



CALL TO ACTION

Fellow AAUW-TN Members and Friends,

We have our work cut out for us. In this rapidly changing political landscape, there are many opportunities to increase our visibility, our advocacy, our commitment. If you aren't already signed up for the AAUW Action Network, we encourage you to do so now: <http://www.aauw.org/actionnetwork/>. For those of you already on the network, we urge you to sign up friends and colleagues. We also offer you the following opportunities to be involved.

Yours in AAUW,

Samantha Cantrell (President, AAUW Tennessee)

Peggy Swann (Public Policy, AAUW Tennessee)

March 8

Women's Policy And Action Day On The Hill 8 am-3:30 pm. Breakfast: Waller Law, 27th Floor 8-9 am, 511 Union St. Nashville. Meet Legislators: Legislative Plaza 9-11 am. Lunch: Waller Law 12-12:45 pm, and Meet Legislators: 1-3 pm. Hosted by Business and Professional Women of Tennessee (BPW-TN) and co-sponsored by AAUW-TN. Come out and lobby your elected officials in support of equal pay legislation. This is a great opportunity to collaborate with other Tennessee women's organizations; move the conversation on equal pay; and the best way to have your voice heard by representatives. Email AAUW-TN Public Policy Chair, Peggy Swann at peggyswann@gmail.com to register.

March 31

Pre-AAUW-TN Convention Session on Reproductive Rights. Facilitated by Dia Cirillo. 3:00-4:30 at the Bert Bornblum Library media gallery on the Macon campus of Southwest Tennessee Community College

Pre-AAUW-TN Convention Board Meeting. 6:30-8:30 at Coletta's, 2850 Appling Rd., Memphis

April 1

AAUW of Tennessee Annual Convention: Navigating the Future: Women in Leadership. Sessions begin at 9:00 am at the Bert Bornblum Library media gallery on the Macon campus of Southwest Tennessee Community College, Memphis. (Registration and other details are inside this newsletter)

April 4

Equal Pay Day (EPD)
To earn the same amount that her male counterpart earned in 2016, a woman has to work until this day in 2017 to make up the difference. Wear red to raise awareness that women are finally "out of the red" on this day. At least three AAUW-TN branches will conduct Equal Pay Day activities on college/universities campuses. AAUW branches and members across the state will take to social media to promote equal pay in a twitterstorm. More ideas for EPD are available here: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/how-to-equal-pay-day/>. Let us know your plans: Email AAUW-TN Public Policy Chair, Peggy Swann at peggyswann@gmail.com

June 3

AAUW of Tennessee Leadership Summit. Tom Jackson Building, Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU). Featuring Dr. Newtona (Tina) Johnson, Interim Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, MTSU. Topic of this year's summit: Leadership Training and Succession Planning. Registration details available in May.

June 14-17

2017 AAUW National Convention. Washington, DC. Join fellow AAUW members from across the country as we gather to learn, strategize, and hold a lobby day on Capitol Hill. An energizing and unforgettable experience. Details available here: <http://convention.aauw.org/>

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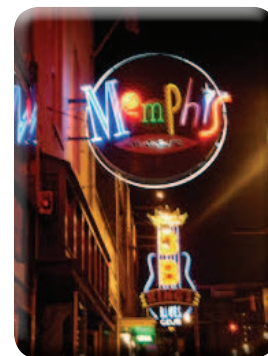
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IMPORTANT NOTICE: Motion to Increase AAUW Tennessee Dues

AAUW Tennessee will hold its annual business meeting in Memphis on Saturday afternoon at the 2017 Convention, April 1. Members will vote on a motion to increase annual state dues from \$10 to \$12 per member beginning July 1, 2017.

Announcing the 2017 AAUW Tennessee Convention

Navigating the Future: Women in Leadership

March 31-April 1 • Registration Deadline March 17

Southwest Tennessee Community College, Macon Campus • 5983 Macon Cove • Memphis, Tennessee

Friday, March 31

3:00-4 PM CDT Pre-Convention Session:

Reproductive Rights facilitated by Dia Cirillo

Bert Bornblum Library Media Gallery

Southwest Tennessee Community College, Macon Campus

6:30 PM CDT Dinner & Board Meeting

Coletta's, 2850 Appling Rd

Saturday, April 1

8:30 AM-3 PM CDT

Convention

Bert Bornblum Library

Southwest Tennessee Community College, Macon Campus

Hosted by AAUW Memphis, the 2017 AAUW-TN convention will be held in Memphis at Southwest Tennessee Community College, Macon Campus. Featuring presentations by members of AAUW and Directors of the UT Martin Somerville Center and the Tennessee Human Rights Commission, speakers will focus on the topic of women in leadership. Additional discussion will include updates on pay equity, the latest news from AAUW National, state public policy advocacy, and campus equity. AAUW Tennessee members will elect officers and vote on a proposed increase in membership dues.

