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TULSA BRANCH HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, December 4, 11:30 a.m. Summit Club Grill, River Room 15 W. 6th St.

(31st Floor in the Bank of America Center, northeast corner of 6th & Boulder)*

Lunch is \$22.00 (includes tax and tip)

RSVP: Please contact Judy Anderson at edandjudy 57@cox.net

or leave a message at 539-664-4661 (a local number)

by Monday, December 1.

*Parking is in the building's garage (3rd floor or above in spaces not reserved); each car will be provided with a ticket which can be stamped in the Summit Club for free parking; entrance is on Boulder Ave. between 5th & 6th Streets. You may also park on the street.

President's Corner

AS WE CELEBRATE the holiday season, let's remember to be kind to one another and promote peace and good will at every turn.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT in all phases and upcoming events as AAUW Tulsa branch turns a corner in our support of girls in STEM. We are faced with a responsibility to our young women in eastern Oklahoma to provide them with every opportunity to get the education they need in their quest in STEM fields.

AGAIN, HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Please support AAUW in all its programs
--Thank You

—Pam McDonald, President Tulsa Branch adamsfamily9857@aol.com, 918-627-1823

TULSA VOICE

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Tech Trek TU 2014 Update



Date Set for Tech Trek TU

Our Tech Trek STEM camp is scheduled for Sunday, June 14, 2015, to Saturday, June 20, 2015.

Tulsa Branch members will read the girls' applications and contact them for an interview. The time line for camper selection is:

- Mid-February: Teachers and counselors identify and nominate 7th grade girls
- **Mid-March**: Nominated girls submit application
- Mid-April: Campers are selected by AAUW members and notified
- Early May: Campers register and pay a camp reservation fee of \$50 (non-refundable) Tulsa Branch AAUW hopes to be able to offer financial help with this, if needed.
- June 14-20, 2015: Tech Trek Camp

Financial News!

A fundraiser is in the works for February, with the theme of "Raising a stem (of champagne) and funds for STEM". Stay tuned for more on this event!

Wine Tasting Fundraiser Update

To date we have \$2200 in funds and pledges from the Wine Tasting on October 17. Our goal for this fundraiser is \$2,500. DONATIONS TO TECH TREK CAMP are happily accepted even if you couldn't attend the fundraiser! Just send your check to Treasurer Gabrille W. Jones, 1115 E. 36 St., Tulsa, OK 74105. Checks should be made out to AAUW with "Tech Trek TU 2015" on the memo line.

"It opened the door to a whole new world of science and math that I wasn't aware existed. I definitely walked away knowing that I was destined for college. This is a powerful tool in motivating a 13-year-old girl to seek higher education and set goals for dreams that are attainable."

-Quote from a recent Tech Trek Camp attendee

You can learn more about Tech Trek at: http://www.aauw.org/what-do-we-do/stemeducation/tech-trek.

Interest Groups

ADELANTE READING GROUP

We will have a party on Monday, Dec. 15, at



6 p.m. As usual bring a dish to share. There is no book to read but do bring a wrapped paperback (a used book you have already read and want to gift). Please do come and make merry with us!

Fa, la, la, la, la!

On January 19 our book is <u>Calla Lilies</u>, by Kay Corbett.

As usual, come to my home at 5820 S. Evanston Ct.

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

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

The Mystery Book Group's next meeting is **Tuesday**, **January 13**, **2014**, at 7:00 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Café at 41st and Yale.

Meetings now will be on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month.

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

MOVIE GROUP



Dec. 2, meet at my home, 5820 S. Evanston Pl., at 6 p.m.; bring a snack to share. We will be viewing the movie "Frozen".

On January 6 (weather permitting) bring a snack to share. We'll view *China's Lost Girls*.

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

GOURMET GROUP

The next Gourmet Dinner will be a Holiday Dinner on December 13, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Ginny and Mike Ayling, 5309 S 70 E. Place.

More information from Ginny at 918-663-9736, or Kay Witt, 918-493-7270.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

AAUW provides nearly \$4 million in funding each year to women scholars and community projects that benefit girls and women. Since 1888 (7 years after its founding) AAUW has awarded more than \$100 million. Here are some more things which should make us proud to be members and eager to attract new members and students needing some additional support.

- * Career Development Grants—\$2,000— \$12,000—For women pursuing a certificate or degree to advance their careers, change careers or re-enter the workforce and whose bachelor's degree was received at least 5 years before the award period. Deadline: December 15
- * Community Action Grants—1-year grant, \$2,000-\$7,000—2-year grant, \$5,000-\$30,000—Designed for individuals, AAUW branches and states as well as nonprofits to fund innovative programs or non degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. Deadline: January 15
- * International Fellowships—\$18,000-\$30,000— For women pursuing full-time graduate or postdoctoral study in the US who are not US citizens or permanent residents. Deadline: December 1
- * Selected Professions Fellowships—\$5,000-\$18,000—Open to women pursuing full-time study in a master's or professional degree program in which women are under represented, including science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), law, business and medicine.

 Deadline: January 1.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

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We are eager to welcome new members to our group!

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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."

Notes from AAUW Advocacy

5 Issues to Watch in the Supreme Court This Year

- Fallout from Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Concerning religiously affiliated nonprofits, an exemption to the
 contraceptive care requirement was set by the government, supported by the AAUW. They just had to
 send a form to their insurance carrier. But now the Supreme Court has allowed a college to avoid even
 using the form, by injunction.
- Restricting Choice: TRAP Laws A number of states have passed TRAP (Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers) Laws, passed under the guise of protecting women's health. Challenges are making their way to the Supreme Court.
- 3. Pregnancy Discrimination: Young v. UPS Peggy Young, a UPS driver, was denied light-duty work when she had medical complications during her pregnancy. The federal district court and the Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit sided with UPS. The Pregnancy Discrimination Act passed in 1978 deals with this issue, but the courts looked at it differently. Pregnant workers could experience discrimination in the work-place.
- **4. Voting Rights at Risk** Several states have passed new voting restrictions at the polls. The Court's 2013 decision in *Shelby Country v. Holder* weakened the law; some restrictions were lifted, and some were allowed to stay in place. Most affected: women, minorities, young voters, and the elderly.
- 5. Marriage Equality Surging In the best news of the new term, marriage equality is increasing as one ban after another is struck down. All but one federal judge have ruled that same-sex marriage bans are unconstitutional. So far, the court has declined to hear any of the cases. Much is left to be decided, and the court's term is far from over.



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June 18-21, 2015 National Convention in San Diego