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What does this year hold for Tulsa AAUW? Virtual General Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, September 11, 2021

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Program: How Can AAUW Be Relevant in the Pandemic?

Where: Zoom Meeting, Wherever you have a device
Meeting ID: 369-954-7636
Passcode: 504788

Want more information? Contact President Pam McDonald
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You are invited to bring ideas for programs for September, 2021 through May, 2022, for our branch. It has been a challenge to be relevant and productive in furthering our mission during this pandemic. We need to think outside the box in which COVID-19 has placed us.



Also, we need to decide whether we should continue with Zoom meetings, or schedule an in-person get together in the future.

We look forward to seeing you at our virtual meeting! It's been a while!



President's Corner

Hello, Everyone!

Hope your summer has been rewarding and full of good fun. Just when we thought this virus thing was over, it seems it has crept its way back into our lives.

We have decided to Zoom our September meeting just to be safe and avoid close gatherings. Let's just hope the data improves where we can soon meet in person!

In the meantime, we will continue to communicate through texting, emails, and Zooming.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

—Pam McDonald, President, AAUW Tulsa
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AAUW Election Results Membership rule stands

The board-recommended ballot initiative to remove the college-degree membership requirement did not receive the two-thirds, or 66.6%, vote required to enact a bylaws change. However, 63% voted in favor of making this change, which is a big increase over past votes.

Julia Brown was re-elected as our board chair for three more years. Malinda Gaul was re-elected as board vice chair, and Elizabeth Haynes and Joseph Bertolino will retain their board seats.

AAUW's public policy priorities were approved by 92% of voters.

TULSA VOICE

Monthly newsletter of American Association of University Women,
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AAUW CEO Kimberly Churches Resigns A letter from Kimberly

Dear Members,

Recently, AAUW Board Chair Julia Brown shared the news that I will step down as AAUW CEO this fall to pursue a new opportunity. As I prepare to transition to my next role as President of The Washington Center, I want you to know it's been an honor to work with you towards our vision of equity for all.

The future is bright. AAUW is emerging from the pandemic with a stronger financial balance sheet, more transparent governance, highly skilled and dedicated staff, and clear strategic priorities. As we approach our 140th birthday in November, our AAUW is poised for a rich and consequential future.

Let's imagine what that might look like. Where will AAUW be on its journey by our 150th anniversary? How will our mission work today shape the world for the next generation? Will we make meaningful strides towards equity in our focus areas of education, economic security and leadership? How might our members and staff address the needs of women and girls a decade from now?

These are questions I ask you to ponder over the coming weeks in relation to our strategic plan. You've played a huge role in who we are today and you'll continue to define the AAUW of tomorrow. I know AAUW will remain a national leader in the fight for equity. Stay tuned for more messages about our 140th anniversary — and more opportunities to chart the course ahead.

AAUW has always been strengthened by its committed and passionate member leaders and staff. None of that will change with my departure. It's been a true pleasure to engage with you in person and virtually, and to build lifelong friendships. I can assure you that, while I may not be in the national office, I'll remain a dedicated and active AAUW member.

Thank you for all you do — I am deeply grateful for your commitment to AAUW and to me personally during my tenure.

Onward,



Kimberly Churches
 Chief Executive Officer

Interest Groups

AAUW TULSA BOOK GROUP



We are continuing with Zoom meetings. Our next discussion is Friday, September 24. The book is The Invention of Wings, by Susan Monk Kidd.

I will send the details to join the Zoom meeting closer to the time. We'll meet at 6:30 or 7:00; I'll let you know.

Rose Unterschuetz,
phone/text **918-688-7128**

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Mystery book club will meet **in person on Wednesday, September 15**, at **11:00 A.M.**, at Barnes and Noble, 5231 E. 41st St. The theme this time: no theme, free choice. Be prepared to share your latest mystery reading!



Questions?
Call **Linda Brooks, 918-260-3263**, or
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DID YOU KNOW?

At the current rate of progress, the gender pay gap will not close until 2093. We can't — **and won't** — wait that long!

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Let me start by saying thank you for renewing your membership to AAUW Tulsa. By renewing you have taken action to support our mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Are you familiar with the **AAUW Vision Statement**?

AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

What about the **AAUW Diversity Policy**?

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

You are a part of a powerful network of members that makes positive change a reality. Thank you for all you do to support equity for all people.

National Dues are \$62, State Dues are \$10, and Tulsa Branch Dues are \$14 for a total of \$86. You can join or renew online at aauw.org, or by mailing a check for \$86 made payable to AAUW Tulsa. Please address it to:

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— Rose Unterschuetz
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Our Branch Family

CONTINUING GOOD WISHES to **Ron Unterschuetz** as he undergoes further cancer treatment.

GET WELL WISHES to **Kathryn Fisher & her husband**; Kathryn had a fall in early August, and her husband fell trying to catch her!



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

AAUW News 'n Notes

Systemic Racism and the Gender Pay Gap *A supplement to The Simple Truth*

A supplement to AAUW's report, The Simple Truth, examines how decades of systemic racism—including discriminatory employment practices, inadequate legal protections and persistent stereotypes—have contributed to a gender pay gap that remains far wider for women of color than for white women.

Consider that:

- Over a 40-year career, Black women lose almost \$1 million to the wage gap.
- Despite providing essential services during COVID-19, Black women are paid less than their white counterparts.
- It takes the typical Black woman 19 months to be paid what the average white man earns in 1 year.

Check it out at www.aauw.org.

Applications open for 2022-23 Fellows and Grantees

The application period for AAUW Fellowships and Grants is open for the 2022-23 academic year. Follow in the footsteps of award-winning authors, scientists, scholars and trailblazers by applying for educational funding through AAUW. Deadlines run from November to December, 2021.

Go to www.aauw.org to learn more and to apply.

Nearly \$5 million in funding has been awarded to more than 260 awardees in the 2021-22 academic year!

AAUW Takes New LAF Case

AAUW, through our Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF), has adopted the case of Anne Devan-Song, a Ph.D. candidate at Oregon State University who faced sexual and gender-based harassment at the hands of a fellow graduate student.

September, 2021 Calendar



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