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AAUW/OK Co-Presidents  
Dianna Morgan and Shelli Wasson

## Message from State Co-President Shelli Wasson

The AAUW State Board recently met and talked about all things AAUW, such as planning for the state convention and discussing the state treasury. The recommendation of the State Board is to increase the state dues from the current \$7 to \$10 per year. Life Members were quizzed on "when was the last time state dues were raised?" Without digging into the archives, we believe the 1980's was the last time state dues increased. Since the AAUW/OK bylaws state an increase in state dues must be approved by AAUW/OK members, a vote will be taken electronically or by paper ballot before and at the state convention in April. With increased revenue, AAUW/OK can provide more support to branches and provide assistance for students attending the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Please cast your vote in favor of increasing the state dues to \$10 per year.

The AAUW/OK State Convention  
Will be hosted by Duncan AAUW  
**April 15-17, 2016**  
**Duncan, OK**  
To register visit  
[www.aauwoklahoma.org](http://www.aauwoklahoma.org)

## OETA FESTIVAL

Shelli Wasson

AAUW will be helping with the OETA's Festival 2016 on FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016 from 5:45 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. This is always a FUN event and the dinner served to us is usually very good. Please contact Pat Snodgrass if you will be able to help. (See contact information below.)

For those who are wondering, "what do we do at this event?"

We answer the calls from viewers wanting to make pledges to the public TV station. Our AAUW group is always recognized by the on-air host and a quick pitch is made for AAUW. This is our chance to get state-wide free publicity for AAUW. You do not have to be an AAUW member to participate with our group which is great for husbands who drive their wives to the event. AAUW has been participating in OETA's Festival for more than 40 years.

## AAUW/OK branches and members

will be taking calls for the

OETA 2016 Festival

March 18, 2016

Contact Pat Snodgrass to volunteer  
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## VOTE ON

2016-2018 AAUW/OK SLATE OF OFFICERS

**BOARD RESOLUTION FOR STATE DUES INCREASE**

**PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE**

(See instructions in this issue)

## What's Happening With AAUW Around Oklahoma!

The **Edmond AAUW** has initiated the AAUW Girls Hall of Honor in 2016.

Last spring the Edmond branch president, Jo Ann Bullard, and the chairperson for this activity, Erma Stewart, met with the Assistant Superintendent in charge of Instruction and the librarians from the five Middle Schools. The idea that was presented to the Edmond school personnel was enthusiastically endorsed with cooperation promised. Erma went immediately to the Edmond Public Library and reserved the large display case in the entryway for Women's History Month, March, 2016.

This past fall each librarian received the application form whereby any teacher, counselor, administrator, or classmate could nominate a Middle School girl for her outstanding leadership qualities. Reasons for this nomination were to be given on this form.

Early January, a Questionnaire for the nominees to complete was sent. They were to return those by January 30 along with the completed Parental Permission form (for PR purposes) and a picture that we may enlarge to an 8 x 10 for our display case. The Edmond branch will meet February 4 and will select one girl to represent each Middle School. The schools and the nominees will be notified February 8. Each girl selected will be expected to present a 3-5-minute talk, a PowerPoint, or a video (her choice) about herself at the reception to be held honoring them on March 6 at the Edmond Public Library. Approximately 40-50 invitees are expected at this reception. Each girl will be presented with a certificate bearing the AAUW seal and a book on Leadership by John Brock. Their names will be inscribed into a special scrapbook to be maintained by the Edmond branch AAUW as long as this tradition is continued.

The EPS central office has been very cooperative and enthused about our project and the librarians are sent kudos of appreciation for being the AAUW contact, go-between, etc. Without their tremendous, steady help, and being the line of communication, this project would not have been possible.

**Tahlequah AAUW's** January meeting featured guest speaker, Dr. Geary Crofford and several 7th and 8th grade students from Woodall Schools who discussed a project the students worked on in conjunction with Beaconhouse School System-Canal Side Girls' Campus in Lahore, Pakistan. Focusing on endangered species, the project's purpose was to help students discover, through various sources, the causes of species endangerment in not only their own country, but in other countries around the world. Video was shown of discussions with students in Pakistan through Skype, and several Woodall students related what they had learned through this project.

Jo Prout, Executive Director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and Liz Rainbolt, CASA advocate coordinator and trainer of volunteers spoke at the Tahlequah AAUW February program meeting. CASA's mission is to recruit, screen, train, and support community volunteers who speak for abused or neglected children in court.

The **AAUW Tulsa Branch** January General Membership Meeting was held at Schusterman-Benson Branch Library. The book *Cherokee Rose* by AAUW Community Action Grantee and University of Michigan Professor Dr. Tiya Miles was highlighted.

