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**September 2019**

## **GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday, September 23, 11:30 am**  
**Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102**



**Mick Weist**

Mick Weist, Executive Director of the Oak Ridge Heritage & Preservation Association, will discuss how the remarkable history and heritage of Oak Ridge and this area are being captured and preserved for the future.

Mick is a native Oak Ridger. After living out of state for several years, Mick and his family moved back to Oak Ridge where he worked in the fields of conservation and environmental compliance. Mick earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Houston and a Master of Science degree from the University of Tennessee, with a concentration in historic preservation. This prompted Mick to help found the ORHPA in 1999. The ORHPA is especially proud to share our remarkable history in the Oak Ridge History Museum, officially opening in March 2019. After 30 years of service at Y-12 performing environmental management duties and historic preservation projects, Mick stays active with part-time consulting, family activities, and volunteer work.

### **BUDGET FOR 2019-2020:**

The proposed budget is presented on page 4 for your consideration. It was discussed and approved by the Board at their September meeting and will be presented to the membership for discussion and approval at the General Meeting.

The luncheon, catered by The Soup Kitchen, will feature a choice of soups and sandwiches, with a dessert, at a cost of \$8.50. Iced tea and coffee will be provided. If you have not been contacted by the telephone committee by noon on Thursday, September 19, please call or email Mary Uziel, [maryuziel@comcast.net](mailto:maryuziel@comcast.net). Members may add or cancel reservations up to Sunday evening, September 22. 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 plan to eat, need to make reservations to ensure adequate seating for the meeting.



Mayme Crowell

*Message  
from the  
President*

Summer is generally down-time for AAUW; however, your officers have been busy preparing for the coming year. Anne Garcia and her committee have scheduled fascinating programs; Maggie Slankas, Virginia Jones, and Jean Hiser have submitted your membership information to the state and national organizations; the budget committee has prepared a new budget for your approval; Ko-wetha Mack has prepared your Yearbook and membership brochures; Mary Uziel has contracted for our meeting location and lunches; and in June Fay Martin and I participated in the State Conference in Murfreesboro. All of this activity is in preparation for a very good 2019-2020 year.

As a reminder, you will be called to find out if you wish to have reservations for each monthly general meeting. Nita Barnes and Mary Uziel are handling this. The price of lunch this year is \$8.50. Please remember to cancel your reservations if for some reason you cannot attend or to pay the \$8.50.

Our membership remains at the same number, but I wish to welcome our new members, Lawrence Dresner and Joe McGrory, as well as Alyssa Wilderman, who may be visiting her grandmother Jean Hiser on occasion. I also welcome our new student members, Linda McFall and Mary Maston.

We have learned of a Roane State Community College (RSCC) and East Tennessee food concern. Some RSCC students have a home food shortage and some are homeless and sleeping in their cars. RSCC is fundraising to buy food from Second Harvest to distribute to those students with basic food needs. A basket will be at the entrance table for a monetary collection for these needs should you wish to contribute.

—Mayme

**BrainFood, addressing food insecurity  
at the Oak Ridge Campus  
Roane State Community College**

It is estimated that as many as two-thirds of community college students are food insecure. **Brain-Food** at RSCC has two components: snacks and a food pantry with take-home food for meals. If you wish to contribute to this project, a basket for monetary donations will be at the September general meeting. Our financial support will help RSCC in securing grants.

Also, each month we will collect donations of personal care items, paper products, and cleaning supplies (items that cannot be purchased with food stamps) for **Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties (ADFAC)**.



**Febb Burn Day**

Twenty-four people gathered for lunch at the Doubletree restaurant to celebrate Febb Burn Day on August 18. Febb Burn is honored because her urging her son, Harry Burn, to vote to ratify the 19th Amendment giving women in this country the right to vote, ensured that the Amendment would be certified about a week later.