Navigating the Future: Women in Leadership Featured Speakers



Traci Jensen (National AAUW Board of Directors) will discuss AAUW's newest research Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership. Jensen is the immediate past president of AAUW West Harris County, Texas, where she helped

facilitate Houston's Expanding Your Horizons Conference. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and Master and Doctoral degrees from The University of Houston. She has been a classroom teacher, a professor of Education, and a political candidate for the Texas State Board of Education. She regularly lobbies the Texas legislature on issues pertaining to public education. She spends a lot of her time working with her son on the Alpha Charity League and being a child advocate through Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), where she is also a member of CASA's Speakers Bureau. Traci finds time to be an active member of the Spring Branch Family Development Center.



Kara Tapp (Director of University of Tennessee Martin-Somerville Center) will conduct the student break-out session, assisted by Teresa Collard and Lisa LeBleu, Director and Assistant Director of UT Martin Women's Center. Tapp received her Bachelor of Arts degree in

Communication from UT Martin and a Master's degree in Higher Education Administration from Cambridge College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. After working six years in radio and television, she found her calling in the education field. She has held positions in Admission at the Cambridge College's Memphis satellite and as Director of Communications for Fayette County Schools. She loves what she does daily and has a passion for students and those in her hometown community. She serves on the Fayette County Chamber Board, the Fayette County Higher Education Committee, the Fayette County Carl Perkin's Center Board, and the Fayette County Workforce Task Force. She and her husband, Josh, have a daughter, Lexie Joe.



Beverly Watts (Executive Director of the Tennessee Human Rights Commission, THRC) will speak on women in leadership at executive levels. A graduate of Tennessee State University and Southern Illinois University, Watts has completed leadership

programs at Duke University and Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government. She has more than 30 years of experience in civil rights enforcement and education in the public and private sector, including positions as Special Advisor to the Chair at the U.S. Equal Employment, Title IX Coordinator at the U.S. Office for Civil Rights, Executive Director of the National Fair Housing Training Academy in Washington, D.C., and Executive Director of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights. She currently serves as IAOHRA's Southern Region Representative and Annual Conference Planning Chair, Chair of Women Executives in State Government, Adjunct faculty at Spalding University, Mission Advisor to the Cable Board, and member WCA of Middle Tennessee Board. Watts is a Life Member of the NAACP.

CONVENTION ACCOMMODATIONS: A block of 12 regular double rooms (\$89 each + tax) has been reserved for "AAUW Tennessee" at Fairfield Inn and Suites (6010 Macon Cove; Memphis, TN) for March 31. Deadline to reserve a room is March 15. To make your reservation, call 901-384-0010 and ask for the "AAUW Tennessee" group rate.

DIRECTIONS: For directions to all venues, contact Letha Granberry (Program Chair) at lethagranberry@yahoo.com or 901-292-9293.

WHAT TO SEE IN MEMPHIS: The Memphis Branch looks forward to welcoming AAUW-TN members to Memphis (see photos on page 4). While in Memphis, we hope you will have time to enjoy the hospitality of West Tennessee. There are a number of tour sites that are popular with national and international visitors. A few of Memphis' attractions are The Peabody Hotel, National Civil Rights Museum, Slave Haven Underground Railroad Museum, Sun Studios, Stax Museum, Graceland, Rhodes College, the Memphis Grizzlies, and, of course, Beale Street.

Don't miss visiting Memphis and taking advantage of this once-a-year chance to collaborate with AAUW members across the state! Please see the Convention Registration Form on the next page, complete, and return by March 17.

AAUW of Tennessee 2017 State Convention

Navigating the Future: Women in Leadership

Registration form due **March 17, 2017**



New! Register and pay online at tinyurl.com/AAUW-TN-convention

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Branch: _____

State/Branch Office: _____

Please list any special dietary requirements you may have:

Will you attend the Friday afternoon session on reproductive rights? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you attend the Friday evening board meeting? (Pay your own dinner) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Sunday registration (includes breakfast and lunch): ☐ \$50 Professional Member
☐ \$30 Student

Completed registration forms with your check made payable to **AAUW-TN** should be mailed to **Phyllis Driver, AAUW-TN Treasurer, 5833 Briercliff Rd, Knoxville, TN 37918**

Registrations must be received by March 17, 2017. This is a hard and fast deadline, because we must make final arrangements with the venue by that date. Registration fees are non-refundable after March 15. If you miss the deadline, please contact Letha Granberry, Program Chair, at lethagranberry@yahoo.com or **901-292-9293** to find out if a space is still available.

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Coletta's Italian Restaurant

250 Appling Rd in Memphis



Saturday, April 1

8:30 AM Convention Begins

Southwest Tennessee Community
College-Macon Campus

CIRILLO AND DRIVER NOMINATED TO LEAD AAUW TENNESSEE

At the April 2017 Convention, AAUW Tennessee will elect new officers to serve with Letha Granberry who assumes the presidency on July 1, 2017. The Nominations Committee (B. Ayne Cantrell, Connie Malarkey, and Clarice Rankins) offer two outstanding nominees.

President-Elect, 2017-2018--Dia Cirillo is the president of AAUW of Murfreesboro and a member of the national policy committee of AAUW. She served as public policy chair for AAUW of Tennessee from 2013-2016. She brings 20 years of experience in planning, public policy and organizational change.

