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Update: Biennial Convention  
Saturday, August 10, 2024

### Henson's Happenings

#### A Message from President Faye Henson



Faye Henson

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#### Biennial Convention

##### Highlights:

- Welcome to USAO by Dr. Kayla Hale
- Induction of the newly elected State Officers for 2024-2026
- Keynote Address — Diversity in Education by Cathy Perry, USAO's Director of the Neill-Wint Center for Neurodiversity
- Breakout Session — Financial Literacy
- Eat a spud and have a salad for lunch!
- Do Armchair Yoga and you will feel like a new woman!
- Learn the importance of Inclusion in the Workplace.
- Chemistry Demonstration you wish you had in school.
- Business Meeting

To All AAUW/OK units and members,

Summertime officially arrives in June, so get ready for W-A-R-M weather and upcoming AAUW/OK activities.

This newsletter will indicate the slate of officers that will be voted on by the AAUW/OK membership during July. You are receiving your 30-day advance notice prior to that voting beginning. Jeanna Wing and the Nominations Committee have worked hard to prepare a slate of officers, see page 4. At press time, there is still a need to fill the VP Programs position. If you can organize meetings and work to design an interesting program, your help is needed. Contact Jeanna Wing as we can always have nominations from the floor at the Biennial Convention to elect a position.

The AAUW/OK Leadership Team will have an electronic vote in mid-June to approve our 2024-2025 budget. The proposed budget along with an accounting as of May for the 2023-2024 budget can be found on page 5. We need to adopt this budget prior to July 1 so that we have authorization for our finances to be spent, especially with the Biennial Convention happening in August.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Jeannette Loutsch has a wonderful program developing for the 2024 Biennial Convention in Chickasha on August 10, 2024. She has details in the newsletter, see pages 2-3, about registration for the meeting, the hotel for the conference, and speakers that have confirmed they can attend. A fun evening is planned on Friday night before the conference with axe throwing, an escape room experience, and relaxing fellowship. Plan to come for the informative program and to welcome our new 2024-2026 officers. As AAUW advocates for women, youth, and children, AAUW/OK and our branches will work this year to engage our members in making a difference in critical areas that affect their communities.

Let's Go to the Ballgame! The OKC Spark is the professional softball team in OK. You can find information at their website — <https://www.okcspark.com/>. We were going to try to get group tickets for an AAUW/OK delegation to attend and sit together and have a shout-out by the announcer for AAUW/OK, but there aren't any group tickets See Henson's Happenings, page 4.

**Greetings from the Vice President of Programming – Jeannette M. Loutsch**  
**Oklahoma Biennial State Meeting**



Jeannette M. Loutsch

***All Women Empowering All Women:  
Making a Difference One Cause at a Time***

**Date:** Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 8:30 AM Registration to ???

**Location:** University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO), Chickasha –  
Student Center Ballroom, 1727 W Alabama Ave, Chickasha, OK 73018

**Cost:**

- Members/Others on Site - \$75 – includes lunch, snacks, swag, materials, and access to the entirety of the program (no inflation since our 2018 meeting!!!)
- Members/Others Online - \$50 – includes access to program speakers via Microsoft TEAMS
- Student - \$25 – in person – includes lunch, snacks, swag, materials, and access to entirety of program (in person)

**Hotel:** Hampton Inn Hotel - 3004 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street (west side of street), Chickasha, OK 73018

Phone for reservations: (405) 320-5955

Rooms are \$110 per night in the AAUW block of rooms.

Cost of rooms in the block is \$110\* for either a room with 2 Queen beds or 1 King bed.

\*Must have rooms booked by July 25<sup>th</sup> for this rate.

Check In: 3:00 PM

Check Out: 12:00 PM (Noon)

Located off I-44 (Exit 82) in Chickasha, we are between Oklahoma City and Lawton, home of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. We offer easy access to Will Rogers World Airport, just 30 minutes away. Chickasha Sports Complex and the Grady County Fairgrounds are within a 10-minute drive. Enjoy daily free hot breakfast, free Wi-Fi, and our indoor pool.

**Silent Auction:**

Each branch should bring a “basket” or other container full of items for the Silent Auction. These will be featured in the Silent Auction to support AAUW’s Greatest Needs fund or other areas of focus (education, leadership, and economic security) as designated by that branch.

Will be developing an online link to the items so that all can bid. If there is someone that has been doing these for other activities, it would be great to hear from them. Also, if anyone has items for the swag bags, that would be great. Have them contact me (Jeannette).

## Tentative Itinerary

**This is for Planning Purposes — Registration Form will be in the July Newsletter.**

***All Women Empowering All Women:  
Making a Difference One Cause at a Time***

Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the USAO Student Center Ballroom

- 8:30 AM Registration
- 9:00 AM Welcome to the AAUW Biennial Meeting - Jeannette M. Loutsch
- 9:05 AM Welcome to USAO - Dr. Kayla Hale, USAO's 13<sup>th</sup> President
- 9:15 AM Introduction of the new officers - Faye Hanson
- 9:20 AM Swearing in of new officers - Dr. Kayla Hale
- 9:30 AM Keynote Address - Diversity in Education - Cathy Perry,  
USAO's Director of the Neill-Wint Center for Neurodiversity
- 10:00 AM Breakout session - Financial Literacy by Tinker Financial Credit Union - 2 topics to choose from
- 11:00 AM Network and Silent Auction
- 11:15 AM Open
- 12:00 PM Lunch - Baked Potato and Salad Bar
- 12:45 PM Yoga (chair) - Oklahoma Yoga
- 1:00 PM Inclusion in the workplace - Not Your Average Joe Barista, Curbside Flowers and Mehr Manzoor
- 2:00 PM Working on this one still - hopping to be about Native American Culture
- 3:00 PM Lessons in Chemistry Demonstration
- 4:00 PM Break - Final Chance for Silent Auction
- 4:15 PM State Meeting



## Slate of Officers

President:	Lisa Appeddu
President-Elect:	Jeannette Loutsch
Program VP:	Position is Open –
Nomination can be taken from the floor at Biennial Convention	
Membership VP:	Jeanna Wing
Finance Officer:	Angie Lewis
Secretary:	Vickie Escoe

Officers will be installed at the convention.

