



AAUW Oak Ridge Tennessee Branch

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May 2019

GENERAL MEETING

**Monday, April 20, 11:30 am
Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102**

Julie Forkner, Oak Ridge Public Library Director, will present "A Tour of Oak Ridge through the Eyes of the Library's New Online Services" at the May 20 scholarship luncheon meeting of AAUW.

Julie Forkner, who grew up in Atlanta, has a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies and master's degrees in English and Library Science. She began serving as manager of operations for the Library for six months before being appointed Director in October 2018.

AAUW is meeting a week early in May because of Memorial Day. AAUW scholarships to Roane State Community College students will be awarded at the meeting.

Officers for 2019-2020 will be installed: Mayme Crowell, President; Anne Garcia, Vice President-Programs; Jean Hiser, Vice President, Membership; Stella Schramm, Secretary; Virginia Jones, Treasurer.

The **Annual Scholarship Luncheon** will be catered by local AAUW members. Those preparing the lunch are donating the food and their time in hopes that those attending will make a generous donation to our Local Education Projects Fund. The menu includes meat, deviled eggs, vegetable casseroles, vegetable salads, fruit and fruit salads, rolls, and desserts. Luncheon reservations are

needed so we can provide adequate seating. If you have not been contacted by the telephone committee by Friday, May 17, please contact Nita Barnes or Mary Uziel. We hope that members who have made lunch reservations but are unable to attend can let us know by Sunday evening, May 19.

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 Counties). Such items include laundry soap and cleaning supplies, personal care items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps, and paper items such as toilet paper and paper towels. AAUW was recognized in ADFAC's Spring Edition 2019 Newsletter for our in-kind contributions.



2019-20 Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your AAUW membership for next year. Please see the renewal notice on page 4. **Send form and payment by June 1** to:

Maggie Slankas, Treasurer
18 Raintree Place
Oak Ridge, TN 37830



Message from Co-Presidents

Yet another year of accomplishments has passed for AAUW Oak Ridge. Our programs have been extraordinary; two scholarships were awarded to RSCC students; individual donations to the Education Opportunities Fund (EOF) and Local Education Projects (LEP) increased; the sale of White House ornaments provided additional LEP funds; books were provided to the ORHS Media Center, and a Women's History Month display was placed in the OR Public Library.

It is my pleasure to announce that \$500 is being sent to National in honor of **Maggie Slankas** for her many efforts on behalf of our organization. We thank you, Maggie, for your many kind and generous hours spent on behalf of AAUW.

The Board has met nine times this past year to make plans for the General Meetings, as well as for other activities and efforts. After our 2019-2020 budget is determined and when our catering companies determine their lunch costs, we shall consider charging \$9 for lunch next year. (The cost this year was \$8. With several no-shows, we lost money on lunches.) Please understand that we provide the speaker(s) with free lunch(es).

The May 20th meeting is the last one for this fiscal year. Your board provides the meal with the hope that each of you attending will contribute generously to our Local Education Projects (LEP). New officers will be installed. Julie Forkner, Oak Ridge Public Library (ORPL) Director, will talk about several on-line features of our Library. You will not want to miss this informative presentation.

The **Tennessee AAUW Leadership Summit will be held on June 15** from 10 am to 3 pm (CST) at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) in Murfreesboro. Registration before May 31 is \$15 or at the door is \$20. Student registration is \$5. This event is a good opportunity to meet other like-minded AAUW members from across Tennessee. I plan to attend and would enjoy having others to ride and attend with me. Please contact me if you are interested. You can register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-leadership-summit-tickets-59121097795>

—*Mayme Crowell and Fay Martin*
Co-Presidents

Public Policy Committee

(1) The Public Policy Committee wrote to Senator Alexander opposing the appointment of Stephen Moore, a supply side writer about the economy, to the Federal Reserve Board, who said he thought the Market should set wages. In other words, no equal pay for equal work.

