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How can we increase the number of women voters?

....because equity still matters!

September General Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, September 14

Time: 11:00 a.m.— Lunch, Program, Meeting

Place: Villa Ravenna Restaurant
6526 E. 51st St., in the Farm Shopping Center

Program: OK State Legislative Agenda;
Growing the Women's Vote

Guest Speaker: Representative Melissa Provenzano,
Oklahoma House of Representatives

RSVP: Please contact Pam McDonald at
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at 918-627-1823 by Thursday, September 12.



Representative Melissa Provenzano is serving her first term in the Oklahoma House of Representatives. She serves District 79, covering a portion of east Tulsa and Broken Arrow, which includes zip codes 74012, 74133, 74135, 74136, and 74145.

Provenzano is serving on several Committees: Children, Youth and Family services; Common Education; Sub-committee on Non-Appropriated Agencies; Sub-committee on Public Safety.

Three different interim studies that focus on public education policy have been requested by Rep. Provenzano. One topic is Creating the Workforce Oklahoma Businesses Need. A second is to update Virtual School Attendance Policies in order to support virtual charter schools. The third

request is to examine the Student Loan Debt crisis. These studies address top concerns among business leaders, education leaders and thousands of Oklahomans.

Ms. Provenzano earned a BS in Organismic Biology from Northeastern State University and a Masters in Educational Administration from the University of Oklahoma.

She has been the Principal at Hale Junior High, Assistant Principal for Bixby Public Schools, Assistant Principal and teacher at Booker T. Washington High School and biology teacher at Will Rogers High School.

Rep. Provenzano is married with 2 children and 2 stepchildren.

BRANCH NOTES

Tulsa Branch still needs a secretary. Is that you?? Contact Pam McDonald if you can serve.

Sign up to receive AAUW's cutting-edge newsletter. Would you like to be a Washington insider and stay informed about legal and policy developments across the country? Sign up to receive AAUW's *Washington Update* newsletter. Published every week that both chambers of Congress are in Session, *Washington Update* offers insight into the legislative and executive branch process, the latest public policy news, crucial and timely action items and updates from the AAUW Public Policy and Research Department. Go to www.aauw.org, and enter Washington Update in the search box.

Our Branch Family

GET WELL WISHES to Gabbie Jones. She writes: "On July 4th, I fell at home and broke my right kneecap. After a short hospital stay came 10 days of therapy. Thanks to my AAUW friends for other visits, cards and gifts. You brought much sunshine! Physical therapy continues at home for several weeks."

Gabbie



Celebrating Gabbie's birthday are, l. to r: Pam Mcdonald, Kay Witt, Donna Mathews, Kathryn Fisher, Rose Unterschuetz and Gwen Hampton; in front, birthday girl Gabbie.

A note from Gabbie: "What a wonderful party! Thank you so much for honoring me in such a DELICIOUS way. All of you are so special to me. You're the best!"



President's Corner

As our summer break comes to an end, we have planned some great programs for 2019-20. This is an exciting time for women with the push for equal pay, the 100th anniversary of the right to vote for women, and the advancement that women have achieved on the national and local scene in politics and policy making.

Fun fact about women in history ———

In 1869, a group of forward-thinking women in Philadelphia established America's first animal shelter — the Women's Humane Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Now, the shelter is still saving the lives of homeless and abused pets 150 years later.

These women were outraged over the way animals were pulled off the streets and euthanized at the city's pound. Philadelphia philanthropist Caroline Earle White and 30 other women successfully petitioned the mayor of Philadelphia to let them take over the facility so they could work to find homes for strays that had been picked up. They came up with the phrase "animal shelter" and the whole concept. And this concept endures today and carries on this legacy all across the country to find loving homes for homeless pets!

—from People Magazine, August 12, 2019

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—*Pam McDonald*
 President, AAUW Tulsa Branch

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*"Be the change you wish to see in the world."*  
 —Gandhi  
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TULSA VOICE

Monthly newsletter of American Association of University Women,
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Interest Groups

ADELANTE READING GROUP



Please mark your calendars for Adelante Book Group on the fourth Tuesday evening of the month at 6:00 p.m. The book selection for **September 24th** is Educated, by Tara Westover. We will meet at Zoe's Kitchen, 6044 S. Yale.

For October we will read Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance; our November 26th selection is Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig.

