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## Wine and Cheese Tasting Fundraiser

Friday, October 14, 2016  
5:30—7:30 p.m.

At the home of Jan & Vondale Graham,  
312 E. 19th St. (between Madison and Detroit)

Benefiting AAVW Tech Trek 2017 for  
Middle School Girls,  
sponsored by The University of Tulsa



Tickets: \$25.00  
Make your donation  
at the Wine Tasting or mail it to:

Treasurer Gabrilie W. Jones  
1115 E. 36th St., Tulsa, OK 74105  
Please make checks payable to AAVW  
and note "AAUW Tech Trek"

Please RSVP to:  
Pam McDonald (918-627-1823)  
or [AdamsFamily9857@aol.com](mailto:AdamsFamily9857@aol.com)

**NOTE: This fundraiser replaces our October General Membership Meeting.**



## President's Corner



**WE ARE** so very excited about the upcoming Wine and Cheese Event October 14th! This has become an annual affair at Dr. Vondale and Jan Grahams' house in historic Maple Ridge. The

proceeds go to funding STEM camp (Tech Trek) at the University of Tulsa 2017. See you there and let's make it a great turnout!

**I RECEIVED** an email from Lisa Maatz, our AAUW Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy. I thought I would share a few of her thoughts since they were so important for all to read.

**"AAUW** is hard at work every day to make sure women's voices are heard during this historic election year. And equal pay and childcare aren't the only issues at stake---sexual assault and harassment, college affordability, and creating well-paying jobs are all on the line.

**THIS YEAR**, the stakes are higher than ever. Women have the power to make an enormous difference this November---and to hold elected officials' feet to the fire post-election.

**WHEN WOMEN** vote, we change the conversation. And when women are elected to the halls of power, we change the policies!"

—Pam McDonald, President Tulsa Branch  
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### TULSA VOICE

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## Our Branch Family

**OUR SYMPATHY** to the Family and Friends of **Jan Mattinson** who died September 8, 2016. In addition to her many community commitments, Jan was a past president of AAUW Tulsa Branch.



**Women In Transition**  
[www.tulsawomenintransition.org](http://www.tulsawomenintransition.org)



**Do** you know a woman who would like to return to college, after having to drop out for various reasons? The **Women In Transition** workshop can be the answer.

**Set** for Thursday, October 13, there are two sessions: At 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at OSU-Tulsa (700 N. Greenwood Ave.), North Hall, Room 150, and at 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Tulsa Community College (10300 E. 81st St. So.), Southeast Campus, Bldg. 3, Room 3216.

**The** sessions' activities include hearing success stories from past WIT participants, information about financial-aid opportunities, and taking a computerized career assessment. Two lucky participants will be awarded \$500 scholarships!

**Registration** is \$5.00 in advance, or \$8.00 at the door; there are some fee waivers available for those unable to pay.

**You** can get more information, or register, at 918-928-7764, or [www.tulsawomenintransition.org](http://www.tulsawomenintransition.org).

### Tulsa Branch Programs 2016-2017

Friday, October 14

**WINE & CHEESE FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, November 12

**ART AT GILCREASE MUSEUM**

Sunday, December 11

**HOLIDAY TEA**

Saturday, January 14, 2017

**TITLE IX**

Saturday, February 11

**HISTORY OF BLACK VOTING RIGHTS**

Saturday, March 11

**WOMEN'S HISTORY**

Saturday, April 8

**TBA**

Saturday, May 13

**CELEBRATE 2016-2017 SUCCESS!**

# Interest Groups

## ADELANTE READING GROUP



**Our next Adelante meeting is Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m.** in my home at 5820 S. Evanston Ct. for a discussion of What Is Visible by Kimberly Elkins. October is Disabilities Awareness Month; the novel is based on the astounding true-life story of Laura Bridgman, the first deaf and blind person who learned language and blazed a trail for Helen Keller.

For more information, phone or [text Rose at 918-688-7128](tel:918-688-7128).

## MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

**Wednesday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m.** come to Barnes and Noble Café at 41st and Yale. Read any holiday mystery, since the holiday season will begin soon after our meeting!



