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***We support women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) ...because equity is still an issue!***

**November General Membership Meeting**

**Date:** Saturday, November 10, 2012

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

**Program:** *WOMEN IN ENGINEERING*

**GUEST SPEAKER: XAN BLACK**

COORDINATOR, TULSA ALLIANCE FOR ENGINEERING AT TCC

**Place:** **Royal Dragon**, 7837 E. 51st St.  
 (South side of Fontana Shopping Ctr., 51st & Memorial)

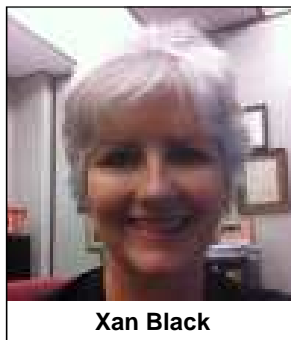
**Lunch:** Select food from buffet; pay individually

**RSVP:** Please contact **Pam McDonald** at [AdamsFamily9857@aol.com](mailto:AdamsFamily9857@aol.com) or leave a message at **627-1823** by **Thursday, November 8**. (If you do not plan to eat, please specify that in your reply.)

Supporting women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) has been a part of AAUW's mission since 1881. Throughout our history AAUW has encouraged women to work and study in these traditionally male fields, invested millions of dollars in graduate fellowships and grants, and engaged in research, programming and advocacy to break through barriers for women and girls.

Our speaker, Xan Black, was named the new coordinator of the Tulsa Alliance for Engineering the summer of 2012. Born and raised in the oil fields of West Texas, Black attended Midland Community College. She earned her BS in Petroleum Engineering in 1981 from Texas Tech University. Following 8 years as a production and reser-

voir engineer for Sun Exploration and Production Co., Black, her husband, and 5 children worked as missionaries in Russia. The past 11 years she has taught high school math and pre-engineering, earning her Masters in Education in 2007.



**Xan Black**

In Black's new position she is committed to exposing students, K-4 through 12th grade to the wonderful world of engineering. She will also be striving to gain scholarships and internships for those engineering students currently in the pipeline at the college level. As Coordinator of TAE Xan will coordinate collaboration by Tulsa Community College, OU-Tulsa, OSU-Tulsa, ORU, University of Tulsa, and Tulsa Tech to grow and keep engineers in Tulsa.

*We welcome Xan Black to Tulsa AAUW!*

## President's Corner

NOVEMBER BRINGS the start of the holiday season. AAUW Tulsa has two major events this month. **The Wine Tasting Fundraiser for local scholarships is Nov. 2 at the home of Jan and Vondale Graham.** This is a community event so please plan to bring a friend. Providing local scholarships is a cause that all can embrace. The Wine Tasting promises to be a fun way to show your support for Tulsa's women who want to complete their college or university degree program. We all know education is a powerful 'equalizer' for women and girls.

SECONDLY you will not want to miss the **November 10th General Membership meeting.** AAUW has long been a supporter of advocating for women and girls to enter STEM (**Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics**) career fields of study. We will find out more about STEM programs in the Tulsa area.

FINALLY, NOVEMBER brings the Thanksgiving holiday. I am reminded again of the greeting card verse, "When I count my blessings, I count you twice". Being a part of AAUW enriches my life and has brought me many wonderful friends with whom I can discuss issues that are dear to women and girls. Thank you for being there.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO VOTE and do remind your friends and neighbors. Do it for yourself and also in memory of Susan B. Anthony and all the suffragettes who fought so long and hard to win votes for women.

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**Did you know ... that Marie Curie was a 1920  
 AAUW grant recipient?**  
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### TULSA VOICE

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## 2012 Dinner of Reconciliation

Thursday, November 15  
 Greenwood Cultural Center,  
 322 Greenwood Avenue

6:30 p.m.—Gathering; 7:00 p.m.—Dinner

**Keynote Speaker: Barbara J. Love, Ed.D**



Dr. Love is Professor Emeritus of Social Justice Education in the School of Education at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She is a member of National Training Laboratories and is on the Board of Directors of the National Black Women's Health Initiative and The Equity Institute.

