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Tahlequah (OK) Branch Newsletter

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MARCH 25, 2010

5:30 P.M.

Vidalia's

**Speakers: Sarah Turner and
Jessica Remer**

WOMAN TO WOMAN CONFERENCE

The Woman to Woman conference was a great success! Over 100 were in attendance. There were 31 vendors and many speakers. Thank you to President Amy Aldridge Sanford and to everyone who helped. For those who were unable to attend, you missed a wonderful conference.



ADVOCACY DAY

Norma Stopp and Jeanna Wing attended Advocacy Day at the State Capitol on March 2, 2010.

Morning speakers were Susan Savage, Secretary of State; Lee Denney, Oklahoma House of Representatives; and Jan Loftis,

Administrator, Oklahoma Women's Coalition.

After listening to the morning speakers, we visited our legislators at the Capitol. We were given information about House Bill 2998 which would allow the Department of Corrections to create a pilot program to reduce the high rate of female incarceration, and were encouraged to ask our legislators to support this bill, and also to support funding for domestic violence services including the replacement fees lost by the recent Supreme Court decision.

After lunch, the candidates for Governor spoke to us about their bid for the office of Governor of the State of Oklahoma. Those who spoke were Jari Askins, Lieutenant Governor of Oklahoma; Randy Brogdon, Oklahoma State Senate; Drew Edmondson, Attorney General of Oklahoma; and Mary Fallin, United States House of Representatives.

Advocacy Day at the Capitol is sponsored by the Oklahoma Women's Coalition. The OWC was formed so that Oklahomans could join together to raise our voices on behalf of women and girls. Oklahoma AAUW is one

of the 33 member organizations. Membership is also open to individuals.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is the month set aside to honor Women in History.

One of the many women in history to be honored is Jeanette Rankin. Born in Montana, Jeanette Rankin was extremely self-reliant. Appalled by the destitution of urban working-women, she worked in the Progressive social reform movement, but became frustrated with the limited scope of charitable work. She joined the state suffrage movement in Seattle until Washington enacted women's suffrage in 1910. Rankin then worked for the National American Woman Suffrage Association in Montana, leading Montana women in gaining the right to vote in 1913.

Rankin was the first woman elected to Congress in 1916 and worked to empower women and protect children. She submitted the House resolution leading to the adoption of the 19th amendment for national women's suffrage. She also voted against U.S. participation

in World War I. She was not reelected in 1919.

Rankin again ran for Congress in 1940, serving until 1943, to oppose U.S. participation in World War II. She did not run again. She traveled to India to learn non-violent means of social change, participated in Vietnam War protests, and established a program for elder care in Georgia.

Considering her suffrage work her greatest accomplishment, Rankin said, "I want to be remembered as the only woman who voted to give women the right to vote."

National Women's History Museum

2010 BIENNIAL CONVENTION

The Tahlequah AAUW branch is hosting the 2010 Biennial Convention (April 9-11). All Tahlequah AAUW branch members are encouraged to attend this conference.

Speakers will include Harry Mangum, President and Founder of Memory Technologies Institute in Dallas, Texas and Thea Nietfeld, former Tahlequah AAUW member who has traveled to Israel and Palestine numerous times and will share her insight into this area.

The registration fee of \$50 will include all sessions, morning refreshments, lunch and dinner which will include a fashion show showcasing Native American costumes.

The Friday evening event will be a wine and cheese reception at the Holiday Inn Express.

AAUW members will have the opportunity to show their acting talents while presenting monologues of famous women. Silent Auction Baskets will be available for viewing.

Sessions on Saturday, April 10 will be held at the NSU University Center. These sessions will include various speakers, the business meeting where we will be voting on changes in the AAUW state bylaws and the election of the AAUW Oklahoma State Officers for 2010-2012. Lunch will be at the University Center.

The Banquet/Style Show will be at the Restaurant of the Cherokees during the evening of April 10.

Items are needed for the Tahlequah AAUW Silent Auction basket.

Please send your registration in as soon as possible so that we can be proud of our Tahlequah AAUW hospitality.

Calendar

MARCH

March 15th, 15-month dues accepted for new members

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

APRIL

April 5th, 12:00 noon
Executive Board Meeting
Place: Vidalia's

April 9-11th
AAUW State Conference
NSU University Center

April 20th – Equal Pay Day

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

April 23-24th, Red Fern Festival

MAY

May 3rd, 12:00 noon
Executive Board Meeting
Place: Vidalia's

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

JUNE

June 1st – Branch and State Officer Lists Due

June 4-5th, NCCWSL

June 7th, 12:00 noon
Executive Board Meeting
Place: Vidalia's

June 11-12th – Five State Conference, Little Rock, AR

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

July 1st – 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 Education Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

The 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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