She has served as a senior manager and strategist, working in government, nonprofit and private sectors on complex policy issues and programs in healthcare reform implementation, economic development and social policy. Over the course of her career, she has led multi-year projects that have culminated in the development of new policy, programs, laws and funding sources (\$34 million).

Cirillo currently serves as an independent consultant and works with clients to create strong, innovative organizations and initiatives. She holds a Masters in History/Political Economy from New York University, where she was University Fellow, and a Bachelors from the University of Puget Sound. She was a Fulbright Fellow in Chile and is a graduate of the Chicago Public Schools. She speaks Spanish fluently and can chat in Portuguese. She resides with her family in Murfreesboro and aspires to raise laying hens.



Top: Dia Cirillo

Bottom: Phyllis Driver

Financial officer, 2017-2019--Phyllis Driver is Professor Emerita of Accounting at Carson Newman University, where she taught for 30 years and where she received the Distinguished Professor Award in 2006. She has also taught in China and in Azerbaijan. She has been active in AAUW for 49 years serving in most positions in Knoxville, as Treasurer and President at the state level and on the finance committee of the Foundation at the National level.

Driver is active in Rotary, now serving as President of the North Knoxville Club and as District Chair of the Peace Committee & the Cultural Exchange Committee. She served on local, regional, and national accounting committees, and helped in writing a 96 hour course in financial accounting for the AICPA.

Driver serves on two opera boards and is the co-director of the Middle/East TN Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions for young singers. She is also active in the First Presbyterian Church in Knoxville and the Presbytery of East Tennessee. She is passionate about education and now mentors Tennessee Promise students, tutors in a grade school, and reads to Headstart children.

**MEET
US IN
MEMPHIS!**
(SEE PAGES 2-3)



NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

KNOXVILLE

- The October 2016 meeting focused on "Taking Care of Foster Children." Featured were two speakers, Kesha Shipe, Director of TN Heartland division of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), and Judge Kenlyn Foster of Maryville, who serves on the Board.
- The January 2017 Annual Business meeting featured a luncheon held at a local restaurant, and had as a speaker, Hanan Ayesh, a long-time activist in the Knoxville Muslim community. She told of some hardships of being in that minority, and of some triumphs such as founding a Muslim school, which began as a pre-school, and now it is a K – 8th grade school with around 200 students.
- In March 2017, we will learn about local suicide prevention measures from Anna Shugart, Director of Emotional Health and Recovery Center at Blount Memorial Hospital. She will speak to us about QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer), a powerful training program from the Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Alliance.
- In June 2017, Dr. Rachel Golden, Director of the restructured UTK Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department will bring us up-to-date on what is new in her department.

MURFREESBORO

Since you last heard from us, the Murfreesboro branch has been busy stepping up our fundraising game.

- We are now the proud parent of the Middle Tennessee Fund for Women and Girls, a 501-C3 organization that allows the branch to accept tax deductible donations.
- We are gearing up for our April 11 fundraiser, the Equal-TEA, a high tea party honoring women's contributions to the workforce.
- This year, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Ruth Houston Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship, awarding \$2000 yearly to a nontraditional woman student at MTSU.
- Proceeds from the Equal-TEA will help to finance an inaugural scholarship, the Butler-Fouts Memorial Graduate Scholarship for underrepresented women students at MTSU.
- Learn more about our scholarships at aauw-murfreesboro.org.

NASHVILLE

In December, AAUW-Nashville held its annual holiday party at Americano restaurant, which doubled as a "Cocktails and Convos" event. It was our largest meeting so far with over 20 attendees, including 3 new members who joined that evening. Marilyn Dubree from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing was our guest speaker, who inspired the group with thought provoking topics that led to exciting discussions throughout the evening.

2016-2017 AAUW of Tennessee Officers

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PRESIDENT—Samantha Cantrell

PRESIDENT-ELECT—Letha Granberry

FINANCIAL OFFICER—Phyllis Driver

PAST PRESIDENT—B. Ayne Cantrell

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AAUW OF TENNESSEE \$90 FOR 90 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

AAUW of Tennessee thanks these members for their generosity and support. If you would like to join our list of donors, it's not too late: aauw-tn.aauw.net/members-only/90-anniversary-campaign/

Circle of Friends (Gifts of \$300+)

Ayne Cantrell whose gift memorializes her grandmother, Myrtle Greer Jones, who gave Ayne opportunities she never had

\$90 for 90 Donors (Gifts of \$90-\$299)

Samantha Cantrell whose gift memorializes her maternal grandmother, Velma "Doodie" Bratcher
 Judy Fleenor whose gift honors the Knoxville Branch

Mary Hoffschwelle whose gift memorializes Mattie Butler and Leola Fouts

Norma Kelley whose gift honors Anne Loy of the Knoxville Branch

Anne Loy whose gift memorializes her mother, B" Carrell, a supporter of women's higher education

Connie Malarkey who notes there are too many influential men and women to single out one

Clarice Rankins whose gift honors Ayne Cantrell

Rachel Wright whose gift recognizes Samantha Cantrell's leadership in AAUW-TN

Fans (Gifts at least \$50)

Laine Cantrell

Jennifer Sexton



AAUW National

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