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Oak Ridge Tennessee Branch

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**April 2022**

## **AAUW General Meeting on Zoom Monday, April 25, 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.

### **Jamie Satterfield Investigative Journalist**

#### **The Power and limitations of investigative Journalism**



**Jamie Satterfield**

Jamie Satterfield is an investigative journalist with more than 33 years of experience, specializing in legal affairs, policing, public corruption, environmental crime, and civil rights violations. Her journalism has been honored as some of the best in the nation, earning recognition from the Scripps Howard Foundation, the Society of Professional Journalists' Sigma Delta Chi Awards, the Green Eyeshade Awards, the Tennessee Press Association, the Tennessee Managing Editors Association, the First Amendment Center, and many other industry organizations. Her work has led to criminal charges against wrongdoers, changes in state law and citations in legal opinions and journals. She was married to the love of her life for 28 years and is now a widow and proud mother of two successful children of good character and work ethic.



*Mayme Crowell*

## *President's Message*

Be sure and join us for our April program which features an investigative journalist. I am unsure of your concerns, but I have often seen evidence that journalists nowadays simply read news and do not bother to determine the actual, true details of a news item. Journalists appear to be more concerned with imagery than with truth. I attribute this to the failure of our journalism schools to produce inquisitive, diligent graduates. The public needs to know the true details in order to make reasoned opinions.

Thomas Jefferson reminded us that the education of the populace is a requirement of democracy. Please see the details of our April 28 program elsewhere in this Newsletter.

The Board recently realized that we need to once again make public our financial status. Therefore, we are presenting financial information in this Newsletter. Please note that we have the \$500 necessary for our June honorary donation to National. We also have Local Education monies for student scholarships at Roane State Community College (RSCC). Money is currently available for our meager operations costs. If you have questions, please contact our treasurer, Missy Bowen, or me.

Our College/University Coordinator is diligently working with RSCC to determine the details for

presenting our scholarship winner(s). Maggie Slankas' article will explain how things have changed in the last few years. For example, Tennessee now allows students to attend community colleges for two years after high school free of charge. The costs of books and equipment, however, have skyrocketed, as have gas prices. Women need funds to pursue their educations. We can be helpful. After all, our mission statement is "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocations, education, and research."

Maya Weaver, our chosen student to attend via Zoom the National College Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL,) will participate with that group in June. We shall hope to hear from her next year if the information she obtained at this Conference has been useful to her in her educational pursuits.

Soon you will receive in the mail the opportunity to continue your membership next year (July-June). I hope you will continue to support our work and rejoin with even more vigorous intentions. We value your opinions and efforts.

*Mayme*

## **AAUW Scholarship Information**

The AAUW Scholarship given to a Roane State student is changing along with the way the Tennessee Promise program has changed how many students pay for college. AAUW has traditionally paid tuition for a 3 hour course for a woman over age 25. AAUW has discovered that many traditional age students often need more assistance than older students.

The past few years, we have had fewer and fewer applications. This year, no scholarship was awarded. Our AAUW board made the decision this year to go through Health Sciences Department. The belief was that faculty could guide individual students to the scholarship. Health Sciences textbooks are very expensive and often students must buy uniforms and other equipment for the clinical duty necessary to complete their degree.

## AAUW Scholarship Information

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We will award the scholarship for the fall semester this year. The scholarship deadline is May 31, the same requirement date as the Roane State Foundation. The student must have completed one semester at RSCC with a GPA of at least 3.0. The scholarship will fund tuition for a 3 hour course. If the student has tuition paid through other sources, \$500 will be available to the student to pay for books, supplies, or other essential expenses.

We have contacted the Health Sciences Department and already have two applications for the fall semester.

*Maggie Slankas, College University Relations*

### Treasurer's Report

#### February/March 2022

Checking Account Balance	\$2,864.62
National AAUW Fund	540.98
Local Education Fund	1,932.85
Certificates of Deposit	2,333.93
<b>Total Account Balance</b>	<b>\$7,672.38</b>

Dues notices will be mailed out soon in order that I will receive them by June 1. National dues have increased by \$5.00 making them \$67. State and local dues remain the same as last year.

*Missy Bowen, Treasurer*

### *We Care About Our Members*

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

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*For people with intellectual  
and developmental disabilities*

For AAUW members who missed the March 28, General Meeting, here is a brief summary:

Ginny Micelli, Executive Director of The Arc of Anderson County spoke at our last virtual meeting. Her topic was "Future Vision for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)." Arc of Anderson County may not be as well-known as Emory Valley Center, which serves adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them employment, and the Emory Valley Early Learning Center which serves children.

Arc is located at 161-D Robertsville Road in Oak Ridge. It focuses on youth development and adult socialization. Arc's Mission is to "Promote advocacy, empowerment, and full participation for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the community throughout their lifetimes. "

Ginny Micelli has served as President of the board of directors of The Emory Valley Center and President of the Board for Arc. She has extensive experience and education in Special Ed.

The Arc of Anderson County is one of 500 such organizations in the country. For further information see their website.

*Virginia Jones*



VOTE---VOTE---VOTE---VOTE!!!

**INFORMATION ABOUT ANDERSON COUNTY EARLY VOTING, INCLUDING BALLOT**

<https://www.acelect.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Anderson-Newspaper-May-2022P.pdf>

**INFORMATION ABOUT ROANE COUNTY VOTING FOR AUGUST 4 ELECTION**

<https://roaneelections.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Offices-up-for-election-Augst-4-2022-RCN-March-2.pdf>

**INFORMATION ABOUT KNOX COUNTY**

<https://www.knoxcounty.org/>

**THE BAD NEWS**

SB161098-Makes it a felony with prison term from 1-6 years and fine up to \$3,000 to camp or sleep on public property. This applies to local public property. It is already illegal on state property. This would leave the veterans, families and children who are homeless nowhere to go.

NAMI, the advocacy group for those with mental illness, has asked AAUW to contact all our state legislators to vote against it. See attachment to write or to call Senators. There are numerous reasons for being homeless, including losing one's home or job, or perhaps alcoholism, or some other behavioral

problem such as PTSD. PLEASE TAKE ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HELPING DEFEAT THIS BILL.

**THE GOOD NEWS**

SB2069 which requires high schools to notify students about their eligibility to vote at age 18 and to provide them with information about registering to vote has been reported to the Senate

HB2779 which requires a physician to notify the board of medical examiners within 72 hours instead of 7 days if the physician has been charged with disobeying laws about abortion has been taken off the committee calendar.

Once again, please assume responsibility for contacting some or all Senators in the Legislature to oppose this bill. The list of Senators is in the above attachment.

*Public Policy Committee  
Anne Garcia, Virginia Jones (chair), Kay Moss,  
Mary Ann Reeves, Stella Schramm*

**Gift Shop Report**

Barbara Ferrell of The Ferrell Shop is happy to display and sell the miniature White House tree ornaments this year. She offered to help us find them at a lower cost, but so far no source has been found. They come in a box of 12, honoring 12 Presidents and she will sell them individually.

If anyone wants to buy a box with all the ornaments, they must order them through AAUW. Barbara will have order forms available. She will have copies of Ruth's book about Tennessee Women also.

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