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STEM camp through the eyes of the campers

.....because equity is still an issue!

September General Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2017

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Villa Ravenna Italian Restaurant,
51st & Sheridan, in Farm Shopping Center

Program: *TECH TREK 2017*

Speakers: Tech Trek Campers: **Vivian Picket**, Class of 2017
Amira Picket, Class of 2015
Kaider Ivey, Class of 2017

Lunch: Order from menu

RSVP: Please contact **Pam McDonald** at AdamsFamily9857@aol.com or leave a message at **918-627-1823**, or text to **918-636-5131** by **Thursday, Sept. 7.**



Our Tech Trek 2017 at the University of Tulsa once again treated eager rising eighth grade girls to a week of STEM activities on a beautiful campus.

Our speakers, Vivian Picket and Kaider Ivey, were part of that group. Vivian is a student at Memorial Junior High School; her sister Amira was in our first Tech Trek Camp in 2015. Amira is currently a student at Memorial High School Engineering Academy. They will be accompanied by their mother Laurel Proffit.

Kaider Ivey, our third speaker is a student at the Union Eighth Grade Center. Kaider will be accompanied by her mother Ida Ivey. We are hopeful that the Tech Trek Camp Director, Emily Mortensen from the TRSA (Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance), will also be able to attend.

There are concerns about a STEM camp happening in 2018. [See the President's column on Page 2.] We can discuss this at our meeting.

We are excited to hear from these young women about their STEM experience this summer, and welcome them and their families to our meeting.

BACK TO SCHOOL



President's Corner

Hello, Members!

We have had an eventful summer for sure. After a successful Tech Trek Camp in

June, AAUW national asked The University of Tulsa to sign a new agreement with new mandates known as a "Memorandum of Understanding," which TU declined to sign. Therefore, there will be no STEM camp under the name "Tech Trek" next year, as that is an AAUW brand. The Tech Trek camp sponsors at SWOSU in Weatherford have also declined to sign the MOU.

Tulsa branch will continue to support the Tulsa Regional Stem Alliance and all it entails; we firmly believe in its mission to serve and support middle school girls in their success in STEM fields! I'm sure TU will also do the same and we hope they will offer some form of STEM camp in 2018.

We are glad to announce that Tulsa has been chosen to host the 2018 AAUW State Convention next June! Further details will be forthcoming in future newsletters and meetings. We need to all work together to make the convention an outstanding success for northeast Oklahoma and our great city!

Let's get ready for an outstanding year of informative programs!

Pam McDonald
President, AAUW Tulsa Branch

Tulsa Branch Notes

WE HAVE A SECRETARY! Vicki Escoe-Kelly has been elected as our branch secretary. Vicki drives in from near Gore for all our meetings and events. Congratulations and thank you, Vicki!

GISELE MCDANIEL has accepted an appointment as our Hospitality Chair; thank you, Gisele! She will be finding venues for our meetings among other duties.

THE PROGRAM SCHEDULE for 2017-18 is as follows:

- Sept. 9 Tech Trek Campers at Villa Ravenna
- Oct. 13 Wine & Cheese Fundraiser at home of Jan & Vondale Graham.
- Nov. 11 Title IX
- Dec. 10 Holiday Tea
- Jan. 13 Sex Trafficking
- Feb. 10 "Traces of the Trade", documentary for Black History Month
- Mar. 10 Introduction to StartSmart
- April 14 tbd
- May 12 Visit by AAUW-OK President-Elect

THREE FROM TULSA BRANCH attended the AAUW Oklahoma State Leadership Conference on July 8th in Oklahoma City—Gabbie Jones, Vicky Escoe-Kelly and Rose Unterschuetz. The featured guest speaker was Cordy Galligan, AAUW Vice-President, Marketing and Communications.



Cordy Galligan

Our Branch Family

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of **Joan Shelton** on her death in June. Joan was a former member who was Tulsa branch secretary in the 70s.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Prospect's Name _____

Address _____

Phone # (w) _____ (H) _____

AAUW Contact _____
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TULSA VOICE

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Interest Groups



ADELANTE READING GROUP

There will be a discussion with the author of our September selection, Breaking In: The Rise of Sonia Sotomayor and the Politics of Justice, by Joan Biskupic on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. We are changing our meeting date to that night and will gather at 6:00 p.m. in order to be assembled and ready for the discussion from National at 6:30.