AAUW highlighted 2012-13 Community Action Grantee Tiya Miles for her work with **ECO Girls**, and she has now released her first novel, *Cherokee Rose*. Miles is excited about this book, a change of pace from her usual historical writings, and she hopes to reach a broader audience with this snapshot of history. Miles writes on her site, "I was frustrated by the reality of what I was discovering [in my research] and wished there had been a different ending for African Americans and Native Americans outside of slavery and colonialism." The novel illuminates a relatively unknown slice of U.S. history, slaveholding by Southern Creeks and Cherokees, through the eyes of three young women. This book is perfect for those wishing to learn a little bit of history while enjoying a compelling story!

(**ECO Girls** seeks to foster environmental awareness, leadership, ecological literacy, cultural education, and self-confidence. The organization focuses specifically on reaching girls of color and girls in economically challenged areas who have less access to green spaces. The idea is to educate girls about the environment in order to instill a connection with nature, and through that develop a generation of strong, empowered change makers.)

The February Tulsa Branch General Membership meeting was held at the Tulsa Historical Society. Members viewed the documentary *Boomtown: An American Journey*. "*Boomtown* showcases Tulsa's heritage of prosperous oil years, wealth, architecture, flourishing arts and philanthropy", said Michelle Place, executive director of Tulsa Historical Society.

The Tulsa Branch members participate in several Interest Groups including the Adelante Reading Group, the Mystery Book Group, the Movie Group, and the Gourmet Group.

The **AAUW Okmulgee Branch** is in the process of restructuring.

### **Weatherford AAUW News**

A group of students on campus who were inspired by their roles in Tech Trek worked to form their own student branch. On February 12, they were officially recognized as AAUW@SWOSU on the SWOSU campus. Their next goal is to be recognized by the National office. In the meantime, they have several activities planned for the spring semester.

At our meeting in December, we gave two scholarships and a leadership award to Morgan Bressman, a senior SWOSU Psychology major; Yesenia Hernandez, a senior SWOSU Chemistry student; and Catherine Schubert, a Psychology graduate working toward licensure as a licensed professional counselor; respectively. Bressman and Hernandez were presented with \$300 Nancy McClain Scholarships for their outstanding achievements. Schubert was presented a \$300 scholarship for the first ever AAUW Weatherford Student Leadership Award for her efforts to lead the formation of a student affiliate branch and her participation in multiple branch activities.

On Jan. 22, Danielle Ezell, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Women's Coalition, was the key speaker at our monthly branch meeting. She led a BBC #100Women discussion for the group.

Our spring luncheon is scheduled for March 22, 2016 from noon-1 p.m. in the SWOSU Student Union Ballroom. The program will feature Judge Jill Weedon and Judge Donna Dirickson as they present an interactive demonstration of the choices faced by victims of domestic violence. Also, District Attorney Angela Marsee and Oklahoma Indigent Defense Attorney Stephanie Jones will discuss litigation of domestic violence cases from the prosecution and defense perspectives. The menu will be Baked Potato bar with broccoli and cheese and chili toppings along with green salad and spinach strawberry salad, hot rolls, and strawberry shortcake for dessert. Tickets are available if you would like to attend. **Please contact Karen Sweeney for more information at [karen.sweeney@swosu.edu](mailto:karen.sweeney@swosu.edu).**



Founding members of AAUW@SWOSU Pictured from left to right are Macy Glasscock, Secretary; Bryn Hull, Vice President; Katie Carter, Treasurer; Catherine Schubert, President; Erika Plyushko, Tech Trek Counselor; Emma Leffler, Tech Trek Counselor and Aileen Aiello, Social media chair

### **MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR THE FUTURE**

**Duncan AAUW Branch** member, Dianna Morgan, is now a member of the AAUW Legacy Circle. Ask to see her beautiful Legacy Circle pin.

Have you considered making a legacy gift to AAUW? Your gift will help ensure that the work of AAUW continues long into the future. By providing for AAUW in your estate plans, you can become part of the distinguished AAUW Legacy Circle.

To join the Legacy Circle, let AAUW know you're including AAUW National in your estate plan by filling out one easy form that can be found on [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) or by calling the AAUW Planned Giving office.

The simplest form of a legacy is a bequest, or a gift left to AAUW in your will. You can also name AAUW as a beneficiary of your life insurance, bank account, stock amount, or retirement plan. Charitable gift annuities are available that can provide you with tax savings and income during your lifetime.

To honor you as a Legacy Circle member, you will receive the exclusively designed AAUW Legacy Circle pin. In addition, AAUW will thank you by recognizing you in the Annual Report and at state, and national conventions, as well as invitations to special events.

For more information go to the AAUW website, or call Catherine Gibson at the AAUW Planned Giving Office at 877-357-5587, or email her at [gibsonc@aauw.org](mailto:gibsonc@aauw.org).

