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"Working Women in America: Then and Now"

ARK/OK AAUW State Convention

April 4-6, 2014* Bentonville, Arkansas

Our combined bi-state convention will feature several prominent women as keynote speakers.



We are eagerly anticipating hearing our AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho when she speaks at the banquet Saturday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. An educator and advocate for women and girls throughout her career, Patricia has served in leadership positions with national and regional non-profit organizations, addressing issues of equity and access to education.

Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice President of Government Relations, will be speaking on AAUW Public Policy at the Patricia Fae Ho luncheon on Saturday. As AAUW's top policy advisor, Maatz works to advance AAUW's priority issues on Capitol



Lisa Maatz

Hill, in the White House, and in coalition with other organizations. She provides leadership to several coalitions working to advance opportunities for women and girls.



Dr. Becky Paneitz is our Theme Speaker at 9:45 a.m. Saturday; her topic is Community Colleges: Preparing Women for the Workforce. Dr. Paneitz served as President of NorthWest Arkansas Community College from 2003 until her retirement on June 30, 2013. She is currently President and CEO of Inseitz Group, based in Bentonville, AR, which provides services to individuals and organizations in the areas of leadership, fundrais-Dr. Becky Paneitz ing, development, and board relations.

At least six Tulsa branch members will be attending the convention. Registration begins at 4 p.m. at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. Browsing the museum, dining out, and a Bentonville Community Event on the lawn at the museum, "French Riviera" will round out the evening.

Saturday registration begins at 8 a.m. at the Shewmaker Center for Global Enterprise at Northwest Arkansas Community College. In addition to the events mentioned above, the 11 a.m. workshop includes Girls of Promise from AAUW/AR, and Tech Trek, presented by AAUW/OK. A panel at 1:45 will feature a presentation: Working Women in Middle America Today.

Following the evening dinner, Silent Auction items will be awarded. Tulsa Branch contributed a basket with a "A Spring Gourmet Breakfast" theme. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Education Fund.

* The Convention will replace Tulsa Branch's April General Membership Meeting.

President's Corner

'm sure everyone is looking forward to warmer weather. If you can't join us in Bentonville, AR, remember us in spirit as we help represent Oklahoma in the combined AR/OK State Convention. I know we will have a good time and bring back ideas and renewed energy to better help our Tulsa Branch.

As we approach Equal Pay Day in April, remember this statistic: in 2014, women still represent only 4% of Fortune 500 CEOs and women make up 50% of the population. Does this seem outrageous to you?

You can start to make a difference with your support of the Equal Pay initiative. Our fellow AAUW members will take a signed petition to Governor Fallin on April 8th in support of this agenda.

—Pam McDonald, President Tulsa Branch adamsfamily9857@aol.com, 918-583-3042

NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OR BOARD MEETING in April. The bi-state convention is replacing our GMM for this month.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

We are invited to join the staff and volunteers of our local Domestic Violence Intervention Services (DVIS) on Tuesday, **April 2, 2014**, and wear teal in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Free teal ribbons are available at their office, 4300 S. Harvard.

April 3 is the season opener for the Tulsa Drillers, and for Knock Out Violence. To make a pledge per home run, call 918-508-2709.

Tulsa's DVIS has announced a \$22 million capital campaign to build a new shelter, transitional housing and counseling offices.

TULSA VOICE

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Equal Pay Day April 8

Equal Pay Day this year coincides with the "Stand Up for OK Women" Campaign in Oklahoma.

Melodia Gutierrez, AAUW Field Organizer for TX, LA, and OK, is taking a petition to present to Gov. Fallin. The petition asks that employers abide by the state law, which already requires equal pay. These laws are not being enforced.

Making 76 cents for every dollar our male counterparts earn for the same work is not good enough!



