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Tulsa AAUW Welcomes Afghans to Tulsa

Virtual General Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Program: How Can We Help Afghans Settle in Tulsa?

Where: Zoom Meeting, Wherever you have a device

Meeting ID: 827 0660 3416

Passcode: 814165



Want more information? Contact President Pam McDonald
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Tips to help provide welcome to our new Afghan neighbors!

The correct term for a person from Afghanistan is Afghan.
“Afghani” is a word for the currency and often used as a derogatory term.

Don't assume that all of our new Afghan neighbors are Muslim and,
if they are, don't ask if they are Shia or Sunni.

This is a diverse collection of people, with different backgrounds,
including those who may be culturally Muslim, but not practicing.

Do NOT interpret a woman wearing hijab as a sign of her oppression.
The wearing of hijab is a complicated personal decision
with deep cultural and religious foundations.

Remember these are people dealing with serious trauma. Treat them gently and
with a lot of grace. You may not initially get a thank you, don't be offended by that.

When meeting and greeting, do not expect a handshake or any physical contact at
all. Don't get offended if eye contact is not made (especially across genders)
as averting the eyes is a sign of respect and deference.

Watch for body language — If a hand is offered, then engage. Otherwise a
common greeting is to place your hand on your chest and give a very small bow.

Obviously, this is not a time to proselytize.
This is the time to be our faith FOR them, not deliver our faith to them.

— reprinted from *Tulsa Metropolitan Ministries and Catholic Charities*





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/>
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President's Corner

Hello, Everyone!

I'm so ready for some beautiful fall weather!

I hope you can Zoom with us this month to discuss Tulsa and Oklahoma's role in accepting and reestablishing a home for the displaced Afghan refugees.

—Pam McDonald, President, AAUW Tulsa
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AAUW Note

AAUW partnered with the coalition of organizations leading the national Rally for Abortion Justice on October 2, in rallies around the country.

AAUW works in coalition on reproductive rights issues and will likely continue to engage in similar actions this fall as the situation unfolds.

—from Robin Lucas, Grassroots Advocacy Manager
American Association of University Women (AAUW)

October, 2021 Calendar



October 16 General Membership Meeting See P. 1.

October 20 Deadline for November TULSA VOICE.

October 22 Tulsa Branch Book Group See above.

November 17 Mystery Book Group See above.

Interest Groups

AAUW TULSA BOOK GROUP



We are continuing with Zoom meetings. Our next discussion is **Friday, October 22**. The book is The Postmistress, by Sarah Blake. For November we will read The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead.

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

Rose Unterschuetz,
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MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Mystery book club will meet in person on **Wednesday, November 17**, at **11:00 A.M.**, at Barnes and Noble, 5231 E. 41st St. This time our mission is to read a new author that you have never read. Browse the library or book store shelves.

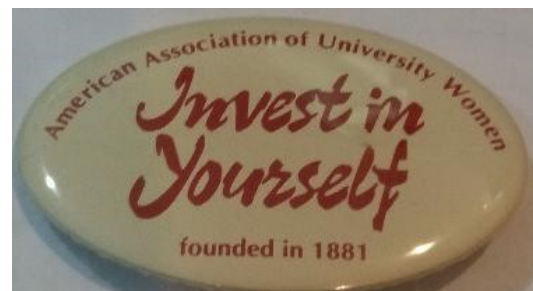


Hope to see you there!

Questions?

Call **Linda Brooks, 918-260-3263**, or
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Branch Notes



Does anyone recognize this pin, and can you possibly date it? Gabrille Jones, our branch treasurer, found it in a box of "treasures".

Text or call her if you can identify it.
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