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Tahlequah (OK) Branch Newsletter

February/Winter/2010

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### **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**February 18, 2010  
5:30 P.M.  
Napoli's**

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

#### **Rebecca Carey-Drywater**

Rebecca Carey-Drywater will speak at the February AAUW meeting at 5:30 at Napoli's Italian Restaurant.

February is Native American Heritage Month. The topic of Ms. Carey-Drywater's presentation will be the Cherokee Immersion School, known as Tsa La Gi Tsunadeloquasdi. The mission is to promote the revitalization/usage of the Cherokee language while educating children in a safe and cultural environment.

Ms. Carey-Drywater is a NSU graduate with degrees in Elementary Education and Cherokee Education. She is

currently enrolled at NSU in the School Administration graduate program. She has worked in education for 24 years at Porter Schools, Cherokee Middle School in Cherokee, NC and Woodall School in Tahlequah. Since February 2007, she has been Language Project supervisor at the Cherokee Immersion School.

#### **WOMAN TO WOMAN CONFERENCE**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual AAUW Woman to Woman Conference is Saturday, March 6, 2010. It is being held in the NSU University Center Ballroom (9:00-2:00).

The topic of W2W 2010 is Achieving Balance: Mind, Body, and Spirit. There will be a speaker for each area and many vendors. Speakers will speak on the hour beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Learn more and get involved by coming to the W2W Committee meeting, Monday, February 22 at Iguana (11:30 a.m.).

#### **OKLAHOMA WOMEN'S COALITION**

Concerned about issues affecting women and girls and families in Oklahoma? Join the Oklahoma Women's Coalition at the State Capitol, March 2, 2010. Registration form is included in the AAUW State newsletter.

#### **2010 BIENNIAL CONVENTION**

The AAUW/OK Biennial Convention will be hosted by the AAUW Tahlequah branch, April 9-11. On Friday evening, April 9, registration will be at the Holiday Inn Express. There will be a Reenactment (Alice Paul) and additional programming.

Registration on Saturday morning, April 10, will be at the NSU University Center (8:30-9:00). The opening ceremony will be at 9:00 a.m. Speakers will include Harry Mangum, President and Founder of Memory Technologies Institute in Dallas, TX; Thea Nietfeld, our own Tahlequah former branch member who has traveled extensively to Israel and Palestine; Wendi Wilkerson, AAUW 2009-2010 Fellow; and Dr. Terri Neese,

Institute for Economic Empowerment of Women.

During the business meeting on Saturday, we will be voting on bylaw amendments and electing new officers for 2010-2012.

A banquet and style show will be held Saturday evening at the Cherokee Restaurant.

The joint AAUW Board will meet Sunday morning, April 11.

Please, please, please try to attend the convention if at all possible and show your support for the new AAUW State President who will be the first state president ever from the Tahlequah branch.

Registration forms are included in the AAUW State newsletter. Registration begins March 1 and must be postmarked no later than March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **OKLAHOMA STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is one of the world's largest women's organizations which strives to bring awareness to women's equity issues. In February, female student leaders across Oklahoma will be invited to join the inaugural Oklahoma AAUW Student Advisory Council (SAC) based from applications they have submitted.

AAUW members are asked to apply to be mentors to students who join the SAC.

For more information, see the AAUW State newsletter.

## **Calendar**

### **FEBRUARY**

February 15<sup>th</sup>, opening registration for NCCWSL

February 18, 5:30 p.m.  
Program: Native American Heritage Month  
Place: Napoli's

### **MARCH**

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 12:00 noon  
Executive Board Meeting  
Place: Vidalia's

March 2, Advocacy Day in Oklahoma City

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-2:00 p.m.  
Woman To Woman Conference  
Place: NSU Univ. Center

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 15-month dues accepted for new members

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.  
Program: Women's History  
Place: Vidalia's

### **APRIL**

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon  
Executive Board Meeting  
Place: Vidalia's

April 9-11<sup>th</sup>  
AAUW State Conference  
NSU University Center

April 20<sup>th</sup> – Equal Pay Day

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 p.m.  
Program: Mentoring Program  
Place: Vidalia's

April 23-24<sup>th</sup>, Red Fern Festival

### **MAY**

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12:00 noon  
Executive Board Meeting  
Place: Vidalia's

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.  
Program: Foster Care  
Place: Vidalia's

### **JUNE**

June 1<sup>st</sup> – Branch and State Officer Lists Due

June 4-5<sup>th</sup>, NCCWSL

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon  
Executive Board Meeting  
Place: Vidalia's

June 11-12<sup>th</sup> – Five State Conference, Little Rock, AR

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.  
Program: Pot Luck Picnic  
Place: Sara Dunlap's Cabin

July 1<sup>st</sup> – Branch Dues Report Due

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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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