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Equal pay in women's sportsbecause equity still matters!

January General Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, January 11, 2020

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

Place: Rincon Mexican Grill and Cantina
6210 E. 61st St., Tulsa

Program: The State of Women's Soccer and the Challenges

Speaker: Rachel Blankenship
TU Women's Soccer Program

RSVP: Please contact **Pam McDonald** at
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at **918-627-1823** by **Thursday, January 9.**

Rachel Blankenship returned to the University of Tulsa last year to be Assistant Coach with the women's soccer program. She is a midfielder for Fortuna Tulsa in the Women's Premiere Soccer League and for the Puerto Rico National Team where she played in the World Cup Qualifiers in 2018.

Rachel is also a four-year letter winner at the University of Tulsa (2014-2017), starting in 70 or 75 contests, and tallying 31 goals and 28 assists for 90 career points. She concluded her career ranked first in assists, fifth in points and sixth in goals scored on Tulsa's top 10 lists.

Blankenship was a four-time first-team all-American Athletic Conference selection, was tabbed as the 2016 Midfielder of the Year and the 2014 Rookie of the Year, and was named to the 2014 all-Rookie team.

An Oklahoma City native, Rachel earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Tulsa University in 2018, and married her husband, Malachi Blankenship in 2017.

We welcome Rachel to AAUW and are eager to hear what she has to say about equal pay in women's sports!





President's Corner

Another year comes to an end and I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays.

We have wonderful programs planned as we lead up to the centennial of women's right to vote.

In the coming months

there will be information forthcoming in our newsletter and we will pass on more by emails. The year 2020 sets up to be a fascinating year.

Happy New Year everyone!

"Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties."

—Helen Keller

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Title IX's work not finished

In 2019, AAUW American Fellowship alumna **Rachael Rollins** became the first woman elected district attorney in Suffolk County (which includes Boston) and the first woman of color to hold that job in Massachusetts. She also fought for women's futures by defending Title IX as a college student over 20 years ago.

As college lacrosse players, Rollins and her teammates retained a lawyer after her university tried to cut their winning program ... but not the losing men's football team. **They won their case.**

In the #MeToo era, Title IX also ensures the rights of sexual assault survivors in federally supported educational programs.

Yet, unbelievably, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos last year proposed a rule that would make it harder for students to come forward while making it easier for schools to evade accountability.

Title IX supporters' response was swift and overwhelming. More than 100,000 people submitted comments about this unfair rule, including many from AAUW.

But we must keep fighting until this dreadful proposal is reversed.

Gloria Blackwell, AAUW Senior Vice President of Fellowships and Programs

BRANCH NOTES

PROGRAM NOTES FOR THE YEAR

January 11 — *Equal Pay in Women's Sports* — Linda Brooks

February 8 — *Tulsa Race Massacre* — Jan Graham

March 14 — *Women in Poetry* — Doris Piatak

April 11 — *Preventing Being Scammed* — Cynthia Cole

May 8 — *Officer Installation* — Pam McDonald

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FUNDRAISER REPORT

The current total raised at our fall fundraiser is now \$830.00.

The proceeds will be divided between the TCC Fuel Pantry, and the SAGE STEAM Camp at Weatherford. We were pleased to meet David Adams, who works with the Fuel Pantry and is a new AAUW member, at our Holiday Tea.

BRING FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS TO JANUARY MEETING

Since we adopted the TCC Fuel Pantry in December, in addition to the funds we raised in November, we are collecting feminine hygiene products. Please bring as many products as you can to our January 11th meeting at Rincon Mexican Grill.

How the pay gap affects women in retirement

Women are shortchanged on pay compared to men from the moment they enter the workforce. Sadly, the gap only grows over time, leaving women vulnerable long after they retire. AAUW's most recent update of *The Simple Truth* research report found that:

- ➔ Women collect only about 80% of what men do in Social Security benefits.
- ➔ Women's pension income is 76% of men's.
- ➔ Women's overall retirement income is 70% of men's.

TULSA VOICE

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Interest Groups

ADELANTE READING GROUP



Our Adelante Group will meet **Tuesday, January 28 at 6 p.m.** at Mondo's Italian Restaurant, 3410 S. Peoria in Brookside.

The group will discuss Dear Madam President by Jennifer Palmieri. The author was formerly Communications Director for Hillary Clinton.

She shares practical advice and expectations for women who seek to lead.

A digital e-book version is available from Tulsa City Count Library/Overdrive. It is also available from Amazon and other vendors.

Please join us. For more information contact **Rose Unterschuetz**, phone/text, **918-688-7128**, or tulsarose@sbcglobal.net.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, February 19**, at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble on 41st St.

Members should read mysteries involving presidents or the White House.



Questions?

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Let's start off the New Year by learning about the AAUW 5-Star Recognition Program.

WHAT IS IT?

- ◆ A FY20 program that rewards states and branches that demonstrate alignment with AAUW National's strategic plan
- ◆ An engaging, exciting way to showcase and share your state and branch achievements

WHAT ARE THE CRITERION?

- 1 **Programs**— Host 3-5 strategic plan-related programs; representatives from the branch complete the community resource mapping exercise.
- 2 **Advancement** — \$30 per member gift raised for greatest needs; Shift focus in branch giving from fellowships and grants/LAF to greatest needs or strategic plan focus areas by 50%; retain 90% or more membership and submit annual dues by September 30; increase the Legacy Circle members in our branch by 10%.
- 3 **Communications & External Relations** — All existing websites and social media presences include an Economic Security Focus and Work Smart Online.
- 4 **Public Policy & Research** — Conduct an annual meeting with U.S. representatives and/or state legislators around a strategic plan area of focus; ensure a branch public policy chair is appointed who collaborates with the state public policy chair; host at least one public event where Action Network sign-ups are collected;
- 5 **Governance & Sustainability** — Align planning with state and AAUW national strategic plans; branch board institutes a succession plan to ensure new ideas and perspectives are included in the future leadership.

Now that we have an introduction to the program, please check back next month when we explore how we might implement the program in Tulsa Branch.

We look forward to meeting these women interested in our branch:

Julie Jones, 5300 S. Maple Ave., Broken Arrow, OK, juliejones007@gmail.com, 918-902-6712. Julie earned her B.S. in Biology at NSU in Tahlequah; her minor was in chemistry.

Christiana (Chrissy) Kyles, cskyles@icloud.com. Chrissy served as the AAUW advisor at University of Central Oklahoma. She is now employed by OSU and lives in Stillwater.

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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

Women's Suffrage Commemoration March and Rally

Saturday, February 22, 2020 11:00 a.m.

Through multiple events and programs, the Tulsa Historical Society & Museum will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment (Women's Right to Vote), particularly focusing on Oklahoma's Ratification of the Amendment on February 28, 1920.

*Groups of all ages, individuals, and genders are welcome to participate.
Participants are encouraged to dress in white and carry homemade signs.
In case of inclement weather, the rally will be held inside the museum.*

Stay tuned for more information!



January, 2020 Calendar

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January 20 Deadline for February, 2020 TULSA VOICE.

January 28 Adelante Group See P. 3.

Looking Ahead . . .

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February 22 Women's Suffrage Commemoration March and Rally See above.

June 18-19 Regional AAUW Meeting in Moline, Illinois