Questions?  
Call [Linda Brooks, 918-664-9914](tel:918-664-9914), or  
[lsbrooks@yahoo.net](mailto:lsbrooks@yahoo.net)

## MOVIE GROUP

All members are invited to **join our Movie Night Group** by submitting your email address for the group mailing list to [Tulsarose@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Tulsarose@sbcglobal.net).



The group meets in a home some months to view a video or current TV broadcast followed by a discussion and dessert. Some meetings are outings to see a movie of interest. This is a great way to get to know fellow members and just have a fun time. Come join us!

[918-688-7128](tel:918-688-7128), or  
[tulsarose@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tulsarose@sbcglobal.net).

## GOURMET GROUP

Christy Johnson will host the season's first Gourmet Group's dinner at her home, [4216 E. 103rd St.](tel:918-519-3131) on **Friday, October 28, 7:00 p.m.**

For more information, contact Christy Johnson, [918-519-3131](tel:918-519-3131), or [cookingchristy1@yahoo.com](mailto:cookingchristy1@yahoo.com).



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

**AAUW** Tulsa needs your help to become a better, more inclusive branch. Please complete the every member survey [See pages 5-6] so we can identify your interests and build on our member strengths to create a more active engaged branch. Please print the survey and mail to:

Rose Unterschuetz  
5820 S Evanston Ct  
Tulsa, OK 74105

**Or better** yet bring the completed survey to the October 14 **Wine and Cheese Fundraiser**.

**Also don't** forget to invite your friends to the **Wine and Cheese event** and help them support Tech Trek TU while enjoying great food and good company.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

**Emily Mortimer** 918-704-8779  
11118 N 143 East Ave  
Owasso, OK 74055 [emily.mortimer@tulsastem.org](mailto:emily.mortimer@tulsastem.org)

Emily works at Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance with Xan Black. Her B.S. is in Biology, from Missouri State University; she has an M.S. in Education from OSU, and is currently working on her Ph.D. in Curriculum Studies & STEM at OSU.

We are happy to welcome Emily to Tulsa Branch! And we look forward to working with her on Tech Trek TU 2017!

Interim Membership Vice-President  
Rose Unterschuetz, [tulsarose@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tulsarose@sbcglobal.net)  
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### PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Prospect's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (w) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

**AAUW Contact** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Return to: Rose Unterschuetz, 5820 S. Evanston Ct., Tulsa, OK 74105)

## AAUW MISSION, ACTION, NOTES

### GETTING OUT THE VOTE

We were so pleased to have Katie Simon visiting Tulsa. Katie participated in the Career and Technical Education Equity Council's national conference at the Hard Rock Hotel, and was able to talk with us about AAUW's campaign to get out the vote.



**Pam McDonald, Tulsa Branch President, with Katie Simon, Associate Director of Field Services for AAUW.**

Katie told us about the RAE—Rising American Electorate—which is composed of unmarried women, millennials, and people of color. These three groups have traditionally been more likely not to vote in elections.

The candidate that can reach the RAE can be successful in the election. Who do you know in this demographic? What can you do to ensure their participation in this election?

Check Page 8 for issues that are important to AAUW members; ask your candidate where they stand. Also, on October 18 you can participate in a Get Out The Vote Webinar at 6 p.m., *Turning Out the Vote on Election Day*. (Go to [www.aauw.gov](http://www.aauw.gov))

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**Go to [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org) for voters' guides and other voting information.**

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### AAUW'S CONGRESSIONAL VOTING RECORD

The AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record (CVR) has just been released. The CVR provides information about elected federal legislators through the votes they cast on issues that are critical to the Action Fund's mission. Information is provided about senators' and representatives' co-sponsorship. Each legislator is scored based on

their record on AAUW priorities. The priorities include equal pay, education, campus sexual assault, campaign finance, human trafficking, and reproductive rights. The CVR is distributed to every member of Congress.

To see how your representatives and senators voted, go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and check out this latest AAUW research.