## Shirley Breeze — AAUW National Representative



### NATIONAL UPDATE WINTER/SPRING 2016

#### Midwest Regional—June 3-4, 2016

Make plans now to participate in this exciting opportunity. Call 1-800-944-9653 for room reservations; suite rooms (which accommodate six people) are \$176.86 plus taxes and fees. Conference registration materials are in this newsletter. Registration fee is \$45.00 which covers all materials, film and reception on Friday night, all breaks, continental breakfast Saturday morning and all other activities and events. Registration is separate for the Gala Luncheon (\$26.00).

#### National Candidates

Deadlines for nominations for officers for the next biennium will be announced shortly. Start thinking of some capable people who would serve AAUW well at the National level. What about you?

#### Research Reports

Be sure to display AAUW's latest research report, *Solving the Equation*, at your tabling events. In March, AAUW will launch a new report, *Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership*.

#### GOTV

AAUW is putting great effort into it's GOTV support this major election year. Many materials are available on the website. Watch for additional materials and webinars.

#### Membership Discounts

National Dues are half price from January 1 to March 15. Now is a good time to recruit new members. Extra savings apply if using the Shape the Future campaign.

#### Branch/State Newsletters

Check our Lisa Maatz's article from the Huffington Post of December 31, 2015, entitled "The Good, the Bad, and the Oh-So-Ugly for Women in 2015." Some of the material would make good items for your next branch newsletter. Also, check out "7 Feminist Resolutions for the New Year" for some additional interesting material and the AAUW Action Network, January 7, 2016 publication for AAUW's policy achievements. Another interesting article is "The 10 Best Feminist Quotes of 2015" which was published on December 18, 2015.

#### State Support for Public Higher Education

A new study indicates that most states in our area are not doing too well in support of public higher education: MO and IL received an F; KS received a D; AR received a C; OK and TX were the best with a B each.

#### Membership Recruitment Share and Learn

AAUW is presenting some new webinars on membership recruitment. The first is scheduled for February 24; registration opens January 22. Check out the AAUW website.

### AAUW Empowering Women Since 1881

#### 2016 AAUW CALENDAR

January 1 – March 15	Half Off National Dues
March	National Women's History Month
March	Launch of New Research Report Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership
March 8	International Women's Day
April	Sexual Assault Awareness Month
April 12	Equal Pay Day
May 15	Mandatory Bylaw Revision Deadline
June 2-4	NCCWSL 2016
June 3-4	Mid-West Regional Conference, Great Wolf Lodge, Kansas City, KS
June 30	2016-2017 Officer Reports Due to National

## 2016 Midwest Regional Conference June 3-4, 2016

Exciting plans have been made for the 45th Biennial AAUW Regional Conference in Kansas City, Kansas. The Great Wolf Lodge will be headquarters; this facility is a self-contained entity with fabulous recreational opportunities for the whole family, wonderful accommodations, and excellent restaurant and food venues. Nearby are shopping malls and other amenities.

The Conference will begin early afternoon on June 3, 2016, and end early evening on June 4. As is always true, the Conference will consist of well-known speakers and enlightening workshops. Workshops will center around AAUW issues, programming, and new information from the recent National Convention in San Diego. Also, the weekend will include a Conference luncheon, AAUW Funds money-making opportunities, an award-winning film, open forum, public policy events, the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Sleep-In, and other activities and events.

Room Reservations are now being accepted. Call 1-866-944-9653 and use Block Code 1606AAUW. Rates are \$176.86 for a suite which will sleep six people. Conference rates apply prior to the conference and following it.

The Great Wolf Lodge is a relatively new lodge and entertainment venue with some unusual and different activities and entertainment.

For additional information, call 314-831-5359 or 636-938-3958.

### **JOIN THE EXCITEMENT!**

MELODIA'S MUSINGS by  
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2016 has arrived, and it is the year of the woman. 2016 is the year we will determinedly narrow the gender wage gap, the year we elect more women to office, the year we see women rise up and lead us into a future where we are no longer underpaid, valued by appearance, and we will thrive under elected leadership that represents values that support women and families.

As leaders in AAUW we are ushers of this great new era. Generations upon generations of leaders continue to work passionately to bring us to this moment where women will win, lead and experience full equality.

