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## Women Empowered for Democracy General Membership Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, April 12, 2025

**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

**Place:** Fajitas Grill 2, 6219 E. 61st St.

**Program:** **WOMEN EMPOWERED,  
WOMEN IN OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM**

**Speaker:** **Dynda Post**  
*Co-Founder of Women Empowered,  
Retired Judge, 12th District Court*

**RSVP:** President Pam McDonald,  
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Judge Dynda Post

**Women Empowered for Democracy** was formed by retired and current educators and other women concerned about the direction Oklahoma politics and policies were taking during the mid-term election campaigns in 2022.

**Out of the many concerns** voiced by the founding members, WE members chose to meet as a nonpartisan, Progressive group and to focus on, among other things, protecting public education, voter rights, and women's rights. WE believes in diversity, the separation of church and state, the rule of law and freedom from censorship in our schools and public libraries.

**In January, 2015 Dynda Post** retired after 20 years in her position as District Court Judge in the 12th Judicial District of Oklahoma, which includes Rogers, Mayes and Craig Counties. A resident of Catoosa, Post received her B.A. from Oklahoma Baptist University and a J.D. from the University of Oklahoma.

**Prior to being elected** a district court judge, Ms. Post was appointed as Special District Judge for 5 years. She worked as an assistant district attorney in District 12, and city attorney for Vinita. During Post's judgeship, she started Tri-Count CASA and Helping Children Cope with Divorce, programs designed to help children within the court system. She also helped establish adult drug courts throughout the 12th District, and started a juvenile drug court in Rogers County.

**We welcome Judge Post and Women Empowered to AAUW; it is obvious we share many of the same goals!**

Remember to bring snacks for the students at  
Phoenix Rising Alternative School to this meeting.



## President's Corner

Hello, members! We are coming to the end of our fiscal year. I think our programs and community missions have met all expectations for AAUW.

We will continue to be that beacon for women, and our members will continue to meet to learn about and help with social and cultural issues. We will continue to advocate for education and be diligent in local and national events.

*“The most difficult thing is the decision to act; the rest is merely tenacity.”*  
—Amelia Earhart

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**Join the Rally!  
Saturday, April 5**

**HANDS OFF!**

MEDICAID • MEDICARE • SOCIAL SECURITY • OUR JOBS  
• OUR WALLETS • OUR BODIES • FAIR ELECTIONS •  
PERSONAL DATA • PUBLIC LANDS • VETERAN SERVICES  
• CANCER RESEARCH • NATO • CONSUMER  
PROTECTIONS • CLEAN AIR • CLEAN ENERGY • SCHOOLS  
• LIBRARIES • FREE SPEECH • LGBTQ+ RIGHTS •  
IMMIGRANTS • COURTS • MORE

HOSTED BY INDIVISIBLE TULSA COUNTY & GOOD TROUBLE TULSA

**TULSA COUNTY FIGHTS BACK!!!**

**DREAM KEEPERS PARK**  
AKA: VETERANS PARK  
1875 S BOULDER PARK DR. TULSA, OK  
RAIN OR SHINE  
**12PM-2PM**



Pictured at lunch after our March 8th meeting at the Tulsa Historical Society, l. to r: Donna Mathews, Vicky Escoe, Jody Brown, Linda Brooks, Pam McDonald, Joyce Varner, Amy Stephens, Gwen Hampton, Kay Witt, our speaker Mary Vogt, her husband Gary, and Judy Barto. Not pictured: Doris Piatak and Ann Dunbar.

# Interest Groups

## AAUW TULSA ZOOM BOOK GROUP



**AAUW Tulsa Zoom Book Group** will meet on Friday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The book to be discussed is Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts.

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

**Rose Unterschuetz**

## MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

**Mystery book club** will meet **Thursday, April 17** at 11:30 A.M., at Barnes and Noble, 5231 E. 41st St. This month is again free read—read any mystery, and come prepared to share your thoughts and opinions.



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:

**Gisele McDaniel, 918-693-0839**

# Branch Briefs

## Program Schedule

April 12 *Women Empowered*  
May 10 *Celebrate the Year with AAUW/*  
*OK President Lisa Appeddu*

### TULSA VOICE

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# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Given all the changes occurring every day it is good for AAUW members to remind ourselves of our public policy priorities as stated on AAUW.org:

## Where We Stand

AAUW's policy work connects and rallies advocates at the local, state, national, and global levels to empower women and girls. AAUW uses lobbying and grassroots efforts to push forward policies that break through educational and economic barriers for women.

Public policy priorities are:

- Economic Security
- Education and Title IX
- Civil Rights
- Take Action

*In this time of rapid change it is reassuring to know AAUW stands resolute to advocate for women and girls.*

Please invite other women to join AAUW in support of women and girls.

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**GET WELL WISHES** to **Jan Graham**; she is recovering from surgery as she battles breast cancer.

**GET WELL WISHES** to **Doris Piatak** as she is recovering from a heart attack.

**GET WELL WISHES** to **Kathryn Fisher** while a broken arm is mending.



*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)

## AAUW NOTES

### Membership Dues Update

The **AAUW Board** has approved a modest dues adjustment—**\$2 per year** over the next two years. New National Dues: \$74 starting April 1, 2025, and \$76 starting April 1, 2026.

### Equal Pay Day

**March 25** was Equal Pay Day, marking the reality that women working full-time, year-round are only paid, on average, 83 cents to every dollar paid to men. **Urge your member of Congress to cosponsor the Paycheck Fairness Act**, which would update the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and close loopholes.

**April 7** is Equal Pay Day for Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Women.

### Attack on Department of Education

**AAUW continues to support** the Department in upholding its essential mission: ensuring that every student, regardless of background, has access to a high-quality education. This is how we can help:

- Mobilize to call on Congress to reject this cynical attack;
- Invest in Women's Education
- Champion higher education for women

### Webinars Equip Members

**Building a Stronger AAUW**—This provides strategies for successful branch fundraising.

**AAUW Advocacy Strategies for In-District Meetings**—April 8, 7 p.m. ET. Shows how to set up in-district meetings with members of Congress, town hall participation; learn how to make your voice heard.

**Funding Futures: Understanding Changes to Sex and Gender-based Scholarship Programs** - April 15, 7 p.m. ET. How to fund scholarships amid evolving regulations while staying true to our mission.

You can watch the recording of any of these sessions you have missed. Go to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org).

### AAUW National Elections 2025 Opens April 14

**Voting opens on April 14**, noon, ET. Members will receive an electronic ballot from [vote@simplyvoting.com](mailto:vote@simplyvoting.com), AAUW's third-party voting service. **Add this email address to your safe sender list** to ensure your ballot reaches you. Members without an email address on file will receive a paper ballot. **Voting closes on May 13, 5 p.m., ET.**

## April, 2025 Calendar



**April 7** Equal Pay Day for AANHPI See above.

**April 8, 15** Webinars See above

**April 12** General Membership Meeting . See P.1.

**April 14** AAUW National Elections Begin

**April 17** Mystery Book Group See Page 3.

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

**April 25** Tulsa Branch Zoom Book Group See P. 3.