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WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES AT TU

...because equity is still an issue!

October General Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, October 12, 2013

Time: 11:00 Tour, Lunch, Program & Business

Place: University of Tulsa, Chapman Hall, Women's & Gender Studies Offices*

Program: WOMEN & GENDER STUDIES

Speaker: Holly Laird, Director of Women's & Gender Studies Program

Cost: Each bring your own sack lunch.

RSVP: Please contact **Judy Anderson** at edandjudy57@cox.net or leave a message at **539-664-4661** by **Wednesday, October 2.**

Women's and Gender Studies students gain crucial insight into how ideas about gender affect the lives of both women and men, shaping how all of us relate to ourselves and each other.



T.U. program has grown, what it includes, and the careers that can be enhanced and impacted through these studies.

The program will include a tour of the new offices and the newly dedicated Barbara Santee Library.

Holly Laird, Program Director, will tell us how the

*Chapman Hall is near 5th St.; you may park in the University United Methodist Church parking lot on the north side of 5th St. Chapman Hall will be on the south side of 5th St. and a little ways to the west. You can see a map at <http://robotron.utulsa.edu/display/map>.



President Pam McDonald (rt.) and Past President Linda Brooks are holding certificates awarded to Tulsa Branch at the National Convention. They are: *In appreciation of our contributions to branch support for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders; In appreciation of our contributions to the AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund; and In appreciation of our contributions to the AAUW Total Program Funds, third place in Branch Per Capita Giving.*



President's Corner

We had a wonderful September meeting. Thanks to all who attended.

A full summer of activities was reviewed by past president Rose Unterschuetz, who represented Tulsa Branch and also AAUW/OK at the AAUW National Convention in New Orleans. Seidah Rasheed, OSU student (and granddaughter of our Secretary, Eva Pope-Garrett) attended the Student Leadership Conference (NCCWSL) IN Washington, D.C.

I urge everyone to attend our future activities and meetings. It's always nice to get together in a show of support for AAUW and all the good things this organization promotes for women's issues. It's just fun to eat and socialize with good friends!

A little reminder on the national front: It was just announced that the pay wage gap for women is still in place. Women earned 76.5 cents for every dollar earned by men! We have a lot of work to do in narrowing this gap.

—Pam McDonald, President Tulsa Branch
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Our Branch Family

OUR SYMPATHY to Gisele McDaniel on the death of her husband, Jim McDaniel, on September 3, 2013.

GET WELL WISHES to Shirley Hays who suffered a fall and had to miss the last General Membership Meeting.

GET WELL WISHES to Deborah Burke who broke both ankles in early September.

SEND GREETINGS to Margaret Wesner, former AAUW member, recently admitted to a nursing home in Chickasha. Her address: GlenHaven Retirement Village, 3003 W. Iowa, Room C-2, Chickasha, OK 73018

TULSA VOICE

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Thank You Notes

Dear Tulsa AAUW branch members,

Thank you to all of you; I am still receiving cards in the mail from you daily. The outpouring of your love and support is very much appreciated. I am so happy my sister is still here. It is still like a dream I am hoping to wake up from — I miss Jim dearly. Thank you all so very much.

Gisele

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*Dear AAUW Friends,*

*I want to thank you again for making it possible for me to attend the 2013 AAUW Convention in New Orleans. I want to give you a taste of this wonderful event. Please enjoy the Convention summary video. Let the Good Times Roll,*

<http://convention.aauw.org/2013/08/26/video-highlights-from-the-2013-convention/>

*Rose*

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Seidah Rasheed sends her thanks for Tulsa Branch's financial help in sending her to NCCWSL, the student leadership conference in Washington, D.C. in June. At our September meeting she passed around a handmade "Thank You" that included photos from the conference.

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### Write a letter to the editor!

Letters to the editor are important tools in our advocacy arsenal. They are quick to write, relatively easy to have published, and are the most widely read section in the newspaper. Many politicians and government agencies routinely clip and circulate letters to the editor as indicators of what is important to their constituents.

If you participate in the AAUW Action Network, there will be a link in each online notice to give you examples, and information. This is a good time to write a letter to the editor of your local paper about the gender wage gap, or any issue dear to your heart!

You can also check the League of Women Voters' website for more tips: [www.lwvtulsa.org](http://www.lwvtulsa.org).

### Interest Groups

#### ADELANTE—READING GROUP



**October 8, 6 p.m., at 5820 S. Evanston,** we will start with the national recommended reading list for Adelante this year (we'll be one month behind). Adelante is all about diversity. The October book will be Caramelo by Sandra

Cisneros, in observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month (which was in September).