#### **Here are 5 easy and fun ways we can all contribute to the year of the woman:**

1. Pledge to attend the **AAUW Oklahoma State Convention**, "Blazing New Trails," April 15 – 17, 2016. This convention promises to be bigger, and better than ever! Mark your calendars now.
2. Join the **AAUW Membership Phone-athon Campaign!** Each year, a small percentage of AAUW branch members do not renew their memberships. This year, we are challenging all branches to participate in our 2016 phone-athon to recruit former members back to AAUW by March 31, 2016. You can help jump-start fiscal year 2017! Find out more info here: <http://bit.ly/1OVyutB>
3. Volunteer or donate to **Tech Trek** hosted in Oklahoma at Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford or Tulsa University! Tech Trek is a week-long STEM Camp designed for girls 7th through 8th grade. The program's purpose is to help young girls discover realistic STEM careers and pathways to education, and equip parents to be an encouraging and reinforcing part of the process. Find out more info here: <http://techtrek-swosu.aauw.net/>.
4. **Celebrate Equal Pay Day** on April 12! Host an Unhappy Hour at a local watering hole or coffee shop, and recognize the gender wage gap, table at a local college or university and register students to vote, request a proclamation from your local Mayor. By recognizing the Equal Pay Day we do our part to bring visibility to this issue. Contact your Regional Field Rep or State Board Members for assistance in recognizing this vital day!
5. Join **AAUW and the Oklahoma Women's Coalition**, March 1, for **Women's Lobby Day at the Capitol!** Your presence at this vital point will go a long way to ensure that our policymakers keep the concerns of women and girls at the top of their legislative agenda.

2016 burgeons with opportunity to advance and empower the women and girls of Oklahoma. Together we can make meaningful progress that will benefit an entire future.

# MIDWEST TEN STATE AAUW BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

## “JOIN THE EXCITEMENT”

June 3-4, 2016

(Noon Friday to Saturday Late Afternoon)  
Great Wolf Lodge – Kansas City, Kansas

Conference Registration Registration includes Friday reception and film, Saturday light breakfast, breaks, conference materials, AV, and all special activities.	\$45.00
Saturday American Buffet Salad, pasta, entrée, dessert, bread and beverages. Please let us know if you have special dietary needs.	\$26.00
Donation for Student Attendee	_____
Student Registration	\$20.00
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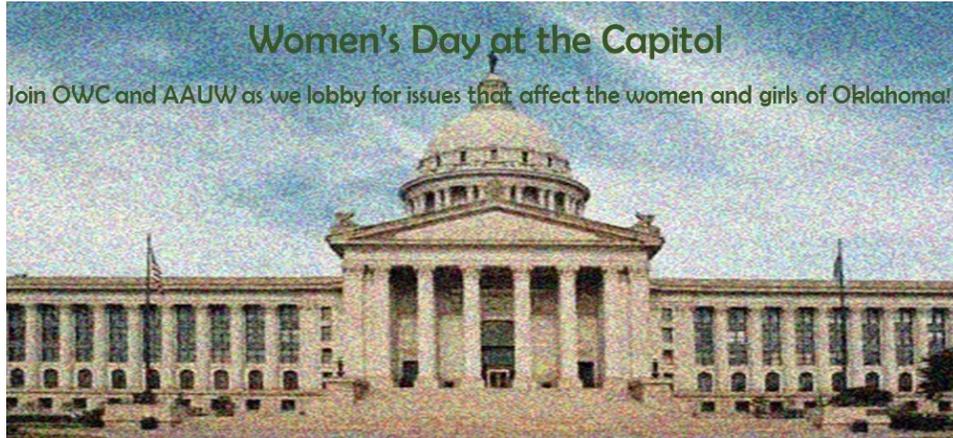
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DEADLINE: May 28, 2016

Call 1-866-944-9653 for room reservations. Use block code 1 606AAUW.

Suite rooms are \$176.86 plus tax and fees and sleep 6 people.

For more information call 314-831-5359 or 636-938-3958.



## You're Invited to Women's Lobby Day at the Capitol!

You and your fellow branch members are invited to join your AAUW community as we visit with our elected leaders on **March 1** at the Oklahoma State Capitol. This day is your opportunity to meet with your local law makers, engage with a powerful network that cares about the issues affecting the women and girls of Oklahoma.

**Your presence at this vital event goes a long way to ensure that our policy makers keep the concerns of women and girls at the top of their legislative agenda.**

At this event you will learn to lobby from experienced leaders; a list of talking points will be provided to you, and you will receive a list of legislators to visit. Update your calendars now, and join us as we work to advance issues that matter to us, and Oklahoma.

### More information:

WHO: [Oklahoma Women's Coalition](#) and [AAUW Oklahoma](#)

WHAT: **Women's Lobby Day at the Capitol**

WHEN: Tuesday, March 1, 2016 from 12:30 - 4:30 PM

WHERE: [Oklahoma State Capitol](#), 4th Floor Rotunda

*Join us to meet your legislators and, engage with organizational partners, and ultimately create a meaningful presence at the capitol for women and girls. **We will gather at 1 PM for a special briefing.** We need your help to make sure legislators keep the concerns of women and girls at the forefront of their minds this year!*

Each year our presence at the Oklahoma State Capitol grows, this year, we need you to grow with us. Feel free to come for an hour, or stay the entire time. Stay tuned to your inboxes for additional information. To cover the cost of the event there is a suggested donation of \$15.

