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AAUW Wine and Cheese Tasting Fundraiser

Friday, November 4, 2022
5:30—7:30 p.m.

**At the home of Jan & Vondale Graham,
312 E. 19th St. (between Madison and Detroit)**

**Benefiting AAUW Projects such as
SAGE STEAM Camp for girls & TCC Pantry**

Tickets: \$25.00
Make your donation
at the Wine Tasting or mail it to:

Treasurer Gabrille W. Jones
1115 E. 36th St., Tulsa, OK 74105
Please make checks payable to AAUW Tulsa
and note "AAUW Projects".

Please RSVP to:
Pam McDonald (918-627-1823)
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**NOTE: This fundraiser replaces our
November General Membership Meeting.**



President's Corner

I HOPE you can join us for an evening of eating good food along with wine, and being with new and old friends at our annual Wine & Cheese Fundraiser Friday, November 4.

WE SO APPRECIATE Jan and Dr. Vondale Graham hosting this event in their beautiful historic home in Maple Ridge. We always have a wonderful time!

ENJOY THIS lovely fall weather, and remember to **vote November 8th!**

—Pam McDonald,
President, AAUW Tulsa
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AAUW plays well with others.....

- ◆ **As a member** of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Coalition, AAUW continues to push for a Senate vote on S.J. Res. 1/H.J. Res. 17, which would remove the deadline to ratify the ERA. Join us in urging your senators and Senate majority leader Chuck Schumer to call for a vote to **pass the ERA and support equality for all!**
- ◆ **AAUW joined 35 advocacy** organizations in endorsing a letter led by a group of nearly 100 senators urging U.S. Department of Education Secretary Cardona to extend the Public Service Loan Forgiveness waiver which is currently set to expire today, October 31!
- ◆ **AAUW joined over 400** organizations in supporting the Respect for Marriage Act (H.R. 8404), which would protect marriages of same-sex and interracial couples and ensure that federal benefits are available to all married couples, no matter where they live.
- ◆ **Since 1978** the Pregnancy Discrimination Act has been best defense for pregnant people who face discrimination on the job. But many people who are pregnant still risk being forced out of the workplace simply for following doctors' orders. The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act would close the loopholes in the original act and provide much-needed clarity to employers and workers to ensure workplace safety for all.

Notes from National AAUW

From Gloria L. Blackwell, AAUW CEO

"I was so inspired by my recent conversation with Dr. Keisha N. Blain, AAUW 2016-17 American Fellow and award-winning historian, professor and author. She shared her insight on her most recent book, *Until I am Free: Fannie Lou Hamer's Enduring Message to America*. Look for the recording to be posted soon on our website.

"Hamer was an outspoken activist in the 1960s for civil rights and voting rights — issues that remain startlingly relevant. As midterm elections loom, I'm trying to remain optimistic that the results will elevate the equity priorities AAUW fights for every day. For that to happen, women must not only turn out to the polls; they must take the time to fully understand the issues.

"Because, with so much at stake — whether it's reproductive rights, student loan debt or workplace discrimination — it's not an exaggeration to say our very lives may depend on the outcome.

"The good news is we have the power to drive change. Women vote in greater numbers than men and determine the outcomes in race after race.

"So step up. AAUW's Action Fund offers all the resources you need to make informed decisions. Please spend some time on their website. *** Together we'll create a better future for women and girls on November 8!"**

*www.aauwaction.org

Voter Ed Resources for 2022 Election

Midterm and local elections are incredibly important but often overlooked, and many voters are in new districts following the 2020 Census. Now is the time to ensure every voter is informed and ready.

Our 2022 Voter Issue Guide, available through the Action Fund website (www.aauwaction.org), is a great resource for learning about the equity issues on the ballot. Check it out!

TULSA VOICE

Monthly newsletter of American Association of University Women,
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Interest Groups

AAUW TULSA BOOK GROUP



AAUW Tulsa Book Group will meet via Zoom on **Friday, November 25** at 6:30 PM. This month we are reading Hamnet by Maggie Farrell.

December—Free Holiday Read;
January— Great Circle by Maggie Shipstead.

Text Rose at the number below to be added to the email list. I will send an email with zoom info on the day prior to the meeting. We welcome others into our group. Contact me at:

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

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Mystery book club will meet Thursday, November 17 at 11:30 A.M., at Barnes and Noble, 5231 E. 41st St.

It's free read this month—
any mystery!

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

Questions?

