

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

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October 2018

GENERAL MEETING

Monday, October 22, 11:30 am
Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102

Bridges Out of Poverty will be topic for the October 22 meeting of AAUW in Room 102 of the Activities Building of First Presbyterian Church. Naomi Asher, Executive Director of United Way of Anderson County, will be the speaker. She has given a number of seminars and talks on understanding poverty.

Naomi, who graduated from Oak Ridge High School and attended Johnson College, with a double major in music and theology, has an MBA in marketing from King University. She has served with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for five years, as Office Manager and then as Executive Director. She is President of the Altrusa Club of Oak Ridge, as well as Communications Chair for the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge and sits on the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Board, as well as on the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board for Oak Ridge.

The luncheon, catered by The Soup Kitchen, will feature a choice of soups and sandwiches, with a dessert, at a cost of \$8.00. Iced tea and coffee will be provided. If you have not been contacted by the telephone committee by noon on Thursday, October 18, please call or email Mary Uziel, 483-1043, maryuziel@comcast.net. Members may add or cancel reservations up to Sunday evening, October 21. If your reservation is not cancelled, please reimburse the AAUW treasurer for the cost of your lunch.



Naomi Asher

Those who bring sack lunches, or who do not plan to eat, need to make reservations to ensure adequate seating for the meeting.

Members are encouraged to bring items for donation to ADFAC (Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties) including shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, feminine products; cleaning items such as soaps and sponges, laundry soaps, and dishwashing soaps; toilet paper and paper towels, which cannot be purchased with food stamps.

The branch budget for the coming year will be discussed and voted on during the meeting (see page 4).



Co-Presidents Fay Martin and Mayme Crowell

Message from Co-Presidents

Our September program featured voting. We learned how apathetic Tennesseans are about voting. I hope each of you is registered and will VOTE in the November election. Your VOTE counts!

The board is inviting other groups to join us for our up-to-date, interesting programs. The Women's Interfaith Dialogue Group and the League of Women Voters have been sent a welcoming invitation to join with AAUW as we feature a list of this year's programs. Please welcome to our general meetings these members and other members of our community.

AAUW-TN is featuring a challenge to Branches to increase membership and diversity, as well as retain members. Jean Hiser, our Vice-President for Membership, is diligently working to meet this challenge. Should you have friends whom you believe would be good AAUW members, invite them to our general meetings. Remember men too can be members. Our friends will enjoy associating with other like-minded individuals and will learn from our informative programs.

It saddens me that we have lost another long-time member, Cleva Marrow. Cleva in her 90's was coming to our meetings last year. Information about her memorial service is found in this Newsletter.

A piece of good news is that Ray says that Peggy Emmett is improving. We wish her well as she remains in our thoughts and prayers.

—Mayme Crowell and Fay Martin

Cleva Marrow
Celebration of Life
October 27, 2018
Grace Lutheran Church

10:00 am Receiving of friends
11:00 am Service
Interment in Church Memorial Garden
Reception in Fellowship Hall

Cleva was a long-time member of AAUW.



Early Voting for State General and Municipal Elections begins Wednesday, October 17, and ends Thursday, November 1.

The Oak Ridge location is the Midtown Community Center (Wildcat Den), 102 Robertsville Road.

Hours:
Mon.-Fri.: 10:00 am—6:00 pm
Sat.: 9:00 am—12:00 noon

Election Day, November 6, 9:00 am—8:00 pm

Check the Election Commission's web site for a sample ballot:

<https://www.acelect.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/November-11-6-18-Anderson-Newspaper.pdf>

We care about our members: If you know of illness or death in the family of a member, please contact
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Election Day is less than a month away — and it's time to make our voices heard.

As the recent fight over the Supreme Court nomination so clearly demonstrated, politicians and policy makers are routinely making decisions about issues that directly impact women. From our paychecks to paid leave, access to reproductive health care to access to education, our lives are on the line — but more often than not, those conversations lack women's voices.

To create real change, women must be part of the conversation — and the most powerful way for us to chime in is at the polls.

As we enter this season of political punditry and campaign promises, it's more important than ever to identify those who would best represent our values from those who would roll back our rights. AAUW and the AAUW Action Fund are dedicated to making sure every woman is registered and has the information she needs to cast her vote. And on November 6, our voices and our votes will make a difference.

