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Tahlequah (OK) Branch Newsletter

December

Homes for the Holidays Tour Slated for Dec. 14

By Lela Stowers

The "Homes for the Holidays" tour is once again upon us. Please wear your NAME TAG, especially if you are a hostess in one of the homes.

A few more hostesses are needed. If you can help us out, please let Jeanette McQuitty or Lela Stowers know.

A display of AAUW "stuff" has been arranged for the reception site. I've checked out a couple of scrapbooks from the archives. However, I'm looking for the current scrapbook. If you have it or know who has the current scrapbook, please let me know asap.

For those hostesses who are picking up and returning the signs, tickets, and money, the pickup and return sight designated is the parking lot of optometrist Kate Miller at 308 East Downing.

Goodies are needed for the Goodie Shoppe. The goodies may be taken to the Betz home after 1:15 p.m. the day of the tour. If you are a 1:30 p.m. hostess picking up the sign and money bag, you may leave your goodies with Jeanna Wing at the pickup sight.

Cookies are needed for the reception. The cookies may be taken to Seminary Hall after 12:30 p.m. the day of the tour.

AAUW Christmas Ornament

By Irene Wickham



The 2008 Limited Edition AAUW Christmas Ornaments are here and ready to be sold! Many have already been

reserved or sold. This year, we are honoring Northeastern State University's Centennial with an old picture of Seminary Hall on the ornament. They will be available at Seminary Hall and the Betz Home at the "Homes For The Holidays" tour on Sunday, December 14th. This is the seventh year for the series.

Each ornament is dated, numbered, and enclosed in a green velveteen bag. The cost is \$12.50. Profits from the sale of the ornament go toward local expenses. We also have some left from last year which depicts the Tahlequah Carnegie Library building from an old photograph.

If you would like to reserve or buy some, please let Irene Wickham know as soon as possible. Call at 456-5584 or email at wickhami@fullnet.net. If we have some left after the tour, they will be available at Curves and Kate Miller's Optometry office. , call Irene Wickham - 456-5584 or email - wickhami@fullnet.net.

**Eleanor Roosevelt's Universal
Declaration of Human Rights Articles 1 -
17, of 30 Articles**

Article 1

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Article 2

Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.

Article 3

Everyone has the right to life, liberty, and security of person.

Article 4

No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

Article 5

No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 6

Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

Article 7

All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law. All are entitled to equal protection against any discrimination in violation of this Declaration and against any incitement to such discrimination.

Article 8

Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law.

Article 9

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

Article 10

Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him.

Article 11

Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defence. No one shall be held guilty of any penal offence on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a penal offence, under national or international law, at the time when it was committed. Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed than the one that was applicable at the time the penal offence was committed.

Article 12

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

Article 13

Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state..
Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.

Article 14

Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.

This right may not be invoked in the case of prosecutions genuinely arising from non-political crimes or from acts contrary to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

Article 15

Everyone has the right to a nationality. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his nationality nor denied the right to change his nationality.

Article 16

Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution.

Marriage shall be entered into only with the free and full consent of the intending spouses.

The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.

Article 17

Everyone has the right to own property alone as well as in association with others.

No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property.

The adoption of the Universal Declaration is a significant international commemoration marked each year on 10 December and is known as Human Rights Day or International Human Rights Day. The commemoration is observed by individuals, community and religious groups, human rights organizations, parliaments, governments and the United Nations.. Decadal commemorations are often accompanied by campaigns to promote awareness of

the Declaration and human rights. 2008 marks the 60th anniversary of the Declaration and is being accompanied by year long activities around the theme "Dignity and justice for all of us".

[UDHR 60th Anniversary Activities](http://www.un.org/events/humanrights/2008/)

located at this website

<http://www.un.org/events/humanrights/2008/>



No Family = Perfect Woman for the Job

December 4, 2008, by hollykearl

Gov. Ed Rendell (D-PA) was caught on tape saying the following about Gov. Janet Napolitano (D-AZ), who was just nominated to lead the U.S. Department of Homeland Security: "Janet's perfect for that job. Because for that job, you have to have no life. Janet has no family. Perfect. She can devote, literally, 19 to 20 hours a day to it."

CNN anchor Campbell Brown rightly pointed out that surely Napolitano has many other qualifications besides having no family and therefore allegedly no life (which isn't an actual qualification). She also points out that the current head of Homeland Security and his male predecessor both have families, yet they still perform their jobs.

Brown makes three more points that I think are right-on as we think about the barriers women still face in the workforce:

If a man had been selected for the job, having or not having a family

probably would never have been an issue.

Hearing a governor make this comment illustrates how widespread these kinds of assumptions may be (if only in private), and it's hard not to wonder how many women are discounted for certain jobs and certain opportunities because of their family or because they are in their childbearing years.

If a woman is childless and/or single, does she end up working holidays, weekends, and the more burdensome shifts more often than her colleagues with families because it's assumed that if you have no family responsibilities then you have no life?

As we work to overcome the barriers women face when trying to achieve a work-life-balance and reach high-level positions, we can use the laws we have — like the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, Family and Medical Leave Act, and Equal Pay Act — to combat blatant discrimination and urge Congress to pass stronger laws.

However, it's harder to know how to overcome the kind of subtle sexism that Gov. Rendell's statements demonstrate. What are your ideas?

GO to

<http://blog-aauw.org/2008/12/04/no-family-perfect-woman-for-the-job/>

to post your comment on the AAUW Blog.

because
equity
is
still
an **issue**

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The American Association of University Women promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

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Calendar

December

December 14th, 1:30-5:00

**Program: "Homes for the Holidays"
Tour**

December 18th, 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Party

Place: Home of Jeanna Wing

**BRING ITEMS FOR HELP-IN-
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January

January 15th, 5:30 pm

Program: Movie Night:

"Iron Jawed Angels"

Place: NSU

February

February 19th, 5:30 pm

Bunco – LAF Fundraiser

Place: To Be Determined

Potluck Dinner

March

**Legislative Day at the Capiol – Date to
be Announced.**

March 19th, 5:30 pm

Women's History