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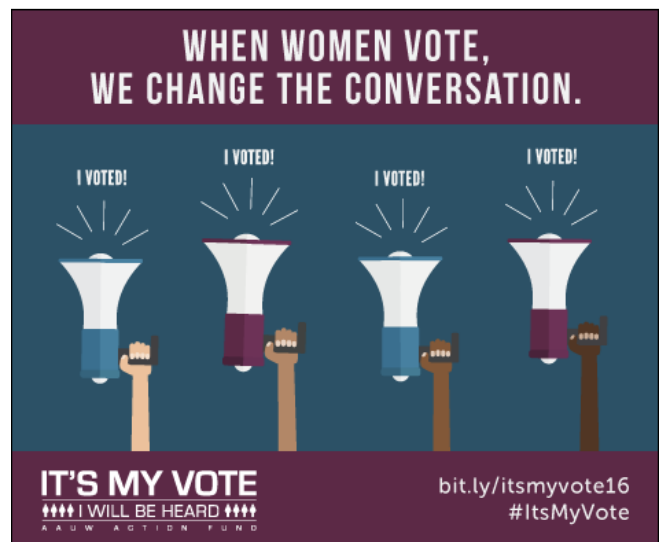
**October 14—Deadline to register to vote in Oklahoma**

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### From AAUW'S 79 EXAMPLES OF HOW WOMEN ARE STILL TREATED UNEQUALLY

- ◆ Women hold 19% of the seats in the U.S. Congress (104 out of 535).
- ◆ About a quarter of state legislators in the United States are women.
- ◆ Only one in five (19 percent) mayors of the 100 largest cities in the United States are women.
- ◆ There are only six female governors in the United States — that's about 12 percent representation. (One thing where Oklahoma is not at or near the bottom of the list!)
- ◆ 6.2% members of Congress are women of color.

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[bit.ly/itsmyvote16](http://bit.ly/itsmyvote16)  
#ItsMyVote

**Tell your Facebook Friends to vote! Our social media tools make it easy to get out the vote among your online networks.**

*"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."*

—Maya Angelou

## AAUW Tulsa Branch Member Survey

Participation and involvement keep our AAUW branch vital. There are lots of ways you can contribute to our branch when you are ready, and this survey will help us match you up with opportunities that fit your interests and availability. When you get involved, you'll have fun, meet new friends (or reconnect with old ones), and learn at the same time!

### My Interests

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Other ways I enjoy spending time: \_\_\_\_\_

Talents: \_\_\_\_\_

### My Skills

- \_\_\_\_\_ Advocacy/public policy
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communications
- \_\_\_\_\_ Conflict resolution
- \_\_\_\_\_ Event planning/programming
- \_\_\_\_\_ Finance/budgeting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership development
- \_\_\_\_\_ Marketing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Public speaking
- \_\_\_\_\_ Social media
- \_\_\_\_\_ Team building
- \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer organizing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Web design
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

### Topics I'm Interested In

(Check all that apply!)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Assisting on short-term projects
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communications/publicity
- \_\_\_\_\_ Education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hosting or helping with events
- \_\_\_\_\_ International relations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Legal advocacy
- \_\_\_\_\_ Membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ New member activities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Programming around AAUW issues
- \_\_\_\_\_ Public policy
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tech Trek camps or Tech Savvy workshops for girls
- \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone tree
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

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## Member Survey (*continued from Page 5*)

### Why I Joined AAUW

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### Activities I'm Interested In

(Check all that apply!)

- Adelante! Book of the Month Club
- AAUW research presentations
- Advocacy events
- Community forums
- Elect Her workshops for college women leaders
- Membership campaigns
- Movie screenings
- Start Smart or Work Smart salary negotiation trainings
- STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) programming
- Other (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

### Issues I'm Interested in Working on or Learning About

(Check all that apply!)

- Higher education
- Human trafficking
- Pay equity
- Reproductive rights
- Retirement security
- Sexual harassment and violence in schools
- STEM education
- Title IX
- Other (please list): \_\_\_\_\_

### Thank you!

Please return completed surveys to the membership vice president:

Rose Unterschuetz  
5820 S Evanston Ct  
Tulsa, OK 74105

*This survey was originally created by AAUW of California Co-membership Vice Presidents  
Kathy Andreini and Virginia Hatfield.*

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# Tech Trek TU Update



**Tech Trek TU 2016** was deemed a success by the Tech Trek Committee; the campers left, wanting more! Thirty-eight of the girls were from the Northeast Oklahoma region, and twenty were from out of the area. The committee remarked that there was more diversity this year, especially including more girls from rural areas. They talked about having a reunion of the campers.