Dr. Love works with the Black Liberation and Community Development Project of the International Re-evaluation Counseling Communities. She has worked with organizations in North America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and the Caribbean on issues of diversity, inclusion, and liberation.

AAUW, along with other Tulsa community organizations, is a supporter of the John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation, the sponsor of the Reconciliation Dinner. Tulsa Branch will be sending representatives to attend this event.

### University of Tulsa Women's and Gender Studies'

2012-13 Program Series  
 on Women and Health

*Part of a Five-Year Series on Women and Poverty*

**"Gender, Race, Class and Food"**  
 Panel Discussion

Thursday, November 8, 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
 Chapman Hall LL017

Come hear a panel discussion on food justice, the nation's growing obesity rates, and women's relationship to food, with representatives from Eastern Oklahoma Black Nurses Association Obesity Project; World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF); and Laureate Eating Disorders Clinic.

## Interest Groups

### ADELANTE BOOK GROUP

We will meet on Tuesday, November 13, 6:00 p.m. at my home, 5820 S. Evanston Ct. The book selection is The Healing by Jonathan O'Dell. This book is a warmhearted novel about the unbreakable bonds between three generations of female healers and their power to restore the body, the spirit, and the soul. Bring a dish to share for a light supper. If you want to skip dinner, come at 7 p.m. and you can still enjoy dessert!



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### MYSTERY BOOK CLUB



The Mystery Book Club will meet on Wednesday, November 28, 7:00 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Café, 41st and Yale. Book choice is to read mysteries involving food.

Questions or further information? Call Linda Brooks 664-9914, or [lshbrooks@cox.net](mailto:lshbrooks@cox.net)

### MOVIE CLUB

Movie Night is Tuesday, November 20; we'll view The Number One Ladies' Detective Agency, Episode 2 of Season 1.

We'll meet in my home, 5820 S Evanston Ct., Tulsa, at 6 p.m. If you can't make it at 6, come at 7 p.m. for the movie, and enjoy the dessert! Bring a dish to share for supper. If you plan to attend, please call or e-mail leader Rose Unterschuetz, at:



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### Our Branch Family

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Donna Mathews**; she recently co-authored a national research report for NOW. Donna serves on NOW's national Family Law Committee.

## 2013 AAUW National Convention is right around the corner!

June 9—12, 2013      New Orleans

*Leading across Generations*

#### REGISTRATION:

<b>Best Value</b>	Dec. 4, 2012-Feb. 3, 2013	\$425
<b>Early Bird</b>	Feb. 4-April 14	\$450
<b>Regular</b>	April 15-and after	\$500

**Convention Banquet**, Tuesday, June 11 \$125

[www.aauw.org/convention](http://www.aauw.org/convention)  
 Facebook: [www.facebook.com/AAUWNationalConvention](http://www.facebook.com/AAUWNationalConvention)

**Did you know ...** that for all 12 years of her tenure as first lady, Eleanor Roosevelt banned male journalists from her White House press conferences. Why? In her words: "Too often the great decisions are originated and given form made up wholly of men or so completely dominated by them that whatever of special value women have to offer is shunted aside without expression."

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

We welcome **Archana Gupta**, new member, to Tulsa Branch AAUW! Archana has been at several meetings and AAUW events, displaying her jewelry. Note: her jewelry will also be available at our Wine Tasting event on November 2. More information for your directories later.

Our October General Membership Meeting was a good one, in spite of the fact that a mix-up prevented our speaker from being there. President Rose Unterschuetz talked about Susan B. Anthony, and asked that we each read something about her before our next meeting—there will be a quiz!

