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# It's my vote, I will be heard!

...because equity is still an issue!

# **October General Membership Meeting**

Date:

Saturday, October 13, 2012

Time:

11:00 a.m.

Program:

**WOMEN IN POLITICS** 

GUEST SPEAKER: JUDY EASON MCINTYRE Member of the Oklahoma Senate, District 11

Place:

Local Table, 4329 S Peoria

Lunch:

Order from menu; pay individually

RSVP:

Please contact Pam McDonald at AdamsFamily9857@aol.com or leave

a message at 627-1823 by Thursday, October 11. (If you do not

plan to eat, please specify that in your reply.)

## Welcome, Sen. Judy Eason McIntyre!

We welcome Senator McIntyre to Tulsa Branch. For many years she has been an effective voice for women and African-Americans in our community, and we look forward to her visit. Invite your friends to this meeting!

Senator Judy Eason McIntyre has long been a public servant for our area. She served on the Tulsa Public Schools School Board for 16 years. Elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives for District 73 in 2002, Sen. McIntyre was the first freshman appointed to

the Speaker's Leadership

Team in the House of Representatives.

McIntyre was elected to the Oklahoma State Senate District 11 in 2004. In 2002 she was one of sixteen black women from twelve states selected as a

Fellow for the NOBEL/Women (National Organization of Black Elected Legislators/Women) CAWP (Center for American Women and Politics/Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University)

Leadership Institute.

The Senator, a native Tulsan, graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa, and earned a B.S. and her Masters in Social Work from the University of Oklahoma. She retired from the Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Division after 31 years.

A survivor of breast cancer, McIntyre has stated that she plans to lobby for additional funding to help prevent breast cancer and to help reduce the number of uninsured Oklahomans.

## **President's Corner**

AAUW Tulsa kicked off the 2012-2013 program year with **It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard,** a focus of AAUW political action leading up to the November elections.

At our September meeting we honored Susan B. Anthony—The Woman Who Dared to Vote. American women must never forget that the voting rights we enjoy today were won in hard fought personal and sometimes lifelong battles by women such as Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton and their sister suffragette warriors. We must assert our right to vote and do everything possible to help other American women assert their right to vote.

We also enjoyed a fun and informative evening of *Cocktails and Convos* at The Tropical Restaurant on Sept. 12. Our guest of honor was Erin Prangley, AAUW Associate Director for Government Relations. Erin quickly stepped in to replace Lisa Maatz, AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations, who became ill and was unable to travel to Tulsa. Erin is an attorney with a resume that includes being Deputy Chief of Staff of the U.S. Senate. Having been a single parent for several years, Erin says she understands firsthand the economic and logistical issues facing working women and single parents. Erin is a very capable energetic advocate for AAUW and for women and girls.

Erin presented a workshop on Equal Pay at the CTEEC (Career and Technical Education Equity Conference) held at the Marriott Southern Hills on September 13-14. AAUW Tulsa Branch and AAUW-OK Co-President Jeanna Wing staffed an information table at the conference.

Equal Pay Day candy bars were very popular with conference attendees. They are also a terrific way to spread the word on equal pay. Purchase a dozen at the October meeting and help spread the word. AAUW research published last month reports women still earn only 77% of males' earnings in similar job positions during 2011.

Looking forward, our October program will be a special event. Our guest speaker will be Oklahoma

#### **TULSA VOICE**

Monthly newsletter of American Association of University Women, Tulsa Branch, 5820 S. Evanston Ct., Tulsa, OK 74105 **Web Site:** www.AAUWTulsa.com

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# 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

"Invisible Disabilities and the Neurotypical Gaze" Lecture by Professor Jan Wilson

Tuesday, October 9, 2012, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Chapman Hall LL017

Professor Wilson will give a lecture that draws on disability theory and her experiences raising a neurodiverse child to explore how actively engaging what she calls "the neurotypical gaze" can work toward creating a social order capable of sustaining diversity and citizenship outside of the "typical."

# **New Website for Tulsa Branch**

# http://tulsa-ok.aauw.net/

Our new website can also be accessed through the national website, www.aauw.org, and clicking on the tab, "branches".

State Senator Judy Eason McIntyre who has actively and tirelessly advocated for racial and gender racial equality throughout her career in public service. If you saw the photos of her at the recent Democratic convention or at the Oklahoma State Capitol during the recent fight to preserve women's reproductive rights, then we need to say no more. You will not want to miss Senator Eason McIntyre's presentation and you will want to bring your friends to help Tulsa Branch honor Senator Eason McIntyre's career of service to the citizens of Oklahoma.

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# **Interest Groups**

#### ADELANTE BOOK GROUP

We will meet on Tuesday, October 9, 6:00 p.m. at my home, 5820 S. Evanston Ct. The book selection is The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh. The book has received excellent reviews and promises to be a fun read. Bring a dish to share for a light supper.

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#### Mystery Book Club



The Mystery Book Club, which meets every other month, will next gather 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 Ishbrooks@cox.net

#### MOVIE CLUB

The *Movie Group* is for movie buffs or those with time to catch a movie now and then, whether it's in the home of the group leader or at the Circle Cinema.

