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We begin our year with a glimpse of the past

General Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2023

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Brookside Library
1207 E. 45th Place

Program: **FROM THERE TO HERE**
VIDEO, TULSA BRANCH AAUW HISTORY

Lunch: 1:00 p.m.
Bricktown Brewery in Brookside, 3301 S. Peoria

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Tulsa Branch AAUW welcomes members and friends as we begin our new year of AAUW actions and activities!

Past members and past presidents are especially invited to this meeting.

We will kick off the season with a look at our history. Tulsa Branch was organized in 1918, and we will view a video that was made for our 75th Anniversary Celebration. The film is narrated by Past Presidents of our Branch.

There will be door prizes (a small fundraiser).

We will review some of our upcoming programs, so you can mark your calendars. We hope to see you on Saturday, September 9, 11:00 a.m. at Brookside Library!





President's Corner

THANK GOODNESS the hot summer months are just about over. Our board has been working to plan great meetings this fiscal year for

Tulsa branch!

WE HAD A GREAT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE last month with fellow state AAUW members. We shared ideas and learned about other branch's activities, and installed our future state officers. We have wonderful dedicated leaders in Oklahoma!

I HOPE WE SEE OUR PAST PRESIDENTS at our September 9th meeting as we learn about our valued and long AAUW Tulsa history. Invite family and friends. We have such a good time when we get together; eating lunch at our local restaurants is just a bonus!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING WOMEN AND GIRLS!

—Pam McDonald,
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"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light."

—Plato

TULSA VOICE

Monthly newsletter of American Association of University Women,
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Branch Briefs

Program Schedule

Sept. 9	Tulsa Branch History
Oct. 14	Native American
Nov. 3	Wine & Cheese Fundraiser
Dec. 10	Holiday Tea
Jan. 13, 2024	STEM, Meteorologist
Feb. 10	Black History Month
March 9	Book Review, Read a book about Women in WW II
April 13	Prevention of Child Abuse
May 11	Celebrate the Year

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### Tulsa Branch Facebook

We have a presence on Facebook. The easiest way to get there is to scan the QR code on our new bookmarks. We will have some at our September meeting. Thank you to Linda Brooks and Maggie Brooks for designing these bookmarks!

Or, you can go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=10006813277805&mibextid=ZbWKwL>.

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Did you know that women make up **ONLY 28%** of the STEM workforce?

Today's Barbies are astronauts, pilots, doctors, scientists and engineers.

It's up to us to ensure real girls can pursue those same roles!



Pictured, l. to rt: Gwen Hampton, Donna Mathews, Linda Brooks.

Tulsa Branch members represented AAUW at the Friends of CTEEC Program at the Tulsa Technology Center in Owasso on July 20. Donna assembled a Power Point presentation and she and Linda spoke about AAUW's mission, projects and activities. Gwen gave moral support. CTEEC is Career and Technical Education Equity Council.

Interest Groups

AAUW TULSA BOOK GROUP



AAUW Tulsa Book Group will meet September 29th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver. Membership is open to all and we would welcome your participation.

Please text me at the number below to join the email list or for more information about the upcoming meeting.

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

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Mystery book club will meet **Thursday, September 28** at 11:30 A.M., at Barnes and Noble, 5231 E. 41st St. Hopefully I'll be healthy by then (cataract surgery scheduled).

This month, we are reading the mystery of your choice. We enjoy hearing what everyone is reading, and getting suggestions for new books to read!



We will head out to lunch afterwards.

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

GOURMET GROUP



After a long hiatus, (thank you, COVID), Gourmet will probably have their first meeting the last week in September or early in October!

If you are interested in joining our dinners, please call **Kay Witt, at 918-633-5217**.

"No person is your friend who demands your silence, or denies your right to grow."

—Alice Walker

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Thank you for renewing your membership to AAUW Tulsa Branch. We appreciate your support and your presence as an active member of AAUW Tulsa. We look forward to another year of networking and engagement.

The start of a new program year is the perfect time to invite friends and acquaintances to visit a Branch meeting. September's meeting reviews our history and focuses on planning for the future. It would give guests a good understanding of what AAUW does.

Please attend, and bring a friend. We need more women to amplify our collective voice because EQUITY is still an issue!

— **Rose Unterschuetz**
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P.S. Were you aware that new and renewing AAUW members can get a free, one-year membership to Ms. Magazine, which includes four print issues. Google "Ms. Magazine and AAUW".

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Joyce has been a member of the Tahlequah Branch, and has now moved to Tulsa. She has already joined the Mystery Book Group.

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Vicky is a returning member of Tulsa Branch and is also a member of the Mystery Book Group.

Our Branch Family

QUICK RECOVERY WISHES to **Linda Brooks** as she has cataract surgery on both eyes. **Deborah Burke** also had successful cataract surgery this summer.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Gisele McDaniel**; recipient of the Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries 2023 Distinguished Service Award. She was presented with the award in May at the TCCL Annual Meeting.

2023 AAUW/Oklahoma Leadership Conference Elects New Officers



2023-2024 officers for AAUW/Oklahoma, l. to rt.: **Faye Henson** (Weatherford Branch), President; **Lisa Appeddu** (Weatherford Branch), President Elect; **Jeanette Loutsch** (Chickasha Branch), Program Vice-President; **Jeanna Wing** (Tahlequah Branch), Membership Vice-President; **Linda Brooks** (Tulsa Branch), Recording Secretary; **Angie Lewis** (Chickasha Branch), Finance Officer, **Lori Gwyn** (Weatherford Branch), Outgoing President.

