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Tulsa Board of Education Update ...because equity is still an issue General Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, September 10, 2022

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Program: A Fresh View of Tulsa Public Schools

Speaker: Susan Lamkin
Newly elected to TPS School Board

Where: Daybreak Café, 8178 S. Lewis Ave.

PLEASE RSVP: President Pam McDonald,
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We look forward to hearing from Susan Lamkin, a new member of Tulsa Public Schools Board of Education, representing District 7. Ms. Lamkin was elected in April, 2022, with her term expiring in April, 2026.

Ms. Lamkin and her husband, Derek, have lived in District 7 of Tulsa Public Schools for 19 years. She is the proud mother of four Tulsa public Schools graduates; she also graduated from Tulsa Public Schools! For 16 years Susan has been an involved parent and Parent Teacher Association leader in District 7 schools and a steadfast advocate for Tulsa teachers and students.



Susan Lamkin

Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma, Boy Scouts of America, New Haven United Methodist Church and other community organizations.

She is proud to be a part of her students' education and school activities and plans to be a voice for the schools, teachers and families that she has formed relationships with through the years, and those she will meet as a member of the Board of Education.

The schools in Ms. Lamkin's election district include Carnegie, Eisenhower International, Grissom, Key, Marshall, McClure, and Patrick Henry Elementary schools; Thoreau Demonstration Academy; and Memorial High School.

Ms. Lamkin is a volunteer with Girls

Welcome, Susan, to Tulsa AAUW!



President's Corner

SUMMER IS coming to an end. I am so ready for cooler weather.

WE ARE FINALLY at a place where our meetings in person can return regularly for now. We had a nice sized group for our Zoom meeting in August; hope to see all of you at DayBreak Café to enjoy good food and company. And we'll be informed on the latest AAUW news and local topics.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

—*Pam McDonald*, President, AAUW Tulsa
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P. S. *We'll have raffle bags at our meeting, so bring your dollar bills for this monthly fundraiser!*

Rallying for Reproductive Rights

THE U.S. SUPREME COURT'S 1973 ruling in *Roe v. Wade* established abortion as a constitutionally protected right. AAUW strongly condemns the Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

AAUW BELIEVES EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT to make decisions about their own reproductive lives without government interference. Abortion access is vital to women's ability to control their lives, bodies and futures. Without reproductive freedom, there can be no equity.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **Support legislation like the Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA).** This bill would take the principles of *Roe v. Wade* and make them federal law.
- **Learn where AAUW stands.** The protection of reproductive rights — including access to contraceptive care, abortion, sexual health education and family planning services — has been an unwavering AAUW policy since 1977.
- **Get involved.** Contact your elected officials, write a letter to the editor, engage in community forums.

Notes from National AAUW

Student Debt Forgiveness

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S ANNOUNCEMENT to forgive some debt for federal student loan recipients is welcome news addressing a core gender and racial equity issue. It will change the lives of millions.

THE SAME DAY as the President's announcement, AAUW released new research [see "Perfect Storm" at AAUW.org] highlighting why action on student debt if desperately needed — and entirely aligned with our mission.

THE SURVEY SHOWS women of color are encountering the "perfect storm" of challenges repaying their loans, due to the combination of the racial wealth gap, gender and racial pay gaps, and economic instability caused by the pandemic.

Apply for a Fellowship or Grant

THE SUBMISSION PERIOD for the 2023-24 AAUW Fellowships and Grants is open; application deadlines run from November to December 2022. You can get details at aauw.org. [Ed. note: I will send a list as an attachment when I email this newsletter.]

Support the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, the pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) passed the House of Representatives in a bipartisan 315-101 vote. Despite overwhelming support, this critical piece of legislation continues to stall in the U.S. Senate.

AAUW is giving senators a deadline: pass the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act this September!

THE PREGNANCY DISCRIMINATION ACT was passed in 1978. But there are loopholes; many people who are pregnant still risk being forced out of the workplace simply for following doctor's orders.

Title IX Progress

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY of Title IX on June 23, the Biden Administration proposed new Title IX regulations that would restore protections for student survivors of sexual harassment, and clarify protections for LGBTQ+ students.