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



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Member-Renewal Grace Period Extended

The September 30 grace period for renewing members to remain in good standing has been extended. You now have until November 30 to renew as branch members for FY23 and work with AAUW staff to resolve any issues for the current fiscal year.

This means it is not too late to renew your membership and remain a member in good standing through June of 2023. You may renew using your credit card at www.aauw.org, or mail your check for \$91 to:

Gabrille W. Jones
1115 E. 36th St.
Tulsa, OK 74105

Note: *If you are a Paid Life member please submit a check for \$24 to cover State and Branch annual dues.*

Your membership is vital to continuing AAUW's advocacy for women and girls. Now more than ever we must assert that women's rights are human rights.

— Rose Unterschuetz
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"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." —Margaret Fuller

Help Keep Title IX Strong

DID YOU KNOW that AAUW laid the foundation for Title IX?

BY 1945 AAUW mobilized to open doors for women in education. Following World War II, the GI Bill helped men pursue higher education, while many women were left behind.

OVER THE following decades, we compiled mountains of research documenting discrimination in education and distributed guidelines for presidents of four-year institutions.

TITLE IX passed in 1972; this is the 50th anniversary!

BY 1975, AAUW established a coalition of organizations providing Title IX guidance to the U.S. Department of Education that still stands strong today.

BY 2020, we fought back after Education Secretary Betsy DeVos weakened protections against sexual harassment in schools.

Now, in 2022, we anticipate a reversal of the harmful rollbacks from the prior administration. And we're urging President Biden to go even further in ensuring all students can participate equally in school sports.

We can help by giving to AAUW now.



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

Clash on School Issues

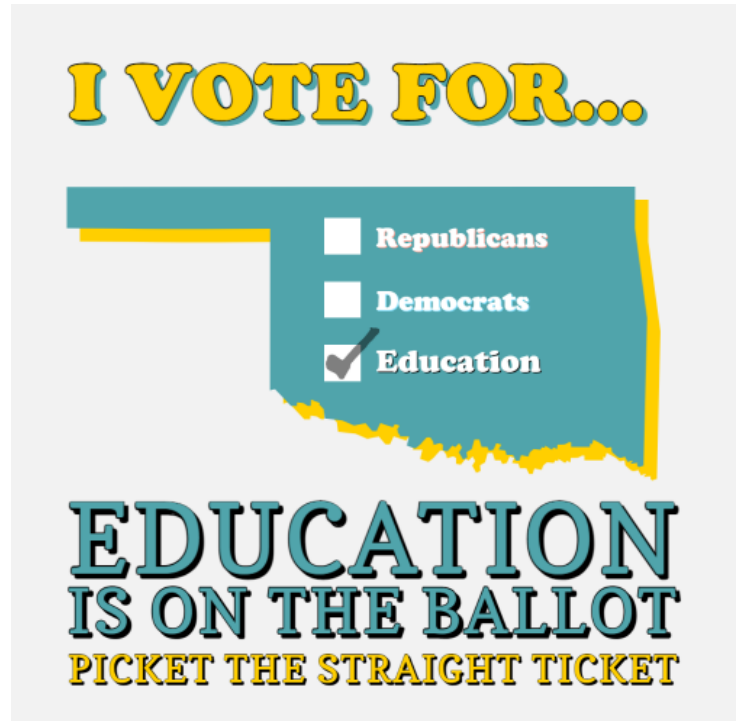
On Tuesday, Oct. 25, the candidates for State Superintendent of Public Instruction faced off in their only debate and shared drastically different plans for education.

Highlights: Secretary of Education Ryan Walters focused on giving parents and kids choice, "left-wing" indoctrination", and casting blame for educational issues on Joe Biden, Joy Hofmeister, his opponent Jena Nelson and the teachers' unions.

Nelson focused on public school funding, providing multi-level support for students and the threats to teachers across the state.

When asked whether the candidates support school vouchers: Walters said, "Absolutely. I support parents and I support kids so of course I will." Nelson stated, "I do not support school vouchers. Vouchers are a way to defund public education and they are a rural school killer."

When asked where they stand on book bans in school libraries: Nelson highlighted the importance of having developmentally appropriate books in libraries and the current processes within school districts of reporting books that parents deem inappropriate. She said we also have to use some common sense.



Walters reiterated his belief that pornography should not be in our schools and erroneously accused Nelson of promoting books such as certain graphic novels which he believes to be pornographic and inappropriate for minors.

November, 2022 Calendar



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