



## Murfreesboro-AAUW Summer/Fall 2010 Newsletter

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advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*

**President's Message.** Friends, our AAUW branch fall start up on September 16 is quickly approaching, and I look forward to seeing you again. Our branch board has been busy over the summer planning programs and projects for the months ahead. You may read all about these in this newsletter. I want to spend my space talking about the board's recommendation for changes in branch leadership, which we will present to you for a vote in the fall. National now only requires that we elect two officers instead of twelve! Two is too few for us, but certainly we don't need twelve. The board will recommend that we elect five officers to run the branch (president/or co-presidents & leaders for programming, membership, finances, and communications) and then require the president to appoint officers to oversee the ongoing work of the branch, such as fundraising for our scholarship and sponsorship of EYH. We will most likely begin our discussion of these proposed changes at the September meeting, and, of course, any adopted changes will require revision of our bylaws. ~ While on the subject of branch leadership, I want to remind everyone that this is my last year as president. In April we will elect a new president to serve July 2011 through June 2013. I encourage you to consider being nominated for this office. Think you don't have the time? Perhaps, a friend in the branch would serve as your co-president. Please let me know if you are interested and/or need further information.--Ayne Cantrell, Branch President



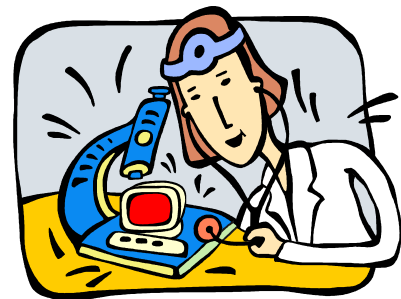
**Fundraiser Set for September 16.** During the second wave of the women's movement, "the personal is political" was a popular slogan. Our version of that slogan for the silent auction at our first fall meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> will be "the personal is educational and legal." In addition to our usual potluck supper, we hope that everyone who is interested in participating will bring an item that reflects her personal interests for a silent auction that will benefit AAUW's Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund. The item could be a book or DVD that has been important to her or something that reflects a particular interest or talent (e.g., an item of cooking or baking with the recipe attached; a framed photograph taken by the member; a work of art she has created; jewelry she has made; an item of sewing, knitting, crocheting, needlework, wood working, pottery, embroidery, metal work, etc. she has created or any idiosyncratic interest that can be brought to the meeting for the silent auction). We also plan to spend a few minutes before the final auction bids are taken sitting as a group and giving anyone who has brought an item the opportunity to explain why she chose to

contribute it. No one will be required to bring an item or to participate in the discussion, but both will be appreciated. We hope to see everyone there, with or without an item to contribute, and don't forget to bring a dish for the potluck and a potential new member who may join AAUW at the meeting for one-half the price of regular membership dues. At our first meeting, the personal might or might not be political, but it will be a good way to get to know one another just a bit better and contribute to AAUW's national programs for women and girls. --Nancy Rupprecht, EF Branch Chair, and Mary Hoffschwelle, LAF Chair

**Branch Fall Meetings and Programs Announced.** Murfreesboro-AAUW meets each month, September through May (excluding January), usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, and always at 5-7 PM. Fall meetings are as follows:

- **SEPTEMBER 16** (Forest Oaks I Clubhouse, 1002 East Northfield Blvd.)—Please note this is the third Thursday of the month. Potluck Dinner and "Shape the Future: Silent Auction" to benefit the AAUW Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund. / New members may join at the meeting for \$35.00, one-half price of the usual dues. / Donation: Big & tall trash bags for the Domestic Violence Program.
- **OCTOBER 14** (Farm Bureau, 818 S. Church St.)—"Why So Few?" Dr. Judith Iriarte-Gross (Professor of Chemistry, MTSU, and Director of GRITS Collaborative) will highlight AAUW's latest research on women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. / Donation: Toilet paper and paper towels for the Domestic Violence Program.
- **NOVEMBER 11** (Farm Bureau, 818 S. Church St.)—"Experiencing NCCWSL 2010." Branch nominees and AAUW of Tennessee NCCWSL Scholarship Recipient Kamryn Warren will share her experiences at the 2010 National Conference on College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). / Donation: Bath towels for the Domestic Violence Program.
- **DECEMBER 9** (Forest Oaks I Clubhouse, 1002 East Northfield Blvd)—Potluck Holiday Dinner and Buffalo Auction / Donation: Cash or check for the Domestic Violence Program.

