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FROM THE PRESIDENT, ANNE LOY:

This is the last paragraph that I will write for *The Tennessean* as State president--a sort of sad time, yet one of relief to hand over responsibilities to Mayme Crowell, as she takes my place. She will do a super job! I will still be active, as Past President, and you can certainly believe that I will stay involved in all that AAUW does. I have participated in many activities of AAUW--contacting our Tennessee Congressmen on behalf of women and girls, and supporting several women in the Senate who are on "our side." So many thanks are due to members across the state that I cannot name everyone! Volunteers have just stepped up for the jobs that are needed, and it has been wonderful to have so much help! So, thank you to all who have joined in with our efforts in Tennessee!

I am excited:

- about the Tennessee Women Project and the publication of the book, *Tennessee Women of Vision and Courage*.
- that we have added several colleges and universities as Partners, enabling their students to be free e-affiliate members.
- that two Tennessee students were provided scholarships for the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) during my tenure--Jillian Harris, nominated by the Kingsport Branch, and Kellum K. Everett, nominated by the Murfreesboro Branch.
- that we have helped the Murfreesboro Branch celebrate its 100th anniversary.
- that so many of you have volunteered to help in various ways to "promote equity for women and girls..."

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I am looking forward to attending the AAUW National Convention in June, along with Mayme, and, from past experience, I know that this will be a rewarding time. (My husband is going along and has arranged an extensive Amtrak trip for sight-seeing along the way to upstate New York for our granddaughter's high school graduation later in the month.)

I have participated in the "One Member, One Vote," effort of AAUW--voting online for changes in the Public Policy and Bylaws, and for new officers of the organization. Urge you to vote--online by June 10; the deadline for paper ballots has passed. You will need your "Outlook" magazine for your member ID and PIN on the back cover. Be sure to keep informed through the magazine and other publications of AAUW. I know that all the information coming from Washington seems to be a lot--IS a lot--but it is important. Please take time to read and respond when appropriate, and when you can.

If at any time I can do anything to help you and/or your branch, be sure to let me know. I appreciate all that you have done to promote AAUW of Tennessee and to help women and girls of our state.

New TN President's Message

As your new state president, I am humbled to serve you and your branches in your important work. I shall hope to meet as many of you as possible by visiting your branches. We stand on the shoulders of so many dedicated, hard-working women and men. It is now time for us to take up the mantle of women's equality. Many challenges remain and many opportunities abound. If each of us does our part, we can make a difference in the future for women's equality.

Both Anne and I are participating in the AAUW National Convention in New Orleans. I hope to learn new information and share Tennessee information with this group. The convention should provide us with news ideas, relevant challenges, and possible solutions to some of our national issues.

AAUW-TN meets in Nashville on the Sunday (Oct 27) before the Women's Economic Summit. This will be a business meeting at which hopefully all our branches will be represented. Please mark your calendars. AAUW-TN will have a booth, and our Tennessee Women's Project will debut its new book. How exciting! I look forward to working with you. Best Wishes,
Mayme

Development Report

AAUW of Tennessee Donations
from 1-1-12 to 12-31-12

Branch Totals:

Columbia, \$50

Jackson, \$110

Kingsport, \$25

Knoxville, \$4260

Martin, \$40

Maryville, \$225

Memphis, \$260

Murfreesboro, \$620

Nashville, \$1000

Oak Ridge, \$2015

Grand Total: \$8645

Tennessee Women Project:

We are now in the final stages of compiling the book manuscript, *Tennessee Women of Vision and Courage*, and will be submitting it to a publisher soon. Our goal is to release the book in October.

We thank all those who have supported us during the life of this project that began in 2011. AAUW members have nominated historical women to be included in the book, written profiles, read and offered helpful suggestions for manuscripts, and donated funds. In the coming year, we will be asking AAUW branches and members for your help in promoting the book with book signings, press releases, and public programs.

Through generous support from AAUW, other supporting organizations, individuals, and a grant from the Women's Equity Foundation (WEF), we have funds to cover initial publication costs. We are now seeking donations to cover costs of promoting the book and supplying copies to all 317 public high school libraries in Tennessee. WEF, a 501(c)(3) support organization for AAUW, is the fiscal agent for our book. Therefore, your donation, payable to Women's Equity Foundation, is tax deductible and should be mailed to: Tennessee Women Project, PO Box 24314, Knoxville, TN 37933.

Once we have met our goal for supplying books to high school libraries, royalties from book sales will go to AAUW-TN's scholarship fund to send Tennessee students to the annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

Charlotte Crawford & Ruth Johnson Smiley
Project Directors



April Annual Meeting Summary and Board Report by Anne Loy

The Annual Meeting and Board Meeting were held in conjunction with a special Lilly Ledbetter event sponsored by MTSU on April 5-6, 2013. Many of us heard Ledbetter speak--telling her story of unequal pay from the Goodyear Tire Company and her fight, unsuccessful because of a Supreme Court ruling ten years later. However she refuses to give up and with AAUW's help along with other organizations she lobbied Congress and has spoken all across the nation for equal pay. Her book, *Grace and Grit*, is an inspiration, and it ends with her speech at the 2008 Democratic Convention, President Barack Obama's speech upon signing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act, January 29, 2009, and copies of that Act as well as the one that is before Congress now, "The Paycheck Fairness Act."