The AAUW Action Fund just released updated get out the vote resources for the 2018 election. Here's how you can use these tools to engage your community:

***Learn where candidates stand on issues of importance to women and girls—and hold them accountable to their commitments.** The AAUW Action Fund Voter Issue Guide is designed to help you get your candidates on the record about the issues that impact us most. Take it to town halls or candidate forums and speak up!

***Spark conversations among both candidates and voters alike by calling attention to incumbents' voting records.** The AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record scores each elected federal legislator on the votes they cast and bills they cosponsored on issues that are critical to our mission. See where your elected officials stand, then use our letter to the editor resource to craft the perfect piece to get the word out in your local paper.

***Get out the vote in your community.** Voter and civic education can be critical in enhancing women's participation in elections. Our voter guide templates can be used to create a non-partisan guide to your candidates' positions on

issues like equal pay, education, and reproductive rights.

Between now and Election Day, let's start conversations about the issues that affect our families and communities.

Feeling motivated? Now's the time to carry that energy to the polls. After all, when women vote, we change the conversation.

—AAUW Action Fund



October 16: Candidates Forum, 7:00 pm, Oak Ridge High School Amphitheater, sponsored by League of Women Voters

October 19: Book Group, 3:00 pm, Greenfield Senior Living parlor. Book selection is *The Longest Ride* by Nicholas Sparks

October 22: Branch General Meeting, 11:30 am, Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102

October 24: Lunch Bunch, 12 noon, Applebee's

Upcoming Events

November 12; Branch Board meeting, 10:00 am, Goff Building, RSCC

November: Lunch Bunch, time and place TBA

November 16: Book Group, 3:00 pm at Greenfield Senior Living parlor, *The Holy Bible, Book of Ruth*

December 9: Green Tea and Reception, 3-5 pm, Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102

March 2019: Women's History Month

April 2, 2019: Equal Pay Day

Note: No branch meeting in November; Book Group and Lunch Bunch will not meet in December.

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**AAUW Oak Ridge Branch
2017 - 2018 Year End Report & 2018 - 2019 Proposed Budget**

| Operating Fund | 2017 - 2018 Totals | | 20117 -2019 | 2018 – 2019 |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Gross | | Budget | Proposed Budget |
| INCOME | | | | |
| Contributions Op. Fund | \$45.00 | | \$600.00 | \$600.00 |
| Dues -- Some Cont. Op. Fund | \$1095.00 | | \$515.00 | \$515.00 |
| Lunches/Hospitality | \$888.00 | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Calendar Sales ^a | \$49.00 | | \$75.00 | |
| White House Ornament Sales ^b | \$525.00 | \$202.95 | \$250.00 | \$250.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$3,506.00 | \$414.85 | \$1,440.00 | \$1365.00 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Transfer to EOF (pd with dues) | | | | |
| Transfer to LEP (pd with dues) | | | | |
| Administrative | \$24.15 | \$24.15 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 |
| Bank Charges | \$6.50 | \$6.50 | \$10.00 | \$10.00 |
| Lunches/Hospitality | \$907.50 | \$19.50 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Dues -- dues 2016-17 | \$1,832 | | | |
| Membership | \$54.93 | \$54.93 | \$60.00 | \$60.00 |
| Newsletter | \$83.12 | \$83.12 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Memorial donations to EOF | \$110.00 | | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| NCCWSL | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Program | | | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |
| Rent Donation | | | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| Travel (Conferences) | | | \$175.00 | \$175.00 |
| Yearbook | \$142.05 | \$142.05 | \$170.00 | \$170.00 |
| White House Ornaments ^b | \$341.10 | \$20.90 | \$200.00 | \$200.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$3,942.30 | \$851.15 | \$1,440.00 | \$1,365.00 |
| Total Income—Total Expenses | (\$436.30) | (\$436.30) | | |

^a Profit to Operating Fund.

^b Profit to Local Education Projects (LEP).

EOF = National AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund (formerly Educational Foundation).

LEP = Local Education Projects Fund (RSCC scholarships, books for ORHS library, Girls Inc. magazines).

NCCWSL = National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.