

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

National AAUW Web Site
<http://www.aauw.org>

Tennessee AAUW Web Site
<http://aauw-tn.aauw.net>

Oak Ridge AAUW Web Site
<http://oakridge-tn.aauw.net>

November—December 2018



Holiday Green Tea 2017

You are cordially invited
Annual Holiday Green Tea

Sunday, December 9, 2018
3:00—5:00 pm
Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church
Activities Building, Room 101

The **Resonance Choral Group** from Oak Ridge High School, directed by Amanda Ragan, will sing selections from their fall concert and their Christmas concert. Much of their performance will be a cappella; they sing music with intricate melodies and harmonies.

The group is composed of about 30 members, including sophomore, junior, and senior young women. There is a rigorous tryout to sing with the group, which involves singing the *Star Spangled Banner* and sight reading.

AAUW members who attend the tea may donate to Oak Ridge Branch funds, including local scholarships, AAUW funds (formerly Educational Foundation), and Branch operating expenses. White House Christmas ornaments will be available for purchase. Profits go to the Local Scholarship Fund.



Message from the Co-Presidents

Greetings to you all.

Our big excitement is the upcoming Annual Holiday Green Tea Reception on December 9, 2018, 3-5 pm, at the Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church. We have sent letters of invitation (along with our General Meeting Program Information for 2018-2019) to the League of Women Voters and the Women's Interfaith Dialogue group. Wouldn't it be wonderful if some of these members attended. This event promises to be even bigger than that of other years, with our featured guests being the 30-strong Resonance Choral Group, directed by Amanda Ragan, Vocal Instructor at Oak Ridge High School. There will be delicious food provided by our members, elegant ladies pouring tea from an antique silver teapot, and beautiful decorations including a centerpiece by award-winning Garden Club member, Jean Hiser. Our many thanks go to Anne Garcia for the planning of this event.

We thank Virginia Jones and her Public Policy Team for keeping up up-to-date on what is going on in our state and country, and especially on controversial topics related to the lives of women. Another thanks to Virginia for publicity work, especially for her stroke of genius in inviting City Council members to our September meeting on *Voter Apathy*. That meeting was certainly well attended and the question-and-answer period was very rewarding.

Our best wishes are with you all as we approach the holiday season.

—Fay Martin
Mayme Crowell

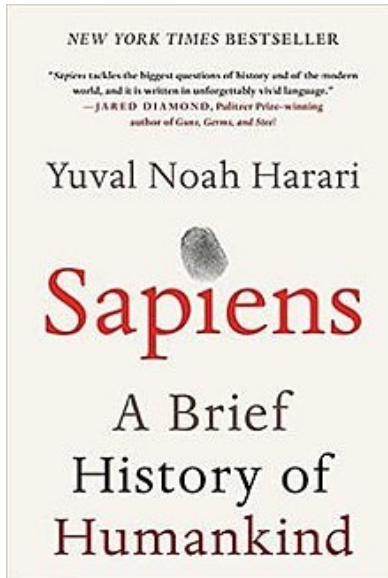
White House Christmas Ornaments for Sale at Holiday Green Tea, \$35, proceeds for Local Scholarship Fund.



The White House Historical Association's 2018 White House Christmas Ornament honors Harry S. Truman, the 33rd president of the United States. The ornament is designed to illustrate three significant changes made by President Truman during his administration, one to the Presidential Seal, and two to the White House itself. One side of the ornament features his celebrated Truman Balcony, added in 1947-48 to the South Portico, and the other side features his renovated blue room, which, like all the rooms of the house, was dismantled and rebuilt during the renovation of 1948-52. These two images represent Truman's White House alterations and restorations, the most extensive work on the house since President George Washington built it in the nation's dawning and Presidents James Madison and James Monroe restored it after the fire in the War of 1812.

The Presidential Seal featured at the top of the ornament reflects the design as changed by Truman. Originally the American eagle looked toward its left talons, which hold a cluster of spears, weapons of war. Truman, in the autumn after he took office, had the seal redesigned, turning the eagle's head away from the spears to its right talons, which hold the olive branches of peace.

Thanks to Barbara Walker for getting these ornaments for us.



Book Group
3 pm, January 18, 2019
Greenfield Parlor

Book selection for review is *Sapiens* by Yuval Noah Harari. *Sapiens*, first published in Hebrew in Israel in 2011 and in English in 2014. This book surveys the history of humankind from the evolution of archaic human species in the Stone Age up to the 21st century, focusing on *homo sapiens*. The account is situated within a framework provided by the natural sciences, particularly evolutionary biology. (Wikipedia)



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.



Calendar

December 9: 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
2019

January 7: AAUW Oak Ridge Board Meeting, 10:00 am, RSCC

January 9: Deadline for submitting newsletter material to Ruth Smiley,
smileyrcj@gmail.com

January 18: Book Group, 3:00 pm at Greenfield Senior Living Parlor

January 23: Lunch Bunch

January 28: General Meeting, 11:30 am, Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church

March: Women's History Month

March 8: International Women's Day

April 2: Equal Pay Day

Ruth Johnson Smiley
 Newsletter Editor
smileyrcj@gmail.com