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AAUW Oklahoma State Convention *Blazing New Trails!*

Friday, April 15, - Sunday, April 17, 2016
Duncan, OK – Hampton Inn, 2301 U.S. 81

Friday evening, April 15

Join other members for an informal Dutch dinner, then enjoy an optional live concert at the Simmons Center, featuring a dance/vocal group from Colombia; tickets are \$15 per person.

Saturday morning and afternoon, April 16

Speakers will focus on the issues; special guest speaker is AAUW Board Vice Chair Alicia Hetman.

The business meeting will include announcement of voting results for election of officers. Voting will occur before the convention by mailing in a paper ballot, or voting electronically.

One issue to be voted on concerns raising the state dues from \$7.00 to \$10.00. The state board can provide more support to branches and provide assistance for students attending the NCCWSL. Members will receive ballots by e-mail to vote electronically. The State newsletter has a mail-in ballot, which must be returned by April 11th. [See more information on Page 4.]

Each branch will provide a basket for a fundraising silent auction benefiting AAUW Funds. Tulsa Branch has decided on a "Tulsa" theme, mostly of food and drink. Items are needed for this basket; please bring your donations to our branch president, Pam McDonald.

Saturday evening, April 16

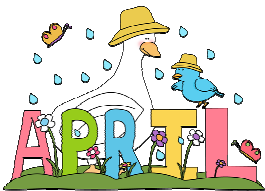
Convention attendees will have exclusive access to the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center for a tour, world-class art, theaters, and dinner (\$12.50 for dinner and admission).

Sunday morning, April 17

The Eleanor Roosevelt Run/Walk/Sleep-In Event is at 8:00 a.m. Registration is \$25.00 a person; you will receive a commemorative T-shirt. Proceeds benefit the AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund.

Please note: This convention will take the place of our April General Membership Meeting.

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President's Corner



Rose, Linda and I are preparing to trek to Duncan April 15th for our AAUW Oklahoma State Convention. By that time I hope that all members have turned in their ballots, either online or by mailing. Please contact me if you need a paper copy mailed to you, or need the ballot re-sent by e-mail.

Tulsa Branch is taking a "T-Town" basket for the silent auction at the convention. Please bring items that are representative of Tulsa to my house by Monday, April 11, as we will be assembling the basket soon after that.

Remember to mark Equal Pay Day on April 12. You'll note several items about that in this newsletter. Maybe you can gather your friends and take part in Unhappy Hour (because who is happy to be paid 79 cents for every dollar a man makes!).

Tulsa Branch elections are coming up; please give a lot of thought to what part you can play next year in making AAUW a positive force in our community!

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TULSA VOICE

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Tech Trek TU 2016! June 12-18 at TU

Tech Trek TU Tulsa is a week-long residential summer camp for eighth grade girls. Fifty girls will be selected to attend this camp at The University of Tulsa campus. Selections and notifications happen this month. Nominations from teachers were due Feb. 16, and the campers' applications were due in March.

The cost to the girls' families for the week-long STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) immersion camp is \$50 per attendee. The actual cost of the camp is approximately \$650 per girl.

AAUW National, AAUW Oklahoma, and AAUW Tulsa Branch partner with the Oklahoma Innovation Institute, The Schusterman Family Foundation, The University of Tulsa, and the Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance in making Tech Trek TU possible.

To learn more please go online to:
<http://techtrek-tulsa.aauw.net/>

While at this website, please donate to Tech Trek TU using the convenient donation function. Your gift may become the impetus to launch a girl's future career by expanding her knowledge of science, engineering, technology and math!

Join an
 interest group
 now!

Equal Pay Day — April 12



Barriers and Bias

THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

AAUW has released our latest research paper,
 with the above title.

The paper examines the causes of women's underrepresentation in leadership roles in business, politics, and education and suggests what we can do to change the status quo.

Interest Groups

ADELANTE READING GROUP



Book clubs are a fun, social way to open a dialogue on women, diversity, and change. Many AAUW members share a love of reading, and that love, partnered with a desire to seek out books written from diverse perspectives, launched a component of AAUW's diversity outreach program in 1996—AAUW's ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club.

Since then, AAUW members have enjoyed exploring new ideas and perspectives through monthly discussions, both in person and through e-mail. ¡Adelante! Book Groups are meeting in book stores, libraries, other public venues, in homes and online, gathering both members and nonmembers to talk about issues of social justice based on the month's selection.

Please join the local Tulsa Adelante group on April 18th and May 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Café area of Barnes and Noble, 5231 E. 41st St., for a discussion of the following books:

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. A House in the Sky: A Memoir, by Amanda Lindhout and Sarah Corbett, will be discussed on **Monday, April 18, 6:30 p.m., at Barnes & Noble, 5231 E. 41st St. The book tells the true story of Lindhout's capture and imprisonment in Somalia for 450 days in 2008.**

Although the book will not be a fun read it is sure to expand our awareness of this important global issue.