To [RSVP visit this link](#) or contact: Melodia Gutierrez | [gutierrezm@aauw.org](mailto:gutierrezm@aauw.org) | 202.203.8353

Sincerely,

AAUW Oklahoma

P.S. After our Lobby Day we plan to host an "Unhappy Hour" networking reception to recognize the need for gender equality in Oklahoma. More details will be provided soon!

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## TECH TREK TU 2016 JUNE 12-18, 2016!

**Flash! Teacher nominations for Tech Trek TU campers are pouring in! Very soon the applications will go out to all students nominated.**

### Why have a Tech Trek Camp?

Our society tells girls and women they don't belong in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. As early as first grade, children have already developed a sense of gender identity, and most have developed unconscious bias associating boys with math.

Toys still reinforce rigid, highly gendered stereotypes that encourage only boys to build or engineer. And even kids' clothing still proclaims that girls are bad at math.

At almost every step of the STEM education ladder, we see girls walk away. By seventh grade, many girls are ambivalent about these fields, and by the end of high school, fewer girls than boys plan to pursue STEM in college. Especially in engineering, physics, and computing, female college students are likely to be outnumbered by men in their programs.

With some important exceptions, schools dedicate few resources to recruiting and retaining students in fields that are non-traditional for their gender. Women who do graduate with a STEM degree enter a workforce that is historically unfriendly to them. And once they get there, stereotypes, gender bias, and the climate of academic departments and workplaces continue to block women's participation and progress.

The low number of women and girls pursuing STEM fields has significant implications for women's financial security, economic growth, and global innovation.

Tech Trek Camps are one of AAUW's answers to this dilemma. This year we hope to take 50 eighth grade (entering) girls at our Tech Trek TU in June!

Visit [www.techtrektulsa.org](http://www.techtrektulsa.org) or <http://techtrek-tulsa.aauw.net/>

Article reprinted from *the Tulsa Voice*, AAUW/Tulsa newsletter

## AAUW Research That Matters in the Lives of Women and Girls



### Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership

Release date March 2016

AAUW's upcoming research report will feature the latest data on girls' achievement in subjects related to engineering and computing, how few women are working in these fields, and what can be done.



## TECH TREK SWOSU 2016 JUNE 12-18, 2016!

In 2016, **Tech Trek at SWOSU** plans to invite up to 45 girls to attend Tech Trek at SWOSU from June 12-18, 2016. Like last year, they will have core courses in the mornings—in which each girl will participate in ONE science, technology, math, or engineering area—and STEM workshops in the afternoons and evenings—in which all girls will participate. They are going to add a Cybersecurity Workshop (based on the curriculum provided nationally by Symantec) and a Financial (Math) Workshop (as sponsored by one of their local banks). Additionally, they hope to invite back up to four former campers to serve as Junior Counselors to assist the teachers. They are also going to change their Banquet—instead of having a speaker, they are going to feature the girls more to show-and-tell about what they accomplished during the week.

Tech Trek at SWOSU encourages AAUW members to check out Tech Trek on Visitation Day (tentatively scheduled for the morning of June 16), mentor campers on Professional Women's Night (PWN; evening of June 16), cheer campers at the Awards and Recognition Banquet (luncheon on June 18), or come anytime during camp. In the near future, they will put a call out for AAUW/OK branch members to assist with camper selection. Overall, they appreciate any financial or in-kind support, which enables campers to only pay a \$50 reservation fee (instead of \$900 per camper).

Feel free to contact them at [techtrek@swosu.edu](mailto:techtrek@swosu.edu), or call 580-774-3148 (Lisa Appeddu, Camp Director).

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Pictured are Cindi Albrightson, Rumble, Lisa Appeddu, and Lori Gwyn at the Thunder game.



TechTrekks at SWOSU

The Duncan AAUW branch is proud to host the 2016 AAUW/OK State Convention and our members promise you a good time. The convention itself will offer much for it's attendees, but there are also lots of things for families to do, should you choose to bring spouses or kids.

There is lots of good shopping available in downtown Duncan, including many antique shops and unusual boutique type shops. Duncan is located very close to the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge (about one hour and fifteen minutes away). Also worth a visit is the Stephens County Historical Museum in Fuqua Park . Also located there is a Railroad Museum, which is a real delight if you like trains. You can even climb aboard the 905 Steam Engine (completely restored.)

There will be a live concert on Friday evening at the Simmons Center, featuring a dance/vocal group from Columbia, (South America), called *Cimarron*. Tickets for that event will be \$15, which is a discounted rate.

