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Women's History Month

March General Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, March 14, 2015

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Villa Ravenna
In The Farm at 51st St. & So. Sheridan Ave.

Program: *THE WOMEN IN OUR LIVES, THEIR STRENGTHS*

Speaker: Nancy McDonald

RSVP: Please contact **Judy Anderson** at edandjudy57@cox.net or leave a message at **539-664-4661** (a local number) by **Thursday, March 12.**

Cost: Each pays according to your individual order.

We are excited to have Nancy McDonald as our guest speaker this month! Nancy, a long time volunteer in the Tulsa Community, is a Past President of Magic Empire of Girl Scouts, the Community Service Council, RSVP, and the Margaret Hudson Program. She presently serves on the Boards of the YMCA, Community Service Council and OCCJ as well as the Booker T. Washington Hall of Fame.

Nancy is one of the architects of Tulsa Public Schools magnet schools program to desegregate Booker T. Washington and Carver schools. She developed the School Volunteer Program and Partners in Education, both locally and nationally.

Nancy and her husband are founding members of PFLAG Tulsa, with Nancy serving as national PFLAG president. She met with President Clinton on LGBT issues several times and has testified in Congress.

We are looking forward to hearing and chatting with this strong advocate for women, education and inclusiveness!



President's Corner

We had an eventful month starting with Okmulgee launching their own AAUW branch at the OSU-IT campus. Rose Unterschuetz, Gabrille W. Jones, and I attended the event along with our area representative from national, Melodia Gutierrez. There was a great turnout, nice visit and a follow-up lunch, altogether a great afternoon.

February 12th Rose, Judy Anderson, and I with several of our TU staff /Tech Trek committee members attended the TU reception for the STEM Alliance at the beautiful Skelly Mansion — a very classy evening! The TU President, Steadman Upham, was such a great host and mentioned his gratitude to Xan Black and Tulsa AAUW for their

support of STEM and our upcoming Tech Trek camp.

And last but not least, the wonderful February meeting recognizing Black History Month. It was a spectacular turnout and a truly community event. Many thanks to Eva Pope Garrett and her granddaughter Seidah Rasheed for all their hard work putting this grand program together!

Let's keep the positive energy flowing and continue support for all things AAUW. **Special fist bump to Patricia Arquette for her rousing acceptance speech at the Oscars in support of equal pay and rights for women everywhere!**

—Pam McDonald, President Tulsa Branch
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New AAUW STEM research report to be launched

Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing

March 28 at 11 a.m. you can stream online the launch of AAUW's newest research report, at no cost to you.

This is a "deeper dive" into engineering and computing, fields that offer 80% of STEM jobs but still boast dismal numbers of women students and workers.

This reports follows up on the initial report, *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*.

A panel of experts from the industry and academia, moderated by leading gender-in-science researcher Londa Schliebinger, will discuss the report's findings and what they mean for anyone who cares about tapping the innovative solutions that half our population offers.

To register for the streaming, go to aauw-research@aauw.org.

News 'n Notes

Website manager change

Megan Morrison, our website manager, is leaving AAUW employment. Megan has been taking care of our website since we started with the national website program, and we will miss her. Our news was always added to the website promptly, even with sudden changes initiated by us! Thank you, Megan!

We will soon have a new website manager, and anticipate the great service will continue.

Congressional contact information

The e-mail addresses for our Congressional team are as follows:

Senator Jim Bridenstine
www.house.gov

Senator James M. Inhofe
www.senate.gov

Senator James Lankford
www.senate.gov

TULSA VOICE

Monthly newsletter of American Association of University Women,
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The AAUW/OK newsletter is now available at the AAUW-OK website. Use this link to access it:

<http://www.aauwoklahoma.org/leadercurrent.pdf>

Interest Groups

ADELANTE READING GROUP



Come on Monday, March 16, 6 p.m. to discuss the March selection, My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor, her autobiography.

As usual, come to my home at 5820 S. Evanston Ct.; bring a dish to share.