If you are interested in spending an evening watching movies with popcorn and the girls, please call or e-mail the leader, Rose Unterschuetz, at:

688-7128, or <u>Tulsarose@sbcglobal.net</u>

#### **GOURMET GROUP**



The next gathering of this group will be October 19, at Christy Johnson's home, 44216 E. 103 St. Call Christy for information on what to bring: 918-519-3131, or Group Leader Kay Witt, 918/493-7270.

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

June 9—12, 2013 New Orleans

#### **Leading across Generations**

#### **REGISTRATION:**

 Best Value
 Dec. 4, 2012-Feb. 3, 2013
 \$425

 Early Bird
 Feb. 4-April 14
 \$450

 Regular
 April 15-and after
 \$500

Convention Banquet, Tuesday, June 11 \$125

www.aauw.org/convention Facebook: www.facebook.com/AAUWNational.Convention

# **MEMBERSHIP NOTES**

Hello, Tulsa Branch members,

We have had a good response from our new website, gaining two new members! Welcome to **Becky Hutton** and **Chelsea Wiard!** Both women attended our September meeting. We'll have more information by the next newsletter which you can add to your directory, but for now:

**Becky Hutton** earned a BS from OSU and works at OSU-Tulsa. She is currently entering a Master's program there also.

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Becky graduated from NSU, with a BA in History, and an Associate's degree in Culinary Arts from OSU-Okmulgee.

Thank you to everyone who has renewed your membership, either through Member Services of AAUW online, or through Tulsa Branch. You are all appreciated, and needed, to help advocate for women and girls in higher education!

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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. 19th 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 <u>djm37183718@sbcglobal.net</u>



AAUW has several aids to help in your voting decisions. On the aauw.org website you can access the VoteHER TOOLKIT. Some tools are:

- The AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record for the 112th Congress explains the positions of and votes taken by Representatives and Senators on priority bills moving through Congress.
- Check out the voter guides to understand how presidential candidates Barack Obama and Mitt Romney, and candidates in key Senate and House elections, stack up this year on issues important to women.
- What has the Obama administration accomplished over the past four years and where has it fallen short? Read AAUW's report on this administration and decide for yourself.

AAUW members can subscribe to <u>Washington</u> <u>Update</u>, a members-only weekly e-mail bulletin with an insider's view on public policy and politics news, resources for advocates and programming ideas!

#### **Host a Presidential Debate Watch Party**

Schedule debate watch parties with friends and neighbors to encourage women to get involved in the political process.

The dates of the remaining presidential debates: Tuesday, October 16, moderated by Candy Crowley, Chief Political Correspondent, CNN, and Anchor, CNN's State of the Union

Monday, October 22—Bob Schieffer, Chief Washington Correspondent, CBS News, and Moderator, Face the Nation

The vice presidential debate is **Thursday**, **October 11**, moderated by Martha Raddatz, Senior Foreign Affairs Correspondent, ABC News.



## **AAUW Action Network**

The U.S. Census Bureau released new data on the gender wage gap — and it's not pretty.

Women *still* earn just 77 cents, on average, for every dollar earned by their male counterparts. That number hasn't budged in the last decade. As AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE, said: "If we keep going at this pace, women will never earn the same amount that men earn for full-time, year-round work."

And the numbers are worse for black and Hispanic women, who make an average of 64 cents and an average of 55 cents, respectively, for every dollar paid to white, non-Hispanic men.

Tell your Senators and Representative to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act!

The Paycheck Fairness Act would deter wage discrimination by closing loopholes in the Equal Pay Act and barring retaliation against workers who disclose their own wages to co-workers. Without this bill, employers can penalize and even fire employees for talking about their salaries.

This egregious practice leaves workers in the dark, preventing them from ever finding out about pay discrimination in the workplace. We can't make real progress in closing the wage gap until we strengthen enforcement of existing anti-discrimination laws and give women the tools they need to get the pay they deserve.





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.

http://tulsa-ok.aauw.net/

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"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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**October 29** Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. at the Nathan Hale Library

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**June 9-13, 2013** <u>2013 AAUW National Convention,</u> New Orleans, LA

## **Branch Briefs**

#### **Ways & Means Plans Fundraisers**

Tulsa AAUW plans fundraisers at each meeting: (1) Tailgate "Dollars for Scholars" Book Sales (members, please bring books to sell); (2) Purses/Totes for sale; 3) Jewelry Sales. Special fundraisers will be the Wine Tasting on Nov. 2 (see P. 4) and the Phantom Holiday Tea and Bake Sale in early December. Be prepared <u>not</u> to bake cookies, <u>not</u> to bake pies, and <u>not</u> to cook candy: enjoy tea at home instead of going out in the cold December wind. An invitation will arrive in early December to this wonderful event!

#### STEM Expert to speak at AAUW

Our November General Membership Meeting's featured speaker will be a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) expert from TCC.

#### Tulsa Branch may host State Convention

AAUW-OK has asked Tulsa Branch to host the State AAUW Convention in 2014. Would you like to help with the plans? Contact Branch Pres. Rose Unterschuetz, 918/747-5516.

#### Free Landfill Days Oct. 27-28

In memory of Linda Taylor, we continue to encourage a "green" lifestyle. So, we are reminding you that you can dispose of unwanted items, for free, at the Quarry Landfill, 13740 E. 46th St. No., on October 27-28, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Show a Tulsa utility bill or a driver's license with a Tulsa address.