On Saturday, anyone who loves old cars will want to attend the Chisholm Trail Classic Car Show, which stretches out along five blocks of Main Street. The show is well known among classic car people and there will be some wonderful cars on display. The show is free and will run most of the day. (Sorry convention goers, you won't have much time for this!)

On Saturday evening, we will gather at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center for a tour, world-class art, and dinner. This museum is now affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution and is a remarkable place. Everyone is always surprised it is in Duncan, but we are fortunate enough to have a private benefactor whose passion is the Chisholm Trail. The Center welcomes all ages...there is plenty for kids to do. The theaters are great fun. For the adults, there is a collection of western art which is amazing.

Hope to see you there!

Dianna Morgan

AAUW/OK Co-President

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

### Take 50-75 % off national dues for new Branch Members only

Recruit new branch members with the half-price national dues rate of \$24.50 between January 1 and March 15. Use the "Shape the Future campaign" and double the discount! **That makes national dues for any new members joining at a public event just \$12.25—75% off normal AAUW national dues!**

This offer applies to this fiscal year 2015-2016. Student affiliate dues of \$17 are also eligible for these discounts.

### Celebrate winter graduates with a free membership

Celebrate the success of a graduate this season with **Give a Grad a Gift**. Anyone who graduated within the last two years is eligible, so don't forget interns or student teachers you know. Give graduates a free, one-year AAUW membership in honor of their accomplishments. **Give a Grad a Gift** can also be applied to YWTF (Younger Women's Task Force).

See <http://aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/> for more information.

## AAUW College/University Partner Member List:

Cameron University  
 Northeastern State University  
 Northwestern Oklahoma State University  
 Oklahoma City Community College  
 Panhandle State University  
 Oklahoma State University  
 Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology  
 Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
 University of Central Oklahoma  
 University of Oklahoma  
 University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma  
 University of Tulsa

## AAUW Student Organizations in Oklahoma:

Northeastern State University  
 Oklahoma City Community College  
 Oklahoma State University  
 Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
 University of Central Oklahoma

## BLAZING NEW TRAILS

Event to be held at the following time, date, and location.

Friday, April 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. (CDT)

Hampton Inn Duncan  
2301 U.S. 81  
Duncan, OK 73533



Join our hosts, the Duncan AAUW Branch, on the Chisholm Trail for the biennial state convention, "AAUW Blazing New Trails"!

**Hotel and Conference Center:** Make your room reservations directly at 580-255-1700, and mention group code AAU for a rate of \$107/night + taxes if reserved by March 15. With the car show in town that same weekend (see below), make your reservations early.

**Friday evening, April 15:** On Friday evening, join other members from across the state for informal dutch dinner, then enjoy an optional live concert at the Simmons Center, featuring a dance/vocal group from Colombia, called "Cimarron." They specialize in the "joropo" style of Andalusian and indigenous Indians, with African roots. Tickets for this optional event are discounted to \$15 per person.

**Saturday morning and afternoon, April 16:** On Saturday morning, AAUW members will pick up their registration materials from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the Hampton Inn's conference room. From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the conference will feature local, state and national women leaders speaking on topics ranging from the suffragettes to equal pay. Speakers include AAUW Board Vice Chair Alicia Hetman, and the program concludes with installation of new AAUW state officers. Lunch (chicken salad croissants, chips, fresh vegetables, cookies, and tea) will be provided and is included in the \$45/person registration fee.

**Each branch is encouraged to bring a basket for the silent auction benefiting the AAUW funds.**

**Saturday evening, April 16:** Members and their families will have exclusive access to the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center for a tour, world-class art, theaters, and dinner. Affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution, the museum is a hidden gem funded by a private donor. Dinner (chicken and steak fajita bar, salad, rice, beans, chips, tortillas, and cobbler with ice cream) is included. Admission to the Center and dinner is \$12.50/person.

**Sunday morning, April 17:** Sunday morning dawns bright and early with the Eleanor Roosevelt Run/Walk/Sleep-In Event at 8:00 a.m. Participants receive a commemorative t-shirt for the registration fee of \$25.00/person. Proceeds benefit the AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund.

Then join the State AAUW Board of Directors at their meeting in the Hampton Inn conference room beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**Other activities in the area:** Members and their families can also enjoy shopping in downtown Duncan, the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge (a little over an hour away), the Stephens County Historical Museum in Fuqua Park, the Railroad Museum, and the Chisholm Trail Classic Car Show on Main Street on Saturday.