The novel is about Celaya Reyes' family. Celaya lives in Chicago, and every year the whole family packs up 3 cars and drives to the Little Grandfather and Awful Grandmother's house in Mexico City for the summer.

Our November book will be Ride the Wind: The Story of Cynthia Ann Parker and the Last Days of the Comanche, by Lucia St. Clair Robson.

RSVP to Rose Unterschuetz, 747-5516, 688-7128, or [tulsarose@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tulsarose@sbcglobal.net).



#### MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Mystery Book Group will be held on **Wednesday, November 20**, at 7:00 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Café at 41st and Yale.



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



#### MOVIE GROUP



Our next Movie Night will be Tuesday, October 22, at 6:30 p.m. Bring a salad or dish to share.

Rose Unterschuetz, 747-5516, 688-7128, or [tulsarose@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tulsarose@sbcglobal.net)



**Join an Interest Group today!**



**AAUW seeks diverse membership.**  
(Photo from Membership Workshop at National Convention)

### MEMBERSHIP NOTES

As we're out and about in the community, we might encounter potential AAUW members. Having a recruitment conversation is hardly ever a planned event. Having a solid recruitment spiel ready will help if/when the occasion presents itself. For example, we might say something like the following to introduce our organization:

*The American Association of University Women is a non-profit organization that advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. All of our members hold an AA degree or higher and take an active role in helping support our mission. With over 165,000 members and supporters, AAUW continues to set the standard for equity among women and girls.*

*Would you like to explore membership? You're very welcome to visit a general membership meeting or a special interest group gathering. We have wonderful programs at our monthly luncheon meetings which are usually held on the second Saturday in a restaurant. We also have a couple of book clubs, a movie club and a gourmet dinner club.*

If you detect some interest, forward their information to me and I'll follow up with a call or e-mail to invite them to join us and send them a monthly newsletter.

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| <b>PROSPECTIVE MEMBER</b>                                                  |                 |
| Prospect's Name                                                            | _____           |
| Address                                                                    | _____           |
| Phone # (w)                                                                | _____ (H) _____ |
| AAUW Contact                                                               | _____           |
| <small>(Return to: Judy Anderson, 3763 E 48th Pl, Tulsa, OK 74135)</small> |                 |





**Women In Transition**  
www.tulsawomenintransition.org

## Women In Transition College Fair/Workshop

**Thursday, October 3, 2013**

**8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at OSU-Tulsa, and  
4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at TCC-Southeast**

### Booth Visitation Schedule for Participants

**10:25-11:10 a.m./OSU-Tulsa/North Hall 151**

*Please be set up by 10 a.m. May leave after 11:10 a.m.*

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**6:25-7:10 p.m./TCC-Southeast/Building 9  
Student Union/Lower Level**

*Please be set up by 4:45 p.m. May leave after 7:10 p.m.*

Tulsa Women In Transition assists women who are interested in returning to college or attending college for the first time. The organization was birthed in Tulsa Branch AAUW with JoAnne Bottomley at the helm. They have since become a stand-alone organization; Tulsa Branch continues its support financially and with volunteers at the events and serving on the WIT board.

WIT offers two programs:

**The Fall Workshop and Seminar** is a half-day program that allows women to spend time learning about financial aid, local institutions of higher education and hear inspirational stories from women who have returned to college. It is offered twice a day so every woman can attend regardless of her schedule. Two \$500 and one \$700 scholarships are given through a drawing. Winners are now mentored.

**WIT Spring Follow-Up** is designed for past event participants. Women are given an opportunity to spend time with local institutions of higher education and attend sessions on topics ranging from financial aid to study skills and time management to making career choices. A competitive \$1000 scholarship is awarded.

If you know someone  
who could benefit from this workshop,  
they can call 918-928-7764.

If you can help at Tulsa Branch's booth at the October 3 events listed above, you may call  
JoAnne Bottomley at 918-625-2507 or  
M.J. Clausen at 918-630-6018.

## Branch News Briefs

**A WINE-TASTING EVENT** has been set by the Ways & Means Vice-Presidents for **Friday, November 15, 5:30 p.m.** at the home of Jan Graham. Each member should bring a snack to accompany the wine. This event will replace our general membership meeting for November.

**STATE CONVENTIONS** for Oklahoma and Arkansas will be combined in 2014. The OK/AR Conventions will be **April 5, 2014, in Bentonville, AR.** The convention will replace our April General Membership Meeting. More information later.

**AAUW ORGANIZER Melodia Guteriezz** has been assigned to Oklahoma to help our AAUW branches with recruitment and retention of members. This national program is being pioneered in 14 states; Oklahoma is one of those chosen due to the eroding of women's rights in our state.

