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Mission accomplished with Tech Trek *...because equity is still an issue!*

September General Membership Meeting

- Date:** Saturday, September 12, 2015
- Time:** 11:00 a.m.—Social Time
11:30 a.m. —Lunch
12:00 p.m. —Program and Business Meeting
- Place:** Villa Ravenna, 51st & Sheridan, in the Farm Shopping Center
- Program:** ***“TASTE OF SUCCESS” - TULSA TECH TREK***
- Speaker:** ***Xan Black, Director of Tulsa Tech Trek 2015***
- Special Guests:** Tulsa Tech Trek Committee Members
- RSVP:** Please contact **Pam McDonald** at **AdamsFamily9857@aol.com** or leave a message at **918-627-1823** by **Thursday, September 10.**
- Cost:** Each pays according to your individual order; we will be ordering from the regular menu (not lunch menu).

Welcome to Xan Black and her Tech Trek Committee to our branch meeting.

Xan is CEO of the Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance, and gladly accepted the position of Camp Director of our Tech Trek at the University of Tulsa in June. The camp served 36 girls; 117 had been nominated, from thirty schools in northeast Oklahoma.

The Tech Trek Committee is composed of community leaders in education, fundraising, STEM support, AAUW, including Bill Coberly, Michael DuPont, Donna Fariior, Marilyn Howard, Rose Unterschuetz, Annie Tyndall.

We hope that all of these STEM and AAUW advocates can attend our September General Membership Meeting so we can express our appreciation for their hard work. And, with the application having been submitted for Tulsa Tech Trek 2016, we hope to keep these friends on the project!

We are looking forward to hearing all about Tech Trek!



Xan Black

President's Corner

Get ready for another exciting year for AAUW Tulsa branch! We have come up with some exciting programs that I think will appeal to everyone.

Supporting STEM Alliance Tech Trek camp 2016 will again be our focus in 2016!

Continue to educate yourself about women and young girls and furthering their many causes! And above all, be aware of the upcoming national elections and how important it is to vote and express your opinions on all candidates and issues.

Please come out to all our meetings and events and support AAUW!

—Pam McDonald, President Tulsa Branch
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TULSA VOICE

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Our Branch Family

OUR SYMPATHY to **Katharine Dwyer** on the recent death of her son **Steve Dwyer**.

OUR SYMPATHY to **Faye Henson** on the death of her mother, **Vera Bullock**, August 3, 2015. Mrs. Bullock had accompanied her daughter to many of our state and regional AAUW meetings.

Tech Trek TU 2016!



Tentative Date: June 12-18, 2016

Application submitted

Yes, the application for our second Tech Trek TU Camp has been submitted. By the time we have our first AAUW meeting, we will know about the grant status. Camp directors will attend AAUW training in Washington, D.C. the last weekend of September. So, here we go!

TU returns as 2016 Tech Trek host

The University of Tulsa is a University Partner of AAUW and is again excited to host a Tech Trek program in the summer of 2016. The Faculty of the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences, in collaboration with the School of Urban Education, is experienced in hosting summer residential programs in STEM fields.

Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance on Team

The Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance will collaborate with AAUW Tulsa and The University of Tulsa to host Tech Trek 2016. The Alliance was a huge part of the success of our first Tech Trek camp last June. A network of more than 80 STEM community

members, the STEM Alliance works to create pathways for Tulsa area students to STEM careers. Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance is on track to produce 20,000 hours of STEM programming, more than 5,000 hours of professional development for teachers, and provide more than 15,000 hours of STEM mentorship in 2015.

Committee returns

The entire planning committee from Tech Trek 2015 is returning for 2016. Those members are: Camp Director—**Xan Black**; Assistant Director — **Donna Farrior**; Volunteer Coordinator—**Marilyn Howard**; Student and Family Coordinator — **Rose Unterschuetz**; Fundraising Coordinator — **Michael DuPont**; Social Media Coordinator—**Annie Tyndall**.

Website for Tech Trek TU

www.techtrektulsa.org

For more information, you can also see
<http://techtrek-tulsa.aauw.net/>.