RSVP to Rose Unterschuetz, 918-747-5516, 918-688-7128, or tulsarose@sbcglobal.net

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. come to Barnes and Noble Café at 41st and Yale. This month read books by any Irish mystery writer, a mystery in or about Ireland, or a mystery about St. Patrick's Day.



NOTE: Meetings have returned to the second Wednesday every other month.

Questions or further information? Call Linda Brooks, 918-664-9914, or lshbrooks@cox.net

MOVIE GROUP



Tuesday, March 3 we will view a movie at my home, 6:30 p.m. Call me for details.

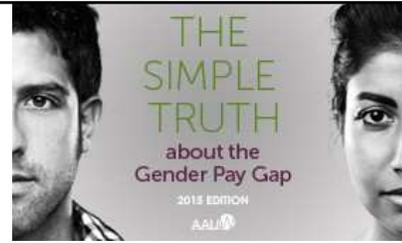
Contact Rose Unterschuetz, 918-688-7128, or tulsarose@sbcglobal.net.

GOURMET GROUP

Our next gathering is Saturday, March 21st, 6 p.m., at Sisserou's. This is a Caribbean restaurant at the north-west corner of Archer and Main, in the Brady District. Call hostess Barbara or Kay (see numbers below) if you plan to attend, or if you would like more information.



Barbara Avakian: 918-523-6365
Kay Witt: 918-493-7270



Updated regularly with the most current statistics from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Census Bureau, this guide provides key facts about the gender pay gap in the United States. To be published in Spring, 2015.

EQUAL PAY DAY — APRIL 14

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

We encourage you to take time to reflect on what it means to be a part of an organization that has never wavered in its commitment to advocate on behalf of women and girls. Have you visited the *Our History* section of the AAUW website? It's a good reminder of our legacy for you and your branch to look at together.

Of course, our lifelong relationships with pretty amazing people who are like family to us also remind us every day of the AAUW legacy. Membership provides tangible and intangible benefits worth far more than our dues, and that's what inspires us to share how wonderful AAUW is with others.

We believe that paying these benefits forward is critical to the future of AAUW, and doing so can be as easy and simple as giving the gift of membership. There are many ways to gift membership affordably, and in some cases even free, as in the Give a Grad a Gift program. As we move forward in 2015, resolve to give someone you know the opportunity to belong to AAUW!

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Panel members, l. to r.: **Morris McCorvey**, Executive Director of Westside Community Center of Bartlesville (*Blacks in the Arts*); **Dr. Jocelyn Lee Payne**, Executive Director of John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation, Inc. (*Early Greenwood*), **David M. Breed**, Executive Director of Western Neighbors, Inc., and Executive Secretary of the SW Tulsa Historical Society and the Southwest Tulsa Chamber of Commerce (*Indian Freedmen*).



Tatiyana Brown



Rebecca Marks
Jimerson portraying Tyler Perry's Madea.

-photo by Harold Dorsey



Our Black History Month program on February 14 was well attended by AAUW and the community alike, with 36 in attendance. Opening with the Black National Anthem, the program included uplifting music by Keith Jimerson (the Library Manager at Rudisill Regional Library where the program began). Young Tatiyana Brown gave a stirring rendition of Maya Angelou's *Still I Rise*.

The panel gave us a comprehensive glimpse of several aspects of black history, including Indian Freedmen, early Greenwood history, notable black women, and blacks in the arts, especially poetry, with Morris McCorvey reciting a poem he had written that brought the audience to our feet.

Seidah Rasheed gave a very credible performance when she stepped in to emcee the event due to the illness of the scheduled Princetta Newman. (Seidah is the granddaughter of Eva Pope Garrett, organizer of the event).

Many thanks to Eva Pope Garrett for organizing a successful Black History Month program!



