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We observe Black History Month

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

February General Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, February 10, 2017

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Rincon Grill and Mexican Cantina
6219 E. 61st St., Tulsa

Program: *TRACES OF THE TRADE: A STORY FROM THE DEEP NORTH*
A DOCUMENTARY FILM

Lunch: Order from menu

RSVP: Please contact **Pam McDonald** at AdamsFamily9857@aol.com or leave a message at **918-627-1823** by **Thursday, February 8.**

Traces of the Trade is a feature documentary of the descendants of the largest slave-trading family, the DeWolf family, in U.S. history. The film debuted at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.



DeWolf descendants meeting with Ghanaians, African-Americans, and others at the Town Hall, Cape Coast, Ghana.
Credit: Liz Dory

When Katrina Browne learned that her distinguished New England family had been involved in the slave trade, she and nine family members retraced the infamous Triangle Trade: from their ancestral home in Rhode Island to the slave forts of Ghana, across the bitter Middle Passage to the sugar plantations of the Caribbean, back to the racially divided America of today.

In the course of her journey, Browne discovered that the North, not just the South, was massively complicit in slavery — slave labor was the foundation of the entire nation's economy. Today, the majority of whites see themselves as not prejudiced, yet institutional inequities persist, as do gaps in comfort and trust between the races. This film asks each of us to uncover and then help repair the "traces of the trade" that are all around.

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President's Corner

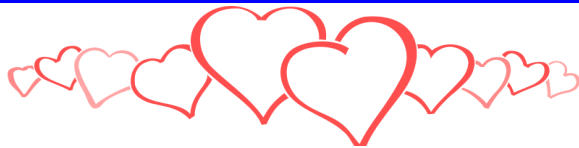
Who is ready for warmer weather? I know I am!

Please remember

to observe and make a note to celebrate African-American History Month throughout February. Participate in activities planned in our community; watch for special programs on television and at the cinema.

Happy Sweetheart Day on February 14th!

Pam McDonald
President, AAUW Tulsa Branch



Tulsa Branch Notes

TULSA BRANCH'S FACEBOOK PAGE will be administered by our FB Committee—Rose Unterschuetz, Pam McDonald and Vicki Escoc-Kelly. If you have suggestions for posts, please contact one of these women. (Phone nos. on Page 1).

\$70 WAS NETTED at our Holiday Tea through the sale of items and baked goods; the money will go to AAUW Funds.

TAHLEQUAH BRANCH AAUW has invited us to an appearance of David Grann, author of *Killers of the Flower Moon*, on Wednesday, Feb. 28, at NSU. Talk with other Tulsa branch members if you are interested in carpooling to this event.

THE PROGRAM SCHEDULE for 2018:

Feb. 10	"Traces of the Trade", documentary for Black History Month
Mar. 10	Women's History
April 14	Pay Equity; Intro to \$tart \$mart
May 12	Visit by AAUW-OK President-Elect

More photos from the making of "Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North"



DeWolf descendants discovering the ruins of George DeWolf's "Noah's Ark," one of five plantations owned by the DeWolfs in Cuba.

Credit: Liz Dory



Old DeWolf warehouse on the Bristol waterfront, built in 1818. Sugar and rum came and went there.

Credit: Tom DeWolf



Whip and manacles reportedly found at The Mount, the mansion originally built by James DeWolf.

Credit: Tom DeWolf

Interest Groups

ADELANTE READING GROUP



Please note a change in date from what was published in the January newsletter. The AAUW National webinar discussion with the author of our February book selection will be **Wednesday, February 7**, at 6:30 p.m.

The book is The Firebrand and the First Lady, by Patricia Bell-Scott, Ph.D. It is the riveting history of how a brilliant writer-turned-activist and the first lady of the United States forged an enduring friendship.

We will gather at 6:00 p.m. at my home (5820 S Evanston Ct.) and be in place to join the webinar at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish for a light meal.

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

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.** at Barnes and Noble Café at 41st and Yale. Last month we so enjoyed the "free read", that we are doing that again for March. Read whatever mystery you choose, and we'll swap stories!



Questions?

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

GOURMET GROUP

Saturday, March 3, is the next dinner meeting for this group. Barbara Avakian will be hosting a Turkish dinner at her home. You can call **Barbara, 918-523-6365**, or **Kay Witt at 918-633-5217** for more details.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Valentine's Day month is here. Do you remember preparing for the celebration when you were in grade school? Was your teacher the one who taught you how to cut paper hearts from construction paper? Did she show you how to use doilies and paints to make them especially nice?

Like with many other holidays and traditions your teacher deserves the credit for making your life richer. **Why not treat a school teacher by inviting her to attend our February luncheon and meeting?** Oklahomans need to support our teachers. AAUW supports pay equity for all and most especially for our educators.

Show a little love and thank a teacher this Valentine's Day!

UPDATE ON DUES INCREASE: The new dues will go into effect March 16th. Life Membership dues will remain at \$980, if paid by March 15th. After that, Life Memberships will increase to \$1180. New members who join during a "Shape the Future" campaign will still pay only \$29.50 for the National portion of their dues.

If you are a student at a College Partner of AAUW, your membership is free. University of Tulsa is a College Partner. More details will be available in our March newsletter. This is the first national dues increase since 2008.

