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## President's Message

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Spring is just around the corner! As we anticipate warmer weather, longer daylight and new gardening adventures, we must remember to also be looking forward to advancing our knowledge of Women's History.

This year brings a new way to increase our education of outstanding women in our country's history. Starting in 2022 and continuing each year until 2025, the United States Mint will be issuing five new quarter designs featuring women we all should know about. This year's designs include Maya Angelou, Dr. Sally Ride, Wilma Mankiller, Nina Otero-Warren and Anna May Wong.

If you're unfamiliar with these women of determination and vision, you should plan to educate yourself about them. You might have heard about them, but this is a good time to really get to know them and their accomplishments. These women certainly had the desire to improve opportunities for all women and deserve our study of their ways and means.

Continue to attend our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) as well as our March 12<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> General meetings. Plan to attend a meeting with the Oak Ridge or Maryville Branches. Connect and network! As always, be on the lookout for possible new members and invite them to attend.

Remember, stay safe and be well.

Rose-Linda

### March 12 General Meeting

Tour American Museum of Science and Energy (AMSE) in Oak Ridge. Optional lunch to follow.

See details on page 2



2022 Women's History Month

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# March General Meeting/Tour AMSE



## Let's Take a Field Trip!

Come join us as we tour the American Museum of Science and Energy (AMSE) in Oak Ridge on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM. Alan Lowe, Director of AMSE, gave a sparkling presentation to our group last November which motivated us to want to tour the Museum. We'll have a volunteer guide, see a movie, and have fun with Atoms and Atom Smashers. The timing of this tour coincides with March Women's History month highlighting STEM accomplishments.

We invite AAUW-Oak Ridge and AAUW-Maryville members to join us. We hope to see you there.

The Museum admission price is \$8.00; and for Seniors 65 and older, it's \$5.00. Our tour is for AMSE only. You may also be interested in the K-25 History Center which is at a different location and is free.

Please let Bari B. Gerbig ([bgerbig@comcast.net](mailto:bgerbig@comcast.net)) know by **Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** if you are planning to come. Feel free to bring a guest! We'd like to meet at the Museum at 9:45AM.

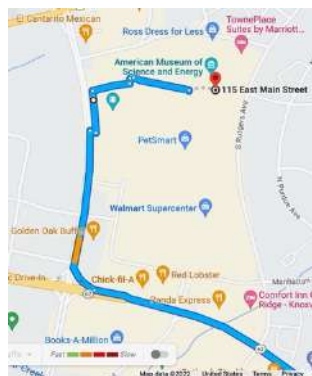
The entire visit to the AMSE should take about two hours. If you'd like to join a group for lunch at [Red Lobster](#) afterwards, please let Sherry Scott ([sherrybscott@gmail.com](mailto:sherrybscott@gmail.com)) know so she can make restaurant reservations.

### AMSE

Saturday, March 12, 9:45 am –  
12:00 pm  
115 Main St. East, Oak Ridge, TN

From Knoxville: I140 (Pellissippi Parkway) to Rt. 62 to Oak Ridge (Illinois St.) Right on Tulane, Right to 115 Main St. East.

### AMSE



### Red Lobster Restaurant

12:30 pm



Back to Illinois St. or cut-through Walmart driveway

## Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

### Dinner With Friends

**March 22**, 6:30 pm: Asian Fusion at Sherry Scott's home.

**April 26**, 6:30 pm: South American at Lynn Carlson's home

Contact **Sherry Scott**, Chair at [sherrybscott@gmail.com](mailto:sherrybscott@gmail.com)

### Evening Book Discussion

**March 1**, 6:00 pm: *Vienna Prelude* by Bodie Thoene--Anne lead (postponed from February), Bearden Library

**March 21**, 6:00 pm: *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman--Rose-Linda lead, Bearden Library

**April 18**, 6:00 pm: *The Four Wind* by Kristin Hannah--Barbara lead, Location TBD

Contact **Janet Murray**, Chair, at [janetmurray45@yahoo.com](mailto:janetmurray45@yahoo.com)

### Contemporary Literature

**March 18**, 11:00 am: Anne Loy's home, Anne reviewer

**April 15**, 11:00 am: Dianne Fielder's home, Susan reviewer

Contact **Judy Poulson**, Chair, at [jpoulson319@comcast.net](mailto:jpoulson319@comcast.net)

## Meeting Calendar

**March 1-31**: Women's History Month

**March 12**: AMSE Tour, 10:00 am, Oak Ridge

**May 14**: General Meeting, Officer Installation; **Speaker, Kirby Deal, Executive Director, Girls Inc. of TN Valley**; Location/Time TBD



Contemporary Literature: Dianne Fielding, Patricia Taylor, Judy Poulson & Rose-Linda Baldwin



Friends for Dinner/Lunch: Karen Coleman, Susan Partridge, Barbara Mintz, Barbara LeFevre & Lynn Carlson



Rachelle Joy, Reviewer



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## March -- Women's History Month

### ***2022: Providing Healing, Promoting Hope***

Every year, March is designated Women's History Month by presidential proclamation. The month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history.

### ***Did You Know? Women's History Month started as Women's History Week...***

Women's History Month began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California. The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women planned and executed a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978.

The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women's Day. The movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations the following year.

In 1980, a consortium of women's groups and historians—led by the National Women's History Project (now the [National Women's History Alliance](#))—successfully lobbied for national recognition.

In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1980, as National Women's History Week.

Subsequent Presidents continued to proclaim a National Women's History Week in March until 1987 when Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and

authorizing the President annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

Since 1995, each president has issued an annual proclamation designating the month of March as "Women's History Month."

The 2022 National Women's History theme, "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope," is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.



The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in commemorating and encouraging the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history.

Sources:

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