



AAUW Oak Ridge Tennessee Branch

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March 2019

GENERAL MEETING Monday, March 25, 11:30 am Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102

Kim Cochrane, Vice President and Trust Officer at the Trust Company in Knoxville, will speak at the luncheon meeting on March 25. Her topic will be "Who is the Trust Company and What is a Trust?"

Kim works with wealth management and personal trust clients with an emphasis on special needs trust and trust administration. She received her Bachelor of Science in Social Sciences from Appalachian State University and completed Accounting Studies at Old Dominion University. She is a Certified Trust and Financial Advisor, as well as a CPA licensed in both Tennessee and South Carolina. She is a member of the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Knoxville Estate Planning Council.



Kim Cochrane

The program will begin at 12 noon after a luncheon catered by the Soup Kitchen. Cost of the luncheon is \$8.00. If you have not been contacted by the telephone committee by noon on Thursday, March 21, please call or email Mary Uziel, 483-1043, maryuziel@comcast.net. Members may add or cancel reservations up to Sunday evening, March 24. If your reservation is not cancelled, please reimburse the AAUW treasurer for the cost of your lunch.

Those attending the meeting are encouraged to bring items, which are not covered by food stamps, for donation to ADFAC (Aid for Distressed Families of Appalachian Co Counties). Such items include laundry soap and cleaning liquids, personal care items such as tooth brushes, toothpaste, toilet soaps, and paper items such as toilet paper and paper towels.

We Care About Our Members—

If you know of illness or death in the family of a member, please contact
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Message from Co-Presidents

Welcome to Spring! With warmer weather comes the rain. However, nothing can suppress our optimism. The program this month provides information that we can use for the future. A trust is one aspect of our finances that some may use to assure the financial future of their progeny. Come on March 25th and learn more about trusts and when they can be useful.

Did you know that we have seven 50-year AAUW members? In addition, we have ten deceased members who died with a 50-year membership. These women became dedicated to the AAUW mission of educating and elevating the status of women. We can be proud of their efforts.

Now is the time for our appointed Nominating Committee to find new officers for 2019-2020. Virginia Jones has agreed to chair this committee. Two additional members are needed. Can you volunteer for this one-time effort? Also, please let Virginia know if you are willing to become an AAUW officer.

We are proud to share information in this Newsletter about the well-deserved honor that Peggy Emmett received from the Knoxville Branch. Peggy is a lifetime AAUW member who has devoted time and effort to conduct STEM workshops, SHaring ADventures in Engineering and Science (SHADES).

Your Board is considering an AAUW-Oak Ridge history 2020 calendar. Please let a board member know if you would be interested in buying such a calendar.

—Mayme Crowell and Fay Martin



You Go, Peggy!

The Knoxville Branch recently honored Peggy Emmett with a \$500 scholarship for women who are STEM majors at Pellissippi State Community College. Peggy initiated and coordinated the SHADES program for many years. Our Oak Ridge Branch, the Knoxville Branch, and other groups assisted in these endeavors. Unfortunately, these STEM workshops for middle-school girls have now been discontinued due to a variety of reasons.

Peggy deserves honor and credit for the SHADES program. She always loved math, earned a B.S. at Tennessee Technological University in Math, and completed graduate level studies at UTK. After 51 years of employment, she retired from UT-Battelle's Oak Ridge National Laboratory as a Senior Research Staff Member, Nuclear Science and Technology Division.

She is an AAUW Lifetime Member and has served on the National Board as representative of five southern states. She has been President of both the Knoxville and Oak Ridge Branches, as well as the Tennessee State President.

Peggy is an avid Lady Vols basketball fan and a former Lady Vols Booster President, where she supports a scholarship for a player pursuing a STEM degree.



AAUW Exhibit at Oak Ridge Public Library

Charles Jones printed and installed the materials for the March Women's History display in the Oak Ridge Public Library. It lists by year the history of the vote in this country since its founding. One tidbit is that New Jersey gave the right to women of property to vote in its 1776 Constitution, but took that right away in 1807. The road to universal suffrage has not been smooth over the years for various national groups as well as women.

The Fate of Legislation to Even the Playing Field for Women in the Workplace

The House Employee Affairs Committee of the State Legislature failed to report the Compensation History Bill out of Committee on March 5. The vote was four to two against it.

The Equal Pay Bill was never put on notice for bill review and vote. It was nominally supported by Rep. Clemmons.

The Public Policy Committee would like to thank anyone who contacted our legislators in support of these bills. The State Public Policy Committee did an amount of work on these bills worthy of Hercules, and Peggy Swann is to be congratulated for pulling together a hard-working committee and herself working with National on a myth/fact sheet, which it seems will be needed again.

It is going to take more than the Public Policy

Committees of each of the Branches to educate legislators and show them that the states which recognize the economic contribution women can make if they are paid fairly is vital to state economies and to decreasing poverty. The more our members who speak to them or contact them, the greater the possibility they will understand the economic disadvantage of underpaying women.

The World Bank has done a study which says that no country can reach its full economic potential without fairness to women. Much of the rest of the world recognizes this fact. The United States needs to catch up.

—Virginia Jones, Public Policy Chair



In observance of Women's History Month, AAUW Oak Ridge Branch is presenting three books to the Oak Ridge High School Library:

Becoming, by Michelle Obama

The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, by Carmon and Shana Knizhnik

Sonia Sotomayor: A Biography, by Daniel Harmon

—Kay Moss, College/University Relations

Mark Your Calendar

March 15: Book Group, Greenfield Parlor, *Becoming* by Michelle Obama, Kay Moss will review.

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

March 28: Lunch Bunch, Noon, Panera, Illinois Ave.

Upcoming Events

April 8: Branch Board Meeting, RSCC

April 19: Book Group, 3:00 pm, in the Greenfield Parlor, *Jamestown*, by Marshall Fishwick

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

April 24: Lunch Bunch, noon, place TBA