

President's Corner



We are gearing up for a great year of programming and promoting AAUW initiatives. I hope everyone can join us in participating in all the activities we have planned.

During the summer the board worked on updating our Tulsa branch bylaws. I want to especially send a big "thank you" to Donna Mathews for her hours of editing and preparing the bylaws on her laptop. We finally got them sent off to national!

I want to call attention to the August 7th edition of the Tulsa World newspaper. In the business section is an article by Jena McGregor of The Washington Post, concerning the continuing battle for equal pay. An equal-pay bill signed into law by Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker (R), will be the first state to prohibit employers from asking candidates about salary at their past jobs.

If companies stopped asking women what they made before, it could be a powerful way to disrupt the cycle of lower salaries that studies have shown women earn, on average. The above-mentioned new law offers a logical solution for fighting the gender pay gap that could also help job candidates---women or men---feel like the scales are tipped a little less in favor of employers. Let us hope this leads to more states passing similar statutes that lead to more balanced pay between men and women.

And finally, please join us in celebrating Women's Equality Day. A fun event is planned on Thursday, August 25, the eve of Women's Equality Day, at popular McNellie's Restaurant in south 71st St. in Tulsa.

We hope to reach out to find members for AAUW, and pause to remember all the hard work of the historical women who paved the road for us to gain equality in voting and women's rights in general.

—Pam McDonald, President Tulsa Branch

Our Branch Family

OUR SYMPATHY to Linda Brooks on the death of her father, Joseph Holubek, Jr., in early summer.

OUR SYMPATHY to Rose Unterschuetz on the death of her brother Ivan Dee Geddie, August 21, 2016.

Tulsa Branch Programs 2016-2017

Saturday, September 10

TECH TREK 2016 RETROSPECTIVE

Friday, October 14

WINE & CHEESE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 12

ART AT GILCREASE MUSEUM

Sunday, December 11

HOLIDAY TEA

Saturday, January 14, 2017

TITLE IX

Saturday, February 11

HISTORY OF BLACK VOTING RIGHTS

Saturday, March 11

WOMEN'S HISTORY

Saturday, April 8

TBA

Saturday, May 13

CELEBRATE 2016-2017 SUCCESS!

TULSA VOICE

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Interest Groups

ADELANTE READING GROUP



Please join us on **Tuesday, September 20** at 6:30 p.m. in my home at 5820 S. Evanston Ct. for a discussion of The Ones I Bring with Me by Carol Spaulding-Kruse and Kelsey Lepperd. September is National Hispanic Heritage Month. The book depicts young Latinas growing up in Iowa.

This group was formed by AAUW to call attention to the diversity of our country and to give women authors more attention.

For more information, phone or [text Rose at 918-688-7128](tel:918-688-7128).

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. come to Barnes and Noble Café at 41st and Yale. Our theme is your favorite mystery or mystery author.



Questions?
Call [Linda Brooks, 918-664-9914](tel:918-664-9914), or lsbrooks@yahoo.net

MOVIE GROUP

All members are invited to join our Movie Night Group by submitting your email address for the group mailing list to Tulsarose@sbcglobal.net.



The group meets in a home some months to view a video or current TV broadcast followed by a discussion and dessert. Some meetings are outings to see a movie of interest. This is a great way to get to know fellow members and just have a fun time. Come join us!

[918-688-7128](tel:918-688-7128), or tulsarose@sbcglobal.net.

GOURMET GROUP

Our next get-together will be in October. Watch this space to see what fun eating experience will be waiting for you!

For more information, contact Kay Witt, 918-488-1443, or kaywitt@hotmail.com.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Just like starting off a new school year in earlier years, AAUW Tulsa members start our exciting new program year in September. This is the time to put AAUW on your calendar for the second Saturday of the month for September 10 and November 12. October brings our wonderful Wine and Cheese Fundraiser on Friday evening, October 14th. Our Holiday Tea is set for Sunday, December 11.