**BOOK  
SMART**

tulsa

**Tuesday, October 1, 7 p.m.**

Harwelden Mansion

**Man Alive!**

**BookSmart Tulsa BBQ w/Mary Kay Zuravleff**

Special guests Rilla Askew &  
Constance Squires

**Saturday, October 5, 7:30 p.m.**

Charles Schusterman Jewish Community Ctr.

**Wilson**

A. Scott Berg

**Tuesday, October 8, 7 p.m.**

Central Library (check on this before you go)

**Chuck Palahniuk's Adult Pajama Party**

Special Guests Monica Drake &  
Chelsea Cain

**Thursday, October 17, 7 p.m.**

All Souls Unitarian Church

**Literary Death Match: Tulsa Part 3**

**Thursday, October 21, 7 p.m.**

Congregation B'Nai Emunah

**Dissident Gardens**

Jonathan Lethem



AAUW/OK President Jeanna Wing (left) and Melodia Gutierrez, AAUW/OK Organizer at the Reception on September 19. See more about Melodia on Page 2. She was attending the National Conference of CTEEC (Career and Technical Education Equity Council) in Tulsa .



Anne Hedgepeth, (left) AAUW Director of Government Affairs, is pictured with Nora Pugh, AAUW/OK Vice-President of Membership, at the Reception sponsored by AAUW/OK and Tahlequah and Tulsa Branches on September 19. Ms. Hedgepeth was in Tulsa to speak at the National Conference of CTEEC (Career and Technical Education Equity Council).



### **New Orleans Convention Energizes Attendees Leading Across the Generations**

The New Orleans convention opened with an all woman jazz band playing the wailing “When the Saints Go Marching In” and it closed with newly elected President Patricia Ho riding in atop a Mardi Gras float. In between, the fast paced snappy new format kept attendees engaged and entertained.

I want to thank the members of Tulsa Branch for sponsoring my attendance at the convention. This was my fifth National Convention. As always I gained new insight and came home energized to better support AAUW Tulsa Branch over the next two years.

Hope you will join me in attending the 2015 convention in San Diego!

Rose Unterschuetz  
AAUW/OK Public Policy Chair  
AAUW Tulsa Public Policy Chair

### **AAUW New Study Is *Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success***

More than ever before, women are relying on community colleges for higher education and work-force preparation. This report recommends policies and practices to help women succeed in community colleges. In particular, we find that child care is a critical issue for student mothers. Women also need more support for pursuing opportunities in STEM and other male-dominated fields.

With increased attention and improved outreach to women students, the nation’s community colleges can build on their legacy of providing educational opportunity to all. The issues this report addresses are of particular concern to women at community colleges, but improving outcomes for women will benefit everyone.

Each AAUW member is entitled to a free copy of the study report. Tulsa Branch may be ordering those and would underwrite the shipping cost.



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."

The Wage Gap is stuck at 23 cents (still!)

On Sept. 17 the U.S. Census Bureau released new data on the gender wage gap — but there's nothing "new" about it. In 2012, women still earned just 77 cents, on average, for every dollar earned by their male counterparts. That number hasn't budged in the last decade, and it's about time our nation's leaders did something about it.

For two years, the U.S. Department of Labor has been saying it will develop a new tool to collect information on salaries, wages, and other benefits earned by employees of federal contractors and subcontractors.

This tool is essential to giving employees and



employers the information they need to end pay discrimination, and it's essential to giving the Department of Labor the information it needs

to make sure employers receiving our tax dollars are following the law. Urge the Department of Labor to speed up its work on this data collection tool today!

The 23-cent wage gap isn't just a number on the page—it means less money for food, education, housing, and retirement for millions of women and families nationwide.

Let our new Secretary of Labor Perez know that this data collection tool should be one of the first items on the agenda!



October, 2013 Calendar

October 1, 5, 8, 17 & 24 BookSmart events See Page 4.

October 2 Board Meeting 6 p.m., Village Inn, 2745 S. Harvard Ave.

October 3 Women In Transition Workshop See Page 4.

October 8 Adelante Book Group 6 p.m. See P. 3.

October 12 Deadline for November, 2013 TULSA VOICE.

October 12 General Membership Meeting 11:00 a.m. See P. 1.

October 19-20 Free Landfill Days 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Quarry Landfill, 13740 E. 46th St. North.

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November 15 Wine Tasting Fundraiser See P. 4.

November 20 Mystery Book Group 7 p.m. See Page 3.

April 5, 2014 Combined OK/AR State Convention See Page 4.