## Henson's Happening, continued from page 1

in the Premium seating area. It seems the best option is to order individual tickets that meet your sun tolerance and price preferences. The OKC Spark are playing the USA National team on Sunday - June 30, 2024. I have 2 tickets in the Premium seats where chairs have arm rests and shade. If you are a softball fan, check out the schedule, come on June 30<sup>th</sup> if you can, or attend sometime this summer to support the team.

News for AAUW State Liaison Session. On May 27, I was able to join 15 other state leaders as we had some time with Malinda Gaul, our board member liaison. [Update on the Open Membership Vote](#): The Open Membership Bylaw proposal did not pass. It was a close vote with 64%-65% of the members in favor, but it missed the 66.7% level needed for adoption. The new AAUW national board president was on the Zoom meeting. She indicated that this next year is a critical time for AAUW national planning and how state and branches can engage with their communities. It is clear that young women are not as inclined to join an organization unless they can find value and a clear identify with their advocacy efforts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Faye K. Henson, AAUW/OK President 2023-2024

Oklahoma AAUW - Budget			
	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget
	20023-24	2023-24	2024-25
<b>INCOME</b>			
Balance in Acct.	0.00	4,354.30	5,400.00
Dues @ \$10	580.50	650.00	550.00
AAUW/OK Event for ERF,AAUWFund, NCCWSL	0.00	600.00	0.00
Fundraising Scarf project	0.00	400.00	25.00
Summer Leadership Conference 2023	1849.00	23.00	0.00
Income from Convention 2022	0.00	1.00	0.00
OK Biennial Convention	0.00	0.00	4,750.00
Donations to AAUW-OK	0.00	100.00	50.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	71.70	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2429.50</b>	<b>6,200.00</b>	<b>10,775.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Board Travel	28.80	400.00	200.00
AAUW OK 2024 Biennial Convention	0.00	0.00	4750.00
AAUW/OK 2020 Annual Convention	0.00	1.00	0.00
2020 National Convention Bd. Travel	0.00	1.00	0.00
Support for ERF/AAUW Fund	0.00	200.00	100.00
Support for NCCWSL	0.00	500.00	500.00
Summer Leadership Conference 2023	1883.01	1,000.00	0.00
Leadership Dev/Conferences/Regional Meeting	0.00	139.00	0.00
Newsletter Printing	0.00	1.00	50.00
Newsletter Postage	0.00	1.00	50.00
Miscellaneous Expenses(AAUWEdmond/SAGEST)	0.00	15.00	15.00
President's Travel	0.00	100.00	200.00
Zoom Subscription for AAUW-OK(\$14.99/mo)	0.00	180.00	180.00
President's Postage	0.00	25.00	25.00
President's Supplies	0.00	20.00	20.00
President Elect Expenses	0.00	20.00	20.00
Treasurer's Expenses	0.00	20.00	20.00
Secretary's Expenses	0.00	20.00	20.00
Branch Renewal Projects	0.00	312.00	300.00
Membership VP Expenses	0.00	20.00	20.00
Program VP Expenses	0.00	20.00	20.00
AAUW Funds Chair Expenses	0.00	20.00	20.00
Scarf Fundraising Project	0.00	100.00	20.00
Diversity Chair Expenses	0.00	20.00	20.00
Public Policy Chair Expenses	0.00	20.00	20.00
College/Univ. Partnership	0.00	20.00	20.00
ByLaws Chair Expenses	0.00	20.00	50.00
International Affairs Committee	0.00	0.00	20.00
Nominating Committee	0.00	20.00	20.00
Website	0.00	150.00	150.00
Teen Voices/Women's Suffrage Contest Project/robotics Team	0.00	333.00	0.00
CTEEC- Booth & Reception	24.17	75.00	50.00
OK Women's Coalition	0.00	150.00	0.00
OK Commission on the Status of Women	0.00	100.00	100.00
Budgetted Carryover	0.00	2,177.00	3795.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1935.98</b>	<b>6,200.00</b>	<b>10775.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME/ &lt;LOSS&gt;</b>	<b>493.52</b>	<b>0.00</b>	

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## A Walk Down AAUW's Memory Lane



The Mystery AAUW Officer was Carolyn Garfein, AAUW National President. She is standing between Norma Stopp and Linda Brooks.

(front row, l to r) Diana Campo, Edmond; Norma Stopp, Tahlequah; AAUW National President Carolyn Garfein; Linda Brooks, Tulsa; Shelli Wasson, Edmond. (back row, l to r) Carol Erikson, Alva; Pat Snodgrass, Edmond; Lynn Wiley, Edmond; Jeanna Wing, Tahlequah.



In 2011, members of the Edmond Branch visited the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation to learn about breast cancer research conducted right here in Oklahoma.

(l to r) Shelli Wasson, Diane Chapel, Edmond Branch President Jo Ann Bullard, Pat Snodgrass, Dr. Linda Thompson, and tour guide Alison Coleman.

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**Calendar**

June 16—22 SAGE STEAM Camp for Girls at SWOSU

July 25 Hotel rooms booked to receive AAUW rate

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**Webinars Available to You**

**Even though** you may have missed some AAUW webinars, you can always access them in the archives at [aauw.org](http://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”.

