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## What can we learn about Black history in Tulsa? ...because equity is still an issue

### General Membership Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, March 25, 2023

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

**Program:** **TOUR OF GREENWOOD RISING BLACK WALL STREET HISTORY CENTER**  
23 N. Greenwood Ave.

**Admission Fee:** \$10 (Senior Rate)

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**Lunch:** **Wanda J's Next Generation**, 111 N. Greenwood Ave.  
(following the tour)

**Details:** Please arrive at the Museum 10 minutes prior to the tour. If you are not fully vaccinated you are required to wear a face mask. Wheelchairs are available for use free of charge.

Greenwood Rising Black Wall Street History Center allows us to explore the history of Tulsa's historic Greenwood District and connect to the spirit of its Black citizens through an immersive journey that uses projection mapping, holographic effect, and environmental media.

The experience brings to life the memories of the past and the visions of success for the future and cat-

alyzes important dialogue around racial reconciliation and restorative justice.

We will view the movie, "Still We Rise", which introduces visitors to the Greenwood District as both a Black business mecca, and the site of racial violence. Created and directed by a Tulsa-based producer, the film features Greenwood community members.

The quote pictured is on the wall of the Greenwood Rising Center.





## President's Corner

**Spring** is around the corner and the branch is working hard to present activities and events for members to attend. We try to search around the community for things that focus on AAUW's mission and focal points concerning women and girls. So if there is something you think the branch would enjoy, send me an email.

**Also**, remember this is **Women's History Month!** Read and study about all the brilliant women that have impacted our lives!

*"As women achieve power, the barriers will fall. As society sees what women can do, as women see what women can do, there will be more women out there doing things, and we'll all be better off for it."*  
— Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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*"Imagination is the highest kite that can fly."*  
—Lauren Bacall



Tulsa Branch Holiday Party, December, 2022. Standing, L. to R: Gisele McDaniel, Linda Brooks, Debbie Thomas, Fran Haxby, Rose Unterschuetz, Kathryn Fisher, Kay Witt, Pam McDonald, Donna Mathews, Vikki Escoe. Seated, L. to R: Beth Webb, Gwen Hampton, hostess Doris Piatak.

## Webinars in our Future

**Check out these Webinars coming up—**

**March 15, 2:00 p.m. ET** — "Tech Power to Economic Power: Closing the Digital Gender Gap". The panel will feature three outstanding AAUW fellowships & grants alumnae.

Go to [global@aauw.org](mailto:global@aauw.org) for more information.

**April 6, 2:00 p.m. ET** — "Celebrating Diversity Month". This webinar is designed to aid local branches and states as we prepare to celebrate Diversity Month in April and the World Day for Cultural Diversity on May 21.

Go to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) to register.

**May 10, 7:30 p.m. ET** — Workshop: Diversity and Intersectionality". This is a hands-on learning opportunity in preparation for World Day for Cultural Diversity (observed on Sunday, May 21).

Go to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) to register.

## Branch Briefs

**Upcoming Programs** Tulsa Branch AAUW is looking forward to our spring programs. In April we are expecting to hear from a woman business owner in Tulsa, probably April 8.

Our May plans are to meet at Philbrook, view the exhibit, and eat lunch there, on the second Saturday if possible.

More details later!

**CTEEC Postponed** Our branch had been invited to participate in and present at the CTEEC (Career and Technical Education Equity Council) on March 30-31 at the Tulsa Technology Center in Owasso. But the Professional Development event has been postponed to late summer, due to guidelines being enforced by the new State Superintendent of Education. More on this later.

### Check website for TWSTE

**TWSTE** (The Women's Shift to Equality) has some of the same goals and mission as AAUW:

- ♦ **Curb violence** to women
- ♦ **Change beliefs & behavior** that contribute to harmful actions toward women.
- ♦ **Elevate Society** with practices that build security and respect for women.
- ♦ **Advance equality** for all women and girls.

Check out their website

([www.thewomensshifttoequality.org](http://www.thewomensshifttoequality.org)).

### Art for AAUW Notecards

Nearly 200 AAUW members submitted artwork for our annual Art Contest. Winners will be featured on our 2023 notecards this spring.