**Emily Mortimer** was introduced; she is new with the Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance (TRSA). Also new to the group is Danielle Hovenga; she works with TU Housing, and is the TU representative in the neighborhood. We were pleased at Xan's announcement that AAUW National will provide \$5,000 for our Tech Trek 2017. A request was made to move Tech Trek 2017 to July; stay tuned.

**Tech Trek campers Persis Phelps and Emily "Emma" Plunkett** along with their mothers, and Camp Director and TRSA Executive Director **Xan Black** were special guests at our September General Membership Meeting. Persis was featured in a Tulsa World article during camp time. Emma's mother, Emily Lim, is the STEM Coordinator for k-12 at Union Public Schools. Xan was awarded our first Steminist Certificate for her 7/24 work for STEM. Congratulations, Xan!



Left to Right: Emily Lin, camper Emma Plunkett (daughter of Emily Lin), camper Persis Phelps, Heidi Phelps (Persis' mother), TRSA Executive Director Xan Black

## A Conversation about Women in the Legislature

The voices of women in the Oklahoma Legislature are relatively faint: With 21 serving, they make up only 14.1 percent of legislators, although women comprise more than half of the state's population.

In a comparison of legislatures by gender makeup by the National Conference of State Legislatures, Oklahoma ranked second lowest in percentage of lawmakers who are women, tied with South Carolina. Wyoming was last.

Reps. Elise Hall, R-Oklahoma City, and Emily Virgin, D-Norman, were elected to the Oklahoma Legislature in 2011 at a young age: Hall was 22, and Virgin was 25. Their experiences speak to the chal-

lenges and potential for women to take up more seats on the state House and Senate floors.

[Oklahoma Watch as quoted by the Oklahoma Policy Institute.]

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## From "79 Examples of How Women are Still Treated Unequally"

Published by AAUW

1. Men directed 86 percent of all television episodes in 2013 and 2014.
2. Just one year after college, women graduates make only 82 percent as much as their male counterparts.
3. 76% of public school teachers are women, but a mere 20% of superintendents are women.



*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.*

AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold the associate's, baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

*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.*

#### **Our Value Promise:**

*"As a member of AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance."*

## **IT'S MY VOTE**



### **WHAT'S AT STAKE IN THE 2016 GENERAL ELECTION?**

- ◆ **College Access**—Access to postsecondary education including college affordability programs such as Pell Grants and student loan forgiveness programs
- ◆ **Campus Safety**—Resources to promote prevention efforts and stronger enforcement of campus sexual harassment and violence
- ◆ **Affirmative Action**—programs to break down barriers for women and minorities in education and employment
- ◆ **Judicial Nominations**— Who appoints and who confirms the next Supreme Court justice and other federal judges who will uphold civil rights and established legal precedents such as reproductive rights
- ◆ **Family Planning Programs**—Funding for Title X family planning programs administered by Planned Parenthood and other providers
- ◆ **Pay Equity**—Improving enforcement of equal pay laws to close the pay gap.
- ◆ **Paid Sick Days**
- ◆ **Social Security**
- ◆ **Paid Parental Leave**

*AAUW issues are really already some of the core issues of this election cycle, both at the state and federal levels.*

*Where does your nominee stand on these issues? Ask questions!!!*



## **October, 2016 Calendar**

**October 8** Equal Pay Day for Latinas

**October 13** Women In Transition See Page 2.

**October 14** Wine & Cheese Fundraiser See P. 1.

**October 18** Adelante Book Group 6:30 p.m. See P. 3.

**October 18** Webinar session on *It's My Vote* Training

**Oct. 20** Deadline for November, 2016 TULSA VOICE.

**October 22** AAUW/OK Board meeting in Tulsa

**October 23-24** Anniversary of the first National

Women's Rights Convention

**October 28** Gourmet Group See Page 3.

**October 31** Anniversary of the Pregnancy Discrimination Act

### **Looking Ahead . . .**

**Nov. 12** General Membership Meeting Docent tour, lunch, and self-guided tour at Gilcrease Museum

**Nov. 16** Mystery Book Group See P. 3.

**June 14-17** AAUW National Convention See P. 4.