Ann Garcia, Kay Moss, and Virginia Jones, Chair, pointed out that "the Market" has been setting wages for the past 40 years, and the result has been stagnant wages for men and sub-par wages for women.

We also pointed out Mr. Moore's remarks over the years about women and money management and wondered if he knew that Janet Yellin guided the Fed from 2014-2018.

Our last point was that we did not think he had the judgment required to be on the Board.

Fortunately, a great many other people opposed Moore's appointment, and his name was withdrawn from consideration.

(2) We are passing along to the membership the calls to action sent weekly by Joan Nelson.

(3) We are displaying items of interest regarding public policy at general meetings.

—*Virginia Jones, Chair*



**Margaret Emmett
Receives Award
From Marquis
Who's Who**

Abstract from Press Release, May 7, 2019—

Marquis Who's Who, the world's premier publisher of biographical profiles, is proud to present Margaret Burke Emmett with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement award.

Ms. Emmett is a mathematician who has been employed with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory for the past 46 years. She was hired as a mathematician and computer specialist in 1960. Later she served as a computing consultant and affirmative action representative. She became head of the section on nuclear code development in 1987. Ms. Emmett was notably only the fourth female to be hired in the nuclear industry at that time.

In 1986, she served as a delegate for the American Nuclear Community Leaders in the USSR, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia.

Ms. Emmett has held leadership roles and received numerous awards from a number of organizations, including the American Nuclear Society, Women in Science, and AAUW.

She created the Sharing Adventures in Engineering and Science (SHADES) program for 6th and 7th grade girls. SHADES includes highly interactive, demonstration-oriented presentations on science and engineering topics.

Visit the website for information about this honor: <https://www.lifetimeachievement.com/2019/03/26/margaret-burke-emmett/>

*We Care
About Our
Members*



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

Mark Your Calendar—

May 17: Book Group, 3:00 pm, Greenfield, Parlor, *Mama's Last Hug*, by Frans de Waal

May 20: Branch General Meeting, 11:30 am, First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102

May 22: Lunch Bunch, 12 noon, El Contarito, Illinois Ave.

June 15: Tennessee AAUW Leadership Summit, 10 am—3 pm, Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), Murfreesboro

June 21: Book Group, 3:00 pm, Greenfield Parlor, *Refugee* (Experiences of several immigrating individuals to the U.S.), by Alan Gratz

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Next newsletter will be published in August 2019.

**Oak Ridge Branch AAUW Membership Renewal
2019-2020**

Dues for 2019-2020 are due June 1, 2019. National dues are \$59, State dues are \$12, and Branch dues are \$9, for a total of **\$80**. Student Affiliate Dues are \$18.81. Part of the National Dues are tax deductible: \$56 for Regular Members and \$16.82 for Student Affiliate Members.

Paid Life Members are exempt from payment of National dues but continue to pay State and Branch dues (\$21). Fifty-year Life Members are exempt from payment of National, State, and Branch dues, although some continue to make contributions. Dues from new members joining after March 15 cover the next fiscal year.

When you pay dues for the coming year, you may contribute to the following funds.

Educational Opportunities Fund ---- supports National AAUW scholarships, fellowships, and grants for women pursuing higher education. Contributions to this fund are tax deductible.

Local Education Projects Fund ---- supports scholarships for RSCC women students and other local educational projects. Contributions are not tax deductible.

Oak Ridge Branch Operating Fund ---- supports our yearbook, newsletter, meeting facilities, programs, and travel to conferences. Contributions are not tax deductible.

**Please complete this form and return with your dues payment and contributions.
Make check payable to AAUW.**

NAME _____
PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Your email address, if given, will be included in the yearbook and used for our correspondence with you during the year.

REGULAR DUES \$80 (OR STUDENT AFFILIATE DUES \$18.81)

CONTRIBUTIONS

_____ Educational Opportunities Fund
_____ Local Education Projects Fund
_____ Branch Operating Fund
_____ TOTAL

Return by June 1 to: Maggie Slankas, 18 Raintree Place, Oak Ridge, TN 37830