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LET'S BE WELL-INFORMED ADVOCATES AND VOTERS

...because equity is still an issue!

September General Membership Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2014

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Place: Hard Rock Hotel & Casino,*
Hiway 66 Diner

Program: THE LATEST BUZZ IN AAUW'S
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

SPEAKER: ANNE HEDGEPEETH
AAUW Government Relations Manager

Dinner: Hiway 66 Diner in the Hard Rock Casino

Cost: \$7.00—\$17; each pays own tab

RSVP: Please contact **Judy Anderson** at edandjudy57@cox.net or leave a message at **539-664-4661** by **Tuesday, September 23.**

Following dinner we will move to a CTEEC conference room for our program and meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Directions to Hard Rock: Interstate I-44 east to exit 240; take Hiway 167 north.*

We are happy to welcome Anne Hedgepeth, AAUW's Government Relations Manager, to Tulsa Branch. Anne will be in Tulsa to attend the 2014 CTEEC (Career and Technical Education Equity Council) Conference September 25-26 at the Hard Rock Hotel.

As a part of Anne's advocacy work, she establishes relationships with key congressional offices, the presidential administration, coalition partners, and AAUW's network of members and supporters. She amplifies AAUW's voice on public policy priorities including paid sick days, paid leave, the Family and Medical Leave Act, career and technical education, workforce training, community colleges, higher education, nontraditional occupations for women, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and the Violence Against Women Act.

Anne also manages the AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps, which organizes more than 30 local AAUW members and students who speak out on Capitol Hill weekly. She has a bachelor of arts in economics from Davidson College and a master of public policy from George Mason University.



Anne Hedgepeth

President's Corner

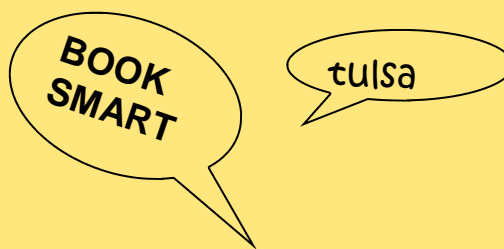
WE HAVE had an eventful summer. First, our program planning committee has come up with some great programs and events for 2014-2015.

SECOND, TULSA BRANCH will be actively involved in the first Tech Trek camp in the eastern part of Oklahoma. Tulsa University has agreed to partner with us and new member Xan Black to host this very exciting opportunity. Tech Trek is purposed for middle school girls interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) careers. This will take place in the summer of 2015 if everything goes according to plan. We will keep our members updated with information as it occurs.

AS YOU KNOW, this is a tremendous boost for our branch and a wonderful opportunity for name recognition to many diverse people locally and nationally!

LET'S START with a great turnout at the CTEEC (Career and Technical Education Equity Council) Conference at the exciting and colorful Hard Rock Casino. What a great time to invite someone to an AAUW meeting. Hope to see you there!

—Pam McDonald, President Tulsa Branch
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*An Indigenous Peoples'
History of the United States*
Book Launch

Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz
September 14, 2:00 P.M.

Henry Zarrow Center for Art and Education

Sugar Skull

Graphic Novelist Charles Burns
September 16, 6:30 P.M.

Philbrook Museum of Art

J.D. Salinger: The Escape Artist
Thomas Beller

September 30, 7:00 P.M.

The University of Tulsa-McFarlin Library

TULSA VOICE

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Branch Notes

Our October meeting will be on the 17th; this will be the Wine and Cheese fundraiser at Jan & Vondale Graham's home. More later!

Eva Pope-Garrett has accepted the office of Diversity Chair on the AAUW State Board. We now have four Tulsa Branch members on the state board: Rose Unterschuetz, Linda Brooks, Gabrielle Jones and Eva.

Bylaws for Tulsa Branch will be updated soon to bring them into compliance with changes made at the last national convention.

Our November 13th General Membership Meeting will feature **Melodia Gutierrez** as our guest speaker. Melodia, from AAUW, has expertise in College and University Membership, and individual membership. Her topic: "Involving the Community in AAUW". **This will be a 6 p.m. meeting on a Thursday evening.** Mark your calendars now! Location information TBA.

Rose Unterschuetz, our Public Policy Chair, was quoted in a Tulsa World article on August 19th; the news item featured the gender wage gap. In the photo picturing President Obama signing executive orders designed to close the wage gap, AAUW's Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, and Lily Ledbetter, wage gap victim and now advocate for pay equity, are also included. Rose said, "In 40 percent of the households where the primary wage earner works for minimum wage, the worker is a mother who is supporting her family. Increasing the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour would eliminate 5 percent of the gender wage gap." A proposed rule would require federal contractors to submit an annual Equal Pay Report to the government program that monitors contract compliance.

