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Sharing our stories

April Virtual General Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m. — Program, Meeting, on Zoom

Program: What's YOUR Story?

Zoom: To Join Zoom Meeting,
Meeting ID: 369 954 7636
Passcode: 504788





President's Corner

As we prepare to wrap up our Zoom year for Tulsa Branch meetings, let's hope we can get together real soon in person! By now most of our members have been vaccinated or are in the process of getting their shots.

I'm so excited for warmer weather and the beautiful Spring flowers!



Prayers for our country and some of our members going through trials and tribulations.

Hope everyone has a blessed Easter season!

—Pam McDonald
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ERA in the News

Things are staying busy for the Equal Rights Amendment, at both the federal and state level.

At the federal level Sen. Ben Cardin, lead co-sponsor of SJ Res 1, spoke on the Senate floor in strong support of women's rights and the Equal Rights Amendment.

In the state of North Dakota efforts continue to rescind the state's ratification of the federal ERA. To date, there is not legal precedent for a state to legally rescind ratification of any amendment.

This week the Nevada State Senate passed legislation to send a state Equal Rights Amendment to the Nevada voters, potentially in 2022.

HJ Res 17, removing the time limit to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, has already passed the House with bipartisan support.

2021 AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION

one member, one vote

April 7—May 17 AAUW members will be voting on amendments to our Public Policy Priorities and bylaws. Special attention is being paid to the proposal to eliminate AAUW's longstanding degree requirement in order to become a member of AAUW.

Here are the answers to some questions you may have. You can also go to www.aauw.org, search for the "aauw election" page for more information.

When and how do I vote?

All voting will take place online April 7 to May 17, 2021, unless you send a request to AAUW for a paper ballot. All members without an email address on file with AAUW national will receive notification of the vote by mail.

What constitutes a quorum for a vote to be valid?

AAUW bylaws require that submitted ballots equal in number to at least five percent of the votes entitled to be cast by members is the quorum.

How many votes are needed for the changes to be passed?

AAUW bylaws require that the "yes" vote of two-thirds of the votes cast is required to amend the bylaws. Public Policy Priorities can be amended with a "yes" vote of a majority of the votes cast.

If the votes pass, when would the changes be in effect?

Changes to the bylaws would be effective immediately. AAUW's national staff will be prepared to change membership language, the join function, and other related items as necessary immediately after the vote.

How will Student Associates be handled if the degree requirement is eliminated?

The Student Associates category would be eliminated. However, the Board does have the ability to set a separate dues rate for students and is planning to make a decision on keeping the current rate, or to make all student dues \$0.00 this spring.

Is Life Membership affected by the proposed bylaws change?

There are no changes to Life membership.

—from the National AAUW website

Interest Groups

AAUW TULSA BOOK GROUP



Our group will continue the discussion of Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson for our Friday, April 23, 6:30 p.m. Zoom meeting.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author has written about a powerful caste system in the U.S. that influences people's lives and behavior and the nation's fate.

Also, please note that she is one of the speakers at the John Hope Franklin Reconciliation in America National Symposium, "*The Future of Tulsa's Past: The Centennial of the Tulsa Race Massacre and Beyond*". See Page 4 of this newsletter.

Please email Rose Unterschuetz at tulsarose@sbcglobal.net for more information and to be added to the group email list.

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918-688-7128, or tulsarose@sbcglobal.net.

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Mystery book club will meet on **Wednesday, May 19**, at 7:00 p.m. This is a "Free Read" month; read any mystery. The time and place are yet to be determined. Please send me an email and your name to join us. I will send the Zoom link, usually on Tuesday before the Wednesday meeting. Or, maybe we'll be able to meet in person! More details in the May newsletter.



Questions?

Call Linda Brooks, 918-260-3263, or
ishbrooks@yahoo.com

"I keep the telephone of my mind open to peace, harmony, health, love and abundance. Then whenever doubt, anxiety, or fear try to call me, they keep getting a busy signal and soon they'll forget my number."

—Edith Armstrong

TULSA VOICE

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

There are so many excellent resources available to AAUW members and some of the best are webinars on timely topics.

Webinars to Watch

We hope you'll register for the **April 1** webinar about the member vote on the education requirement and the **April 22** Diversity Equity and Inclusion Webinar: How to Have Difficult Conversations. In addition, you can catch up on past webinars, including our conversation with AAUW fellowship alumna Dr. Shanna Benjamin, on AAUW's **archive page**.

All members recently received a mailing from AAUW National with membership renewal information enclosed. As you know the AAUW fiscal year ends June 30 and renewals can be easily done prior to that date using a credit card at the Membership Services Data bank at aauw.org. We appreciate your continuing support of AAUW and look forward to resuming in person Branch meetings in the new program year.

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Our Branch Family

OUR SYMPATHY to Kathryn Fisher and her family on the death of her grandson.

CONGRATULATIONS to Xan Black on her retirement! Xan has been a leader of STEM in Tulsa and led our Tech Trek Camps for several years.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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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

“The Future of Tulsa’s Past: The Centennial of the Tulsa Race Massacre and Beyond”

May 26—May 29, 2021

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Register while space is still available at the
2021 John Hope Franklin Reconciliation in America National Symposium.
Here are some of the speakers this year:

Ed Dwight — American Sculptor & Historian
Isabel Wilkerson—Pulitzer Prize Journalist
Dr. Daina Ramey Berry—Educator & Activist
Dr. Cornell West—Philosopher & Activist
Dr. Scott Ellsworth—Historian & Journalist

Dr. Turkiya Lowe—National Park Service’s Chief
Historian & Deputy Federal Preservation Officer
Eli Saslow—Pulitzer Prize Journalist
Samuel Sinyangwe—Policy Analyst & Data Scientist
YIVO Institute for Jewish Research

Due to constraints of COVID-19, you will have the option of attending this year’s event virtually or in-person with limited seating capacity. Be sure to register today to take advantage of the Early Bird Registration which will end on April 20, 2021.

To learn more or to register, go to www.jhfccenter.org, or contact Jean Neal, jneal@jhfccenter.org, or 918-295-5009.



April, 2021 Calendar

April 1 AAUW Webinar on Removing Education Requirement for Membership See Page 3.

April 7 Voting opens on Open Membership in AAUW See Page 2.

April 10 Virtual General Membership Meeting 1:00 p.m. See P. 1.

April 20 Deadline for Early Bird Registration for Tulsa Race Massacre Symposium See above.

April 20 Deadline for May TULSA VOICE.

April 22 AAUW Webinar on Diversity and Inclusion See Page 2.

April 23 Tulsa Branch Book Group See Page 3.

Looking Ahead . . .

May 17 Voting closes on AAUW Bylaws and Public Policy Changes. See P. 2.

May 19 Mystery Book Group See Page 3.

May 25-26 NCCWSL 2021 Virtual leadership training for college women student leaders.

May 26-29 Centennial of the Tulsa Race Massacre and Beyond See above.

June 30 Membership year ends; time to renew! See P.3.