## Interest Groups

### AAUW TULSA BOOK GROUP



**AAUW Tulsa Book Group** will meet via Zoom on **Friday, March 31** at 6:30 PM. This month we are reading Lucy by the Sea by Elizabeth Strout.

The selection for Friday, April 28 is Prize for the Fire by Rilla Askew.

**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,**  
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### MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

**Mystery book club** will meet **Thursday, March 16** at 11:30 A.M., at Barnes and Noble, 5231 E. 41st St.

This month, we are reading any **Irish mystery**.

We plan to have **lunch at Kilkenny's** after our book discussion.



Questions?

Call **Linda Brooks, 918-260-3263**, or [lshbrooks@yahoo.com](mailto:lshbrooks@yahoo.com)



We support Tulsa's only non-profit cinema, January, 2023, by viewing "A Man Called Otto", based on the book A Man Called Ove. L. to R: Kay Witt, Linda Brooks, Pam McDonald, Gwen Hampton, Fran Haxby, Debbie Thomas, Rose Unterschuetz, Kathryn Fisher and Jean Eames.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

**Tulsa Branch members** voice many different reasons for joining. It might be to network with other women, to expand understanding of current issues through Branch programming and national communications, or to meet new people, especially when you have recently moved to Tulsa. One very important reason is to support advocacy and equity for women and girls. National recently updated the research on the pay check gap as copied here:

*A 2022 update of AAUW's signature report, "The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap", shows that in 2021 **women were paid just 84 cents** for every dollar paid to men when comparing full-time, year-round workers. However, when the calculation included all workers, the earnings discrepancy is substantially larger: **Women took home only 77 cents** for every dollar men did.*

**What better reason for joining AAUW** than to advocate for equitable wages for women. Please extend an invitation to family, friends and recent graduates to join.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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Kathy graduated from the University of North Texas with a degree in Psychology. She then earned a Masters of Divinity from Golden Gate Seminary, and a doctorate of Ministry from ORU. She is currently working on a Doctorate in Education, Community Counseling, at Liberty University.

As a hobbyist, Kathy has a piece showing at Liggett Studio, from March 9 to April 7. The exhibit is "She Makes Art", a juried show of Tulsa women artists.

[Ed. Note: Women's History Month is a great time to view this exhibit.]

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### TULSA VOICE

Monthly newsletter of American Association of University Women,  
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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](http://www.aauwoklahoma.org) National AAUW—[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

## AAUW National Notes

### Equal Pay Day—not much improvement

**March 14 was Equal Pay Day 2023**, and the current state of the gender pay gap is still too wide. **Women working full-time, year-round are paid 84 cents**, and **all earners (including part-time and seasonal) are paid 77 cents** on average for every dollar paid to men.

**Pay Equity will remain** an AAUW priority until the pay gap is fully eliminated. Congress took the first step last week, introducing the bipartisan **Paycheck Fairness Act**. When passed, this act will ensure all women have the tools they need to challenge discrimination in the workplace and all employers have the incentives they need to comply with the law.

**Contact your members of Congress**, write a letter to the editor, to keep this inequity in front of the public.



**Registration is now open** for the 2023 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Live and in person, the conference is May 31—June 3, 2023, at the University of Maryland, College Park. Early Bird rates are in effect through April 3—\$565.

**The Keynote speaker** will be bestselling author and leading advocate for equity in the workplace, **Minda Harts**, pictured above.

**118 young women** have applied for scholarships to attend. Tulsa Branch AAUW will be donating funds toward these scholarships. If you would like to help, as an individual, go to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) and search for NCCWSL.

**AAUW is committed** to empowering these women to become the next generation of leaders. You can help too!

## March, 2023 Calendar



**March** Women's History Month

**March 14** Equal Pay Day See above.

**March 15** AAUW Webinar "Tech Power to Economic Power." See Page 2.

**March 16** Mystery Book Group See Page 3.

**March 20** Deadline for April TULSA VOICE.

**March 25** General Membership Meeting Tour Greenwood Rising Museum. See Page 1.

**March 31** Tulsa Branch Book Group See Page 3.

**May 31-June 3** NCCWSL See above.

### Looking Ahead...

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