Interest Groups



ADELANTE READING GROUP

We will begin this season on **Monday, September 15**, with the first selection on the Adelante book list, Latinno-vating: Green American Jobs and the Latinos Creating Them, by Graciela Tiscareño-Sato. This is the first book to showcase Latino-led innovation in the green economy. This year we are meeting on the third Monday each month. Also, look at the Adelante list on the website in case we want to select alternatives periodically.

As usual, come to my home at 5820 S. Evanston Ct. at 6 p.m. for a potluck meal; book discussion follows.

RSVP to Rose Unterschuetz, 918-747-5516, 918-688-7128, or tulsarose@sbcglobal.net to be added to the group mailing list.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

The Mystery Book Group's next meeting is **Wednesday, September 17**, at 7:00 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Café at 41st and Yale. The selection is any mystery set in the 1800s, or written in that time frame. One suggested author is Will Thomas.



Questions or further information? Call Linda Brooks, 918-664-9914, or ishbrooks@yahoo.com

MOVIE GROUP



The Movie Group will meet on the first Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m., at the home of Rose Unterschuetz, 5820 S. Evanston Ct. The next meeting is **October 7**; please bring a dish to share.

Contact Rose Unterschuetz, 918-688-7128, or tulsarose@sbcglobal.net

GOURMET GROUP

We will kick off the year with an Oktoberfest themed dinner on **September 27, 5:00 p.m.**, in the backyard of Gisele McDaniel, 1702 W. Young St. (Gilcrease Hills area). Space is limited to 15 persons (in case we have to move inside).



Please RSVP by **September 13** to 918-595-7502 or giseleamcdaniel@gmail.com and receive details.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

For over 130 years, our community has worked to improve the lives of millions of women and their families. AAUW's community empowers women worldwide by advocating for their rights, researching the barriers that hold them back, and delivering programs that give them the confidence and skills to succeed. We're stronger together!

Let's grow our branch! Membership in AAUW is open to anyone with an associate or equivalent (RN) or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution. Undergraduate students may also join as student affiliates.

As you network in your church, neighborhood, classes, and gather with family, please keep AAUW membership and its benefits in mind. Talk about the benefits of affiliating and encourage prospects to visit one of our meetings or social events. We can do it!

We welcome new members **Xan Black** and **Jean Eames**. Xan is the Program Director of the Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance, and has been a guest speaker at a Tulsa branch meeting. Jean has a BA from the College of Wooster, and an MS from Oklahoma State University. In addition, we have gained several new members due to the Tech Trek requirements, and TU is now a university affiliate. More information coming!

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AAUW Notes

Action Network

Mission & Action

CAMPUS SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Far too many students experience sexual violence while they are in college, and many schools are failing in their response. Last year the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act included new campus safety provisions.

The Department of Education has been working to develop regulations to implement this new law. They are looking for comments from the public—**you!**

Tell the Department of Education how important it is to get this done and get it done right. We must ensure the new law is implemented appropriately. After hearing from the public, the Department expects to make this regulation final in November.

The regulation is good — and we need to make sure the Department hears from enough people to keep it that way.

WORKFORCE TRAINING PACKAGE PASSES

Both the House and Senate passed the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and it was signed into law by President Obama at the end of July. The training and career services under WIOA will help women enter nontraditional careers and find high-wage, high-skill jobs.

This deserves celebration! Thank your representatives for voting for this important legislation.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Over recent decades there has been a trend of allowing wealthy special interests to drown out the voices of everyday Americans by spending huge sums of money to rig the political process. The Supreme Court worsened the problem through recent decisions. Wealthy special interests have more political power now than at any time in recent American history. They overpower the voices of everyday Americans.

We need a “Democracy for All” constitutional amendment to restore the First Amendment rights of everyday Americans and reject the idea that a corporation has the same political rights as citizens.

September 8 the Senate voted to pass this amendment. It goes to the House, which is not likely to pass it. **Please contact your representatives and let them know that you support this amendment.**

GET OUT THE VOTE!

Here are some ways you can prepare for the election on Tuesday, November 4:

- ◆ Check your voting status in advance.
- ◆ Participate in National Voter Registration Day.
- ◆ Educate voters.
- ◆ Continue to use AAUW and the AAUW Action Fund as your resources for all things voting.
- ◆ Show up and vote on Tuesday, November 4!