Reminder to those who have forgotten: your membership should have already been renewed for the 2016-2017 program year, but if you have not yet renewed, the September meeting is a great time to do that.*

What better time could there be than September to bring a guest to join the fun and fellowship as well as to connect with the premier women's advocacy organization in America.

Looking forward to seeing you and meeting your guest on September 10th!

Interim Membership Vice-President
Rose Unterschuetz, tulsarose@sbcglobal.net

*TO MAIL YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Please make out your check in the amount of **\$73.00** (\$14 local, \$10 state, and \$49.00 national) made payable to AAUW. Please mail to:

Gabrille W. Jones
1115 E. 36th
Tulsa, OK 74105

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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Address _____

Phone # (w) _____ (H) _____

AAUW Contact _____
(Return to: Rose Unterschuetz, 5820 S. Evanston Ct., Tulsa, OK 74105)

AAUW MISSION, ACTION, NOTES

THANKS, TITLE IX!

At this year's Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro, women outnumbered men on the U.S. team for a second straight games — 292 women to 263 men — setting the record for most ever female Olympians competing for a single nation. U.S. women won 61 medals, men, 55; women won 27 gold, men won 19 gold.

Thanks in part to Title IX, the 1972 law combating sex discrimination in federally funded education and athletics, U.S. women have secured greater access to play and compete, thereby expanding their opportunities to succeed athletically at both professional and Olympic levels.

AAUW FAVORITE TAKEAWAYS FROM THE 2016 CONVENTIONS

AAUW Vice President of Government Relations Lisa Maatz attended both parties' conventions; she represented AAUW issues, tweeted about her experiences, and met with AAUW members and supporters.

Why was AAUW at both conventions? We are a nonpartisan organization that works with policymakers of all stripes on our issues. And both parties brought up some of our favorite topics: equal pay and, front and center, the need for more women to run for office and get involved in the political process.

One important takeaway from both conventions was the importance of voting. It's on all of us to educate ourselves and turn out to vote! Women will likely decide this election!

AAUW FELLOWS AUTHOR FOUR BOOKS

Here are four "must-read" books by AAUW Fellows:

1. *No Sweat: How the Simple Science of Motivation Can Bring You a Lifetime of Fitness* by Michelle Segar, 2005-06 American Fellow.
2. *Disgruntled* by 2002-03 American Fellow, a coming-of-age novel

3. *Re Jane* by 2013-14 American Fellow Patricia Park, a modern retelling of *Jane Eyre*.
4. *The Cherokee Rose*, by 2012-13 Community Action Grantee Tiya Miles, a novel about slaveholding by Southern Creeks and Cherokees.

TITLE IX COORDINATORS IMPORTANT!

Title IX requires that every school must designate at least one employee to coordinate the school's compliance. But it is apparent that many schools are without a Title IX Coordinator; it is also quite common to find coordinators who do not understand the scope of the law.

The solution is more critical since Title IX complaints are up. The U.S. Dept. of Education has released three important tools that AAUW asked for: a letter to schools reiterating the importance of Title IX Coordinators, a thank-you letter directly to coordinators reaffirming their roles, and a free resource manual to guide their actions.

PLEDGE TO REGISTER FOR THE 2017 AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION

Registration doesn't open until October 1, but you can pledge to register now for the National Convention June 14-17, 2017 in Washington, D.C.

Pledging will make your registration process a breeze. Once registration opens, you will receive an e-mail reminder with all the details you will need, and **you'll be entered to win a free registration to the 2017 Convention!**

Go to our website, www.aauw.org, to pledge to register.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

—Maya Angelou

LET'S GET REAL.



#TheNew10 will have a woman's face on it, but women are paid only 79 percent of what men are paid. Go to thereal10.org to find out what #TheReal10 means for you.

