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A NEWSLETTER OF
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TAHLEQUAH BRANCH
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Note Change of Date!
MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 26th
AT 5:15 PM
CHEROKEE HERITAGE
CENTER CHAPEL
MENTOR PROGRAM

This will be a terrific meeting! Be sure to mark this on your calendar and plan to attend!

This month we will be introduced to the wonderful group of 8th grade girls from Watts and Bell Schools that Patsy Morton and Sara Brown have been mentoring. After the girls arrive at the Heritage Center around 2 p.m., they will be given a tour of the museum and have some hands-on activities until about 5 p.m.

We will meet between 5 and 5:15 p.m. at the Chapel at the Heritage Center located at 21192 Keeler Drive. To get to the Chapel, take the road on your left as you enter the grounds. Go past the parking lots on your right to the chapel which will be on your left at the end of the road.

We will have pizza for dinner with the girls. Patsy has arranged for three women to give short presentations for the girls to have an opportunity to meet professional women. They are: Brenda Skaggs of Curves, Katherine Morton, a Stilwell attorney who specializes in cases involving women and children, and Melanie Knight, the Secretary of State of the Cherokee Nation. After these presentations, the girls will introduce themselves.

We will be ordering pizza for dinner. Please bring your drink. **Because we need to know how many AAUW members and guests will be coming so that we can plan for the food, please let Becky Wolfe know by calling her at 487-2077 (leave a message) or e-mail her at:**

beckywolfe742@aol.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi!

What a great month this is. Our AAUW branch has done it again. We presented a great Woman to Woman program this year. I know everyone who attended the lecture by Dr. Mohja Kahf were very impressed by her. The crowd was great and after speaking with a number of guests I know they enjoyed the program also. Many thanks to the committee, NSU and Sodexo Catering for the wonderful food. Thanks to Sara Brown for all she does all the time.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting at the Heritage Center on Thursday April 26th at 5:00 or as close as you can make to that time. I need a count of how many will be attending in order to have pizza for all. I will bring cookies, but we all need to bring whatever we want to drink. This will be a fun meeting, please try to come.

Joyce Rose
AAUW Tahlequah Branch President



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We will be electing our officers at this meeting. The nominating committee has nominated the following officers for this year:

Two-Year Terms:

President: Jeanna Wing
Vice President of Membership: Amy Aldridge Sanford

One-Year Term to fill vacancy left by Jeanna Wing

Secretary: Anna Lee Kirk

The Vice President of Programs and Treasurer are completing the first year of two-year terms, so they will continue to hold their offices next year.

We hope everyone will be present to elect our officers for next year.

AAUW/OK LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

The last newsletter gave detailed information about the upcoming Leadership Workshop. In case you missed it, this is a reminder. If you are interested in attending, contact Sara Brown immediately to let her know that you will be attending. You can reach her at **458-9257** or e-mail her at:

ds06dr@peoplepc.com.

AAUW/OK will present “Continuing Our Legacy of Leadership” at the 2007 Leadership Workshop on **Saturday, April 21st** at the **Tom Sneed Center** on the **Rose State College** campus in **Midwest City**. This event begins at **8 a.m.** with registration and will adjourn at **4 p.m.** All members are invited and encouraged to attend. The cost for registration, lunch and all handouts is \$20.00.

In the morning, the speaker will be Seth Chase, an AAUW field director who plans and manages grassroots advocacy on AAUW’s public policy priorities including voter education, e-advocacy, and constituent lobbying to members of Congress. Mr. Chase will present: “**AAUW Values, Principles and Power,**” which will address what is currently

happening and anticipated changes coming through bylaw amendments to be presented at the AAUW National Convention in Phoenix in June. “**A Tour Through the AAUW Website**” will acquaint attendees with the wealth of information on the Member Services Database. “**Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout: Planning a Community-Based Campaign to Mobilize Women to Vote**” and “**Grassroots Advocacy Leadership Training**” will help AAUW members focus on public policy issues and make a contribution to their communities.

After lunch, Dr. Cindy Dougherty will lead an interactive workshop, “**How To Deal With Difficult People**”. What and WHO causes you stress? Difficult People? This workshop presents tried and true ways to rise above it ... figuratively and literally. You will walk away with usable tools for dealing with daily dolts ... and a smile on your face.

A registration form was enclosed in last month’s newsletter. If you are going the night before, you may stay at the OKC/Midwest City Comfort Inn & Suites. More information may be found on the AAUW/OK web site:

www.aauwoklahoma.org

MEMBERSHIP

This is a good time to encourage your friends to join AAUW. Anyone joining after March 31 will have their dues paid through June 30, 2008! Invite your friends to this next meeting on the 24th!

It now is time to start thinking about renewing your membership. Our treasurer, Linda West must send our national dues to the Association before June 30th, so let’s all make it easier for her and renew early! She will need the dues by June 20th. Send your check made out to “**AAUW**” to:

Linda West, AAUW Treasurer
1001 Gerri
Tahlequah, OK 74464

The national Association has raised the dues by \$2 this year, so our dues will be \$62. This includes:

Association	\$47.00
Oklahoma Division	7.00
Tahlequah Branch	<u>8.00</u>
Total	\$62.00

AAUW KEYS TO THE FUTURE: A MEMBER-GET-A-MEMBER CAMPAIGN

JULY 1, 2006 – JUNE 15, 2007 and beyond

You Hold the Future of AAUW in Your Hands!