COMMUNITY COLLEGES: HOW DOES OKLAHOMA STACK UP?

In 2011 the 30 community colleges in Oklahoma enrolled 82,006 students, or 36 percent of the state's undergraduate population. 48,000 women attend these colleges, which is 58 percent of the students.

Among women, 59% work part time. Only seven out of 30 colleges offered on-campus child care for students. Nationally, 48% of community colleges offer on-campus child care.

Oklahoma community college women, like women nationwide, earn the majority of degrees in education and the health professions. In 2011 Oklahoma Community college women earned 17% of the associate degrees in engineering, and 19% of the associate degrees in computer and information sciences.

These issues are addressed in the AAUW research report: *Women and Community Colleges: Access to Success.*

Tech Trek Set for Tulsa!



Exciting news for Tulsa branch AAUW—the University of Tulsa has agreed to host an AAUW Tech Trek Camp next summer! Until now the only Tech Trek in Oklahoma has been at SWOSU in Weatherford, and it has been a resounding success!

Tech Trek is a week-long science and math camp for girls in middle school. The first Tech Trek took place at Stanford University and served 150 girls in 1998; it was born out of an AAUW Community Action Grant.

Tech Trek helps girls learn about STEM subjects in a fun-filled, hands-on college environment. For many, this first exposure to a college campus is instrumental in showing the girls that they can thrive there.

The AAUW research report *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*, found that, compared with their male peers, women continue to major and choose careers in STEM fields at an alarmingly low rate.

The report says that getting girls thinking at an early age about majoring and working in STEM is a critical step in widening the pipeline of women who are entering and staying in these fields.

Xan Black, Program Director of the Tulsa Re-

gional STEM Alliance, has agreed to direct the camp. Xan and TU faculty members on the planning committee have submitted the AAUW national grant application for Tech Trek.

Rose Unterschuetz has agreed to take the job of Family/Student Coordinator. She is asking Tulsa branch members to serve on a committee to help her. Jan Graham has been invited to help Rose with outreach, public speaking, and family/student advocacy.

Gabrilie Jones has been asked to be the registrar; Gwen will help with the spread sheet and updates. Linda Brooks and Pam McDonald will help on site at the camp next summer. These last two visited the Tech Trek in Weatherford. There will be plenty for all of us in Tulsa branch to do to make this a successful event. Stay tuned!

Another plus: persons serving on the planning committee must be an AAUW member; consequently several TU professors have joined AAUW, and the University of Tulsa has become a College/University Member!

You can learn more about Tech Trek at: <http://www.aauw.org/what-do-we-do/stem-education/tech-trek>. This includes a video of the Tech Trek camp at SWOSU.

73%



of respondents said Tech Trek introduced them to STEM college majors of which they were previously unaware.

87%



of respondents said Tech Trek introduced them to new STEM careers.



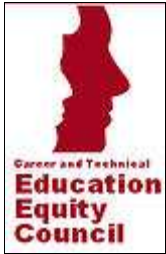
AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

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."



CTEEC

Tulsa again hosts National CTEEC Conference

September 25 and 26 our city will be hosting the annual Conference of the Career and Technical Education Equity Council (CTEEC), this time at the Hard Rock Casino & Hotel. Sessions begin after a 7:30 registration period. Our Tulsa Branch will have a presence with a table in the display area, overseen by Rose, Pam and Gabrille.

The opening session features guest speaker Dr. Seungho Moon, Assistant Professor of Education at OSU; his talk is titled "Half Empty vs. Half Full: Rethinking Privilege in Career & Technical Education". Workshops address innovation in recruitment, civil rights violations & race, effects of substance abuse on learning, technology accessibility, Title IX not just a sports issue, and other interesting and vital issues.

CTEEC's purpose is to promote career and technical education, support equitable and full participation of all students and employees. Members are those involved in, interested in, supportive of career and technical education equity efforts.

AAUW always has a presence as our interests dovetail with those of CTEEC. This year Anne Hedgepeth, AAUW Government Relations Manager, will be in attendance.



September, 2014 Calendar

September 12 Deadline for October TULSA VOICE.

September 13 Ovarian Cancer Awareness Walk, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at Cancer Center Treatment of America

September 14-30 BookSmart events See Page 2.

September 15 Documented screening, a film by an undocumented American, 7 p.m., Circle Cinema

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Thursday, November 13 General Membership Meeting

June 18-21, 2015 National Convention in San Diego