SUPPORT THE GENDER EQUITY IN EDUCATION ACT. The GEEA would ensure schools and educational institutions have the resources they need to comply with this landmark civil rights law. Title IX was enacted 49 years ago.

Interest Groups

AAUW TULSA BOOK GROUP



AAUW Tulsa Book Group will meet via Zoom on **Friday, September 30** at 6:30 PM. Attendees will read the book of their choice and share. They will discuss recommendations for the next few months' reading and decide on selections at this meeting.

Text Rose at the number below to be added to the email list. She will send you the meeting ID and password the day before the meeting.

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

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Mystery book club has changed their meetings to the third Thursday of every month.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 15, at 11:30 A.M., at Barnes and Noble, 5231 E. 41st St.

Read any mystery for this meeting.

Maybe we'll go to lunch together after the meeting.

Questions?
Call Linda Brooks, 918-260-3263, or
lshbrooks@yahoo.com



Our Branch Family

CONGRATULATIONS to Gisele McDaniel on the birth of a second granddaughter, Cora, in San Francisco. It will be harder than ever to keep Gisele in Tulsa!

WE ARE HAPPY that Donna Mathews has recovered from a bout of COVID-19. Not her favorite way to spend her summer!

TULSA VOICE

Monthly newsletter of American Association of University Women,
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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Dear Branch Members,

It is time to renew your membership for the coming year (7/01/2022-6/30/2023). Normally we would recommend that you renew online at the national website. This year there is an extra step that may complicate the process for you.

National is now using a new computer system. Ideally you should be able to set a new password, sign into the system and be connected with your personal membership record. Hopefully all the bugs in the new system have been worked out.

You might want to try to sign into the new system and work through it. Otherwise, you may prefer to make out your renewal checks for \$91.00 to "AAUW Tulsa" and bring them to the September 10th meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please mail your renewal checks to:

Gabrille W. Jones, Treasurer
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Please know that we value and appreciate your membership. Now more than ever women must stand together in our fight for equity!

— Rose Unterschuetz
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WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Amy Abercrombie 918-798-7260
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Amy has a BA in Mass Communication from Northeastern State University. She will complete her Masters of Public Administration from Oklahoma University in December, 2022.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

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Address _____

Phone # (w) _____ (H) _____

AAUW Contact _____
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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

Pay Equity Elusive

Over half a century after pay discrimination became illegal in the United States, a persistent pay gap between men and women continues to hurt our nation's workers and our national economy.

Women working full time in the U.S. are still paid just 83 cents* to every dollar earned by men — and the consequences of this gap affect women throughout their lives. The pay gap even follows women into retirement: As a result of lower lifetime earnings, they receive less in Social Security and pensions. In terms of overall retirement income, women have only 70% of what men do.

In some occupations, women collectively are receiving billions less than they would with equal pay; for instance, women working as physicians and surgeons are paid \$19 billion less annually than men!

Pay equity will remain an AAUW priority until the gap is fully eliminated.

*A study recently published in The Tulsa World cited a survey by the nonpartisan United Women's Empowerment which found that Oklahoma women earned an average 74.5 cents for every dollar earned by men during 2015-2019.

"Systemic Racism and The Gender Pay Gap"

The above headline is the title of AAUW's supplement to our research, The Simple Truth.

The history of the gender and racial wage gaps is inextricably linked to the history of labor in America. From depriving Black women of wages under slavery and its aftermath, to creating lasting disparities in health, education and opportunity for Native women through land theft, to the legal and cultural limitations on women's ability to earn money, our nation's story is replete with discrimination and its consequences.

Go to aauw.org to read and download the research paper in its entirety.

August 26 we celebrated 102 years since the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees women the right to vote.
Recent events have shown us that we need the Equal Rights Amendment now more than ever!

September, 2022 Calendar



September 8 Mom's Equal Pay Day

September 10 General Membership Meeting See P 1.

September 13 "Work Smart" salary-negotiation training

September 15 Mystery Book Group See Page 3.

September 20 Deadline for October TULSA VOICE.

September 21 Black Women's Equal Pay Day

September 30 Tulsa Branch Book Group See Page 3.