Murfreesboro-AAUW Winter/Spring 2011 Newsletter

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*advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research*.

**President’s Message.** Happy New Year! Our first general membership meeting of 2011 on February 10 will be an important one. We will be voting on proposed amendments to our branch bylaws as recommended by the branch board. As required by the bylaws, the proposed changes have been submitted to the state bylaws chair and have been approved for a membership vote. Changes in branch bylaws require “a two-thirds vote of those present and voting at a general membership meeting provided written notice shall have been given to every member at least 30 days prior to the meeting” (Branch Bylaws, Article XX. Section 3). The distribution of the proposed changes given on page three of this newsletter meets the required written notice for a vote. Please come to our February 10th meeting with your questions and concerns and be prepared to vote. —*Ayne Cantrell*

**Branch Winter/Spring Meetings and Programs.** Murfreesboro-AAUW meets each month, September through May (excluding January), and always at 5-7 PM. Upcoming meetings are as follows:

* **FEB. 10--Farm Bureau, 818 S. Church St.** Dinner, program, and business meeting. / Program: “Poison Control.” In anticipation of March as Poison Control Month, a representative of the Nashville Poison Control Center will discuss prescription drug safety and food vs. cleaning products misidentification. / Donation: Feminine products for the Domestic Violence Program*. Dinner Hostesses are Yuan-ling Chao, Marty Foster, Ellen Garrison, Mary Hoffschwelle, and Deborah Johnson.*
* **MAR. 17--MTSU, Room TBA.** National Women’s History Month reception, program, and business meeting. / Program: “A Century of Women's History: The 100th Anniversary of Women's Day 1911-2011." Moderator Jan Leone (Professor of History & interim Associate Dean of College of Liberal Arts, MTSU). Presenters History Professors Nancy Rupprecht & Mary Hoffschwelle and Terri Johnson (Director of the June Anderson Center for Women and Nontraditional Students, MTSU). / Donation: Sugar or sugar substitutes for the Domestic Violence Program. *Note this is the third Thursday of the month.*
* **APRIL 14--Farm Bureau, 818 S. Church St.** Dinner, program, and business meeting. / Program: Sherilyn Rivera (President & Founder of Fields of Boaz) will present “She Gleans: Providing Economic and Educational Opportunities for Indigenous Artisan Cora Huichol and Women of Southern Mexico.” / Donation: Laundry supplies for the Domestic Violence Program. *Dinner Hostesses are Rebecca Calahan, Rebecca Conard, Cathy Crabtree, Terri Johnson, and Sharon Smith.*
* **MAY 12--Forest Oaks Clubhouse, 1002 East Northfield Blvd.** Annual meeting to renew memberships with a Potluck Dinner and Buffalo Auction / Donation: Children’s underwear for the Domestic Violence Program.

**Welcome New Branch Members.** Pictured below (left to right) are Katie Foss, Marty Foster, Becky McIntyre, and Xiaowei Shi, our newest branch members who joined AAUW in 2010, bringing branch membership to 37 members at the end of 2010**.** All four branch newbies teach at MTSU— Katie is an Assistant Professor of Journalism; Marty is an Associate Professor of History (perhaps “welcome back” is the best greeting for Marty since as a former branch president, she is hardly a “newbie”!); Becky, an Assistant Professor of History; and Xiaowei, Assistant Professor of Speech and Theatre. Gals, we are very glad to have you as branch members.

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| **Ruth Houston Memorial Scholarship Available for Fall 2011**Since our present scholarship holder, Kamyrn Warren, will graduate in May, we will be advertising and selecting a new recipient for the 2011-12 scholarship.To be eligible for consideration, applicants must have successfully completed their freshman year at MTSU. Returning adult students, in particular, are encouraged to apply. The scholarship is renewable each semester as long as full-time status and a 2.5 GPA are maintained. If you know of a good candidate who meets these criteria, please have her contact Scholarship Committee Chair Tanya Peres peres@mtsu.edu for more information. **Scholarship Book Sale Scheduled for April 4 & 5**. Got books and DVDs to donate? Contact Jan Leone, 898-1718 (jmleone@mtsu.edu) . | **Call for Branch NCCWSL Scholarship Nominations**AAUW-Tennessee invites branch nominations of undergraduate college and university students for scholarships to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) to be held June 2-4, 2011, University of Maryland, College Park. Participants will have the opportunity to* Hear energizing keynote speakers and meet inspiring Women of Distinction Award recipients.
* Participate in workshops focusing on advocacy, leadership, health and wellness, and “real world” issues such as financial literacy and life after college.
* Get involved in preconference activities, community service projects, and skill-building events.
* Enjoy endless opportunities to network.