We look forward to lively discussions and the good company!

For more info, phone Rose Unterschuetz at **918-688-7128**.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Boo! Our next book will be any Halloween or Fall mystery. We will meet Wednesday, October 16, 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble on 41st St. (Our group meets every other month.)



Questions?

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

GOURMET GROUP



Watch this space for information on the October gathering of the Gourmet Group.

Work Smart Online

<https://salary.aauw.org/work-smart>

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Phone # (w) _____ (H) _____

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

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

AAUW Tulsa has been an organization where women find a sisterhood of like minded women since 1918. We study and discuss issues that affect women and girls. We participate in activities and fundraising to promote equity for all women and in the process make friends for life.

When we know about a good thing it is only natural to share it with friends. I am asking all members of Tulsa Branch to invite at least one interested friend to attend the September General Membership Meeting.

AAUW National has created a special pin in recognition of any member who recruits five new members this program year. I look forward to presenting a pin to each of you at our May meeting, **because equity and especially pay equity, is still an issue!**



Member Recruiter Lapel Pins not only recognize and celebrate the hard work members do to share AAUW's mission and keep the organization strong, but also serve as a way to identify members who can act as resources for others. With these pins, experienced and passionate members can position themselves as visible leaders in their state and branch organizations. *All types of membership recruitment — national, branch, Younger Women's Task Force, and College/University Partner — count toward a pin.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

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Cheryl has been a member for a year. She is Associate Professor of Political Science in the Dept. of Geography and Political Science at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. As President-Elect of the United Nations Association of Eastern Oklahoma, Cheryl attends their monthly meetings on the second Saturday of each month. But we can look for her at other AAUW events.

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"You must do the things you think you cannot do."
— Eleanor Roosevelt

AAUW News 'n Notes

Raise the minimum wage

The federal minimum wage hasn't budged since 2009. As a result, millions of workers across the country — particularly women — struggle to make ends meet. On July 18, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Raise the Wage Act, which would gradually lift the minimum wage over the next several years. Now it's up to the Senate to move this critical legislation forward.

Call on your Senators to support the Raise the Wage Act!

—from *Equity Express*, an AAUW newsletter
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How women won the vote

The national Women's History Project has an updated issue of "How Women Won the Vote Gazette". Go to www.gazette_How-Women-Won-Vote-.pdf.
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Legislative Summit September 17

The Oklahoma Women's Coalition has set a Legislative Summit for Tuesday, September 17, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The meeting is at the Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital, 6800 NW 39th Expy in Bethany, OK.

This is an opportunity to actively participate in creating policies that support improved quality of life for women and girls. Oklahoma consistently ranks at the bottom for women's health, female incarceration, violence against women, and economic security for women.

It will take all of us speaking with one voice to make Oklahoma a place for all women to succeed and thrive. AAUW-OK is a member of this coalition.
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"Imagination is more important than knowledge."

—Albert Einstein
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Project Elf lists fall needs

900 students are in need of assistance, with more requests coming in. Project Elf can use our help in collecting the following items:

Hygiene kit items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, shampoo, soap, conditioner, chapstick); **Boys underwear** (sizes 6, 8, 10/12, and 14/16); **Girls underwear** (Size 14/16); **All women's size panties**; **Phoenix Rising boy needs steel-toed boots** size 10; **McLain HS boy** needs size 14 athletic type shoes; **Washington HS girl** needs size 12 shoes; **Union SH boy** needs size 11 shoes;

MacArthur ES PK boy needs a nap mat; **Back-packs** (Elementary, Middle, and High School boy, Middle and High School girl); **after school regular clothing** (girl and boy sizes 5 to 18); **ALWAYS need shoes!** (Girl's size 1 and 3, women's size 8 and 9, boy's size 1, 2, 4, 5, and men's size 10, 11 and 12.)
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DVIS, TU sponsor lecture on rape culture

DVIS and the University of Tulsa have partnered to host the nationally acclaimed speaker Zerlina Maxwell for a lecture titled "CULTURE SHIFT: Understanding and Combating Rape Culture". It is set for Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 7-9 p.m. at TU's Lorton Performance Center.



Tickets are FREE and available on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested in attending, register at the following link:

<http://bit.ly/31iNTC4>.