If you would like to read ahead: May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. The book selection on May 16 is A Tale for the Time Being, by Ruth Ozeki.

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



PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

Prospect's Name _____

Address _____

Phone # (w) _____ (H) _____

AAUW Contact _____

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

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. come to Barnes and Noble Café at 41st and Yale. This time we have free choice for the book—read your favorite author. Maybe you'll hear about someone else's favorite that you will want to try!



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



MOVIE GROUP



Our next movie day will be **April 5; next month is May 3**. Please Contact Rose Unterschuetz, for more information, at **918-688-7128, or tulsarose@sbcglobal.net**.



GOURMET GROUP

Our next gourmet dinner is in **May**. Time and place will be announced later. Stay tuned!



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

The final General Membership Meeting for the program year will be held May 14th. The new AAUW membership year begins July 1. This makes the May meeting the ideal time to invite friends to attend and get to know more about AAUW.

Also, remember the Give A Grad A Gift program for gifting new college and university grads a year of AAUW National membership at no cost to you. Just go online to www.aauw.org, put "Give a grad a gift" in the search box, then complete the form to gift your grad.

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Oklahoma State Convention

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Registration fee: \$45

To register please contact **Peggy Glenn, AAUW OK Program Vice President**
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Tahlequah, OK 74465-0516

The proposed slate of officers (2016-2018)

Co-Presidents (2016-2017)

Angie Lewis and Gabrille W. Jones

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Angie Lewis and Rose Unterschuetz

President-Elect (2016-2018)

Lisa Appeddu

Vice-President of Programs (2016-2018)

Peggy Glenn

Vice-President of Membership (2016-2018)

Nora Pugh-Seemster

Secretary (2016-2018)