AAUW members are a group of individuals who are passionate about the organization and its work — because equity is still an issue. The years have proven that a member sharing their passion about AAUW with someone else has helped to keep our numbers strong. The stronger we are, the more we can accomplish on behalf of women and girls.

During AAUW's 125th Anniversary Celebration, we are being asked to recruit new members for AAUW through the AAUW Keys to the Future: A Member-Get-A-Member campaign.

Every AAUW member is challenged to recruit at least one paid new member between June 1, 2006 and June 15, 2007.

* A new member is officially credited to the recruiting member only when the new membership and dues have been received by the Association's Membership Department, and the recruiting member's name and ID must appear on the application.

The following rewards and special incentives are offered for those recruiting new members.

Rewards:

AAUW Keys to the Future: Hall of Fame — All successful recruiters will be recognized by name in the Hall of Fame, including the total number of paid new members by each recruiter.

Certificates — Every member who recruits a new paid member will receive a personalized certificate suitable for framing. Branches will distribute certificates to their members. Members-at-large will receive their certificate from the Association Membership Department. (One certificate per recruiter). Branches will receive monthly lists of members who have recruited new members (they can request such a list at anytime by contacting records@aauw.org).

Exclusive AAUW Keys to the Future: A Member-Get-A-Member Logo Pin — Every member who recruits five paid new members will receive this pin designed expressly for this campaign. Be the first in our branch to wear this new addition to the AAUW pin collection. Pins will

be sent from the Association Membership Department to those who qualify.



Special Incentives:

- * Individual who brings in highest number of new members receives \$100 gift certificate at Amazon.com
- * Branch that brings in the highest number of new members, \$50 Amazon gift certificate
- * Branch that brings in the highest number of new members by percentage, \$50 Amazon gift certificate
- * State that brings in the highest number of new members receives an exclusive AAUW: Keys to the Future banner
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GRAND PRIZE INCENTIVES based on cumulative number of members recruited by individuals, branches, and states for campaign from June 1, 2006 to June 15, 2007 (awarded at the AAUW 2007 Annual Convention in Phoenix, AZ).

* Individuals who have recruited at least one new paid member will be entered in a drawing to receive a trip to the Association Convention in 2009 (St. Louis, MO). Prize includes one paid registration (excludes ticketed events), hotel accommodations (room rate for convention dates only), and transportation for one individual (up to \$700; arrangements made by Association).

- * Individual who recruited the highest number of new members in total – plaque & publicity
- * Branch with highest number of new members – plaque & publicity
- * Branch with highest percentage of new members – plaque & publicity
- * State with highest number of new members – plaque & publicity
- * State with highest percentage of new members – plaque & publicity

(Note: all plaque grand prize winners will also have their names – individual or state or branch – added to a special Keys to the Future plaque displayed at the national office.)

More information may be found on the AAUW web site:

www.aauw.org.

Questions? Contact the AAUW HELPLINE at helpline@aauw.org or 800/326-AAUW (2289).

AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION **Phoenix, Arizona — June 29–July 2, 2007**

AAUW's 44th National Convention, "Expanding a Legacy of Leadership," will provide opportunities for personal growth as well as the chance to learn from engaging speakers and network with other supporters of AAUW's mission. Join AAUW in Phoenix as we culminate our 125th anniversary celebration and learn more about the future for women and girls.

AAUW's National Convention is known for its wide array of speakers and awardees. This year promises to be no different. The Plenary Keynote Speaker will be AAUW member Greg Mortenson who will present *Global Perspectives on Women and Girls*. He grew up on the slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and is the founder of the Central Asia Institute and Pennies for Peace. His biography *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace ... One School at a Time* was a New York Times best-seller and a Time magazine 2006 Asia Book of the Year.

See the AAUW Website for more information:

www.aauw.org

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 4/18/07-4/21/07 - **35th Annual Symposium on the American Indian** - NSU University Center,
For more information see NSU web site - www.nsuok.edu
- 4/19/07 - **Indian Nations Audubon Society** - 7 p.m.-
NSU Optometry Auditorium
- 4/20/07 - Sequoyah Institute - **The Magic of Lynn Dillies** -
7:30 p.m. - NSU Center for the Performing Arts
- 4/25/2007 - Dr. David Linebarger: A Faculty Poetry Reading
8:00 pm - Jazz Lab, 315 N. Muskogee Ave. Free and open
to the public
- 4/27/2007- 9:00 a.m. to 4/28/2007 9:00 p.m. - **Red Fern
Festival** - FREE Admission - Downtown Tahlequah
For more information - www.redfernfestival.com or call the
Chamber of Commerce office at 456-3742.
- 5/4/2007 - **Legislative Focus Series** - 7:30 a.m. - Free
Watch paper for location.
- 5/10/2007 - **Programs Sandwiched In** - 12 noon - Tahlequah
Public Library, 120 S. College, Tahlequah Friends of the
Library
- Ongoing - **Preschool Storytime** - Tahlequah Public Library -
Every Friday at 10:30 a.m.; **Baby Laptime** - Every Tuesday
at 10 a.m.