



# AAUW

## Oak Ridge Tennessee Branch

*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.*

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<http://aauw-tn.aauw.net>

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**March 2022**

### **AAUW General Meeting on Zoom** **Monday, March 28, 12:30 pm**

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84026923055?pwd=blkremFFdTZMaUJqNmozB29jSEdkZz09>

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

**Speaker:**  
**Ginny Miceli**  
**Executive Director, The Arc Anderson County**

**Topic: Future Vision for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

Ginny Miceli is Executive Director of The Arc Anderson County. Arc is a national organization with more than 600 chapters which offer support and advocacy for people of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



**Ginny Miceli**

Ms. Miceli holds a Bachelor's degree in music education, a Master's degree in general special education, and Education Specialist degree in education leadership.

She has been involved with The Arc Anderson County since the early 90's. She was awarded teacher of the year from The Arc Tennessee. She has served as President of the Board of Directors for Emory Valley Center and President of the Board of Directors for The Arc Anderson County. She also serves as a volunteer with Catholic Charities at the Pregnancy Help Center in LaFollette, TN.



*Mayme Crowell*

## *President's Message*

We learned more about how journalism contributes to preserving our democracy from our February program with Knoxville News-Sentinel Joel Christopher, but the Ukrainians are teaching us even more about the importance of the preservation of democracy regardless of the odds. My heart goes out to those who are being needlessly threatened and bombed. This is a humanitarian crisis of mass proportions, and my prayer is that the war does not go beyond the Ukraine.

Are you concerned about inflation, border security, and a possible world-wide war? What can you do to make a difference? As U.S. citizens, we can absorb relevant, truthful information and register to vote in all elections. We know that our country appears hopelessly divided and angry. Can we affect that revengeful division? We can do our part by listening to all sides of an issue before determining where we stand and by not denigrating the people who do not think as we do. Thoughtful, peaceful dialogue is necessary for continued progress.

We locals often do not take advantage of nearby attractions/resources ...until we have out-of-town guests. You have an opportunity to tour the Museum with other AAUW members at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 26. Ticket cost is

\$5.00. The Museum Director is leading this tour. (Due to a springtime snow, the earlier AAUW-Knoxville sponsored tour of the Museum was cancelled.) Should you wish to go to Red Lobster for lunch after the tour, please contact Sherry Scott, [sherrybscott@gmail.com](mailto:sherrybscott@gmail.com). This event is a welcome Springtime outing for those of us who don't often leave home.

Recently we learned that the National AAUW dues will increase by \$5.00. This means that your next year's dues will be \$85. State and Local dues remain the same. This news of a dues increase is simply to inform you of your upcoming annual membership 2022-2023 dues to be paid in the May/June timeframe...so that you will have no surprises.

Please join us on Zoom for the March 28<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, which is described in this Newsletter. Our General Meetings have been well attended by our members, and surprisingly many community members are participating. Zoom program attendees have ranged from 8 – 32. This month we are welcoming Knoxville and Maryville members, as they begin receiving electronic copies of our Newsletter.

—*Mayme*

## **AMSE TOUR**

Saturday, March 26, at 9:45 a.m. an American Museum of Science and Energy (AMSE) tour is scheduled. Ticket cost is \$5.00. AAUW-Knoxville is sponsoring this event to which we are invited. If you wish after the tour to eat at Red Lobster for lunch with the group, please contact Sherry Scott, [sherrybscott@gmail.com](mailto:sherrybscott@gmail.com). She is arranging tables for everyone.

## **AAUW MEMBERSHIP LETTER**

AAUW-Oak Ridge now has a letter explaining all about AAUW--its purpose, activities, and costs. This letter is included with the small honorarium gift given to our program presenters. This letter also can be read by anyone wishing to know more about AAUW and/or to join AAUW. Please contact Mayme Crowell, [crowellmr@comcast.net](mailto:crowellmr@comcast.net) if you wish to have a copy.

