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Oak Ridge Tennessee Branch

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November-December 2020

AAUW General Meeting on **Zoom**

Monday, December 7, 12:30 pm

To enter **Zoom** meeting, click on the link below:.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84026923055?pwd=blkremFFdTZMaUJqNm9zb29jSEdkZz09>

If you log into Zoom first, you should enter the meeting ID, 840 2692 3055, and passcode, 387520.



Catherine Schuman

Nature-Inspired Machine Learning

presented by

Catherine Schuman, Ph.D.

Catherine (Katie) Schuman is a research scientist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). She received her Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Tennessee in 2015, where she completed her dissertation on the use of evolutionary algorithms to train spiking neural networks for neuromorphic systems. She is continuing her study of models and algorithms for neuromorphic computing at ORNL. Katie has an adjunct faculty appointment with the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Tennessee, where she co-leads the TENNLab neuromorphic computing research group. Katie has over 50 publications as well as six patents in the field of neuromorphic computing. Katie received the U.S. Department of Energy Early Career Award in 2019.



Mayme Crowell

President's Message

At last we shall meet again...via Zoom. Please join us at 12:30 pm on Monday, December 7, using #84026923055. We all have missed our exciting, relevant AAUW programs this year.

This December 7 meeting features ORNL Research Scientist, Catherine Schuman, speaking about Women's Opportunities and Challenges in Artificial Intelligence. This meeting is in lieu of our annual Holiday Tea. At the beginning of our December 7 general meeting, we shall approve a 2020-2021 budget (See Budget Attachment to this Newsletter), feature our new Gift Store, and announce AAUW National news. We are inviting computer science students to join us for this informative program.

With the pandemic seemingly ever present we also are planning January thru May Zoom general meetings with appropriate, educational programs. Let's thank loyal member Stella Schramm for hosting our Zoom events. Let's also thank longtime member Ruth Smiley for donating books as gifts for our guest speakers and for providing us with excellent Newsletters to keep us connected all year.

Please note the attached Order Form for our AAUW Gift Store items. Virginia Jones and her committee are offering beautiful, meaningful

Items which will provide excellent Christmas/Holiday gifts. I personally am giving my four grandchildren each a commemorative ornament celebrating the 100 Anniversary of Women's Right To Vote. The younger female generation needs to know that women have suffered and even died for each of them to obtain this voting right that is often taken for granted. Other Gift Store items are educational, useful, and entertaining. Thank you, Virginia, for this bright idea and for your committee's efforts to help us in our fundraising during this unprecedented time.

I urge each of you to make contacts with family, friends, and neighbors. Many feel isolated and lonely during this pandemic. A phone call, email, text, and/or note will brighten your and their day. Stay safe and healthy.

—Mayme

Public Policy

On November 21 Virginia Jones and I, chair and member of the AAUW's public policy committee, met with Mary Ann Reeves in her role for the of Women Voters. She is heading an effort by the state LWV to understand and influence the process of redistricting for the state. As an outcome of the 2020 census, the state legislature will take up redistricting for all political levels of Tennessee this coming year. Mary Ann is proposing that AAUW, both locally and statewide, be a coalition in support of the League's (nonpartisan) efforts. For us, that would mean passing along to our membership the information put together as the process moves forward and offering ideas about process and resources. She asked if we would approach the state AAUW with supporting this effort statewide. Members interested in additional information can access:

<https://mylww.org/tennessee/oak-ridge/articles>

—Anne Garcia



*We Care
About Our Members*

If you know of illness or death in the family of a member, please contact
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Great Success for Holiday Gift Shop!

The AAUW financial report for October-November 2020 shows a deposit of \$877 for the Gift Shop. This includes \$300 in donations and \$577 in sales. Since the date of this report, another \$460 has been deposited, making a total of \$1037 plus monies which are still to be collected from the Ferrell Shop. The good news is that we are now past the breakeven point for the Gift Shop.

The only ornaments now available at the Ferrell Shop are the White House tree ornament and two or three Suffrage Centennial Celebration ornaments (no more of the Suffrage Rose ornament are available).

We can still take orders for AAUW gifts. They will probably arrive in 7-10 days.

The order form is a separate attachment sent along with this newsletter.

—*Virginia Jones*

Remembering

Barbara Walker

Barbara Walker was a strong supporter of AAUW scholarships for women students at Roane State Community College. As a fundraiser for scholarships, Barbara initiated the annual sale of White House holiday ornaments. By continuing this tradition, AAUW is honoring Barbara's memory.

Attachments sent along with this newsletter:

- Year-End Financial Report for 2019-2020, Proposed Budget for 2020-2021
- Gift Shop Order Form

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