



AAUW Oak Ridge Tennessee Branch

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January 2021

AAUW General Meeting on **Zoom**

Monday, January 25, 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.

Acting Against Global Warmng

**Presented by
Ellen Smith, Oak Ridge City Council**



Ellen Smith

Ellen Smith currently serves on Oak Ridge City Council, a position she was first elected to in 2007. She served as an appointed member of the City's Environmental Quality Advisory Board (EQAB) from 1991 to 2007 and from 2013 to 2014. Ellen was EQAB's vice-chairman for 5 years and chairman for 11 years.

Ellen received a BA degree from Carleton College in Minnesota, where her major was geology and an MS degree in Water Resources Management from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is retired from her position as environmental scientist with the Environmental Sciences Division at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.



Mayme Crowell

President's Message

You AAUW members are to be commended. You have evidenced supreme dedication to our causes in a difficult time. You will note in this Newsletter that our Gift Store made a sizable profit. We now have monies both for a local scholarship and our annual national honor commitment. You members put your monies and energies into what you believe--assisting women and girls in improving themselves. Thank you for your selective buying and your donations.

The Zoom General Meeting program this month features Oak Ridge Councilwoman Ellen Smith who will talk about the environment and climate change in Oak Ridge. No one could be better to bring us up-to-date on this local issue. Our business session will include Public Policy Chairwoman Virginia Jones, who will inform us of two issues—redistricting and gun violence--about which we shall be collaborating with other organizations. Please let me know if you have any items to bring up at our meeting.

I realize that not everyone uses Zoom. May I suggest that you visit a friend, wear a mask, and social distance to watch together our Zoom General Meetings. I welcome anyone who would like to watch with me. Perhaps other Zoom members could invite non-Zoom

members to join watching with them.

Your board approved a new project: To sell used books about women and their issues. We are looking for any books you may wish to donate. Our sale price will be \$5/book. Virginia and Charles Jones have offered five books. Check your bookshelves for ones you may wish to add to the list. This may be a beneficial way to reduce your clutter, increase other's education, and add to our coffers.

With regret I must inform you of the death of our longtime member Alice Noggle. Alice has been a devoted member and has helped AAUW in many ways. She was the ever-present hostess at general meetings. She served on numerous committees and donated to our causes. In her later years Alice lived with her son in Knoxville and was not well enough to attend meetings. She will be greatly missed. We are sending a donation in her memory to National.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Let's make 2021 a great and glorious year.

—Mayme

Opportunities in Public Policy

The Public Policy Committee has been approached by two organizations to join in cooperative efforts.

- (1) The **League of Women Voters** is asking us to join with them in an effort to work with the State Legislature on the question of Redistricting for the state this year. Anne Garcia and Virginia Jones met online with Mary Ann Reeves to offer to help with this effort. If you would like work on this question, you can contact Anne at agg@bellsouth.net or Virginia at cavjones@bellsouth.net.
- (2) **Moms for Action** invited us to participate

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In two Zoom meetings in January, which have now passed. One was on effective letter writing and the other had to do with helping with their activities. The decision of our Board was that individual AAUW MEMBERS who want to help the MOMs group should feel free to contact them.

The Board also decided that our Public Policy Committee could write a letter of concern to members of the state legislature about keeping arms locked away to protect children and keeping arms out of the hands of domestic abusers. When this letter is composed, it will be made available to members.

*Public Policy Committee
Anne Garcia,
Virginia Jones, Chair
Kay Moss*

Treasurer's Report

Considering current conditions, the branch is in good financial shape, with donations and sales from the Gift Shop. A copy of the report given to the Board is attached.

A member has asked for clarification about tax deductible AAUW funds. The national organization has four of them: **4449 Economic Security Fund; 4450 Education and Training Fund; 4452 Leadership Fund; 4451 Governance and Sustainability Fund. 9110, the Greatest Needs fund is NOT tax deductible.** So, if a member wants to make a contribution to the national AAUW this is the choice of deductible funds. Sadly, our branch has had to make memorial contributions in the last month for Norma Woy and Alice Noggle. The contributions have been sent to the 4450 Education and Training Fund.

This brings us to the change which has now been made in the designation of our own educational fund the EOF (Educational Opportunities Fund.) It has been renamed NAF (National AAUW FUND) and will be used to make contributions to the National 4450 Educational Training Fund, which as has been stated is a 501 (c) (3) tax deductible fund. So, "NAF" will now appear in monthly treasury reports.

The LEP (Local Education Projects) continues with the present name. This fund is used to provide scholarships to Roane State students and other local education activities.

The Board decided this summer not to rollover one of our CD's with a value of \$500 + and to transfer this amount to the NAF fund. This amount is for the named gift to AAUW which the branch sends each year to National.

The proceeds from the Gift Shop of \$509 are going into the LEP fund. As a result of these two actions, we have adequate funding for both a scholarship and the designated, named gift.

For any questions, please write to cavjones@bellsouth.net.

Virginia M. Jones, Treasurer

We Care About Our Members

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

Carol Hoffner

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Gift Shop a Success!

The gift shop committee: Mayme Crowell, Virginia Jones, Kay Moss, and Stella Schramm are grateful for the generous support of Branch members with donations and purchases of Gift Store Items. Special thanks go also to Ruth Smiley and Maggie Slankas for Ruth's donation of copies of her book and to Maggie for offering to deliver items to purchasers. Stella Schramm made meetings of the committee possible, besides her own generosity in donations and purchases.

Kay Moss's idea of asking the Ferrell Shop to sell our items was a stroke of genius. Most of our sales were made there. We did have two orders from the Knoxville AAUW which was gratifying. All Suffrage Centennial ornaments were sold. Of the 25 White House ornaments, 14 were sold. Barbara Ferrell of the Ferrell Shop is willing to sell our offerings next year and suggested we keep the 11 remaining White House ornaments to sell next year. We did sell some items purchased from the National AAUW, but shipping was so costly, we decided not to continue these purchases. Members can go to the national website and look for Shop AAUW <http://aauw.source4.com/b2c/Sites/AAUWMember/Home.asp>

The end result of our Gift Shop effort is enough money for a Roane State Scholarship, which was as we had hoped.

The idea of members' donating books related to Women's History to the Gift Shop, which would then be for sale, was introduced at the January Board Meeting.

The Gift Shop Committee would like to know what Members think about this idea. The Joneses offered to donate *Why They Marched* and *African American Women in the Struggle for the Vote*, for example.

Do other members want to donate books? Or to buy books? Five dollars was mentioned as

the donation amount for a book.

If members have any other ideas about this, please contact the chair for the Gift Shop: Virginia Jones at 483-8944 or cavjones@bellsouth.net



Mark Your Calendar—2021

AAUW Oak Ridge Board meets on the second Monday of each month at 10:00 am.

AAUW General Meeting is at 12:30 pm on the fourth Monday of each month.

Until further notice, these meetings will be on **Zoom** following the above schedule.

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