Please bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share for a light supper. Come to the home of Rose Unterschuetz (5820 S. Evanston Ct.).

For more information,
phone or text Rose at 918-688-7128.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. come to Barnes and Noble Café at 41st and Yale for our book discussion. This month we are reading mysteries centered around colleges and universities.



Questions?

Call Linda Brooks, 918-664-9914, or
lshbrooks@yahoo.net

MOVIE GROUP

Please contact Rose Unterschuetz if you are interested in viewing movies with a group. Some movies will be in Rose's home, some at a movie theater.



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ADDRESS ADDITIONS & CHANGES

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Holly has a BA in Psychology from OU, an MS in Community Counseling from Georgia State University and a diploma in Christian Counseling with the Psychological Studies Institute. She has been at Valparaiso University the last 12 years. Holly has offered the StartSmart workshops to students and alumni over the last couple of years, and hopes to continue this service in our area.

Jan Graham
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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Dear AAUW Tulsa Members,

We have a fresh, new year ahead of us to spread the good news of AAUW's mission and our work.

Our September 9th meeting is a perfect time for you to invite a friend to visit AAUW. This is a "Shape the Future" event, which means they can join for half price of the national dues (half of \$49)!

Here are some selling points when you are recruiting:

- ◆ AAUW is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. 170,000 members in 1,000 branches, and 800 college & university partners helped make this happen.
- ◆ AAUW has influenced and at times shaped the debate over equity in education. We constantly are involved in advocating for public education, opposing vouchers, etc.
- ◆ We are all the faces of pay equity; AAUW lifts pay gap stories and leads the fight to end the wage gap.
- ◆ AAUW supports new projects financially. \$3.7 million has been awarded in fellowships and grants to support 250 women and non-profit organizations in the last year!

These are just a few of the plusses of AAUW membership; stay tuned for hearing more next month!

Rose Unterschuetz
Interim Membership Vice-President

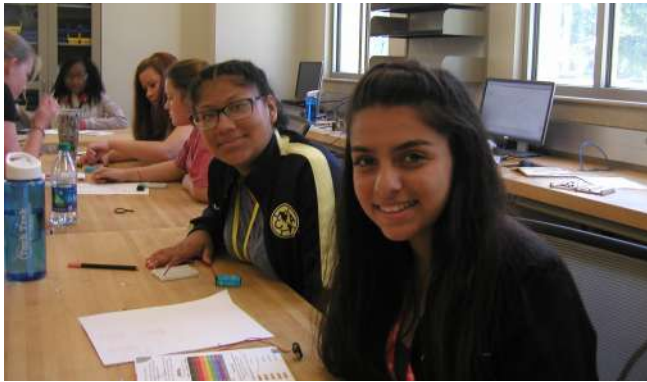
Debbie Johnson 918-316-0908
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Debbie has earned her BS in Management at Purdue University, an MS in Psychology from Iowa State University, and her Ph.D. is in Psychology from Iowa State University. She expects to complete and earn her M.S.W. in May, 2018, at the University

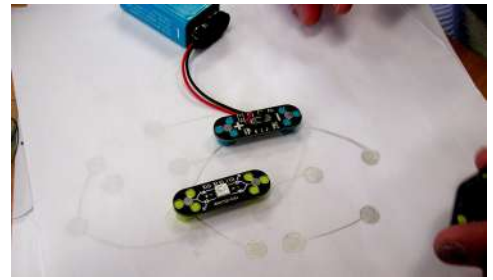


Tech Trek 2017

by AAUW



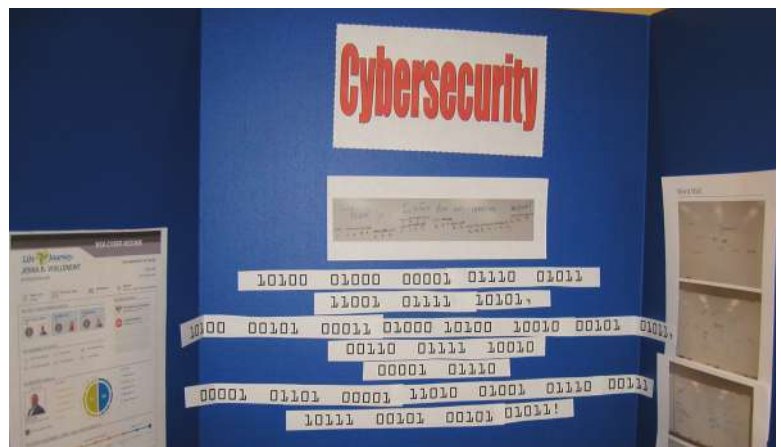
Top right:: Using conductive ink campers drew a circuit on paper.
Bottom right: They complete a circuit by touching a conductor, causing it to light up.
Left: Campers working on circuitry.



