Women**

September 13

Reception, 5:30-6:30 pm, First Tennessee Plaza  
Awards Ceremony, 7:00-8:00 pm, Bijou Theater

Four outstanding Oak Ridge women are finalists—Bonnie Carroll, Edwina Crowe, Louise McKown, and Pat Postma. Louise was nominated by AAUW member Ruth Smiley. Our own Peggy Emmett was a winner in 1999.

Tickets at \$85 per person may be purchased online at [www.ywcaknox.com](http://www.ywcaknox.com). The deadline for purchasing tickets is August 31. Proceeds from this event benefit programs of the YWCA, including those in Oak Ridge.



**Burn Memorial**  
Market Square, Knoxville

The Burn Memorial showing Febb Burn with her son Harry was unveiled on June 9, 2018. This effort was led by the Suffrage Coalition that also led the successful effort to have August 18 declared Febb Burn day by the Tennessee legislature.

The final battle for women's right to vote took place here in Tennessee and might have been lost but for Febb Burn who persuaded her young son and legislator Harry Burn to do the "right thing" and vote for suffrage. The historic vote took place 98 years ago on August 18, 1920.

Febb Burn Day was celebrated in conjunction with the East Tennessee History Fair, sponsored by the East Tennessee Historical Society, on August 18 of this year.

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RSCC students **Hope Gaudet** and **Linda Dover** (listed in May newsletter) are student members.

**Mark Your Calendar**

**August 22**—Lunch Bunch, noon, China Palace, Jackson Square

**August 25**—Women's Equality Day Celebration, 10:30 am—1:00 pm CDT, Centennial Park, Nashville

**September 10**—Branch Board Meeting, 10:00 am, Goff Building, RSCC

**September 21**—Book Group, 3:00 pm, library at Greenfield

**September 24**—Branch General Meeting, 11:30 am at Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church

**September 26**—Lunch Bunch, noon, Jefferson Drug, Jefferson Center