If you know of a worthy MTSU candidate for our branch to nominate, please contact Ayne Cantrell for more information. **DEADLINE FOR BRANCH NOMINATIONS:** March 1, 2010. |

**Congratulations to the Big Winners!** It was a “warm, cozy winter’s night.” Branch membersMaria Clayton, Edna Burk**e**, andKris Pruitt (L to R) took home much of the loot from the Holiday Buffalo Raffle.

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The raffle raised $172.00, part of which will be donated to the AAUW Educational Opportunity Fund and the Legal Advocacy Fund. Also branch members generously contributed over $100 to the Domestic Violence Program.

**Branch Officers, 2010-2011—**Thanks to these 2010-11 officers who continue to provide leadership to the branch:

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***In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class****.*

![MC900439859[1]]()**Proposed Amendments to AAUW Murfreesboro Bylaws.** At the November 2010 branch meeting, members voted unanimously to consider the following board approved amendments to the branch bylaws. All the recommendations, except that in Article VI, have to do with changes in the number and roles of branch officers to better reflect the actual administrative needs and work of the branch. Although the number of elected officers remains the same, some titles change to reflect current AAUW practice. Members will vote on these changes at the February 10, 2011, meeting. ~ Items/words to be deleted are struck through ~~struck through~~ and added changes are in red. Editorial comments are enclosed in brackets [ ].

**ARTICLE VI. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

**~~Section 5.~~** ~~A member of one of the national organizations or federations of IFUW, whose current dues have been paid and who is spending a period of a year or less in the U.S.A., may attend branch meetings without vote~~*. [This change is mandated by the national organization since we are no longer a member of the IFUW.]* **Section ~~6~~ 5.** New members may join at any time. Dues are payable upon joining. The Association portion of dues paid by new members between January 1 and March 15 shall be one-half the annual Association dues. The branch board of directors may set a reduction for branch dues.

**Section ~~7~~ 6.** The annual budget shall be adopted by the board of directors for presentation to the branch.

**Section ~~8~~ 7.** The branch shall set and maintain policies and procedures to control financial records consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and federal, state, and local laws.

**ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS**

**Section 2.** The elected officers shall be ~~a president, or official representative, vice presidents for programs and membership, secretary and treasurer or secretary/treasurer, and corresponding secretary~~ President, Vice President for Programs, Vice President for Membership, Finance Officer, and Communications Officer. *[We don’t need to add the option of co-presidents because the bylaws already give us this option for any of our officers.]*
**Section 3.** ~~The appointed officers shall be Development chair, Manager, Public Policy chair, Diversity chair, and Legal Advocacy Fund chair.~~ Additional officers shall be appointed by the President as needed to oversee the major projects of the branch. *[Not naming the appointed officers in the bylaws is intentional so that as branch projects needing appointed officers change, the bylaws will not have to be amended. The branch policy sheet will name and outline the duties of appointed officers.]*
**Section 4.** ~~Officers~~ Elected officers shall serve for a term of 2 year(s) or until their successors have been elected or appointed and assume office. The term of each officer shall begin on July 1.
**Section 5.** No elected officer, ~~with the exception of corresponding secretary,~~ shall be eligible to serve more than 2 consecutive terms in the same office. ~~No appointed officer shall be eligible to serve more than 2 consecutive terms in the same office.~~

**ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section 2.** Upon request of the president, ~~All~~ officers shall submit an annual written or electronic report to the president.
**Section 5.** The ~~secretary~~ Communications Officer shall record and keep minutes of all business and special meetings. The Communications Officer shall perform other duties as directed by the president and the board.
**Section 6.** The ~~treasurer~~ Financial Officer shall be responsible for collecting, distributing, and accounting for the funds of the branch~~. The treasurer shall collect~~ and for collecting dues and properly remitting them to AAUW and to the state by the specified deadline. The Financial Officer shall perform other duties as directed by the president and the board.

**ARTICLE XI. ROTATION OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The president, membership vice‑president~~, and recording secretary~~ and communication officer shall be elected in odd numbered years.

**Section 2.** The programs vice-president and ~~treasurer~~ financial officer shall be elected in even numbered years.

**ARTICLE XII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1**. The board of directors shall include the elected and t~~he following~~ appointed officers of the branch~~: chairs for Development, Legal Advocacy Fund, Diversity, and Public Policy~~. The immediate past president of the branch will be an ex officio member.

**ARTICLE XIV. COMMITTEES**

**Section 1.** Standing committees shall be programs and membership. ~~public policy, finance, development, communications, legal advocacy, and diversity.~~