L: Nano-science campers try “miracle berry” which causes sour food to taste sweet. Above: Girls tasting lemons after eating a “miracle berry”.



Girls in Cybersecurity group work on a solution.



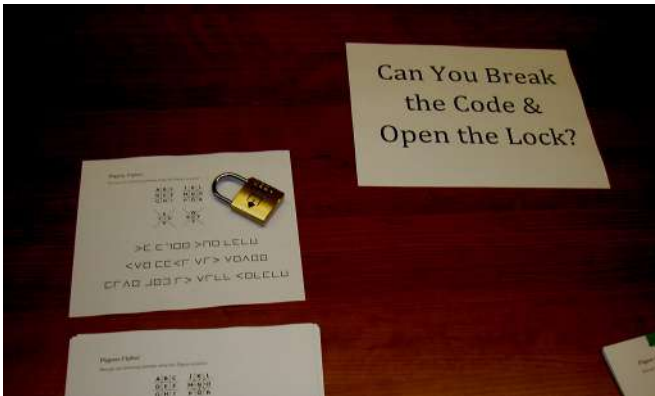
A puzzle to solve displayed at Parents' visit on the last morning.



Tech Trekkers on a scavenger hunt on TU campus.



Robotics on the move!



Coding class presents a problem at the Parents' Visit on Saturday.



Campers working on coding.



Tulsa Branch AAUW members hosting refreshments table at closing session on Sunday. Members also provided refreshments for the Parent/Campers reception on opening day. Above left: Pam McDonald, Donna Mathews, Rose Unterschuetz and Jan Graham. Above right: Barbara Wollmershauser.



TITLE IX NEEDS OUR SUPPORT

Please let Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos know that AAUW is a strong advocate for Title IX. Secretary DeVos has left the door open to rolling back crucial regulations and guidance that have made progress toward preventing and ending discrimination in our schools.



RESULTS OF AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION

Candidates:

AAUW Chair	Julia Brown
AAUW Vice Chair	Peggy Ryan Williams
AAUW Directors	Joanna Amberger
	Susan Barley
	Janet Bunger
	Melody Jackson
	Melissa Cooke Johnsen
	Dot McLane
	Leah Sakacs
	Cheryl Sorokin
	Mardy Stevens
	Mary L. Zupanc

AAUW Public Policy Program

All these issues passed: *Environmental sustainability, Gun Violence, Diversity and inclusion, Sexual Health, Equity in salary and benefits, Quality and affordable child care, Voting rights and affirmative action, Reproductive health decisions, Definition of self.*

AAUW Bylaws

Three bylaws changes did not pass; those included are: *Eliminating the degree requirement for membership, Establishing an Advocate category of membership, and Changing the quorum to 3 percent.*

AAUW Resolutions

Both proposals passed: *Equal Rights Amendment resolution, and Human trafficking.*

Nationally, 11.49 percent of our members voted; 9.5 percent of Oklahoma members cast votes.

AAUW AWARDS 2017-18 FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

For the 2017-18 academic year, 250 women and community projects serving women and girls will receive \$3.7 million from AAUW. Over the years, AAUW has provided more than \$100 million to more than 12,000 women and projects.

A few of those awardees are as follows:

American Fellow Zawadi Ahidiana

Zawadi is a doctoral candidate at the University of California. Her research is at the intersection of race, class, space, and culture. Her current project documents how the media portrays gentrification.

Career Development Grantee Moni Briones

Moni's work focuses on social marketing research and developing small-business strategies for young women in STEM and for "career changers."

Community Action Grantee the Juvenile Justice Coalition, Project Director Erin Davies

The Juvenile Justice Coalition supports young women ages 12-24 who have been suspended or expelled from school, or who are involved or at risk of being involved in the juvenile court system.