#TheReal10 

Tech Trek TU 2016 Update



Above: L. to R. President Pam McDonald, Donna Mathews and Rose Unterschuetz ready to greet campers. Right: Pam hosting as campers line up for snacks.



Our second Tech Trek Camp is part of our history now, and a great memory for the girls in the STEM camp. This year registration was expanded to 48 girls, and we were able to take extra campers that the Weatherford Tech Trek couldn't accommodate.

Following check-in at their dorm on the TU campus, campers and parents gathered at Keplinger Hall for snacks, hosted by Tulsa Branch AAUW, prior to Orientation led by Camp Director **Xan Black** (Program Coordinator for Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance), and Assistant Director **Dr. Donna Farris** (University of Tulsa, and head of Girls Math Circle).

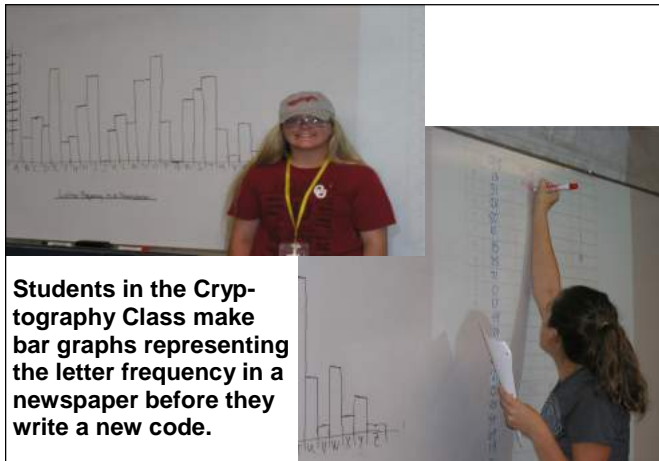


Xan Black, Camp Director speaks to parents and girls.

In addition to Xan and Donna the Tech Trek Committee included Student and Family Coordinator **Rose Unterschuetz** (Tulsa Branch AAUW), Fundraising and Financial Coordinator **Michael DuPont** (from the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation), Curricular & Assessment Coordinator **Bill Coberly** (University of Tulsa), Volunteer Coordinator **Marilyn Howard** (University of Tulsa), and Social Media & Marketing Coordinator **Annie Tyndall** (Oklahoma Innovation Institute).



Donna Farris introduces Camp Interns.



Students in the Cryptography Class make bar graphs representing the letter frequency in a newspaper before they write a new code.



The Nanoscience Class quizzing their instructors before they begin a process to break down a gold solution into nano-particles.

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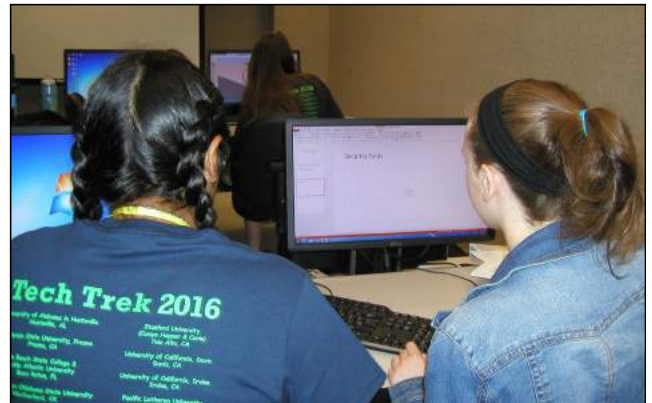
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These "Trekkies" in the App Inventor Class are writing an app to find their car in the parking lot. It worked!



Symantec class members are writing a report on maintaining cyber security in a children's home.

Professional Women's Night the campers heard a panel of women in all kinds of careers; the girls had the opportunity to talk one on one with the panelists. Campers prepared for this special event with rehearsals; they perused the panelists' resumes, and dressed up for the evening.



Parents and family look over the displays, listen to and watch demonstrations of the campers' work the past week at the Closing on June 18, 2016.