L. to r.: Rose Unterschuetz, Gwen Hampton, Gisele McDaniel, pictured with emcee Seidah Rasheed.

-photo by Harold Dorsey



AAUW National Election Soon; Voting Begins April 15, 2015

We can now vote on our AAUW national officers online. Go to website

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>

You can learn about the candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors, and check back soon for details on the proposed changes to the AAUW Bylaws and Public Policy Program. It's your AAUW, so make your voice count! Voting opens on April 15; you will select the AAUW president, vice-president, and ten directors.

Are you interested in serving on the Board of Directors? After the election, the new board appoints three additional directors. Are you ready to serve? Apply for appointment by May 1.

Tech Trek TU 2015 Update

June 14-21, 2015



Funds still needed!

AAUW is still seeking funds for Tech Trek TU. We are extremely appreciative of the financial support of the Schusterman Foundation who donated a matching grant of \$15,000. Total funds, including the match, are \$24,847, which also includes a \$5,000 donation from Verizon.

We are very pleased to learn from Director Xan Black of the Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance that thanks to Flight Night*, the Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance will be able to assist with covering matching funds if needed.

Website for Tech Trek

www.techtrektulsa.org

Did you know....74% of teen girls are interested in science, technology, engineering, and math? Yet, women make up only 38% of recent STEM college degrees!

STEM Education Initiatives Reception Held

A February 12th reception hosted by TU President Steadman Upham and Mrs. Upham was held at the Skelly Mansion. The reception supported STEM Initiatives at The University of Tulsa. The invitation cover featured a definition of the theme for the event—"STEMinism":

STEMinism (stem'e niz'em) n. {{<organized activity in support of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics}}

1 STEMInists increase the visibility of females in STEM fields, promote the perspective of women in nontraditional areas, and encourage young women and girls in STEM careers.

President Upham and Professor Dr. Donna Farior of the TU College of Engineering and Natural Sciences welcomed the group and highlighted three STEM initiatives at TU.

(1) The Tulsa Girls' Math Circle engages middle school girls to work on challenging and interesting math problems.

(2) Tulsa Math Teachers' Circle is a summer professional development workshop aimed at improving students' problem-solving abilities.

(3) Tech Trek Tulsa is a weeklong residential camp for middle school girls who are rising eighth graders. It is one of the twenty-one sites for the AAUW-powered program this summer. (For more information see <http://techtrek-tulsa.aauw.net/>).

Donating online or by mail

The new link to donate to Tech Trek is <http://bit.ly/GivetoTechTrek.org>. In the Fund Name drop-down, you will be able to select the camp at the University of Tulsa to designate your gift.

To mail a donation, please send it to:

AAUW
attn: Finance Department
1111 16th St. NW
Washington DC, 20036

Checks should be made out to AAUW; on the memo line write "Tech Trek TU 2015".

You can also mail your check to Tulsa AAUW Treasurer Gabrielle W. Jones, 1115 E. 36th St., Tulsa, OK 74105. Make it out as described above.

You can learn more about Tech Trek at:

<http://www.aauw.org/what-do-we-do/stem-education/tech-trek>.

*Flight Night is a fundraiser held in the fall where aviation related businesses donate for community service projects.



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."

AAUW Issues: Work-Life Balance

Unlike the majority of developed countries worldwide, the United States does not guarantee paid annual leave, paid time off for illness or family care, and paid parental leave. Without these policies, balancing the responsibilities of work and family can be difficult for employees, negatively impacting productivity, making recovery from major illnesses or injuries difficult, and in some cases inhibiting the healthy development of children.

AAUW supports legislation that will provide paid leave. The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) provides leave of up to 12 weeks, but unpaid. About 40% of workers don't even qualify for FMLA; expanding this coverage would go a long way to increase economic security.

Paid parental and medical leave ensures employees the time to recover from major medical events and care for a family member during a serious illness. AAUW supports passage of the FAMILY Act, which would establish paid parental leave for most of the U.S. workforce.

AAUW supports federal legislation such as the Healthy Families Act, which allows workers to earn seven paid sick days for full-time employees and a prorated number for part-time employees each year. Women are especially affected, because more than 22 million working women lack paid sick days.



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Looking Ahead . . .

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