INTRODUCING TWO-MINUTE ACTIVIST MOBILE

Committed members of **AAUW's Action Network** receive urgent email notices when their advocacy is needed. Last year Activists sent more than 200,000 calls to their members of Congress.

Now we have the next step in AAUW advocacy: **Two-Minute Activist mobile**. Now we can be provided with strategic opportunities to take action right when our advocacy can make the biggest impact.

Simply text the word "AAUW" to phone number 21333! Now you can advocate for gender equity wherever you go.

"DEEPER IN DEBT" LATEST AAUW RESEARCH

AAUW's latest research report, Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans, reveals the serious inequity women face in paying for higher learning.

Student loan debt is now a \$1.3 trillion problem burdening 4.4 million borrowers. There is a disproportionate effect on women. *At graduation the average woman owes \$1,500 more in loans than the average man does. That and the gender pay gap mean it will take her two years longer than a male graduate to pay off her loans.*

You can read more of this report at aauw.org. Also check out *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap*, published spring, 2017, and *Graduating to a Pay Gap*, our 2012 research report.

Women's Equality Day was August 26

Women's Equality Day on August 26, 2017, was the 97th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote.

We've come a long way, but there's still work to do. Even at the time of its passage, the 19th amendment left out many women of color. On average, full-time working women are still earning less than their male counterparts, and that gap is even wider when race and ethnicity are taken into account.

For instance, black women make only 63% of what non-Hispanic white men make; the national ratio for all women compared to men is 80%.



AAUW Tulsa Branch members and friends celebrate Women's Equality Day. Left to right: Jan Graham, Pam McDonald, daughter-in-law and granddaughter of Carole Pistole, Carol Pistole, Linda Brooks and Rose Unterschuetz. Not pictured: Cynthia Cole.



Women In Transition
www.tulsawomenintransition.org

COLLEGE FAIR AND WORKSHOP

THURSDAY, October 12, 2017

Morning Session: OSU-Tulsa

North Hall, Room 150, 700 N. Greenwood Ave

8:30 Registration

9:00-12:00 Program

Evening Session: Tulsa Community College SE Campus

10300 E. 81st St. So., Bldg. 3

4:30 Registration

5:00-8:00 Program

Scholarships will be given away at the end of each session.

To register: leave a message at (918) 928-7764

\$5.00 Registration Fee (*some fee waivers available*)

Established in 2002 by Tulsa branch AAUW, Women in Transition (WIT) is a non-profit organization of professional women dedicated to helping women complete their post-secondary education. Now independent of AAUW, WIT, working with area colleges, universities, and women's organizations hosts two annual events, at which participants receive **career assessments**, **learn about financial aid**, **hear testimonials from past WIT winners**, and **are awarded scholarships**.



*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."*

Websites: Tulsa Branch—<http://Tulsa-ok.aauw.net/>
Oklahoma AAUW—www.aauwoklahoma.org
National AAUW—www.aauw.org

TULSA BRANCH WILL HOST 2018 STATE CONVENTION!

June 29—July 1, 2018

Postoak Lodge in the Osage Hills

Rooms in the Lodge will be \$99/night.

*Much of the planning and work for the AAUW-OK State Convention will be handled by the state board.
Tulsa branch will be responsible for Hospitality on Friday night, including snacks, games, drinks.
We will also need to supply Welcome Bags, so be prepared to help find tote bags
and collect items representing our area to fill the bags.*

Vendors will be sought so if you know someone who makes something to sell, like jewelry, etc.,
please contact Pam McDonald (adamsfamily9857@aol.com or 918-636-5131).

More information later! Save the date!



September, 2017 Calendar

- Sept. 6** Adelante Book Group See Page 3.
- Sept. 9** General Membership Meeting See Page 1.
- Sept. 20** Mystery Book Group See P. 3.
- Sept. ?** Movie Group See Page 3.
- Sept. 20** Deadline for October 2017 TULSA VOICE.
- Sept. 21-22** CTEEC (Career & Technical Education

Equity Council Marriott Southern Hills Hotel, 1902 E. 71st St.

Looking Ahead . . .

- October 12** Women in Transition Event See Page 7.
 - October 13** Wine & Cheese Fundraiser
 - June 29-July 1** AAUW/OK State Convention See above.
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