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Changes in Title IX—Impact in Oklahoma

General Membership Meeting

Date: Saturday, January 11, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Brookside Library
1207 E. 45th Place

Program: **TITLE IX: WHERE WE STAND**

Lunch: 12:45 p.m.
Brookside Diner, 4510 S. Peoria

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In April, 2024, the U.S. Department of Education announced it was issuing regulations to expand the interpretation of the federal Title IX law. One of the changes was that the law would now apply to “gender identity”.

Oklahoma officials were among the first to push back. State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Ryan Walters issued a letter to Oklahoma schools, claiming that the changes “are illegal and unconstitutional.” He noted that the changes would involve violating Oklahoma state laws on a host of issues.

“Please do not make any district policy changes based on the new Title IX regulations” Walters wrote. [That] “could put your district out of compliance with other current and legal state and federal statutes.”



AAUW supports the U.S. Department of Education's proposed regulations that restore protections against sexual harassment, affirm protections for LGBTQ+ students, and strengthen supports for pregnant and parenting students.

Come to our meeting as we learn more about the situation.

Remember to bring snacks for the students at Phoenix Rising Alternative School to this meeting. A list is on Page 4 of this newsletter.





President's Corner

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season!

As we begin the New Year, we have great meetings lined up and many member activities along the way.

In addition, as AAUW members, we look for opportunities in our communities that follow our mission statement, to enhance our branch and keep us informed of what we can do to improve opportunities for women, girls, or young people in general.

Hope to see you all at our upcoming meetings!

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Hostess Doris Piatak fills a cup with her popular hot cider at the Tulsa Branch Holiday Tea.



Snacks collected for Phoenix Rising Alternative School, the Holiday Project for Tulsa Branch.

Tulsa Branch Holiday Tea, December, 2024



Front row, l. to rt: Linda Brooks, Doris Piatak, Gisele McDaniel, Fran Haxby, Donna Mathews.

Back row: Joyce Varney, Amy Stephens, Pam McDonald, Jean Eames, Carole Pistole, Kay Witt, Kathryn Fisher, Debbie Thomas, Rose Unterschuetz.

In front of Rose, Jan Graham.

Not pictured: Gwen Hampton, the photographer.

Interest Groups

AAUW TULSA ZOOM BOOK GROUP



AAUW Tulsa Zoom Book Group will meet on Friday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The book to be discussed is Shepherds Abiding by Jan Karon.

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

Rose Unterschuetz

MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Mystery book club will meet **Thursday, January 16** at 11:30 A.M., at Barnes and Noble, 5231 E. 41st St. This month is free read—read any mystery.



We will head out to lunch afterwards.

Questions?

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

GOURMET GROUP



If you are interested in joining our dinners, please call:

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Branch Briefs

Program Schedule

Jan. 11, 2025	Title IX
Feb. 8	Black History Month
March 8	Early Women Leaders In Tulsa
April 12	Volunteers of America

TULSA VOICE

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Happy New Year, Tulsa Branch members! So thankful we have a new year to enjoy together. Remember to invite friends and family to join our group.

I just wanted to make sure you are aware of the informative webinars available at our National website, <http://www.aauw.org>. A recent webinar features CEO Gloria L. Blackwell in conversation with AAUW Community Action Grant Alumna *Tiya Miles*, Ph.D., about her inspiring book, Wild Girls: How the Outdoors Shaped Women Who Challenged a Nation.

Gloria and Dr. Miles discuss her latest work that puts girls of all races — and the landscapes they loved — at center stage and reveals the impact of the outdoors on women's independence, resourcefulness, and vision.

These webinars are another example of how your membership dues and gifts fund Community Action grantees to do exceptional works.

Go to aauw.org/resources/programs/webinars to view past webinars.

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Our Branch Family

GET WELL WISHES to **Jeannette Loutsch**, AAUW/OK President-Elect who suffered a fall requiring surgery while out of the state over the holiday.





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

Snack List for Phoenix Rising Alternative School

Please bring any of the following snacks to our January meeting:

- Nutri Grain Bars, Cheez-it, Hostess Donuts & Danish, Cheese & Crackers—Dip Snacks, Planters Variety Peanuts, Capri Sun Variety Pack, Hostess Cupcake variety pack, Pop Tarts Variety Pack, Variety box of chips, flaming hot, Pringles variety snack pack, Smucker Uncrushable sandwiches, Beef jerky/Slim Jims, Oh-Snap pickles, Fruit cups, Fruit snacks, Nabisco Classic mix cookie & cracker Variety Pack

AAUW NOTES

The ERA has met all constitutional requirements to become an amendment. Now President Biden must do everything he can to publish the ERA before the end of his presidency. Tell the President we demand action.

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A strong public education system in 2025 is a goal of AAUW.

- We will continue fighting for inclusive schools. —We will fight for safe and harassment-free educational environments. —We will fight to reduce barriers for women pursuing higher education.

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AAUW believes the right to bodily autonomy

and equity is non-negotiable. We trust people to make informed choices about their reproductive lives. AAUW will continue fighting back against any policies that threaten access to abortion care, birth control, and assisted fertility treatments.

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The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will in the future be organized and administered by NASPA—now Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, rather than AAUW. AAUW will continue to promote NCCWSL, and will have a presence at the conference, as a speaker, exhibitor, presenter and promotional supporter.

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January 2025 Calendar



- January 11 General Membership Meeting . See P.1. January 16 Mystery Book Group See Page 3. January 20 Deadline for February TULSA VOICE.

January 31 Tulsa Branch Zoom Book Group See Page 3.

Looking Ahead...

February 8 General Membership Meeting .