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A NEWSLETTER OF
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TAHLEQUAH BRANCH
APRIL 2008

MEETING
THURSDAY APRIL 24
AT 5:30 PM
Location- Cherokee
Heritage Center Chapel

Program

Presentations will be made by students from the Watts and Bell schools (see article).

President's Message

March and April have been very busy months for AAUW. It is amazing how much our AAUW Branch has accomplished. The March meeting was great with the presentations of Amy Aldridge Sanford's students. Amber Cowan, Sarah Turner and Sarah Stanberry did a wonderful job in presenting "Real Women, Buffy, Little Women, and Scum". We appreciate them very much.

The Woman-to-Woman Lecture with Adiyah Ali as speaker was very educational. Adiyah Ali is a Field Organizer for Amnesty International

and spoke to us on human rights issues. Thanks so much to Sara Brown for heading this up and also for her work in helping organize the AAUW State Convention. Sara, Linda West, Lela Stowers and I had a lot of fun in Duncan last weekend and it was also a great learning experience. I think Dudley and Gary (husbands) had fun too.

Be sure to attend the Mentor Program meeting at the Cherokee Heritage Center Chapel on April 24 at 5:30 PM. Patsy Morton and others have done a lot of work with the girls from Watts and Bell Schools in the Mentoring Program. We need to show our support by attending the meeting and listening to them tell about the program. Please try to be there. We will also be voting on a change in the bylaws and electing branch officers.

Please keep Norma Stopp in your thoughts and prayers. Norma fell recently and was in the hospital for a few days for observation and tests.

Jeanna Wing,
Tahlequah Branch President

Mentoring Program

The 2007-2008 Mentees from Bell and Watts will spend the afternoon Thursday April 24 at the Cherokee Heritage Center and Museum.

Bell has ten girls and their sponsor is Janet Talbot. Watts has 14 girls and their sponsor is Lou Cummings.

We give presentations to the 11th.grade girls once or twice a year. They are our first group served.

On the 24th, tTheir day will begin at the Museum at 1:30 PM. They will move to the Chapel/Meeting room at 5:30 for our Meeting and program. We will be serving pizza, veggies, cookies, and a drink.

The program will feature the young ladies and our 2007-2008 AAUW Scholarship recipient

This year has been so much fun and these girls are creative, bright, respectful and cooperative.

Patsy Morton

AAUW-OK Biennial Convention: Celebrating our Heritage – Embracing the Future- was held on April 11-13, 2008 in Duncan, OK. Several members from our Branch attended. Look for an article in May's Newsletter.

AAUW on the Web It is great to get updates from AAUW on E-mail. Some items of special interest from the April 15 one:

Join the *Dialog*

[AAUW Dialog](#), AAUW's new blog, is off to a fantastic start. Since its launch in February, [AAUW Dialog](#) has become a place for AAUW staff and members, as well as individuals outside the organization, to come together and discuss issues of interest to women and girls. If you haven't already, join in the [Dialog](#) today! Should AAUW [endorse Hillary](#)? Are [women to blame](#) for their cheating spouses? Is [negotiation](#) really the answer to pay equity? Share your thoughts

An excerpt from the blog- I Have a Dream April 4, 2008, by [christyjones](#)

What powerful images the words "I have a dream" bring to mind as the nation honors the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the 40th anniversary of his assassination. I found my emotions immediately surfacing as I [listened](#) to his speech. How far we have come since then, how far we still need to go. Read [40 Years Later: The Unrealized American Dream](#), a new report on the inequalities that African Americans still face, for a compelling perspective on the work that remains to be done Our dream of equality has yet to be fully realized either. Civil Rights, Economic Security, Education - all issues AAUW focuses their [advocacy efforts](#) around. The great thing about dreams is their potential to motivate. Our community has a great dream and a collective voice. Have you raised yours lately?

Upcoming Community events of note:

Red Fern Festival

April 27th and 28th, 2007

10:00 am – 7:00 pm

Where the Red Fern Grows is a classic novel by Wilson Rawls. It was originally filmed in the Tahlequah area in 1974; also remake was filmed in the area in 2003. It is about a boy who trains two Redbone Coonhound hunting dogs.

The Red Fern Festival is to celebrate the “Where the Red Fern Grows” and bring Tahlequah and the surrounding communities together for the days of old fashioned fun and entertainment.

April 27th

10:00 am	Gates open
12:00 pm	hot dog eating contest
2:00 pm	hound dog show
4:00 pm	wood-chopping contest
7:00 pm	Gates close

April 28th

10:00 am	Gates open
11:00 am	Showing of “Where the Red Fern Grows”
12:00 pm	possum cook-off and a catfish derby BBQ cook-off
2:00 pm	special trips down the Illinois River via canoe
6:30 pm	Tahlequah mayor’s closing speech
7:00 pm	Fireworks and the festival will close

All Day Events include: fern show, vintage car show, fiddling contest, gun show, nature hikes, quilt show, farmer’s market, art and craft show, face painting.

The Sequoyah Institute’s final program of the 2007-2008 season

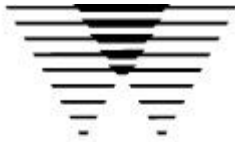
Drybranch Fire Squad: An Institution in American Music

Saturday, May 3, 2008

7:30 PM

Center for the Performing Arts

In more than 30 years of music making Dry Branch Fire Squad has become an institution in American acoustic music. Their charming mix of bluegrass and comedy is the secret to their success. What it features are the emotions that stimulate the creation of bluegrass and mountain music as well as a taste of the culture in which this music evolved. Imagine bluegrass at its finest with Bluegrass Fire Squad



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Save the dates

Meetings to wind up our year:

May 8 at 5:30 PM– Tour of Facilities at TCH- please note date change

June 19 at from 4 PM till...The River covered dish potluck Please note time change

2009 AAUW National Convention — June 26–28, 2009

Mark your calendars now. The 2009 national convention will have a new format and many new features. Our convention hotel is the [Renaissance St. Louis Grand and Suites Hotel](#). We'll meet you in St. Louis!