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We observe Women's History Monthbecause equity is still an issue!

March General Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, March 10, 2017

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Nathan Hale Library
6038 E. 23rd St. (West of Sheridan on 23rd St.)

Program: A FILM: *ELEANOR ROOSEVELT*

Lunch: Binh-Le' Vietnamese Restaurant, 5903 E. 31st St.; order from menu

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



She was the nation's conscience, a tireless advocate for America's disadvantaged. Controversial First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt influenced American social policies for decades and helped create the first international charter on human rights. Despite a painful childhood, shy nature, and difficult marriage, she rose to become one of America's admired women. This film, *Eleanor Roosevelt*, is an intimate biography exploring her secretive, surprising private life.

7 Facts You may not know about Eleanor Roosevelt and AAUW

1. She joined AAUW in 1929, but had not attended college. At that time membership was open to women who had received honorary degrees.
2. Her first speech to an AAUW audience was in 1929, as New York's first lady.
3. She attended branch meetings throughout the country.
4. Her close friend was an AAUW leader in New York; she and friends Marion Dickerman and Nancy Cook operated a business out of the cottage they lived in near the Roosevelt family home.
5. She believed that women were written out of history, and held White House press conferences exclusively for women reporters.
6. She spoke at the AAUW National Convention in 1959 on the United States as a democratic leader in the world during the Cold War era.
7. Eleanor Roosevelt and AAUW were a natural fit from the start! We both sought to find safe haven for refugee scholars during World War II, urged political leaders to appoint women to public office, and were involved with the establishment of the United Nations and with John F. Kennedy's President's Commission on the Status of Women.

Thanks for the fond memories, Eleanor; you continue to inspire us!

President's Corner



So disappointed

that our February meeting had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather (that didn't really materialize!)

But we have to err on the side of caution when it concerns our members.

And we have had a rash of accidents concerning our members lately, as I'm sure you will read about in the newsletter. And I must mention the recent passing of Eloise Steward who was so faithful to attend meetings all the way up until just a few months ago. She was such a good example of devotion to our belief in the mission of the betterment of women! Stay safe, ladies, and again, looking forward to a much needed Spring!

Happy St. Patrick's Day! 

Pam McDonald
President, AAUW Tulsa Branch

Free Speech on College Campuses *Presented by TU Women's and Gender Studies Program and Tulsa Public Radio*

**Thursday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m.
Chapman Hall**

The issue of free speech at U.S. colleges and universities has become highly explosive. Critics from both the right and the left have singled out feminists, liberals and civil rights groups in what they describe as the suppression of free speech, the stifling of intellectual rigor and a pandering to oversensitive, narrow-minded students on college campuses. Some have even connected this campus climate and the politically correct culture of liberalism and feminism to the success of Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election.

In order to explore these issues, The University of Tulsa Women's and Gender Studies Program and Tulsa Public Radio are hosting a panel discussion, moderated by TU President Gerard Clancy. Panelists will debate the obligation of the university to promote a climate of robust and uninhibited exchange of diverse ideas while ensuring that all students are able to participate meaningfully in campus life without being subject to discrimination, harassment, intimidation and violence.

Refreshments will be served in the Chapman Hall lobby beginning at 6 p.m. before the program.



Eleanor Roosevelt is checking out a poster of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, written in Spanish, 70 years ago!

AAUW at the UN, Then and Now

The year 2018 marks 70 years since the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was adopted by the United Nations, and today the global rights of women and girls are being proclaimed in marches, social media campaigns, and legislatures.

AAUW was involved in the crafting of the UDHR. The drafting committee of the declaration, chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt, worked with the UN Commission on the Status of Women and AAUW CSW representatives.

"We stand today at the threshold of a great event both in the life of the United Nations and the life of all mankind. This declaration may well become the international Magna Carta."

—Eleanor Roosevelt, driving force behind the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, on its presentation to the UN General Assembly

Interest Groups

ADELANTE READING GROUP

In honor of Women's History Month we are reading *Senator Hattie Caraway: An Arkansas Legacy*, by Nancy Hendricks. Hattie Caraway became the first female U.S. Senator when her husband passed away and she was appointed to the seat. She won re-election and served for 12 years!



Tuesday, March 20, we will gather at 6:00 p.m. at my home (5820 S Evanston Ct.). 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 lsbrooks@yahoo.net



GOURMET GROUP

Stay tuned for news about the next gathering for the Gourmet Group. You can contact **Kay Witt** at 918-633-5217 for more details.

Tulsa Branch Notes

THE PROGRAM SCHEDULE for 2018:

Mar. 10	Women's History
April 14	Pay Equity; Intro to \$tart \$mart
May 12	Visit by AAUW-OK President-Elect

TULSA VOICE

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Our Branch Family

Our Sympathy to the Family of **Eloise Stewart** on her death January 11, 2018. Eloise was 96, and a long time AAUW member. We have missed her friendly presence at our meetings since she moved to nursing care but feel truly blessed to have known her.

GET WELL WISHES to **Gabrille Jones** who fell and broke her wrist; to **Katharine Dwyer** who has a broken arm; and to **Jean Eames** who has injured her leg.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

AAUW has empowered women since 1881 and will empower you at every stage of your career and help you develop the confidence you need to address the issues you care about, from your own education and professional development to fair pay and an end to gender discrimination.

When you join AAUW you invest in yourself and in the power of a community.

Please join or renew by accessing AAUW.org and choosing Membership from the menu at the top of the homepage.