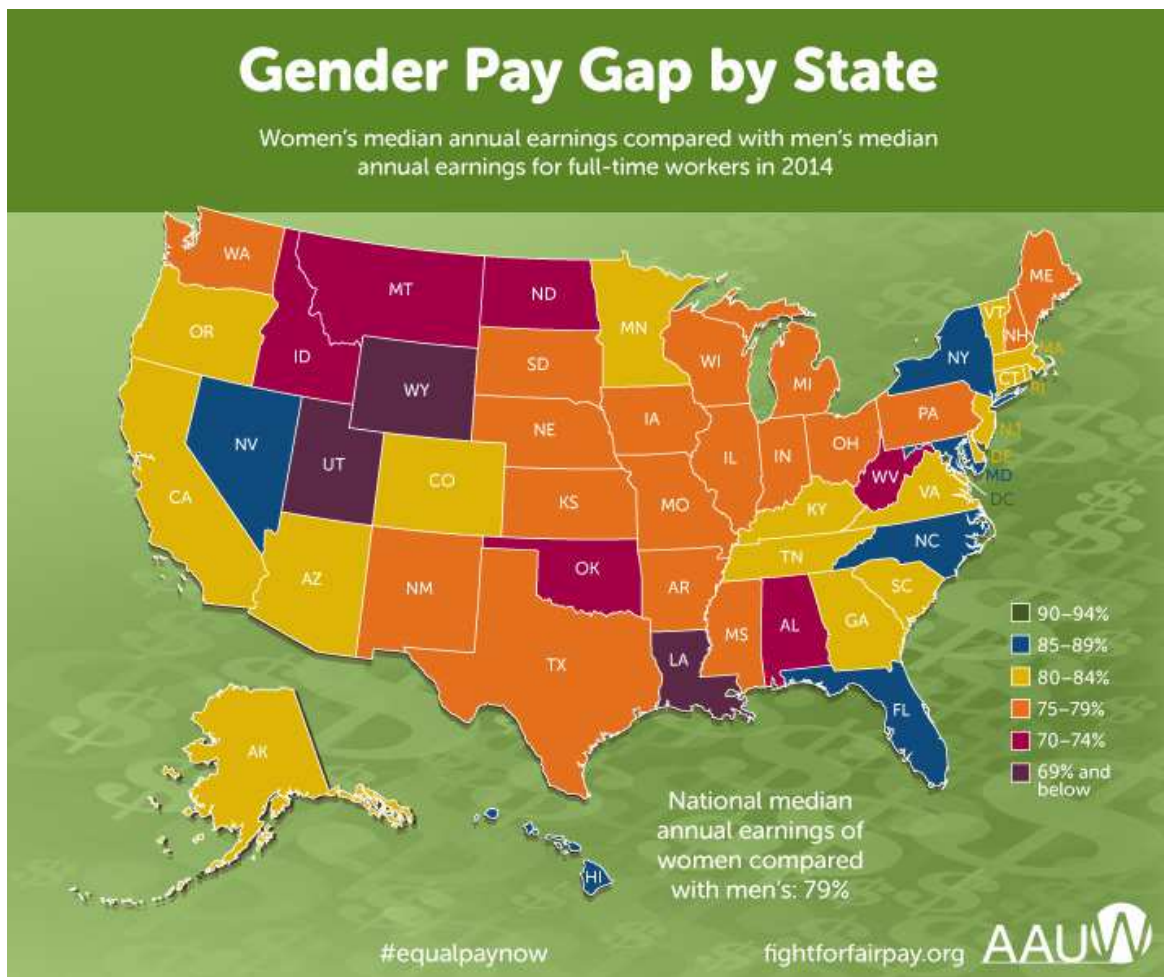
Susie Orsenigo

Finance Officer (2016-2018)

Stephanie Toney

Note that two Tulsa Branch members, Gabrille and Rose, are nominees. Those planning to attend from Tulsa Branch are Linda Brooks (current secretary), Pam McDonald, and Rose Unterschuetz.

Plan now for a great weekend in Duncan;
mark your calendar now!



Equal Pay Day April 12

Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day when women's earnings "catch up" to men's earnings from the previous year. It's also a powerful occasion to raise awareness about the gender pay gap in our community.

The gender pay gap is a primary issue for AAUW, and one that we have been working on for years. As early as 1922, AAUW's legislative program called for a reclassification of the U.S. Civil Service and repeal of salary restrictions in the Women's Bureau.

In 1955, AAUW supported a bill by Reps. Edith Green (D-OR) and Edith Rogers (R-MA) requiring "equal pay for work of comparable value requiring comparable skills." Congress finally enacted the Equal Pay Act, a version of the 1955 bill, in 1963.

Despite the Equal Pay Act, the wage gap persists; women are typically paid just 79 cents on average for every dollar paid to men — and that number has barely budged in a decade. Although enforcement of the Equal Pay Act and other civil rights laws

has helped to narrow the wage gap, significant disparities still must be addressed.



To improve the scope of the Equal Pay Act, AAUW advocates passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act. This would give employers stronger incentives to follow the law, enhance federal enforcement efforts, and prohibit retaliation against workers asking about wage practices.

AAUW promotes Equal Pay Day to draw attention to the gender pay gap and build support for the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Think 79 cents is bad? The pay gap is even worse for women of color. AAUW also observes Asian American Women's Equal Pay Day in March, African American Women's Equal Pay Day in August, Native American Women's Equal Pay Day in September, and Latina Equal Pay Day in October.

And even just one year out of college, women with the same major and in the same field were still paid less than their male counterparts!

Equal Pay in Oklahoma

In the first week of March the Oklahoma House of Representatives passed HB 2929, which seeks to address the pay gap in our state by prohibiting retaliation against employees for sharing compensation information. It also empowers the Commissioner of Labor to enforce equal pay by increasing fines for employers who violate the law.

The Oklahoma Senate now needs to act to pass the bill. **Contact your Senator today to urge him/her to move swiftly to enact equal pay legislation in Oklahoma!**

May 14 General Membership Meeting

IT'S MY VOTE



A A U W A C T I O N F U N D

Save Saturday, May 14 for the last meeting of our program year, which will be presented by the League of Women Voters.

Equal Pay Day Benchmarks

It typically takes mothers nearly six extra months to earn what fathers earn in just one year. For example:

Tuesday, April 12 for all women, **Thursday, June 4** for Moms; **Tuesday, July 28** for African American women; **Tuesday, September 8** for Native American women; **Thursday, October 8** for Latinas.



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."

2016 MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

**June 3-4, 2016
Kansas City, Kansas**

The 45th Biennial AAUW Regional Conference will be at the Great Wolf Lodge in Kansas City, KS.

Rates are \$176.86 for a suite which sleeps six people. Call 1-866-944-9653 and use Block Code 1606AAUW.

The Lodge is a self-contained entity with fabulous recreational opportunities for the whole family, wonderful accommodations, and excellent restaurant and food venues. Nearby are shopping malls and other amenities.

For additional conference information call: 314-831-5359 or 636-938-3958.



April, 2016 Calendar

NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING THIS MONTH

Looking Ahead . . .

- April 5** Movie Group See Page 3.
- April 12** Equal Pay Day for all women
- April 15-17** OK AAUW Convention; see page 1.
- April 18** Adelante Book Group 6:30 p.m. See P. 3.
- April 20** Deadline for May TULSA VOICE.
- April 29** National Wear Denim Day Yay!

- May 3** Movie Group See Page 3.
- May 14** General Membership Meeting See P 5.
- May 16** Adelante Book Group. See Page 3.
- May 18** Mystery Book Club See Page 3.
- June 3-4** Midwest AAUW Biennial Conference
- June 12-18, 2016** TU Tech Trek 2016 See P. 2.