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# AAUW Wine and Cheese Tasting Fundraiser

Friday, November 3, 2023  
5:30—7:30 p.m.

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

Benefiting AAUW Projects such as  
SAGE STEAM Camp for girls

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

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

Please RSVP to:  
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**NOTE: This fundraiser replaces our  
November General Membership Meeting.**



## President's Corner

—IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR! Our annual Wine and Cheese fundraiser is always a good and fun evening! Be sure to come hungry and

ready to visit.

**REMEMBER, THIS IS OUR BRANCH'S** only fundraiser, so we count on a great turnout to help out our many causes locally and statewide. And you can donate even if you can't attend.

—*Pam McDonald*,  
President, AAUW Tulsa  
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*"We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something."*

—*Marie Curie*

## NATIONAL AAUW News 'N NOTES

### Advocacy groups press Biden Administration

AAUW has joined 126 other gender justice, survivor advocacy, and civil rights organizations in a letter to the Biden Administration calling for immediate action to finalize the Department of Education's Title IX rule.

AAUW submitted comments on two sets of proposed rules to strengthen the protections offered by Title IX. The new rules were to be released in October, but delays continue. The new rules are expected to:

- Restore protections from sex-based discrimination
- Clarify protections for LGBTQ students
- Strengthen supports for pregnant and parenting students
- Ensure appropriate implementation of religious exemptions
- Provide clarity on transgender students participation in athletics.

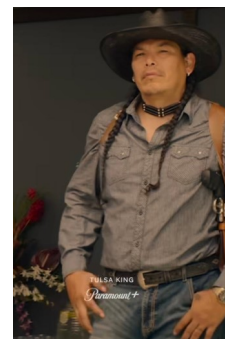
—from Meghan Kissell, MSW  
Senior Director, Policy & member Advocacy  
AAUW

## Branch Briefs

### Program Schedule

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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**Terra Beaver** and husband **James Whitecloud** spoke at our October meeting. We learned about the Ida Law and the Casey Bill, efforts to help solve cases of missing and murdered indigenous women. We look forward to hearing more from our member Terra Beaver, and seeing James in movies and TV shows!

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### TULSA VOICE

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### Wine & Cheese Fundraiser

This Friday, November 3, is our annual fundraiser, the Wine & Cheese Party. Information is on the first page of this newsletter.

Besides a donation of \$25, we are asking members to bring appetizers, sweet or savory.

We are fortunate to have the home of Vondale and Jan Graham for our party. Their house is in the Historic Maple Ridge district and is on the national registry. We extend our thanks and appreciation to the Grahams for lending their home for this occasion.

## Interest Groups

### AAUW TULSA BOOK GROUP



The **AAUW Book Group** will meet via Zoom on **Friday, November 24**, to discuss There, There by Tommy Orange.

From the publisher **Penguin Press**: "PULITZER PRIZE FINALIST—NATIONAL BESTSELLER—A wondrous and shattering award-winning novel that follows twelve characters from Native communities: all traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow, all connected to one another in ways they may not yet realize."

A **contemporary classic**, this "astonishing literary debut" (Margaret Atwood, bestselling author of *The Handmaid's Tale*) "places Native American voices front and center" (NPR/*Fresh Air*)."

For the **December 29** zoom meeting the group will discuss A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg. Penguin Press says: New York Times best-selling author Fannie Flagg has written an enchanting Christmas story of faith and hope for all ages that is sure to become a classic."

Please contact Rose at (918) 688-7128 if you would like to participate.

### MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Mystery book club will meet **Wednesday, November 15** at 11:30 A.M., at Barnes and Noble, 5231 E. 41st St.

For **November** we are reading any mystery about food or sports [really football], because



isn't that what Thanksgiving is all about!



We will head out to lunch afterwards.

Questions?

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

### GOURMET GROUP

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



## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Please welcome Dr. Nikki Harris and Joyce Varner to AAUW Tulsa Branch. We are so pleased to have them join our group.

We met Dr. Harris at our October meeting and look forward to her continued participation. Joyce Varner has been a member of the Tahlequah AAUW branch, having moved to Tulsa to be near family. Joyce is an active member of the Mystery Book Group.

We know there are many other women who would enjoy joining our members in helping make equity a reality for all women. Please spread the word about AAUW so we can strengthen our collective voice in advocating for women and girls.

### NEW MEMBERS

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### Our Branch Family

GET WELL WISHES to Lisa Appeddu, AAUW/OK President Elect as she recovers from cancer surgery.

GET WELL WISHES to Shelli Wasson, AAUW/OK newsletter editor, as she recovers from a fractured wrist suffered in a car accident.

### TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS Board of Education Meetings

October 30, 6:30 pm

November 6, 6:30 pm

November 27, 6:30 pm

All these regular meetings will be in the Cheryl Selmon Room,  
Charles C. Mason Education Service Ctr.,  
3027 S. New Haven Ave.





*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](http://aauw-ok.aauw.net) National AAUW—[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)  
State Facebook—[www.facebook.com/AAUWOklahoma](http://www.facebook.com/AAUWOklahoma)



### Memories from Regional Conference in St. Louis October 19-21, 2023

Pictured clockwise from upper left: St. Louis Arch; Linda Brooks with AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell; Faye Henson and Diana Campo with a Barbie display; Linda Brooks with Lisa Maatz, Consultant for Public Policy and former AAUW Public Policy Chair; Diana Ludwig, former president of Tulsa Branch; Linda Brooks, Diana Campo and Faye Henson.

## November, 2023 Calendar



**November 3** Wine & Cheese Tasting Fundraiser  
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**November 15** Mystery Book Group See Page 3.

**November 15** Deadline for Fellowships and Grant applications to national AAUW.

**November 20** Deadline for December TULSA VOICE.

**November 20** Native American Women's Equal Pay Day

**November 24** Tulsa Branch Book Group See Page 3.

### Looking Ahead...

**December 10** Holiday Tea, at Trinity Woods.