### Payment Options:

- Pay by Credit Card (additional processing fee applies) - See Eventbrite invitation at [www.aauwoklahoma.org](http://www.aauwoklahoma.org) to register.
- Pay by Check (payable to AAUW/OK, mail to AAUW Oklahoma, c/o Peggy Glenn, P.O. Box 516, Tahlequah, OK 74465)

**We hope you can make it!**

Peggy Glenn, AAUW/OK Program Vice President

**AAUW OKLAHOMA CONVENTION 2016**  
**ELEANOR ROOSEVELT FUN RUN/WALK/SLEEP-IN EVENT**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Number/Street

\_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee:** **\$25.00 per person**

**Additional Contribution:**      \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$125 \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check payable to: AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund**

**For all participants, please read carefully:**

**Waiver and Release:** In consideration of the opportunity to participate in this event, on behalf of myself or a minor or other person for whom I am legally responsible, I hereby acknowledge and assume any and all risk associated with my participation. Further, on behalf of myself or a minor or other person for whom I am legally responsible, I hereby waive any claims and release the event's sponsors, officials, their officers, directors, representatives, employees, and/or agents from any liability for any injuries, damages, losses, or expenses that may be caused by or arise from my participation in the event or that of a minor or other person for whom I am legally responsible.

**Photography:** In consideration of the opportunity to participate in this event, on behalf of myself or a minor or any other person for whom I am legally responsible, I hereby grant permission to the event's sponsors, officials, their officers, directors, representatives, employees, and/or agents to use, reproduce, publish, or distribute in any form of the media for the purpose of promoting or publicizing this event or similar future events, any films, video or audio recordings, or photographs containing any likeness or speech or that of a minor or other person for whom I am legally responsible without further approval from me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Parent or guardian's signature, if under 10)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return this form and registration fee to:

**Peggy Glenn, AAUW OK Program Vice President // Eleanor Roosevelt Event**

**PO Box 516**

**Tahlequah, OK 74465-0516**

Thank you for your participation. You may include this with your convention registration form.

**ARTICLE XV: MEETING OF AAUW/OKLAHOMA; Section 2: Representatives states:**

**Voting Body:** Each Oklahoma AAUW member in good standing on February 1 of the biennial convention year shall be entitled to one vote on the slate of officers, bylaws amendments, and any board approved resolutions that are submitted to the membership for vote 30 days prior to the convention. There shall be no proxy voting. Votes can be submitted either in the mailed ballots OR by an electronic voting process to be developed by AAUW/OK.

### **SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2016-2018 BIENNIUM**

The following is the Slate of Officers for AAUW/OK who will serve during 2016-2018, if elected.

#### Incoming President (2016-2018 term)

<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>Angie Lewis &amp; Gabrielle W. Jones (Co-Presidents)</b>
<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>Angie Lewis &amp; Rose Unterschuetz (Co-Presidents)</b> <b>(Angie Lewis - Chickasha Branch) (Gabrielle Jones &amp; Rose Unterschuetz—Tulsa Branch)</b>

#### President Elect (will serve as President for 2018-2020 term)

<b>2016-2018</b>	<b>Lisa Appeddu—Weatherford Branch</b>
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#### Vice President of Programs

<b>2016-2018</b>	<b>Peggy Glenn—Tahlequah Branch</b>
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#### Vice President of Membership

<b>2016-2018</b>	<b>Nora Pugh-Seemster—South Oklahoma City Branch</b>
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#### Secretary

<b>2016-2018</b>	<b>Susie Orsenigo—Edmond Branch</b>
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#### Finance Officer

<b>2016-2018</b>	<b>Stephanie Toney—Edmond Branch</b>
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This Slate of Officers is presented by the 2014-2016 Nominating Committee comprised of Faye Henson, Chair; Martha Burger; Diane Chapel, Jeanna Wing, and Kay Witt.

Thank you to the members of the committee who were able to make contacts during this process, and also to the AAUW/OK membership who were involved in the discussions as we sought individuals to serve.

### **APPROVED BOARD RESOLUTION**

The following resolution was approved at the AAUW/OK State Board meeting on January 23, 2016.

As AAUW state dues have not been raised since the 1980's and because an increase in state revenue would enable the state board to provide more support for branches, provide assistance for students to attend the National Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) and provide support for numerous other projects, the AAUW/OK state board has approved an increase of \$3.00 from \$7.00 per year to \$10.00 per year. Members will be asked to pass this resolution by voting electronically or by paper ballot before the 2016 AAUW State Convention.