NOTE: Details later on Wine & Cheese Party in October, fundraiser for Tech Trek

Interest Groups

ADELANTE READING GROUP



September is National Hispanic Heritage Month; our book this month is How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents by Julia Alvarez. When the Garcia family flees the Dominican Republic for the U.S., the girls are quick to adopt

new ways, sparking feelings at once liberating and excruciating, caught between the old world and the new. The meeting is:

Tuesday, September 15, 6:30 p.m.

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
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MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m.

come to Barnes and Noble Café at 41st and Yale. We are reading any mysteries with Jewish sleuths, or by Jewish writers. Some suggested authors are Sara Paretsky, Faye Kellerman, Hallie Ephron, Harry Kellerman, S.J. Rozan, Laura Levine, Roz Siegel, and Sharon Kahn. Laurie R. King has a mystery series featuring Mary Russell, who identifies herself as Jewish; Russell is married to Sherlock Holmes.



Questions or further information?
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MOVIE GROUP



Tuesday, October 6 we will view a movie at my home, **6:30 p.m.** We will begin watching Season 1 of the Netflix comedy series Frankie and Grace starring Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin. Bring a dish to share for pot luck supper.

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MEMBERSHIP NOTES

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

I want to talk to you about something that really matters to AAUW Tulsa Branch. *Who is with us and who is not? Why is that important?*

Do you care about all women receiving equal pay for equal work? Do you believe every woman should have a right to reproductive choice? Do you think we need to encourage girls to enter STEM or STEAM fields?

Do you think every American citizen who is eligible should be registered to vote...and then vote? Do you think young women in college and university need advanced leadership skills training? Do you think women graduates want to Start Smart in negotiating starting salaries? If you are with us then you understand why we need more women to join AAUW Tulsa Branch.

Bring a friend with you to a Tulsa Branch meeting and give a new college graduate a free gift of membership. Why is your initiative important? Because there are hundreds, perhaps thousands, of women in Tulsa who share your concerns.

Many would like to be part of a group of women who share their convictions and are taking action so that all women have an equal chance at success.

Just invite a few women you know and help us grow. A larger and more diverse membership means we can do more for women and girls and that is important. Membership matters!

Welcome to our new member **Tina Stevens!** Tina is on track to graduate from OU in 2016 with a Master's in Social Work. Her Bachelor's is from Northeastern State University, and Associate's is from Tulsa Community College.

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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."

News 'n Notes from AAUW

Call for Confirmation hearings

Tell your senators to call on Majority Leader McConnell and Sen. Grassley to act now to schedule "up or down" votes on nine federal judicial nominees, and to hold more regular confirmation hearings on nominees in the pipeline.

The Senate's inaction has consequences. Federal courts are often also the last, best hope for women who have experienced discrimination in education, employment, health care, and other aspects of their lives. The number of current circuit and district court vacancies has increased from 40 to 59.

Victories for Women at U.S. Supreme Court

This summer the Supreme Court upheld the rights of pregnant workers, LGBT couples, and more.

The Pregnancy Discrimination Act in 1978 states that pregnancy discrimination is a form of sex

discrimination. The Supreme Court sided with Peggy Young when UPS refused light duty during pregnancy complications.

The Affordable Health Care law was upheld; loss of this suit would have caused millions of women to lose health care coverage.

The Supreme Court ruled that **states must allow same-sex couples to marry** and must recognize same-sex marriages validly performed in other states.

Women clearly had a winning summer with the U.S. Supreme Court!

Black Women's Pay Gap

Black women have to work for **seven** extra months just to earn the same paycheck as their male co-workers. Their pay gap is 64%; that's even worse than the national pay gap for all women, 78 percent. Think about how that adds up in the course of a career, and what it means when she starts to draw on her pension and Social Security.



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September 20 Deadline for October TULSA VOICE. ♥

Looking Ahead . . .

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November 19 6th Annual John Hope Franklin Center Dinner of Reconciliation

June 12-18, 2016 (Tentative) TU Tech Trek 2016