2014 Officers Samantha Cantrell, Sue Byrd, and Mayme Crowell are installed at the annual AAUW TN meeting.

The AAUW of Tennessee Board of Directors, meeting at the Forest Oaks Clubhouse, wonderfully hosted and fed by the Murfreesboro Branch, heard various reports and was interested to hear from Kristina Romines, a contract organizer for AAUW. We also welcomed AAUW Vice-President of Finance Millie Hoffler-Foushee, from North Carolina, who spoke at the Annual Meeting. The Board unanimously approved holding a fall meeting in conjunction with the annual Tennessee Economic Summit for Women and to pay for a

sponsorship. We will spotlight the publication of the Tennessee Women Project's book, *Tennessee Women of Vision and Courage* at that event. The Annual Meeting rotates to West Tennessee for next year, and the Memphis and Martin branches will work together to determine a location.

At the Annual Meeting the following day business items were taken care of as well as various missional area reports given.

The group celebrated the Murfreesboro Branch's 100th year, as it had a special display for the meeting, held on the MTSU campus. We heard from Kristina Romines, who pointed out that AAUW has a lot of clout in Washington because of our long-term work on women's issues, but she emphasized that we still need to be diligent in our mission. She will continue to work with Public Policy

Chair Virginia Jones, of Oak Ridge. Ruth Smiley installed the new officers: Mayme Crowell as President, Sue Byrd as President-Elect, and Samantha Cantrell, continuing as Finance Officer. Crowell presented President Anne Loy with a plaque and announced a \$185 contribution in Loy's name to the state's NCCWSL fund. Vice-President Hoffler-Foushee brought up up-to-date on AAUW with a PowerPoint presentation and urged us to apply for an Impact Grant. The website has information. aauw-tn.aauw.net

Branch News: Martin Making a Difference Locally & Globally

The Martin Branch of AAUW finished their year-long initiative of making a difference locally and globally by being involved in a variety of activities.

This involved:

- working with the local Girl Scouts, leading a workshop for the girls to complete their Looking Your Best badge which included hands-on activities on health, fashion, hygiene and good nutrition;
- raising over \$450 for the Dining for Women Organization which went to help fund projects to improve the quality of life, enhance self esteem, provide job skills training, and develop leadership skills for girls and women in Indonesia, India, Ecuador, Burma, Kenya, Haiti, and Nepal (diningforwomen.org/);



Martin Branch Members (l) Sam Ray and (r) Andi Lindley, spread the word about Equal Pay Day at the University of Tennessee at Martin

- raising \$300 through a yard sale to Fight Fistula (www.fightfistula.org/);
- funding travel for a student member, Lisa Baskette, to attend NCCWSL;
- staffing a booth at the University of Tennessee at Martin on Equal Pay Day and;
- staffing a booth at the UT Martin Women's Studies Symposium to recruit new members resulting in 8 new members.



Like us on Facebook: AAUW Martin (TN) Branch.

Branch News: Murfreesboro

Murfreesboro Mayor Tommy Bragg declared March 21, 2013, "AAUW of Murfreesboro Day" in recognition of the branch's centennial year; the branch also received a certificate of honor from national AAUW in recognition of the 100th anniversary.

To celebrate March as National Women's History Month, the branch received a \$300.00 grant from MTSU to sponsor a reception and panel discussion by representatives from women's organizations that work toward equity for women and girls in the middle Tennessee area:

AAUW of Murfreesboro, Professional and Business Women, and MTSU's President's Commission on Women, Women's Gender Studies Program, June Anderson's Center



AAUW of Tennessee 2013 NCCWSL Scholarship recipient Kellum Everett (L) works EQUAL PAY DAY booth with Dr. Jackie Eller, MTSU, April 9. Both are members of AAUW of Murfreesboro, co-sponsor of the booth. Ms. Everett, Murfreesboro branch nominee for the state scholarship, will attend the three-day National Conference for Women Student Leaders. Ms. Everett is a junior at MTSU majoring in anthropology and general science. She is president of the organization Women in Science and Engineering.

for Women and Nontraditional Students, Women's STEM Center, and the student organization Women in Science & Engineering.

On April 9—EQUAL PAY DAY—the branch co-sponsored two informational booths at MTSU about the gender pay gap. At its May 9th meeting, the branch held a "Shape the Future" auction to benefit AAUW's Educational Opportunities and Legal Advocacy Funds; awarded three free national memberships earned from national for branch recruitment in 2012-2013, signed up

two new members, and elected Tanya Peres Lemons, branch President; Meredith Dye, Membership VP, and Ayne Cantrell, Communications Officer.

**SUMMER CALENDAR
Reminders**

May 30: Deadline for payment of DUES is May 30, 2013.

June: Newly elected officers' names due to AAUW (aauw.org, MSD) and State President-Elect

June 9 - 12, 2013: AAUW National Convention, Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

August 18: anniversary of the date in 1920 when the Tennessee General Assembly became the 36th state needed to ratify the U.S. Constitution, when women won the right to vote

October 27, 2013: AAUW TN Meeting in Nashville

October 27-28, 2013: Women's Economic Summit in Nashville, TN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO ALL BRANCHES The next AAUW of Tennessee meeting will be held in Nashville on Sunday, October 27th, 2013. It is the day before the Women's Economic Summit, also in Nashville. The Summit will be a 2-day event, from October 27-28.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT: I was contacted by the national membership reps regarding any success stories with membership. They want to know if there are any particular success stories at the state or branch levels in the area of recruitment, retention, or diversity. They want to share these stories during the convention, when we have our membership briefing. If our people are not attending the convention and would like to have the stories shared, they can send the information to me at lethagranberry@yahoo.com. If they are attending the convention, but not any membership briefings, they can still send the information to me and I will relay it.

DEADLINES FOR QUARTERLY TENNESSEAN PUBLICATION:

Fall 2013: August 20 (for August 28 publication)

OUR MISSION: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

OUR VISION: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

THE AAUW VALUE PROMISE: By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

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