## NCCWSL

AAUW-Oak Ridge and AAUW-TN are sponsoring Maya Weaver, undergraduate at Tennessee State University, for the June 2022 National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). This Conference once again will be conducted via Zoom. Our thanks go to member Mary Ann Reeves for nominating Maya for this event. Congratulations to Maya for being chosen by AAUW-TN as one of the recipients of tuition for this event.



### Public Policy Committee Report

March is Women's History Month. International Women's Day was March 8. The Public Policy Committee sent information about celebrations of the Day. Women's Equal Pay Day is March 15, a little earlier than usual this year. The wage gap between the yearly pay of women and men has decreased. Women on average now earn 83 percent of the pay for men. This is not the case for all women. See

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/2022/03/15/equal-pay-day-2022/>

### *We Care About Our Members*

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

Carol Hoffner, 865-441-3152  
[carolhoffner35@comcast.net](mailto:carolhoffner35@comcast.net)

Other mailings have been sent to members with information from:

1. The ACLU with information about its efforts.
2. COPS (Community Oriented Police Services) which invited the public to a webinar about new ways of dealing with domestic violence.
3. SENIC TENNESSEE which gave us names and numbers of state legislators to contact. Members did contact them, and the House and Senate Bills are postponed until next year
4. LEE ANN CARMACK, although Lee Ann is no longer State Chair, she sends mailings which we forward to our members.
5. MARY ANN REEVES, urging support for doula bill

[HB2109.pdf \(tn.gov\)](#)

—*Public Policy Committee: Anne Garcia, Kay Moss, Mary Ann Reeves, and Virginia Jones, Chair*

### Gift Shop Report

Two sets of miniature ornaments have been sold. (There are 12 ornaments in a box, which sells for \$59.95. Individual ornaments may be purchased for \$9.95.) Kay Moss and Charles Jones will talk to Barbara Ferrell to see if she will display and sell ornaments and Ruth Smiley's book on *Tennessee Women*.

To view the ornaments, see [White House Miniatures: 2nd Edition – White House Historical Association \(whitehousehistory.org\)](#)

And

<https://shop.whitehousehistory.org/products/3rd-edition-white-house-miniature-ornaments>

Please let Virginia Jones know if you would like to buy a set at \$59.95, which she will then order for you.

—*Virginia Jones, Chair*  
865-483-8944  
[cavjones@bellsouth.net](mailto:cavjones@bellsouth.net)

**AAUW Members**, Your help with Public Policy is greatly needed! Lee Anne Carmack has sent us information we need to try to help the Legislature make good decisions on.

Will each of you look at this list and choose a bill or bills to follow and recommend what members should advise legislators to do? I think that if each of us has a responsibility we might be able to accomplish something. Please answer ASAP.

Thanks, Public Policy Committee

Click bill ## for details and committee information.

**State Bill # Summary Status**

TN [SB0018](#) AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 40, relative to voting rights.

*Changes: History Steps*

**2022-03-15 / Intro**

Action deferred in Senate State and Local Government Committee to 3/22/2022

TN [SB0672](#) AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 21; Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5 and Title 50, relative to insurance benefits.

*Changes: History Steps*

**2022-03-15 / Intro**

To Senate Commerce and Labor Committee

TN [SB1461](#) AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 49, relative to voter registration.

*Changes: History Steps*

**2022-03-15 / Intro**

Action deferred in Senate State and Local Government Committee to 3/22/2022

TN [SB2290](#) AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, relative to higher education.

*Changes: History Steps, Sponsor Changes*

**2022-03-15 / Intro**

Sponsor(s) Added.

TN [SB2300](#) AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 4, relative to criminal law.

*Changes: History Steps*

**2022-03-15 / Intro**

To Senate Judiciary Committee

TN [SB2516](#) AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 9; Title 12, Chapter 3 and Title 12, Chapter 4, relative to state contracts.

*Changes: None*

**2022-03-15 / Engross**

Sponsor(s) Added.

TN [SB2538](#) AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, relative to labor.

*Changes: History Steps*

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To Senate Commerce and Labor Committee

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