## PROPOSED CHANGES FOR BYLAWS OF AAUW OKLAHOMA (AAUW/OK)

Wording approved—AAUW/OK Board—February 25, 2016

<b>Current bylaws</b>	<b>Proposed change to the bylaws</b>
<p><b><u>ARTICLE X. Elections</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Section 1. Names of Nominees</u></b></p> <p>The names of the nominees for elected officers shall be published and sent to every member with the call to convention.</p> <p><b><u>Section 2. Floor Nominations</u></b></p> <p>Nominations may be made from the floor provided written consent of the nominee has been obtained.</p> <p><b><u>Section 3. Place for Elections</u></b></p> <p>All elections shall be held at the biennial convention.</p> <p><b><u>Section 4. Ballots</u></b></p> <p>Elections shall be by secret ballot unless there is only one candidate for a given office in which case the election may be by voice vote. Elections shall be by a majority vote of those present and voting.</p>	<p><b><u>ARTICLE X. ELECTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Section 1. Names of Nominees</u></b></p> <p>The names of the nominees for elected officers shall be published and sent to every member with the call to convention. (No change.)</p> <p><b><u>Section 2. Floor Nominations</u></b></p> <p>Nominations cannot be made from the floor.</p> <p><b><u>Section 3. Place for Elections</u></b></p> <p>All elections shall be finalized at the biennial convention.</p> <p><b><u>Section 4. Ballots</u></b></p> <p>Each AAUW/OK member in good standing on February 1 of the biennial convention year shall be entitled to one vote on the slate of officers that is submitted to the membership for vote 30 days prior to the convention. There shall be no proxy voting. Votes can be submitted either by a mailed ballot OR by an electronic voting process to be developed by AAUW/OK.</p>

### RATIONALE FOR BYLAWS CHANGE

The wording in Article X, Sections 2, 3, and 4 currently conflicts with the wording in Article XV in the AAUW/OK Bylaws and still reflects voting to be held only at convention. The change in wording in Article X would bring the bylaws in compliance with the One Member One Vote policy adopted at the April 2010 state convention.

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN STUDENT LEADERS (NCCWSL)

The National Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland, College Park is coming up soon. Conference dates are June 2-4, 2016.

The conference features dynamic workshops, high-profile keynote speakers, networking opportunities, community service projects, and an opportunity to meet and visit with Women of Distinction award recipients. Among the 2016 Women of Distinction to be honored will be Elizabeth Acevedo, award-winning poet; Marcia Ann Gillespie, magazine editor and writer; Lynn Rosenthal, Vice President of Strategic Partnerships at the National Domestic Violence Hotline; Debbie Sterling, CEO and Founder of GoldieBlox, an award-winning toy company on a mission to “disrupt the pink aisle” with interactive construction toys and stories for girls; Amanda Simpson, Executive Director of the U.S. Army Office of Energy Initiatives; and Miriam W. Yeung, MPA, Executive Director of the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF). Nearly 600 students from all 50 states, Washington D.C., Guam, and Jamaica attend NCCWSL each year. Consider sponsoring a college student to attend NCCWSL. Cost for Early Bird registration which ends April 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. is \$425. Cost of Regular Registration which is April 1—May 10, closing at 5:00 p.m. is \$475. See more details at [www.nccwsl.org](http://www.nccwsl.org).



Pictured are students who attended NCCWSL in 2013 presenting at the AAUW/OK 2013 Summer Leadership Conference in Oklahoma City.

## MAIL-IN BALLOT

### SLATE OF OFFICERS (2016-2018)

Co-Presidents (2016-2017) - **Angie Lewis and Gabrille W. Jones**

Co-Presidents (2017-2018) - **Angie Lewis and Rose Unterschuetz**

President-Elect (2016-2018)- **Lisa Appeddu**

Vice President of Programs (2016-2018) - **Peggy Glenn**

Vice President of Membership (2016-2018) - **Nora Pugh-Seemster**

Secretary (2016-2018) - **Susie Orsenigo**

Finance Officer (2016-2018) - **Stephanie Toney**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### BOARD RESOLUTION

State dues increase of \$3.00 from \$7.00 to \$10.00 per year.

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### CHANGE IN AAUW/OKLAHOMA BYLAWS

Article X, Section 2.; Section 3.; Section 4.

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail ballot to:

Dianna Morgan  
645 N. 44th St.  
Duncan, OK 73533

**DEADLINE TO VOTE BY MAIL-IN BALLOT IS APRIL 11, 2016**

ALTERNATIVELY MEMBERS MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE **ELECTRONICALLY** (WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR THE VOTING FORM)

AAUW/OK

Jeanna Wing  
17235 N. Limbsey Ln.  
Tahlequah, OK 74464-1205

National website  
[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

## AAUW — "Empowering Women since 1881"

### AAUW/OK - Calendar

#### 2016

- March 1, 2016 Women's Lobby Day at the Capitol
- April 12, 2016 Equal Pay Day
- April 15-16 AAUW/OK Biennial State Convention, Duncan, OK
- June 3-4 Midwest Regional Conference, Great Wolf Lodge, Kansas City, KS
- June 12-18 Tech Trek Camps at SWOSU and Tulsa Univeristy



Make plans to recognize Equal Pay Day on April 12, 2016