"Women and Work"

Part of a five-year series on Women and Poverty
University of Tulsa Women's and Gender Studies
2013-2014 Event Series

YOU ARE WHAT YOU SHOP: Women against the Sweatshop, Past and Present

Guest Lecturer: Professor Eileen Boris

April 1, 5:30—7:00 P.M. Location (at TU) TBA

Eileen Boris is the Hull Professor and Chair of the Department of Feminist Studies and an Affiliate Professor of History and Black Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

For further information contact Rachel Micol, tu.wgsoffice@gmail.com

Interest Groups

ADELANTE READING GROUP

<u>The Hairstons: An American Family in Black</u> <u>and White</u> by Henry Wiencek is the selection for the April 8th meeting of the Adelante Group. Winner of the National Book Critics Circle



Award, *The Hairstons* is the extraordinary story of the largest family in America, the Hairston clan. With several thousand black and white members, the

black family's story is the account of the rise of a remarkable people—the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of slaves.

Come to my home at 5820 S. Evanston Ct. at 6 p.m. for a potluck meal; book discussion follows.

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 Wednesday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Café at 41st and Yale. Please read any of the Wind River mystery series by Margaret Coel. The series features Arapaho attorney Vicky Holden. Coel's Arapaho stories have been favorably compared with the Navajo stories by Tony Hillerman.

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

MOVIE GROUP

Tuesday, April 15, probably 7 p.m., (time is not yet posted; check with Rose later) the

Movie Group will attend the showing of Anita at the Circle Cinema. This documentary features Anita Hill, tenured OU law professor who testified to the Senate Judiciary Committee about the sexual harassment she said she ex-

perienced years before at the hands of then-Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas.

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

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

You are among some very connected and dynamic women. For example:

New Gigs for Fellows and Grantees

AAUW's fellows and grantees go on to do amazing things. Career Development Grantee Rory Brosius now works in the Office of the First Lady on military, veteran, and military-family initiatives. Selected Professions Fellow Layusa Isa-Odidi secured a new job in the Lagos, Nigeria, office of McKinsey and Company, a global management consulting firm. Have you met your local fellows yet? We can e-mail fellowships@aauw.org to invite a fellow or grantee to speak at our next branch meeting.

Alumnae Contribute to the New Shriver Report Carol Gilligan, noted feminist, ethicist, psychologist, and Career Development Grantee, participated in a panel at the debut of the new Shriver Report research, A Woman's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink. Gilligan also contributed an essay

from the Brink. Gilligan also contributed an essay to the publication. American Fellow Heather Boushey, who recently became executive director and chief economist at the Washington Center for Equitable Growth, also wrote an essay in this year's

report.

Alumnae in the News—Your Philanthropy at Work

Did you catch these alumnae making headlines? Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, current finance minister of Nigeria and former AAUW International Fellow, gave an interesting TEDx Talk on the dangers and reality of corruption. And former AAUW International Fellow Tererai Trent wrote a great guest post on Nicholas Kristof's New York Times_blog about the schools she is rebuilding in Zimbabwe.

We were happy to see **Peggy Farrier** and Member-at-Large **Delores Bedingfield** at our March General Membership Meeting.

Please call Judy Anderson, Membership Vice-President, with information about potential members: edandjudy57@cox.net, or 918-398-3835.

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NCCWSL Needs Our Financial Help

Each year college women come to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in Washington, D.C. in June. Many of those young women need scholarship help to get there. This year, of the 1,000 expected to attend, 157 women have asked for our help. But the Scholarship Fund is too low, and only 34 of those requests could be funded. You can send tax deductible gifts to NCCWSL. Go to the aauw.org website and search for NCCWSL.

Chelsea Clinton to Speak at NCCWSL

One of the biggest change-makers in the country, Chelsea Clinton will be at the NCCWSL in June to tell 1,000 women students how to make change for themselves. Early-bird registration closes April 10, so tell the students in your life to sign up now.

AAUW Supports Common Core

AAUW recently adopted a position on Common Core, the new national education standards. These objectives are critical to preparing all students for postsecondary education. E-mail Erin Prangley in the AAUW Public Policy Department to learn more about how we can support Common Core.

