



AAUW Oak Ridge Tennessee Branch

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January 2019

GENERAL MEETING

**Monday, January 28, 11:30 am
Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102**

Mayme Crowell will describe her adventures in the Antarctic last year at the AAUW luncheon meeting on Monday, January 28, at 11:30 am in Room 102 of the Activities Building of First Presbyterian Church. Included in her talk will be history of the Antarctic and some of its explorers.

Mayme is a past president of ORICL (Oak Ridge Institute for Continued Learning). She has served a number of terms as president of the Oak Ridge Branch of AAUW and currently serves as co-president. She has also been president of Tennessee AAUW.

Mayme enjoys travel, science, and history. A resident of Oak Ridge, she and her husband, Joe, had two daughters: Cathy, a research chemist, and Joan, an attorney. A member of First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge, she is on the board of the Friends of the Library (FOL). Mayme was on the founding board of the Free Medical Clinic.

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, January 24, please call or email Mary Uziel, 483-1043, maryuziel@comcast.net. Members may add

or cancel reservations up to Sunday evening, January 27. If your reservation is not cancelled, please reimburse the AAUW treasurer for the cost of your lunch.

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

Members who attend the meeting are encouraged to bring items for Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties (ADFAC) including laundry and cleaning supplies, personal care items such as toilet paper, diapers, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, etc., since the cost of these is not covered by food stamps.



*We Care
About Our
Members*

If you know of illness or death in the family of a member, please contact Sophy Littrell, 291-7589 or sylittrell@yahoo.com.



Message from Co-Presidents

HAPPY NEW YEAR AAUW MEMBERS! It's a new year that gives us the opportunity to make it a great year with our ideas and efforts.

Equal pay is high on our agenda. Kim Churches, AAUW CEO, says "It's time to double down on our efforts to close the gender wage gap. We need to change laws and employer practices, as well as to empower women to negotiate their own financial futures." Be informed about the laws associated with equal pay at the local, state and federal levels. Contact your representatives to express your opinion.

On January 19 at 2-5 pm. a Human Rights Rally will occur at the Oak Ridge Unitarian Church. Your AAUW Board voted to co-sponsor this effort. There will be music and talks; subsequently attendees with appropriate signs will march on the sidewalks to the First Presbyterian Church. This is part of the Women's March that is occurring all across the state and the nation. Come join this effort.

We have chosen two RSCC Scholarship recipients from eleven applicants. They each will receive money for a three-hour course. We thank the other applicants and wish them well in their future educational pursuits. If you could read the applications, you would realize how much these scholarships are needed and how determined these ladies are in pursuing their vocational dreams. Thank you for supporting their education through our Local Education Project.

With regret we must inform you that one of our ardent, long-standing members, Elinor Brown, died in Washington, D.C. on January 6. She moved three years ago to be near her son and daughter. We shall send a contribution to the Education Opportunities Fund in her memory.

—*Mayme Crowell
Fay Martin*



An Opportunity For AAUW Members

Peggy Swann, State Public Policy Chair, writes that there are equal pay bills which s State Legislator and a State Senator have agreed to introduce this session.

In addition, there will be a bill to ban asking for previous salary on a job application.

AAUW members have the opportunity to talk with our legislators at the LWV Breakfast with the Legislators and to write them or meet with them individually when they are home on the weekends to support passage of these bills.

Also, members need to meet/email, or call the chairs and members of the Consumer Subcommittee and the Consumer and Human Resources committee chairs to ask for their support.

On Tuesday, February 26, "Our Day on the Hill", AAUW members will meet with the legislators of these committees.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping, so I can provide you with the fact sheets which will be available and put you in contact with Peggy if you wish to go to Nashville in February.

I will keep the membership posted as there are developments about the legislation.

This is really our chance to bring about change for Tennessee.

—*Virginia Jones
Public Policy Chair*



**AAUW Scholarships
to Roane State Students, 2019**

Mary Maston
831 S 4th St, Apt. 5
LaFollette, TN 37766-4339
Her goal is to work in the health information management field.

Linda McFall
546 Quail Run Ln
LaFollette, TN 37766-6972
She plans to get a nursing degree.

**Human Rights
Rally**

Saturday, January 19

The date corresponds both with Martin Luther King Day and the Second Annual Women's March in Washington, DC.

Anderson County Democratic Women, organizers of the event, report these plans.

The event will not highlight what we are against, but rather what we are FOR: Equality, Justice, Inclusiveness. We expect the tone to be joyful, positive, and uplifting and to build community in our town.

We will begin at the Unitarian Church in the sanctuary at 2 pm for a musical program and messages from local leaders and pastors. At 3:30 pm, weather permitting, we will

walk, carrying appropriate signs, on the grass and sidewalks to the First Presbyterian Church for the conclusion of the program and hot chocolate.

AAUW Oak Ridge Branch is a co-sponsor of this event. Kay Moss will attend and will bring AAUW information and membership applications.

About Suffrage . . .

The PBS Series about Queen Victoria includes scenes from the Chartist movement in England in which demands were being made for universal suffrage for men (at that time, only property owners could vote). As far back as 1432, male owners of property above some value could vote in England, but as late as the first third of the 19th century, men who did not have property could not vote. So, there was rioting in the streets in Victoria's time, with men demanding to be able to vote, along with making other demands about voting and being in Parliament. See: <https://www.parliament.uk/about/living-heritage/transformingsociety/electionsvoting/chartists/overview/chartistmovement/>

Women over 30 and who owned property or were married to men who owned property were given the right to vote in 1918. For more about this, see:

<https://www.bl.uk/votes-for-women/articles/womens-suffrage-timeline>

So, men also have had to demonstrate and even riot for the right to vote.

—Virginia Jones
Public Policy Chair

In Memoriam

Elinor D. Brown
1924-2019

Holiday Green Tea

Eighteen members and guests and 20 members of the Resonance Choral Group from Oak Ridge High School attended the Holiday Green Tea.

Special thanks to Anne Garcia who coordinated arrangements for the event, Jean Hiser who provided flower arrangements for the tables, and all those who provided food.

Thanks to all who made generous contributions at the Holiday Green Tea—\$70 for Local Education Projects, \$75 for AAUW Educational Opportunities Funds, and \$60 for the Oak Ridge Branch Operating Funds.

In addition, we made a profit of \$431.30 on White House ornament sales that goes to the Local Education Project Fund. Appreciation goes to Barbara Walker for organizing this fundraiser.



**Resonance Choral Group
Oak Ridge High School**



**Members and Guests
Holiday Green Tea**

Photographs courtesy of Charles and Virginia Jones



To our New Member

Carol Ann Hoffner

328 Centennial Bluff Blvd.
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Carol has a Bachelor's degree in science/health from College of Francis, Joliet, IL and RN in nursing from Presbyterian Hospital/Rush, Chicago, IL

Mark Your Calendar

January 18: Book Group, 3:00 at Greenfield Senior Living parlor, Book is *Sapiens* by Yuval Noah Harari

January 19: Human Rights Rally, 2:00-5:00, Oak Ridge Unitarian Church, Turnpike

January 23: Lunch Bunch, 12 noon, Freddie's Steakhouse, Illinois Ave.

January 28: Branch General Meeting, 11:30 am, Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102

February 15: Book Group, 3:00 at Greenfield Senior Living parlor

February 25: Branch General Meeting, 11:30 am, Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102

February 26: Lobby Day on the Hill, Nashville

Upcoming Events

March: Women's History Month

March 8: International Women's Day

April: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 2: Equal Pay Day

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