

Spring 2005 Newsletter

Welcome Back!

We hope all of you had a restful and enjoyable holiday and are ready for a new year of exciting activities. The December holiday dinner that we self-catered turned out well, and pictures are available on our web site. We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this a successful dinner. The Buffalo Auction brought in more money for our scholarship fund and we made a donation to LAF.

In December we decided to make a donation to the scholarship fund in memory of Nancy Rupprecht and Marty Foster's mothers who passed away last year.

Thanks to Brenda Kerr for continuing to maintain and update our website. Do visit at www.mtsu.edu/~aauw and see our updated news and events.

We would also like to thank all those who helped with EYH. The effort to advance girl's participation in math and science is especially important in light of the continued bias against girls. This is driven home by the recent comments of Harvard University's President who suggested that innate biological differences account for fewer women succeeding in math and science careers. AAUW has issued a rebuttal and this can be read at AAUW's web page.

Our vice-presidents for programming, Trish Craft and Mavis Green worked hard on the Spring program and I'm sure that we will enjoy our speakers. Thanks to Trish and Mavis for their hard work!

Don't forget that we will hold our annual book sale later this spring and still need books and volunteers.

Marty and I thank all of you for your continued support and we look forward to a great 2005!

Marty Foster

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Spring Programs and Special Events

Unless noted otherwise, the Branch monthly programs take place from 5 –7 p.m. at the Farm Bureau Building, 818 S. Church Street.

February 10

- "The March" Angela Smith
- Donation: Hot Drink Mixes.

March 31

- "Women in Aviation and Aviation at MTSU" Mavis Green
- Donation: Toiletries and Cosmetics.

April 4-5

- AAUW Book Sale benefiting the Ruth Houston Memorial Scholarship. MTSU Keathley University Center.

April 7

- Play: "Spoon River Anthology" We will meet at Maria Clayton's house for appetizers
- Donation: Hot Drink Mixes.

April 29-May 1

- AAUW State Convention, Cookville

May 12

- End of Year Dinner and Buffalo Auction
- Donation: Children's underwear.
- *The American Association of University Women promotes equity for women and girls, life-long education, and positive social change.*

Ruth Houston Scholarship

Two new recipients of the Ruth Houston Memorial Scholarship will be announced later this spring as both our scholarship recipients are graduating.

Book Sale Time Again!

Our annual book sale will take place April 4-5 on the first floor of MTSU's Keathley University Center. Proceeds benefit the Ruth Houston scholarship fund. You can bring books to our monthly meetings in February and March, and make arrangements to pick up or drop off books by calling Jan Leone at 898-5580 or 898-1718, or emailing her at jmleone@mtsu.edu.