If you aren't familiar with Zerlina Maxwell, here is a video of her:

<https://twitter.com/attn/status/959860594269601792>.
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Women's Equality Day was August 26, marking the adoption of the nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. In 2020 we will celebrate the centennial of the 19th Amendment receiving approval in enough states to be passed.

Not all women were able to exercise the right to vote immediately. We will have many opportunities to acknowledge the many different challenges women face, our accomplishments, and the work still to be done.

Oregon became the most recent state to enact a paid family and medical leave bill. AAUW of Oregon members were part of the coalition advocating for the law, which will go into full effect in 2023.

Illinois successfully updated their law to include a ban on using salary history during the hiring process, a practice that can carry forward past pay inequities.

Both New Jersey and Toledo, Ohio have passed salary history bans.
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AAUW News 'n Notes



AAUW is launching a *Five Star Recognition Program* to celebrate the efforts of AAUW states, branches and other affiliated AAUW organizations as they continue to advance gender equity on the community, state and national levels.

Recognition can be earned through five major focus areas:

1. **Advancement** by supporting the greatest needs fund or one of the strategic plan's focus areas;
2. **Communications & External Relations** by using web and social media that feature Work Smart Online;
3. **Programs** that align with the strategic plan;
4. **Public Policy & Research** by moving AAUW's Public Policy agenda forward; and
5. **Governance & Sustainability** by ensuring effective leadership succession and strategic plan alignment.

The 5 Star Program began July 29, 2019, and ends June 30, 2020. Every AAUW affiliate is a participant and can be recognized for their efforts.

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AAUW partners with NYC

AAUW has partnered with the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) to teach 10,000 women in the Big Apple how to negotiate for higher salaries and advocate for themselves at work.

The initiative — called "Ask for More" — includes online training and a series of in-person workshops. Plans are also under way to develop Spanish-language training and programs tailored to specific industries.

AAUW CEO Kim Churches states, "Our goal is for every woman to be able to articulate their value and negotiate their financial futures."

Nearly 80,000 women have registered in AAUW's Work Smart Salary-negotiation program since its inception in 2015.

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"**Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations.**"

—Mae Jemison, the first black woman to travel in space and 1994 AAUW Woman of Distinction, and 2007 Achievement Awardee  
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USA Women's Soccer Team and AAUW talk pay equity

Since the U.S. Women's national Soccer Team won the Women's World Cup, the team has continued their off-the-field fight for fair pay. Deborah J. Vagins, AAUW's Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Research, met with members of the team, actors Natalie Portman, America Ferrera and Brie Larson, and other advocates to talk about how to change pay equity policies, including supporting the federal Paycheck Fairness Act.

—from AAUW Mission and Action

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New figure for Statues for Equality

On August 26 — Women's Equality Day — a life-size statue of scholar and humanitarian Tererai Trent was unveiled by Statues for Equality in New York City. The monument will stand alongside sculptures of Oprah Winfrey, Jane Goodall, Gabby Douglas and others. Trent is a 2001-02 AAUW International Fellow alumna who delivered an inspiring talk at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in May.

—from AAUW Mission and Action

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Victories in the Courts

An LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund) supported case, *Portz v. St. Cloud State University*, has been decided in favor of female student athletes. The students alleged gender discrimination in violation of Title IX.

U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Virginia sided with transgender student Gavin Grimm, ruling that his former high school's refusal to let him use the bathroom that aligned with his gender identity constituted discrimination under Title IX. AAUW signed onto an amicus brief supporting Grimm at an earlier stage in the case.

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Did you know?????

In 1969, the same year Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon, AAUW member Nancy Grace Roman won NASA's Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal. Roman, who died last year, was NASA's first chief astronomer, and she occasionally explained a thing or two to the Apollo 11 astronauts.

In 1888 scholar Ida Street received AAUW's first fellowship — \$350. Today, AAUW is one of the largest funding sources for women's graduate education, awarding \$4.3 Million to 270 women and community projects for the 2019-20 academic



AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

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

From the League of Women Voters

VOTE411.ORG

ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

Vote411.org is the "one-stop shop" voting and election resource website for new and seasoned voters. Get essential, non-partisan information about:

Candidates

Voting and election issues

The election process, polling place hours and locations

✓ **Early or absentee voting rules**

Voter registration deadlines

✓ **ID requirements**

✓ **And more.**



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