Give Me Fair Pay, and I'll Buy My Own Damn Roses

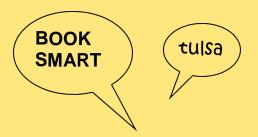
Have you seen this popular post and the other great stuff members are sharing on AAUW's Facebook page? You can help build the online community by "liking" AAUW's page and sharing your favorite posts with your AAUW state Facebook pages. The more we share, the greater our reach!

A Women's Economic Agenda Event Coming to a City Near You

AAUW members are committed to the Women's Economic Agenda, promoting equal pay for equal work, work and family balance, and access to affordable child care. Members of Congress continue to host events all over the country to raise awareness of these important issues. E-mail advocacy@aauw.org to learn about upcoming events in our district.

Follow in the Footsteps of Marie Curie

An AAUW delegation will visit Poland November 2-9. Call 877-298-9677 for more information. The delegation is limited to 50 members.



Collected Poems
Ron Padgett

April 1, 7 p.m.

Arts & Humanities Council of Tulsa

Hardesty Arts Center

Find Momo: the Border Collie Andrew Knapp

April 3, 7 p.m.
Zoom Room Tulsa

An Evening of Books and Film Rebecca Miller

April 17, 7:30 p.m. Circle Cinema

Literary Death Match: Tulsa Part 4
April 23, 7:30 p.m.

All Souls Unitarian Church

The Last Original Wife
Dorothea Benton Frank

April 29, TBA Barnes & Noble (41st & Yale)

Environmental Bulletin

April 5-6 Household Pollutant Disposal

Bring your household chemicals and toxic hazards to the Tulsa Fairgrounds (Expo Square), Gate 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 5, and Sunday, April 6. Enter from 15th St. through Gate 7. The event is free to Tulsa-area residents. Workers will remove items from vehicles at the event.

April 12-13 Free Landfill Days

City of Tulsa utility customers can take advantage of Free Landfill Days on April 12-13, 7 a.m.—3 p.m., at the Quarry Landfill on 46th St. North, about 1 1/2 miles east of U.S. 169. Participants must show a City of Tulsa utility bill or a driver's license with a Tulsa address. No items containing Freon refrigerant will be accepted. There is a \$2 fee per tire.

SPRING LUNCHEON CELEBRATES YEAR'S END

Pate: Thursday, May 1, 2014

Time: 11:30 A.M.

Place: Summit Club Grill, River Room

15 W. 6th St.

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

Program: CLECTIONS

Reprise of AR/OK Convention

Lunch: \$22.00 (includes tax and tip)

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

message at 539-664-4661 by Monday, April 28.

^{*}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 Street. You may also park on the street.



Nominations due for 2014-15

Our bylaws state that in even-numbered years elections will be held for the offices of Vice-President of Program, Vice-President of Membership and Treasurer. These offices are currently held by Gisele McDaniel, Judy Anderson, and Eva Pope-Garrett, respectively.

A Nominating Committee has been formed; Jan Graham and Eva Pope-Garrett will serve on the committee. Since our branch will not have a General Membership Meeting in April, nominations will be due, and elections held at our Spring Luncheon.

If you are interested in serving in any of the above named offices, or have suggestions, please contact the Nominating Committee.



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:

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"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."



The Women In Transition (WIT) Spring Follow-up event is set for April 10, 4:30-8:00 p.m. at TCC, Southeast Campus. Composed of former WIT attendees, the students or potential students will get help, advice, and encouragement as they continue on their academic path. They can apply for a scholarship (only one is given at the spring event); to be eligible they must have attended a prior WIT event.

The big event that is open to the public and held twice on one day will be October 9. At the end of those two sessions several women will have \$500 donated to the college in which they enroll to help defray expenses. The number drawn depends on the funds WIT has collected.

Tulsa Branch AAUW has donated to WIT in the past, and at the March GMM we voted to send \$1500 to WIT for the scholarships. This is in line with our mission statement: "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research."



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