**EYH Early This Year, September 25.** The Fourteenth Annual MTSU Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics (EYH) will be held at Middle Tennessee State University on Saturday, September 25, 2010. EYH, co-sponsored by MTSU and the Murfreesboro Branch of AAUW, is a hands-on science and math conference for girls in middle school (grades 5-8) and now also for young women in high school (grades 9-12). At the conference all will attend workshops that will allow them to participate in hands-on activities, to investigate science and math careers, to talk with women in science and math careers, and to meet other young women interested in science and math. ~ The cost for middle school girls is \$12.00 and the cost for high school girls is \$15.00. Registration is now open and can be accessed at <http://www.mtsu.edu/~eyh>. Registration closes on September 8, 2010. ~ **AAUW volunteers** are needed to work the check-in tables at the Learning Resource Center (LRC) south lobby, Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:00 AM. We will pass a sheet for volunteers at the September meeting, or you may contact Ayne Cantrell [acantrell@comcast.net](mailto:acantrell@comcast.net) if you can volunteer. —Myra Norman, Branch EYH Chair



**From Your Treasurer**—Murfreesboro AAUW is gearing up for a great year, and we look forward to seeing everyone again at our September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. This will be a “Shape-the-Future” event, which means we can offer half-price memberships (\$35) for new members—and also to anyone whose membership has lapsed for two years or more. That means that several of our former members are eligible to come back at this reduced price, and we hope you’ll consider taking advantage of this deal. (We miss you and would like to see you there!) Of course, we also encourage members to bring guests to the September meeting so they also can consider joining at the \$35 rate. Our branch draws its strength from having a large, vibrant, and diverse membership. I am so excited to be a part of this group, and I hope such excitement is contagious. To those members who have already renewed for 2010-2011, I send a big “Thank you!” **And a reminder that part of your dues (\$49.00) is tax deductible!** For those of you who still haven’t submitted your dues for the upcoming year (\$70), you can renew by credit card online at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) (call me at 494-8751 if you have questions about renewing online), or you can mail a check to me at this address: Samantha Cantrell, 4258 Aurora Circle. Murfreesboro, TN 37127.



**Plans for Annual Branch Book Sale Announced.** Once again, the Branch will sponsor the AAUW Book Sale, scheduled for April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Proceeds from the sale support the Branch’s Ruth Houston Scholarship awarded to an outstanding MTSU student. The sale also allows Branch members to partner with students who are members of the MTSU Honors Community. These students help with the transport and set-up of the books on the days just before and after the sale.

In addition to making donations to individual Branch members, beginning in January 2011, donors can take advantage of a “**Drive-Through Day**” each month until the sale in April when they can bring books to an MTSU drop-off site where Branch members will accept all donations for the sale. So take some time this fall to clean off bookshelves, go through closets, reorganize offices, and then pack up books, CDs, tapes and donate them to the sale. Student scholarship recipients will appreciate your efforts and generosity! —Jan Leone, Branch University Relations

*Pictured at left is a unidentified student purchasing books from AAUW members Maria Clayton, Jerry Dement, and Sharon Smith, Book Sale 2010.*

