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## IT'S MY VOTE



.....*because equity is still an issue!*

## May General Membership Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, May 14, 2016

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Bros. Houligan  
4848 S. Yale

**Program:** **VOTING IS POWER**

**Speaker:** Mandy Winton, League of Women Voters

**Lunch:** Order from menu

**RSVP:** Please contact **Pam McDonald** at [AdamsFamily9857@aol.com](mailto:AdamsFamily9857@aol.com) or leave a message at **918-627-1823**, or text to **918-636-5131** by **Thursday, May 12.**

The Tulsa Metropolitan League of Women Voters is an active, neutral source and power dedicated to ensuring that all eligible voters — particularly those from traditionally underrepresented or underserved communities, including first-time voters, non-college youth, new citizens, minorities, the elderly and low-income Americans — have the opportunity and the information to exercise their right to vote.

AAUW's *It's My Vote: Will Be Heard* campaign is a critical effort to register women voters. In particular, AAUW is promoting voter registration on AAUW college/university partner member campuses, helping them meet their obligations under the Higher Education Act.

The AAUW College/University Partners in Oklahoma are Cameron University, Northeastern State University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma Panhandle State University, Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma State University of Technology, Southwestern Oklahoma State University, University of Central Oklahoma, University of Oklahoma, University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma, and The University of Tulsa.



## President's Corner



Hello, All,

Rose, Linda Brooks, Gabbie and I had a great time in Duncan, OK at the state convention. Many thanks to the Duncan Branch AAUW for putting on a wonderful event.

Read below to find out the newly elected officers for AAUW-OK.

We had a wonderful speaker from National in Alicia Hetman, AAUW Board of Directors Vice-Chair.

I'm looking forward to our final meeting before summer break — all about "getting out the vote for 2016"!

—Pam McDonald, President Tulsa Branch  
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## Tech Trek TU 2016! June 12-18 at TU

**C**amp Director Xan Black reports all planning and preparation is on schedule for the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) immersion camp at the University of Tulsa. Girls were nominated by their teachers. The girls who were nominated then were required to make application to attend the camp. From that group of rising 7th grade girls 48 girls were selected to attend. The campers will spend the week housed in a sorority house on the TU campus.

**F**unding for the camp is provided through the generous support of the Schusterman Foundation, Flight Night, Verizon, Symantec, and AAUW members, and the girls' registration fee of \$50 per family.

**D**irector Xan Black invites Tulsa Branch members to visit the camp to see this program in action.

**P**lease see the Tech Trek TU website [techtrek-tulsa.aauw.net](http://techtrek-tulsa.aauw.net) for more information and the opportunity to make donations to this life changing program for girls powered by AAUW.



**L to Rt: Stephanie Toney (Finance), Susie Orsenigo (Secretary), Nora Pugh-Seemster (Membership), Peggy Glenn (Program), Angie Lewis (Co-President), Gabrielle W. Jones (Co-President), and Shirley Breeze (AAUW National Representative).**

### TULSA VOICE

Monthly newsletter of American Association of University Women, Tulsa Branch, 5219 S Joplin Ave, Tulsa, OK 74135

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Nora Pugh-Seemster (South OKC)

Stephanie Toney (Edmond)

Susie Orsenigo (Edmond)

## Interest Groups

### ADELANTE READING GROUP



Please join us on **Monday, May 23** at 6:30 p.m. in the Café area of Barnes and Noble, 5231 E. 41st St., for a discussion of A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki. May is Asian-Pacific

American Heritage Month, and this story is about 16-year old Nao in Tokyo who is documenting the lives of her great-grandmother, a Buddhist nun, and Ruth, a novelist living on a remote island.

The Tulsa libraries have copies in audio, regular and large print.

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

### MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

**Wednesday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m.** come to Barnes and Noble Café at 41st and Yale. This time we have free choice for the book—read your favorite author. Maybe you'll hear about someone else's favorite that you will want to try!



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

### MOVIE GROUP



Our next movie day will be **May 3**. Please Contact Rose Unterschuetz, for more information, at

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

### GOURMET GROUP

Our next get-together is **May 14**, 5:45 p.m.; we are invited to attend the Tulsa Opera Guild's picnic—Fried Chicken Dinner and Gospel Music. The fundraiser is at the home of Kay & Franklin Miller, 11315 S. Hudson Ave. The music will feature Kelly Ford & Don Ryan, two of Tulsa's most talented musicians. The cost is \$35 per person.



If you are interested, please contact Janet Hyne at [jhyne@att.net](mailto:jhyne@att.net), or 918-639-4583.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

- ➔ **It's May, and young women are graduating** from college. Give the graduate in your life a free national membership to AAUW, with the Give-a-Grad-a-Gift program. Go to the website, [www.aauw.gov](http://www.aauw.gov). This membership is good for one year; if the graduate will be living in our area, you may want to gift her or him with the branch and state dues also (total of \$24).
- ➔ **The AAUW National fiscal year ends June 30** so this means it is time to renew your membership for 2016-17. You can renew by sending a check to the Tulsa Branch Treasurer Gabbie Jones or by using the Membership Payment Program (MPP) to renew your local, state and national membership online with your credit card. Please note that state dues have increased to \$10 from the previous \$7. The dues increase was approved by vote of the membership and was announced at the April AAUW/OK Convention in Duncan.

Please make out your checks in the amount of **\$73.00** (\$14 local, \$10 state, and \$49.00 national) made payable to AAUW. Please mail to:

Gabrille W. Jones  
1115 E. 36<sup>th</sup>  
Tulsa, OK 74105

- ➔ You can access [www.AAUW.org](http://www.AAUW.org) and choose the "join" option on the home page then follow the links to "renew branch" option to renew your membership online.