Now it's time to fill the appointive positions. If you are interested in serving in one of these President-appointed positions, please let Faye Henson know:

AAUW Funds Chair, The Leader Newsletter Editor, Public Policy Chair, Diversity Chair, International Relations, Bylaws/Parliamentarian, College/University (CU) Partners, STEM, and Web Master.

Pam McDonald was chosen as the District 1 Nominating Committee Member with Jan Graham being the Alternate. The Silent Auction netted \$299 for AAUW projects; our Branch took a basket of Route 66 items.



Attendees at the Leadership Conference gather to display posters made, advocating for AAUW values. Far left is Tulsa Branch president **Pam McDonald**; far right is **Lisa Appeddu**, AAUW/OK President-Elect. More Tulsa members: **Rose Unterschuetz** at the back, **Jan Graham** in the middle of the back, **Vicky Escoe** in the middle of the second row, **Linda Brooks** 4th from the left, and **Gwen Hampton** hiding next to Pam.

News 'n Notes from National AAUW

Marching for Equality, Fighting for Change



This is a photo of our AAUW Lobby Corps as they went to Capitol Hill on July 27 to meet with lawmakers and urge them to affirm the Equal Rights Amendment.

THE CORPS is planning more visits this year to advocate for the passage of AAUW's policy priorities, including the *Paycheck Fairness Act*.

ALSO, JULY 27 was *Black Women's Equal Pay Day*, which calls attention to how Black women working full-time, year-round, are paid only **67 cents** for every dollar paid to non-Hispanic white men.

ON AUGUST 15, AAUW marked *Mom's Equal Pay Day*. What a shame we still need to mark these days!

ON AUGUST 26 AAUW was proud to be a partner with the *March on Washington*, continuing the original 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY was August 26, which commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920, which gave women the right to vote — in theory. Of course, many women, particularly women of color, continued to be shut out of the voting booth for decades. One hundred and three years later, we are *still* fighting for equal voting rights, as disenfranchisement efforts have picked up steam across the country.

**PLEASE DO YOUR PART BY URGING
CONGRESS TO SUPPORT
THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT!**



Webinars still available

Go to aauw.org for more information

If you missed a webinar presented by AAUW, you can still access them as they are archived. Here are some you may want to see:

Leave No One Behind: Combatting Global Human Trafficking — from July 27, 2023

Fighting for Working Mothers: A Moms' Equal Pay Day Conversation — from August 16, 2023

Applications open for Fellowships and Grants

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW being accepted **through November 15** for the 2024-25 award year for Fellowships and Grants. Follow in the footsteps of award-winning authors, scientists, scholars and trailblazers by applying for funding through AAUW. Go to aauw.org for more details.

Help to strengthen Title IX

MORE THAN 50 YEARS have elapsed since the passage of Title IX, which protected generations of women against sex-based discrimination in education.

BUT THE PAST FIVE YEARS have underscored that "settled" law is anything but. In 2020, the Trump Administration eviscerated Title IX's safeguards against campus sexual assault and harassment — a huge step backwards.

THE GOOD NEWS IS, together, we're undoing that change and further expanding Title IX's reach. The Biden administration is expected to finalize rules that will restore protections for students experiencing sexual harassment, clarify protections for LGBTQ+ students, and strengthen support for pregnant and parenting students.

AAUW HAS BEEN INVOLVED BY

- ♦ providing strong, specific public comment
- ♦ rallying activists, AAUW members, to be among the voices demanding change
- ♦ joining coalition efforts to push back on legislative efforts to exclude transgender women and girls in school sports.

THERE IS STILL WORK TO BE DONE ...

including pushing Congress to pass the long-overdue Gender Equity in Education Act (GEEA), which includes provisions for more resources, training and technical assistance to support Title IX's full implementation.

TITLE IX NEEDS YOU—& WOMEN NEED TITLE IX!



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—aauw-ok.aauw.net National AAUW—www.aauw.org
State Facebook—www.facebook.com/AAUWOklahoma

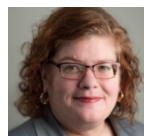
AAUW Central States Regional Conference "Reaching New Heights—Together"

October 19-21, 2023

Drury Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, MO (at the Arch)



Keynote Speaker:
Gloria Blackwell
CEO of AAUW



Keynote Speaker:
Lisa Maatz,
Public Policy &
Organizational Consultant

Plenary and Breakout Topics:

Voting Rights and Issues Equity and Inclusion,
Succession Planning and Leadership
Pay Equity Women's Economic Security
AAUW and the Future
Reproductive Rights and Women's Health,

Venue: Drury Plaza Hotel 314-231-3003
DruryHotels.com for more information

Eleven states comprise the Central States Region.
Each state will have a time to present ideas and projects in sessions titled "Swap Shops".

Early Bird registration before September 16 at:
<https://aauw-mo.aauw.net/aauw-midwest-regional-conference/>

Join your fellow AAUW
members for 3 days of educa-
tion, inspiration, great ideas,
fun, and friendship in
exciting St. Louis!

September, 2023 Calendar



September 6 STEMEd for Girls fall sessions start.
Go to aauw.org for more information.

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