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At graduation, the
average woman owes

\$1,500 MORE

in student loans than the
average man does.

[www.aauw.org/research/
deeper-in-debt/](http://www.aauw.org/research/deeper-in-debt/)

Greetings Oklahoma AAUW Members,

I hope each of your branches have had a wonderful summer and are well into programming for the 2017-18 year.

A new addition to this newsletter is the Annual Financial Summary. This report is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. We don't have a lot of activity, but please feel free to contact me or our Treasurer if you have any questions.

I would also like to 'introduce' Rose Unterschuetz as the incoming Co-President for 2017-18. Rose is a very active member of the Tulsa branch and has been active on the state level for several years. I am looking forward to working with her. A big thank you goes to Gabbie Jones who just completed a year as Co-President and has accepted the role as Assistant Treasurer.

Thank you for your commitment to AAUW – you make a difference!

Angie Lewis

AAUW/Oklahoma Co-President

ATTENTION:

Biennial State Convention in Tulsa, June 30, 2018

Mark your calendars now for June 29-30, 2018, for AAUW/Oklahoma's Biennial State Convention! AAUW/Tulsa branch will host the convention at the PostOak Lodge,

<http://www.postoaklodge.com/>.

Tulsa Branch President Pam McDonald and State Board Officers Gabbie Jones and Rose Unterschuetz have selected a scenic location with many recreation activities and great meeting facilities. PostOak has quoted a room rate of \$99 per night plus taxes in a Lodge containing 16 rooms with queen sized beds and 2 rooms that are equipped for physically disabled and have double sized beds. Reserve now to ensure availability.

Preconference registration and a group dinner are being planned for Friday, June 29. The conference will officially begin on Saturday and includes a hot breakfast buffet, drinks/snacks for morning and afternoon breaks, and lunch. The evening banquet or barbeque will be available at an additional cost. Convention registration will open after the first of the year. Come early or stay through Sunday to experience Tulsa's unique Art Deco architecture, arts and music options, and world-class Philbrook and nearby Gilcrease Museums.

If you are interested in presenting a session at the Convention, please contact State Program Vice President Peggy Glenn at peggy_glenn@aol.com or (918) 822-3330.

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LODGE & RETREAT



Submitted by Peggy Glenn, Program Vice President

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Here is What's Happening with AAUW in Oklahoma!**Alva**

Submitted by Carol Erickson

Certificate of Honor

In recognition of the 80th Anniversary of the AAUW Alva (OK) Branch

Bestowed March 2017 by AAUW to express our sincere appreciation

for your exceptional service and demonstrated commitment

to advancing equity for women and girls.

Signed by Patricia Fae Ho, AAUW President

Chickasha

The first meeting will be September 12. For meeting time and location, please contact branch president, Betsy Phillips.

Edmond

The Edmond branch has been busy this summer planning for the Girls' Hall of Honor in March 2018. This will be the third year for the event organized by Erma Stewart. Members have already volunteered to work on the event from updating the application form, working with the invitations, contacting the Edmond Mayor's office, to making arrangements with each of the six Middle Schools in Edmond. Girls for this award are chosen according to their leadership abilities and teacher recommendations.

A "Movie Fundraiser" took place in July. Members get together and watch a movie on DVD and then make voluntary donations to the branch. This is an easy way to raise some money, enjoy each other's company, and see a good movie. This time, we watched *Hidden Figures*.

Edmond branch members, Shelli Wasson and Diana Campo, attended the Tech Trek Awards Ceremony. The "AAUW Award" was presented to a student from Burns Flat, OK. The Edmond branch is very active in helping raise funds for the STEM camp.

**Tulsa**

The Tulsa branch's General Membership monthly meetings run September through May. Their first meeting will be at on Saturday, September 9th. "Women's Equality Day" was celebrated with a luncheon for branch members.

Please see page 7 for the monthly Schedule of Events.



Tulsa Branch celebrated Women's Equality Day at McNellie's South City.

Weatherford

Weatherford branch worked very hard this summer preparing for and hosting Tech Trek. Story and pictures on pages 4-5.

Lisa Appeddu participated in the “Day at the State Capitol” for Organizational Partners of the Oklahoma Women’s Coalition (OWC). The activities included: Legislative Update provided by Danielle Ezell, OWC



Executive Director, a capitol tour, visits with legislators, observe the House or Senate from the Gallery. Lisa was able to bring more awareness of AAUW and Tech Trek by hosting a table at the event.

AAUW/OK State Board 2016-2018

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Annual Financial Summary

AAUW/Oklahoma Treasury

June 30, 2017

Current Assets - Cash

Operating Fund	\$1,854.14
Savings-unrestricted	\$2,632.98
Savings-restricted	\$2,321.55
Savings-ByLaws Reserve	\$2,000.00
Convention Account	\$50.33

Total Cash Assets \$8,859.00

Income and Expenses

July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

(Cash Basis)

Income

Membership Dues	\$1,583.50
Interest Income	\$1.74

Total Income \$1,585.24

Expense

Board Travel	\$ 355.50
Support for EF/LAF	\$175.00
Support for NCCWSL	\$500.00
Misc. Operating Expenses	\$92.00
CTEEC Booth	\$75.00
Oklahoma Women's Coalition	150.00

Total Expenses \$1347.50

Net Income for the Year \$ 237.74

Members of AAUW/Oklahoma = 159

Good News about Bylaws!