Your timely payment will be greatly appreciated. **Please note \$46.00 of your national dues are tax deductible.**

Interim Membership Vice-President  
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## AAUW MISSION, ACTION, NOTES

### GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH

AAUW's newest research report, *Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership*, explores the obstacles that hold women back from reaching their full leadership potential.

Despite making up approximately 50 percent of the U.S. workforce, women are shockingly outnumbered in leadership positions in the education, corporate, and political sectors. This report provides practical recommendations for moving more women up into seats of power.

### NO! on DC PRIVATE SCHOOL VOUCHER BILL

The House is trying again to reauthorize the District of Columbia private school voucher program. AAUW opposes HR 4901. Public funds should only be used for public education — not private or religious school voucher schemes that benefit only a few. [Urge your member of Congress to vote "no" on HR 4901 and any other private voucher programs!](#)

### INTERSECTIONALITY? WHAT IS IT? WHY DO WE NEED IT?

Intersectionality is a fairly new term to most of us. The term acknowledges the multiple overlapping or intersecting, of social identities and related systems of oppression.

As feminists, we must recognize how an issue affects women differently, based on their various identities. AAUW needs to act in all women's interests. For example, when encouraging girls toward STEM fields, we need to recognize that girls of color may have additional hurdles to cross. Police accountability, equal pay, reproductive rights, and

many other issues affect women variously according to their social identities.

The Younger Women's Task Force, powered by AAUW, is especially working in this area. Let's keep our eyes and minds open to help bring equality for all women.

### LEADERSHIP AND WAGES ARE INTERTWINED

The gender wage gap is influenced by many factors, but one important contributor is the gender leadership gap.

A recent study of young working women found that many who leave their current jobs do so to seek out higher pay and better opportunities to develop skills, suggesting that low pay and limited opportunities for advancement go hand in hand.

When women are kept out of leadership positions, they earn less, and consequently are more likely to leave the workforce entirely.

### DO OKLA. STATE OFFICIALS CARE ABOUT OUR EQUAL PAY?

In 2016, of the 42 governors who gave State of the State speeches or wrote addresses, only two discussed equal pay. No, Oklahoma was not one of the two.

But state legislators are paying more attention to this issue. A bill addressing equal pay has been introduced in the Oklahoma legislature, and has passed at least one House. So far 34 states have introduced equal pay bills.

We need to encourage our state legislatures to continue this effort and push through to the Governor's signature!

## Notes from the State Convention

**Rose Unterschuetz** will serve in the appointed position of College/University Partners for 2016-2018.

We are proud of members from Tulsa who served in the 2014-2016 term: **Linda Brooks** (Recording Secretary), **Rose Unterschuetz** (College/University Partnership), and **Eva Pope-Garrett** (Diversity Chair).

The proposition **to increase state dues to \$10** (from \$7) passed in the vote by state membership. The total of dues for full membership in branch (\$14), state (\$10) and national (\$49) **will now be \$73.00.**

*"What matters now, as always, is not what we can't do; it is what we can and must do."*

Eleanor Roosevelt

## Notes from Tulsa Branch

Elections for branch officers will be held at our May General Membership Meeting. All the current officers have agreed to continue their service in their offices. We will make it official at the May meeting. Thank you to **Pam McDonald** (President), **Rose Unterschuetz** (Membership), **Jan Graham & Donna Mathews** (Ways & Means), **Gabril W. Jones** (treasurer). The Program responsibilities are carried out by the Executive Committee; the Recording Secretary position is currently open.

Please note in the Tech Trek article on Page 2, **Tulsa Branch will need to provide refreshments** on Tech Trek's opening day, June 12, and at the closing, Saturday, June 18.

# MIDWEST TEN-STATE AAUW BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

**June 3-4, 2016**

(Noon Friday to Saturday late afternoon)

**Great Wolf Lodge, Kansas City, Kansas**



## Fees

<b>Conference Registration</b>	\$45
Registration includes Friday reception and film, Saturday light breakfast, breaks, conference materials, AV, and all special activities.	
<b>Saturday American Buffet</b>	\$26
Salad, pasta, entrée, dessert, bread and beverages Please note on your registration if you have special dietary needs.	
<b>Student Registration</b>	\$20

Make checks to: AAUW Midwest Regional Conference and mail to:  
Carol Davis-McDonald, 827 Bergquist Drive, Manchester, MO 63011  
**Deadline: May 28, 2016**

The 45th Biennial AAUW Regional Conference will be headquartered in Great Wolf Lodge; the Lodge is a self-contained entity with fabulous recreational opportunities for the whole family, wonderful accommodations, and excellent restaurant and food venues. Nearby are shopping malls and other amenities.

Call 1-866-944-9653 for room reservations. Use block code **1 606AAUW**. Suite rooms are \$176.86 plus tax and fees, and sleep 6 people. For more information call 314-831-5359 or 636-938-3958, or Contact [sbreeze@mindspring.com](mailto:sbreeze@mindspring.com) or [apatriciashores@att.net](mailto:apatriciashores@att.net).



*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."*



## May, 2016 Calendar

**May** Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

**May 3** Movie Group See Page 3.

**May 3** National Teacher's Day

**May 8-14** National Women's Health Week

**May 13** National Women's Check-Up Day

**May 14** General Membership Meeting See P 1.

**May 14** Gourmet Group See Page 3.

**May 18** Mystery Book Club See Page 3.

**May 20** Deadline for Summer, 2016 TULSA VOICE.

**May 23** Adelante Book Group 6:30 p.m. See P. 3.

**May 26** Sally Ride Day

### Looking Ahead . . .

**June 3-4** Midwest AAUW Biennial Conference

**June 12-18, 2016** TU Tech Trek 2016 See P. 2.