**Book Discussion Group:**  
**Third Fridays at 3 pm, in the Commonwealth (formerly Greenfield) Parlor**

September 20: Sylvia Earle, *The Mosquito: A Human History of Our Deadliest Predator*, by Timothy C. Winegard

October 18: *Drain the Swamp: How Washington Is Worse Than You Think*, by Ken Buck

## Public Policy

Information from the National Women's Law Center on the BE HEARD in the WORK-PLACE ACT now before Congress: see <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/2148> for status of bill. According to the NWLC, this act "is **the first comprehensive federal workplace harassment legislation proposed in the wake of #MeToo** and offers a groundbreaking set of reforms centered on the experiences of the most vulnerable workers, designed to prevent and respond to all forms of harassment and discrimination whether based on sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity, race, color, national origin, religion, age, or disability). To urge support for this bill

Please call:  
Rep. Chuck Fleischmann at 202-225-3271 or 865-576-1976

Senator Alexander at 202-224-4944 or 865-545-4253

Senator Blackburn at 202-224-3344 or 865-540-3781

Or send emails to:  
Fleischmann  
<https://www.fleischmann.house.gov/contact>

Alexander  
<https://www.alexander.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email>

Blackburn  
[https://www.blackburn.senate.gov/contact\\_marsha](https://www.blackburn.senate.gov/contact_marsha)

Public Policy Committee

*Virginia Jones, Anne Garcia, Kay Moss*

***The 19th Amendment: 100 Years Later:*** In Celebration of Constitution Day  
Tuesday, September 17, 3:00-4:30 pm  
Baker Center for Public Policy  
1640 Cumberland Ave., Knoxville

Panel discussion with Dr. Joan Hemingway, Dr. Emily Schilling, Stephanie Dlater, and moderator, Dr. John Scheb. They will deliberate the significance of the 19th Amendment that granted American Women the right to vote.

Event is free and open to the public. Guests may park in the Vol Hall Garage on White Ave. at no charge by requesting a parking voucher from Baker Center staff at the event.

## Mark Your Calendar—



**September 17:** Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

**September 20:** Book Group, 3:00 pm at Greenfield Senior Living parlor

**September 23:** Branch General Meeting, 11:30 am, Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102

**October 14:** Branch Board Meeting, 10 am, Goff Building, RSCC

**October 14:** Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am (place to be announced)

**October 18:** Book Group, 3:00 pm at Commonwealth Senior Living parlor

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

**December 8:** Green Tea and Reception, 3:00-5:00 pm, Oak Ridge First Presbyterian Church, Activities Building, Room 102

*We care about our members:* If you know of illness or death in the family of a member, please contact  
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*Ruth Johnson Smiley, Newsletter Editor*

**AAUW Oak Ridge Branch  
2019 Year End Report & 2019 - 2020 Proposed Budget**

Operating Fund	2018 - 2019 Totals		2018 -2019	2019 – 2020
	Gross	Net	Budget	Proposed Budget
<b>INCOME</b>				
Contributions Op. Fund	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$600.00	\$580.00
Dues -- Some Cont. Op. Fund	\$3,092.00	\$939.38	\$515.00	\$515.00
Lunches/Hospitality	\$1,033.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Calendar Sales <sup>a</sup>				
White House Ornament Sales <sup>b</sup>	\$975.00	\$431.30	\$250.00	\$250.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,190.00</b>	<b>\$1,460.68</b>	<b>\$1,365.00</b>	<b>\$1,345.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Transfer to EOF (pd with dues)	\$500.00	\$500.00		
Transfer to LEP (pd with dues)	\$431.30	\$431.30		
Administrative			\$50.00	\$50.00
Bank Charges	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Lunches/Hospitality	\$1,133.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Dues -- 2018-2019 & 2019-2020	\$2,152.62			
Membership			\$60.00	\$60.00
Newsletter	\$72.85	\$72.85	\$100.00	\$100.00
Memorial donations to EOF	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
NCCWSL			\$100.00	\$100.00
Program			\$100.00	\$100.00
Rent Donation	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Travel (Conferences)			\$175.00	\$175.00
Yearbook	\$89.83	\$89.83	\$170.00	\$150.00
White House Ornaments <sup>b</sup>	\$543.70		\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,203.30</b>	<b>\$1,473.98</b>	<b>\$1,365.00</b>	<b>\$1,345.00</b>

Total Income—Total Expenses      (\$13.30)                      (\$13.30)

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