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APRIL: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

General Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, April 13, 2024

Time: 11:15 a.m.

Place: Herman & Kate Kaiser Library
5202 S. Hudson Ave.

Program: Preventing Child Abuse

Guest Speaker: Donna Mathews
Tulsa Branch Member
Ret., COO Domestic Family Intervention Services (DVIS)

Lunch: Hideaway Pizza, Kingspointe Village, 5966 S. Yale
(Following the meeting at the library)

Bring: Snacks for students at Phoenix Rising Alternative School

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Donna Mathews, our guest speaker, has been a member of Tulsa Branch AAUW for 17 years. She, along with Jan Graham, is Co-Chair of Funds for our branch. Prior to coming to Tulsa, she belonged to an AAUW branch in Wyoming.

Donna has retired from working at DVIS but still keeps her hand in, helping out from time to time.

Ms. Mathews always brings a fresh perspective when she presents our program. Welcome to the podium, Donna!



Donna Mathews

At our March meeting we voted to adopt Phoenix Rising Alternative School (PRAS). Our group also voted to donate \$200 to the Phoenix Rising Foundation, and to keep in touch with the school so we can help out with extra needs. At this time, snacks are needed. Please check the list on the next page for their current needs.

NOTE: Members are reminded to bring an inexpensive gift for door prizes.



President's Corner



Two more meetings before our summer adjournment. April is the start of AAUW voting on the open membership proposition.

As you know, in the past, membership was only for college degree holders. This new bylaws change would do away with that and anyone with a desire to join AAUW would be welcomed. It's important to make your thoughts known to National by casting your vote in April thru May.

Linda Brooks and I were so excited to shop for pantry supplies for Phoenix Rising Alternative School. They will be delivered shortly and we will continue to do this periodically.

Also, our donation to their foundation is being processed. At our March meeting, attendees voted to donate \$200 to their foundation to further their important service to these young people attending the school. **Thank you, members**, for seeing the importance of supporting this cause!

If you need any assistance in voting in the National AAUW election, please contact me or another board member. An email to you from National should prompt you on the voting process.

Hope to see you all at the April meeting!

—Pam McDonald

President, AAUW Tulsa

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Branch Briefs

Program Schedule

April 13	Prevention of Child Abuse
May 11	Celebrate the Year

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### TULSA VOICE

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## AAUW's Native American Alumnae

We are continuing our spotlight on Native American AAUW Awardees (fellowships and grants).



**Rosemarie Stremlau**  
American fellowship  
2009-10

Dr. Rose Stremlau is a historian specializing in the study of the Indigenous south; American Indian women, gender, and sexualities; families and kinship; federal Indian policy; and sexual violence in American History.

She received her Ph.D. in Philosophy and Master's in American History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Her book, Sustaining the Cherokee Family: Kinship and the Allotment of an Indigenous Nation won the 2012 Willie Lee Rose Prize from the Southern Association for Women's Historians. Dr. Stremlau is a professor of history at Davidson College.



## Snack List for PRAS

- Capri Sun
- Water
- Powerade
- Gatorade
- Apple Juice
- Chips
- Hot chips all kinds
- Variety box of chips
- Sun chips
- Popcorn variety pack
- Pretzels
- Cheez-it
- Peanut butter & Cheese Crackers
- Peanuts Variety pack—almonds & cashews
- Cookies—Variety pack
- Granola Bar—chocolate chip
- Nutri Grain—Variety Pack
- Fruit Snacks
- Fruit roll-ups
- Beef Jerky
- String Cheese
- Yogurt Go-Gurt or in the cups

## Interest Groups

### AAUW TULSA ZOOM BOOK GROUP



The AAUW Tulsa Zoom Book Group will discuss The Body in Question by Jill Ciment for our April 26th meeting.

If you would like to read ahead, for May we'll discuss The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese, The Door ro Door Bookstore by Henn for June, and Days At the Morisaki Bookshop by Ozawa for July.

The group meets the 4th Friday at 6:30 p.m. For more information or to be added to the group email list contact Rose at (918) 688-7128.

### MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

For their April 18th meeting the Mystery Book Group will gather at 11:30 A.M., at Barnes and Noble, 5231 E. 41st St. No theme for April, free choice.

We will head out to lunch afterwards.



Questions?

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

### GOURMET GROUP



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

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Advocacy is a major focus of AAUW members. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. AAUW joins others in raising awareness, preventing sexual assault as well as treating victims with care and respect.

Our members, supporters and staff work on local, state and federal levels to support laws and policies that enable women's success and well being.

Please invite others to join AAUW Tulsa in advocating for women and girls.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

**Beth Webb Osmun** 918-639-1131  
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Beth is a longtime member of our Mystery Book Interest Group, and has also supported us financially over the years. Her Bachelor's Degree is from the University of Oklahoma, and her MS is from Phoenix University. Beth has retired from being a school librarian.

— Rose Unterschuetz  
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*"Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud."*

—Maya Angelou

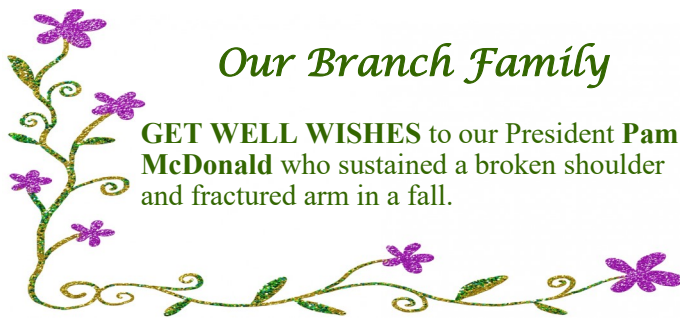
### TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS Board of Education Meetings

April 15, 6:30 pm  
May 6, 6:30 pm  
May 20, 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.

### Our Branch Family

GET WELL WISHES to our President Pam McDonald who sustained a broken shoulder and fractured arm in a fall.





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

## National AAUW Notes.....

### AAUW Priorities in the 2024 Election

As part of our It's My Vote! 2024 voter engagement campaign, we need to dive into the policy issues at stake in this year's national elections, including pay equity, equity in education, reproductive rights, and the Equal Rights Amendment.

You can learn how AAUW members can engage in local voter education efforts on Wednesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. ET. Go to aauw.org to join the call.

### Title IX Changes Expected

Title IX was significantly weakened by 2020. AAUW has been advocating for strengthened rules and vigorous enforcement of Title IX and we are expecting updated Title IX rules from the Biden Administration within the next few weeks.

We expect the new rules to reestablish strong protections for students experiencing sexual harassment, strengthen supports for pregnant and

parenting students, and clarify that all students, including LGBTQ+ students, have the right to a safe and inclusive learning environment.

Congressional challenges are expected when the rule is finalized, so it's important for members of Congress to understand the support for Title IX. Please tell your members of Congress that you support a robust Title IX rule that supports and protects ALL students.

### Webinars Available to You

Even though you may have missed some webinars, you can always access them in the archives at aauw.org. Look for "Membership: Securing Our Future", "The Evolution of AAUW"; "Open Membership Q & A"; "Busting Myths & Enhancing Support: Advancing Workplace Success for Women".

Coming up: April 11 "Enslaved Women, Capital Crime, and Clemency in Early Virginia"; April 17 "It's My Vote! AAUW Priorities in 2024 Election".

## April, 2024 Calendar



April 3 Online voting begins on Bylaws Change on Open Membership

April 13 General Membership Meeting See Page 1.

April 17 Webinar: It's My Vote! AAUW Priorities in the 2024 Election

April 18 Mystery Book Group See Page 3.

April 20 Deadline for May TULSA VOICE.

April 26 Tulsa Branch Zoom Book Group See P.3.

### Looking

May 15 Online voting ends at 12:00 p.m. ET

May 15 Vote results announced online

May 30-June 1 AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

June 13 LGBTQIA+ Equal Pay Day

June 16-22 STEAM Camp for Girls in Weatherford

### Ahead...