**AAUW of Murfreesboro Welcomes E-Affiliate Student Members**—MTSU is a partner with AAUW. Because of this partnership, AAUW is able to offer free E-affiliate student memberships to MTSU undergraduate students. AAUW student affiliate membership usually costs \$17.00, but besides being free, E-Affiliate student memberships offer many perks, such as discounted admissions to test-prep courses through *The Princeton Review*, discounts on books and textbooks from Barnes and Noble, and study abroad programs designed specifically for AAUW student affiliates. So far seven MTSU students have taken advantage of this E-affiliate membership. And now AAUW of Murfreesboro offers these students free branch student memberships. We welcome **Kristina Bridges, Rose Cage, Kimberly Dill, Amanda Fanelli, Alix Huntsman, Sentara Jones, and Kamryn Warren** to our branch and hope that they will be free to attend some of our meetings.—Lisa Lobegeier, Branch Membership VP





This summer branch member and former recipient of an AAUW Educational Grant, **Reyna Gordon** successfully defended her dissertation and graduated from Florida Atlantic University on August 10. She has been hired as a postdoctoral Fellow at Vanderbilt starting in September where she will be doing neuroscience research at the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center. Best wishes to **DR. Gordon!** ~ Congratulations also to branch member **Dr. Jan Leone** (Professor, MTSU History) who will serve as interim Associate Dean of MTSU's College of Liberal Arts for the coming academic year; her responsibilities will include handling student requests and complaints, curriculum and program developments, and special projects.



**AAUW-TN Summer Meeting.** State President Sidna Bookout presided over the Summer State Leadership Conference, held on July 17 at the MTSU Foundation Reception House in Murfreesboro. Seven branches were represented and seven Murfreesboro branch members attended (*Pictured at left are back row branch attendees Margaret Scott, Jerry Dement, Judith Iriarte-Gross, student affiliate member Kamryn Warren, Nancy Rupprecht; front row left Ayne Cantrell, Samantha Cantrell, and Anne Durrant.*)

Reflections on the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders Conference (NCCWSL) were provided by Peggy Emmet, a conference honoree, and Kamryn Warren, Murfreesboro branch NCCWSL nominee and AAUW of Tennessee NCCWSL scholarship recipient. Combining a power-point presentation of her NCCWSL experiences, Kamryn gave highlights of four workshops that she attended. ~ The program "Women's Issues in Higher Education"

was presented by Terri Johnson, Director of the June Anderson Center for Women and Nontraditional Students at MTSU and member of AAUW-Murfreesboro. She pointed out that there is a "natural association" between AAUW and the Center. They espouse the same causes, such as equity for girls and women in education and the work force. Terri shared her experiences as her journey took her through the educational system. She emphasized the importance of holding onto one's "core values" and a focusing on "quality" in one's endeavors. Terri traced the evolution of the Center from its beginning 1975. The Center is the oldest university women's center in the state, and it continues to grow through expansion of its services for students' personal and professional development. ~ Membership recruitment and retention concerns are ongoing. Branch reports about their "best practices" were given, and members shared other ideas. Attendees were referred to the national association's online resources. A business meeting followed and new state officers (Taylor Emery, Programs VP, and Anne Loy, Membership VP) were installed. Consideration is being given to nominating women next year for national AAUW awards; details will follow when plans are underway. Recruiting members to serve in leadership positions at the branch and state levels continues to be problematic. The Used Book Sale generated \$120.00 for the 2011 NCCWSL Scholarship Fund. Literature about upcoming events, sponsored by GRITS and EYH and the June Anderson Center, were distributed. *—Anne Durrant*

**New Branch Officers**—At the April 2010 meeting of the Murfreesboro-AAUW, Deborah Johnson was elected Branch Vice President for Programs and Samantha Cantrell was re-elected Branch Treasurer. Each will serve two years in these positions. Most people know Deborah as the very able executive director of the Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program of Murfreesboro. Samantha (Specialist, MTSU Research & Sponsored Programs) is one of our most treasured (pun intended) branch members; she has single-handedly brought our branch dues reports into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by taking advantage of national's online options. Congratulations with our thanks to you both! ~ *Pictured at left are Samantha (R) and Deborah (L).* ~ And thanks to all these officers who will provide leadership to the branch for 2010-11:



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