Oklahoma branches are in compliance!

I want to say a big “thank you” to all the branch by-laws chairs, presidents and members in general who worked so diligently to revise bylaws and get them submitted to Association. It was a mess, I know, with more than one revision required, but thanks to all your hard work, If any branch has been notified of any problems, please contact me immediately and I will work with you to correct whatever it is. I am definitely hoping I don’t hear from anyone... anyway, at least not about a bylaws problem. Ha!

Thank you again for your patience, your hard work and your faithfulness in getting this task done. Well done!

Dianna Morgan
AAUW/OK Bylaws Chair
Member of Duncan branch

Tech Trek at SWOSU



In summer 2017, the Weatherford AAUW branch celebrated its fifth and final year of hosting Tech Trek at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU). From July 16 to 22, 43 eighth-grade girls from 28 different schools across the state of Oklahoma stayed on the SWOSU campus in Weatherford, OK, to experience this Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) camp. Six high school juniors who had attended Tech Trek in 2014 re-experienced camp as Junior Counselors. In following the Tech Trek model, each girl attended one core course for 12 hours. Twelve girls applied physical and biochemical science concepts using curriculum designed by OERB and the Need program (sponsored by Conoco Phillips) to model oil and gas retrieval; ten girls learned computer programming to create apps for Android tablets and phones; twelve girls engineered tinker toys, syringes, and tubing and used hydraulics and pneumatics to attain movement; and nine girls employed math to customize their own hula hoops, take measures of a pendulum and apply that to the construction of a Newton's cradle, and created computer animations via Pixar-in-a-Box. New in 2017, campers reported what they learned during their core courses at the Awards & Recognition program.

All girls participated in the Professional Etiquette Workshop to learn how to properly eat, dress, and communicate. They applied these concepts to the Professional Women's Night speed-meeting event, at which they had the opportunity to interact with approximately 40 women mentors representing many STEM careers. Former camp counselor and current NASA intern Tiler Rose welcomed campers via a previously taped video (<https://youtu.be/5aCMJ16AWak>) – she then went on to meet with them live via Skype! All campers also learned about water quality by literally getting into Deer Creek; compounded anti-itch cream and lip balm in the Pharmacy lab; tested their Cyber Security skills by tracking email IP Addresses to locate country origination to show credibility of sender; and built and programmed moving / glowing / noise-making robots from scratch.

The all-day field trip to Oklahoma City featured the interactive forensics tables at the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum, a revamped field trip at Devon Energy headquarters, and the aerodynamics of flying (followed by literally flying) at iFLY indoor skydiving. The Weatherford branch is grateful for the continued support received from AAUW Oklahoma branches, as well as other sponsors such as OK EPSCoR, OK INBRE, Devon Energy, the City of Weatherford, and Marathon Oil. In 2017, a total of twenty-two AAUW Tech Treks were conducted in the United States, with two camps in Oklahoma.

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Taking water samples at Deer Creek



The girls are using one of the interactive formatics tables at the OKC Memorial & Museum – they did a Forensics exercise on it, to learn how STEM applies to solving crimes.

Committee is holding up five for the fifth year anniversary!

(l to r): Lori Gwyn (Fundraising Coordinator), Kathy O'Neal (Financial Coordinator), Adina Foust (Camper & Family Coordinator), Erin Ridgeway (Marketing & Social Media Coordinator), Lisa Appeddu (Camp Director), Cindi Albrightson (Curriculum Coordinator), Kristin Woods (Assessment Coordinator), and Jorie Edwards (Volunteer Coordinator). Not shown: Elizabeth Amen (Alumni Liaison).



iFLY indoor skydiving



Learning about fossils with a Reservoir Engineer at Devon Energy.



Group photo taken at Devon Energy



**Fun with robotics!
Girls programmed the robots to move, glow, and make noise.**



Tech Trek Students Learn About Robotics at Devon
Representatives from Hitachi explain the programming and capabilities of the EMIEW2 robot. This was the first demonstration of the robot for students in the United States.

State Leadership Conference provides resources for local AAUW members

On Saturday, July 8, over 30 AAUW members from across the state met at the Oklahoma Women's Coalition (OWC) offices in Oklahoma City for the biennial State Leadership Conference. Following a welcome and legislative update by Cindy Allen, OWC's Board Chair, participants heard from Cordy Galligan, AAUW Vice President of Marketing and Communications. Cordy shared an update on AAUW, including the selection of the new Executive Director, Kimberly Churches, formerly of the Brookings Institution, and shared a powerful new national video called "Ifs and Onlys and Little Girls' Dreams," available at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/ifs-and-onlys-video/>.