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Next Skill-Training Webinars for Members

February 13th is the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force Webinar. We can learn how to welcome and engage a diverse membership with the webinar.

Search at www.aauw.org for details on registering.

7 Feminist Resolutions for 2018

Our activism is needed now more than ever. Let's ramp up our activism!

1. **Know your rights at work.** Empower yourself and others to recognize and report sexual harassment and assault.
2. **Vote.** Keep up with the schedule of your state and local elections and make sure you're ready to make your voice heard on women's issues such as reproductive rights, paid family leave, and equal pay, to name a few.
3. **Negotiate your salary.** Whether you're entering the job market for the first time or already a working professional, AAUW has resources to help you get paid fairly for your work.
4. **Support the next generation of innovators.** Commit to helping girls realize their potential with AAUW's new STEM curricula, known as STEMpacks.
5. **Help young women find their voices.** Encourage a college student you know to help close the leadership gap by attending NCCWSL 2018.
6. **Be an ally.** Make 2018 the year you recognize and learn about your privilege, find out what you can do to leverage that privilege to help others, and prioritize the voices of people of marginalized communities above your own.
7. **Get involved.** Share AAUW's work on social media. Keep up with local politics, issues and events so you can get involved locally, too.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS

May 30—June 2, 2018 • University of Maryland
Registration: \$585 • Deadline: April, 30, 2018

Vote for art for AAUW Notecards

Beginning on February 6 until March 4 you can vote for up to 20 entries in the annual art contest for our notecards. In late March the six winners will be announced.



Support the FAMILY Act!

Unlike the majority of developed countries worldwide, the United States does not guarantee paid annual leave, paid time off for illness or family care, or paid parental leave. The Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act builds on the success of the Family and Medical Leave Act passed in 1993. It creates a national paid family and medical leave insurance program.

Tell your members of Congress to pass the FAMILY Act to protect American workers, benefit businesses, and support the overall economy.

Women are making it happen!

From the AAUW State Policy Manager Kate Nielson: "We had a lot of progress last year, and know these successes will continue. A poll of the Millennial generation found that women were more likely than men to have reported engaging in political activity during the past year.

"This is likely correlated with the finding that there is rising discontent with the position of women in U.S. Society."

Some states have paid leave laws and minimum wage hikes going into effect in 2018. (*Did you know that the gap between the earnings of U.S. CEOs and those of average U.S. workers is the widest worldwide?*)

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*"I wake up every morning in a house  
 that was built by slaves,  
 and I watch my daughters, two beautiful and  
 intelligent, black, young women,  
 playing with their dogs  
 on the White House lawn."*

—Michelle Obama, as FLOTUS  
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Tulsa Branch to host Oklahoma's Biennial State Convention National CEO is keynote speaker

June 29-30, 2018
PostOak Lodge in Tulsa

Kimberly Churches came to AAUW in June, 2017, from the Brookings Institution. Her remarks will focus on AAUW's four strategic issue areas: Civil Rights, Education, Title IX, and Economic Security.

Post Oak Lodge and Retreat is in the scenic Osage Hills; it sits on 1,000 acres just 10 minutes from downtown Tulsa, via the Gilcrease Expressway. The Lodge is giving us a room rate of \$99 per night, plus taxes. There are 16 rooms with queen sized beds and 2 rooms that are equipped for physically disabled and have double sized beds. You can go to <http://www.postoaklodge.com/> for more information and reserve a room now to ensure availability.

Preconference registration and a group dinner are planned for Friday, June 29. The conference will officially begin on Saturday and includes a hot breakfast buffet, drinks/snacks for morning and afternoon breaks, and lunch. The evening banquet or barbeque will be available at an additional cost. Registration will open in April, and firm numbers for fees and registration will be determined by then.

Tulsa Branch is responsible for refreshments on Friday evening, and for gift bags for convention attendees. We ask for your help in finding items to fill these bags, and even for the donation of tote bags. If you can help with any of these, please contact our President Pam McDonald. Some items suggested have been pens, paper/notebooks, microwave popcorn. Some possibilities for donations would be colleges and universities, museums, Tulsa-area companies, area chambers of commerce. We will need to fill 50-100 bags.



**Kimberly Churches,
AAUW's new National CEO**





*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

Follow-up on the State of the Union Address

Tell the administration and Congress to take the following actions:

EDUCATION—Protect Title IX.

AAUW Members: Stand with AAUW to keep Title IX strong.

FEDERAL BUDGET—Support programs that are critical to women.

AAUW: Urge Congress to pass a budget that supports women and families.

THE ECONOMY—Close the gender pay gap.

AAUW: Ask your lawmakers to support strong, effective legislation to close the gender pay gap.

IMMIGRATION—Stand up for the rights of young immigrants.

AAUW: Tell Congress to pass a clean DREAM Act.

WORKERS—Enact policies that protect American workers and bolster our economy.

AAUW: Show your support for paid family and medical leave!

HEALTH CARE—Guarantee access to quality, affordable health insurance for all Americans.

AAUW: Tell Congress: Don't repeal the Affordable Care Act.

***"The only thing that separates women of color
from everyone else is opportunity."
—Viola Davis, acclaimed actress***



February, 2018 Calendar

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June 29-July 1, 2018 AAUW/OK State Convention