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Closing at Tech Trek sees happy campers, parents glad to see their daughters, excited siblings checking out the displays. The event was in the Atrium at Keplinger Hall.



AAUW members hosted the refreshments table at the Closing. Pictured are President Pam McDonald and Rose Unterschuetz, AAUW member of the Tech Trek Committee. On the right is Xan Black, Camp Director.

Tech Trek TU 2016 was a success thanks to a lot of people and organizations. Funding came from the Schusterman Family Foundation, Verizon, Semantec, Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance and Flight Night, and Tulsa Branch AAUW. Other support came from AAUW, AAUW Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma Innovation Institute.

Our campers, who were rising eighth graders, signed up for one of four core classes, Cryptography, Symantec, App Inventor, and Nanoscience. Core classes took up the mornings of camp; after lunch the opportunities varied from day to day; they included Team Building and Problem Solving, a math contest, kite building and aerodynamics, a wind tunnel drag study, computer gaming, a visit to the Aquarium, and even an analysis of Kool-Aid with light!

We enjoyed good publicity of Tech Trek again, with television and good coverage by the Tulsa World. Camp Director Xan Black relates that some campers expressed a desire for a Tech Trek for 9th graders!

We end with a quote from Xan Black's report: "*One camper walked alongside me after dinner one evening near the end of camp and summed up her personal paradigm shift this way, 'There aren't many girls who are interested in STEM in my school, so I used to think that I was mature like a guy. Now I know that I'm mature like a girl.'* The courage and enormity of this simple reflection caused me to think on the bravery of these young women and challenge our group to think about ways that we can impact more young women in the coming year..."

Thank you AAUW, national and local partners, University of Tulsa, professors, workshop leaders, parents and most of all Tech Trek girls for causing us to be more brave as we see you taking such courageous steps in building bright futures for yourselves and our world. Our work is already underway for Tech Trek 2017 and we are confident that it's a work that's worthy of our region's investment of time, talent and treasure!"

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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."

IT'S MY VOTE



Do you know who's on your ballot and where they stand on AAUW key issues? Politicians and policy makers routinely make decisions that directly affect women and families, including our paychecks, access to reproductive health care, and education funding. In this season of political punditry and campaign promises, it's more important than ever to identify those candidates who would best represent our values and those who would roll back our rights.

AAUW's Action Fund has 2016 voter guides for our members. These nonpartisan, head-to-head candidate comparisons illuminate the critical choices women voters face in close races nationwide.

Go to VoterEd@aauw.org to find a voter guide. Since Tulsa Branch AAUW is a 501(c)4 organization we are allowed to distribute these voter guides. Make copies for your friends!

AAUW has set a Voter Registration: It's My Vote Training online webinar. The three part series occurs on August 31, September 28, and October 18; please register by August 26, at aauw.org, Two-Minute Activist.

You can register to vote at this website:

<http://register2.rockthevote.com/registrants/map?partner=27071&locale=en>



September, 2016 Calendar

August 25 Women's Equality Eve Celebration, McNellie's on 71st, 5:30-7:30 p.m. See Page 1.

August 26 Women's Equality Day

August 26 Deadline to register for Voter Training Webinar See article above.

August 31, September 28, October 18 Webinar sessions; See above article.

Sept. 8 Equal Pay Day for Latina women

Sept. 10 General Membership Meeting See P 1.

Sept. 20 Deadline for October, 2016 TULSA VOICE.

Sept. 20 Adelante Book Group 6:30 p.m. See P. 3.

Sept. 21 Mystery Book Club See Page 3.

Sept. 27 National Voter Registration Day

Looking Ahead . . .

October 1 Registration opens for AAUW National Convention

October 14 Wine & Cheese Fundraiser

October 22 AAUW/OK Board meeting in Tulsa

June 14-17 AAUW National Convention See P. 4.