Weatherford branch members and Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) employees Lisa Appeddu and Lori Gwyn discussed the upcoming TechTrek camp for girls going into the 8th grade. After an interactive STEM exercise to understand how tightly packed our DNA is, past camp participants shared their enthusiasm for various camp activities and the opportunity to meet women who work in STEM fields.



Edna Boggs, NSU student, discusses NCCWSL with Molly Turner, Tahlequah branch.

Edna Boggs, a student at Northeastern State University (NSU) from Salisaw, then talked about her time at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), including the opportunities to tour Washington, DC, explore the Newseum, and meet like-minded girls from all over the nation.

A fortifying lunch was prepared by the Edmond AAUW branch, and participants bid on silent auction items, raising \$314 for AAUW Funds.

In a branding exercise to "Take Brand Blah to Brand Bling!," Cordy asked participants to describe their current AAUW "brand" in their respective communities, and how to use AAUW resources to break any tired stereotypes that community members may have. Cordy suggested using AAUW's national research – most recently on women's disproportional student debt burden – to "Programs in a Box" or the Adelante webinar book club discussions as program ideas and supplements. All of these resources are available at <http://www.aauw.org/tools-and-references/>.

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Faye Henson, Weatherford branch, presented a session on archiving AAUW branch materials called "Save It for Later." She went through a typical file box with participants, asking whether each item should be kept or trashed, and why.

At the end of the meeting, every participant shared what they plan to do as a result of the information they learned that day. Expect to see some energized and informed AAUW members making a difference in your community this coming year!

Materials from the conference can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/aauwstateleaders>. The agenda contains specific links to many of the items discussed in this article.

Pictures courtesy of Jeanna Wing, Tahlequah branch



Students who attended Tech Trek last year told what a great experience the STEM camp was for each of them.



Lori Gwyn, Weatherford branch, explaining STEM camp.



Peggy Glenn, Program Vice President, Tahlequah branch



Chrissy Kyles, the on-campus advisor to the AAUW Student Group at the University of Central Oklahoma.

An Open Letter to AAUW Members in Oklahoma,



Thank you all for making me feel so welcome at your leadership conference in July. It was exciting to learn more about the challenges faced by women in Oklahoma and how AAUW is presenting solutions to those challenges. I was especially impressed by the diversity in age, race and ethnicity that was represented at that conference. AAUW will not grow if we are not an inclusive environment, and it is in that diversity that many solutions to various social injustices will be found. Keep up the good work and know that, as always, you can rely on AAUW staff for resources to make your important community work easier. I encourage you all to take part in the series of webinars

<http://www.aauw.org/event/2017/09/skill-training-webinars/>

we have coming up. From fundraising to marketing your branch, you'll find just about everything you need to continue to grow AAUW across Oklahoma.

Wishing you all continued success and growth,

Cordy Galligan

AAUW Vice President, Marketing and Communications

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THE PROGRAM SCHEDULE for 2017-18 is as follows:

- September 9 Tech Trek Campers at Villa Ravenna
- October 13 Wine & Cheese Fundraiser at the home of Jan & Vondale Graham.
- November 11 Title IX
- December 10 Holiday Tea
- January 13 Sex Trafficking
- February 10 "Traces of the Trade", documentary for Black History Month
- March 10 Introduction to StartSmart
- April 14 tbd
- May 12 Visit by AAUW-OK President-Elect



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For more information and giving options, please call AAUW's planned giving office at 877-357-5587.



Tech Trek, continued from page 4

For 2018, we are excited to announce that Tech Trek at SWOSU will be transitioning to become the Southwest Alliance for Girls' Enrichment (SAGE) in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) camp. We plan to continue offering a week-long, residential summer camp for middle school-aged girls that focuses on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), but also incorporates the arts and humanities into these disciplines. Our goal is to inspire girls to become critical thinkers and communicators, using creative design and theory to collaboratively solve current issues which are important to Oklahoma communities. We welcome the help and support of AAUW of Oklahoma members on this new venture. Stay tuned for more information!

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Camp Director, Weatherford Branch Member

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AAUW Calendar

2017

September 14 AAUW Student Leader Fall Conference Call
www.aauw.org/event/2017/09/fall-conference-call-with-aauw/

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October 14 Board Meeting in Weatherford, 10:00 AM

October 19 AAUW Student Leader Share & Learn Webinar
www.aauw.org/event/2017/10/student-leader-share-and-learn-webinar/

November 28 AAUW's Birthday AAUW holds its first organizational meeting (1881).

Marion Talbot, then a recent graduate from Boston University, and Ellen Swallow Richards, the first woman graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, invited 15 alumnae from eight colleges to a meeting in Boston. Discouraged by the lack of opportunities available to them, the women discussed how they would join together to help other women attend college and to assist those who had already graduated.

www.aauw.org/2012/11/28/celebrating-131-years-of-aauw/

2018

January 15 Community Action Grants deadline

June 29-30 State Convention in Tulsa, see page 1