—Pam McDonald, Membership Chair  
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*November 2, 2012  
Tulsa AAUW Wine Tasting*

*Please join the Tulsa Branch of AAUW  
as we gather with friends for a  
Wine & Cheese Tasting.*

- WHEN: Friday, November 2, 2012, at 5:30 p.m.*
- WHERE: The home of Jan and Dr. Vondale Graham.  
312 E. 19<sup>th</sup> St. (between Madison and Detroit).*
- WHAT: We will share and discuss great wines and share  
delicious hor d'oeuvres. Be sure to invite friends  
and family.*
- WHY: To benefit Tulsa AAUW's local scholarships  
for women returning to college.*
- HOW: Tickets are \$25.00 and will be available at the  
AAUW membership meeting on October 13, or by  
contacting Donna Mathews at  
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# IT'S MY VOTE



Where does Governor Romney stand on closing the pay gap? Where does President Obama stand on college affordability? Where do the presidential candidates stand on a woman's right to access affordable contraception without asking her boss's permission? Are you sure you know their positions?

All these answers and more can be found on the AAUW Action Fund's [2012 Presidential Voter Guide](#). The Action Fund has thoroughly researched the candidates' records and public positions to assess where they stand on AAUW's priority issues.

Barack Obama (D) [Incumbent]	Issues	Mitt Romney (R) [Challenger]
Support	Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act to improve enforcement of existing civil rights laws aimed at closing the pay gap between men and women.	Unknown
Support	Maintain funding for college affordability programs, student loan forgiveness programs, and Pell grants.	Oppose
Oppose	Change the Social Security program to introduce privatized accounts.	Unknown
Oppose	Reinstate the recently repealed Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy banning lesbian, gay, and bisexual Americans from openly serving in the armed forces.	Oppose
Support	Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) to include protections for all victims.	Unknown
Oppose	Reverse the requirement that insurance plans cover birth control without co-pay or cost-sharing in employee and student health insurance plans.	Support
Oppose	Repeal the health care law provision that allows young adults to remain on their parents' health care insurance until age 26.	Support
Support	Pass federal legislation requiring companies to allow full-time employees to earn a minimum number of paid sick days each year.	Unknown
Support	Amend the Constitution to guarantee equal rights for men and women.	Unknown
Support	Confirm federal judges who uphold civil rights laws and established precedents.	Unknown

Use this guide to educate yourself and others. Share it with your friends and family. Take it to town halls to ask candidates why they hold that position. Speak up and make your voice heard!



*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."*

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## **November, 2012 Calendar**

**November 2** Wine Tasting See Page 4.

**November 3-4** Household Pollutant Collection See below.

**November 8** TU's Series on Women and Poverty See Page 2.

**November 10** General Membership Meeting See P. 1.

**November 12** Deadline for TULSA VOICE, December, 2012-January, 2013 issue ←←←←

**November 13** Adelante Book Group. See P. 3.

**November 28** Mystery Book Club See Page 3.

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

**December 31** Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. at the Nathan Hale Library

**June 9-13, 2013** 2013 AAUW National Convention, New Orleans, LA

## **Branch Briefs**

**Household Pollutant Collection Event** Saturday, Nov. 3 and Sunday, Nov. 4 Tulsans can dispose of household chemicals and toxic hazards at this upcoming event. Take your items to the Tulsa Fairgrounds, Gate 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**AAUW releases new research report** November 15 AAUW will live-stream the launch of our new research—Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation. The report also examines one immediate effect of the pay gap for many women — high student loan debt burden. This report follows up on the 2007 AAUW report, Behind the Pay Gap, which found that just one year after college graduation women are paid only 80 cents for every dollar men are paid.

**Lilly Ledbetter to appear on *Colbert Report*** Fair pay advocate and AAUW friend Lilly Ledbetter will appear on the *Colbert Report* on October 21.

**California lawsuit against Wal-Mart moves forward** A federal court denied Wal-Mart's motion to dismiss and gave 90,000 plaintiffs in the California-based lawsuit Dukes v. Wal-Mart the go-ahead to proceed with their gender discrimination class-action suit. AAUW has provided case support to the plaintiffs since January 2011.

**AAUW nets Nonprofits Award** GreatNonprofits has named AAUW a 2012 Top-Rated Nonprofit.