MEMBERSHIP DUES UPDATE

The AAUW Board of Directors voted in June 2017 to enact the first dues change in almost a decade. Effective March 16, 2018, **national dues will increase from \$49 to \$59**. Annual dues currently account for 13 percent of AAUW's annual budget. A combination of dues, donations, and corporate and foundation funding is critical to supporting AAUW's salary negotiation workshops, groundbreaking research, advocacy efforts, campus leadership programs and so much more.

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Next Skill-Training Webinars for Members

March 13, 2018, is the next AAUW Training Webinar. Subject is *How to Get Publicity*. We can learn how to get the publicity we need for our great events and educational projects for the community. [Search at www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) for details on registering.

Reproductive Freedom Tied to Women's Economic Security

This year marks the 45th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. Research suggests that the widespread availability and use of birth control pills in the 1980s and 1990s was partially responsible for narrowing the pay gap to where it is today. On the other hand, women who are denied abortions are more likely to receive public assistance, more likely to have an income below the federal poverty level, and less likely to be working full time.

[Tell Congress to act now to help secure reproductive rights and equal pay for all!](#)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS

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

Women and girls in STEM need Title IX

Despite progress, women's representation continues to lag behind in those STEM fields considered nontraditional to their gender.

Thanks to research like AAUW's 2010 report *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*, we know that girls are deterred from pursuing STEM at an early age.

The Patsy T. Mink Gender Equity in Education Act (GEEA) of 2017 (S.1421/H.R.3828) would help address sex discrimination in all areas of education by supporting the vital, on-the-ground work of thousands of Title IX coordinators across the country through additional resources, training, and technical assistance.

[Send a message to your members of Congress to urge them to co-sponsor GEEA today!](#)

More Women in Political Office

Since the 2016 presidential election, the number of women running for office has spiked. The trend is poised to continue for the 2018 midterm elections; the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers reports that 389 women are running for the U.S. House of Representatives, 49 women are running for U.S. Senate, and 79 women are running for governor.

But the 2017 elections brought us to an important milestone in the states — women legislators now hold a quarter of the seats!

As we progress through the 2018 state legislative sessions, we need women's voices advancing strong policies now more than ever. [Working together we can shape policy and change lives for women and girls.](#)

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***"We need to stop asking famous women which inspiring woman made her into a feminist and start asking which act by a mediocre man did."***

—Alana Massey, the (very) personal essayist

## March 8 is International Women's Day

March 8 is a great occasion to honor the amazing legacies of AAUW's International Fellowship alumnae. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the program by remembering our fellows' amazing accomplishments.

From harboring women academics persecuted by totalitarian regimes during W W II to developing leaders in business, higher education, science, and technology, AAUW International Fellowships have supported some outstanding players in the global struggle for equality for all women and girls.

[3,600 scholars from 145 nations have benefited from International Fellowships!](#)

## "Nevertheless, She Persisted"

The 2018 Theme for National Women's History Month is ["Nevertheless, She Persisted: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination Against Women."](#) Of the 15 Honorees is [Margaret Dunkle](#), past Director of the Education Fund of AAUW; she was nominated as a champion of Title IX.



AAUW  
NATIONAL BYLAWS AMENDMENT  
**VOTE**  
2018

**The AAUW National Board of Directors** has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. The board strongly supports the proposed amendments that we believe will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable us to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls.

**The proposed amendments** address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. While rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the [AAUW website](#), the overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance AAUW's mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level.

**The first two proposals** would bring AAUW's board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted non-profit best practices and the needs of the organization. The third proposal — to eliminate the degree requirement for membership — has come before the membership for vote a number of times. The board feels strongly that while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

**The board recognizes** that we have not traditionally put proposals up for vote outside our AAUW National Election, but these proposed changes have been under consideration for several years by both the Governance Committee and the board, and we believe it is important to move forward without delay to position the organization for greater growth.

**Members can comment** on the proposed amendments and submit their own proposals from February 22, 2018, through March 22, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET.

**We encourage you all** to engage in respectful debate that has always been a hallmark of the AAUW community, exercise your vote, and encourage fellow members to do the same.

You can direct any questions or concerns to [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org).

Respectfully,  
Your AAUW National Board of Directors

### Key Dates for AAUW's 2018 bylaws amendment vote

|                |                                                                                                                   |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| February 22    | Comment period opened online to propose amendments to the Bylaws                                                  |
| March 22       | Proposal period closes at 11:59 p.m. ET                                                                           |
| April 16       | Opening date to request paper ballots                                                                             |
| Mid-April 2018 | Bylaws proposals published in the spring <i>AAUW Outlook</i> ; voter PINS emailed to members and mailed to others |
| April 25       | Voting begins online                                                                                              |
| May 7          | Deadline for AAUW to receive request for paper ballot                                                             |
| May 21         | Deadline for mailing paper ballot, must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m. ET                                            |
| June 9         | Online voting ends at 9 p.m. ET                                                                                   |



*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](http://www.aauwoklahoma.org)  
National AAUW—[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

## **Tulsa Branch to host Oklahoma's Biennial State Convention National CEO Kimberly Churches is keynote speaker**

### **June 29-30, 2018 — PostOak Lodge in Tulsa**

Kimberly came to AAUW in June, 2017, from the Brookings Institution, where she strategically guided the public policy organization. Before joining Brookings, Kimberly was an associate vice chancellor at the University of Denver, a director of development at the University of North Florida, and a division director at the American Heart Association. She has extensive experience working collaboratively on education (K-12 and higher education) as well as capacity building among grassroots groups and national and international nonprofits. Churches earned her BA at Florida State University in English Education and the Certified Fund Raising Executive affiliation in 2002.

Kimberly's remarks, as well as the convention, will focus on AAUW's four strategic issue areas:  
Civil Rights, Education, Title IX, and Economic Security.

*"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."  
—Eleanor Roosevelt*



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