



BRANCHING OUT

A Newsletter of the
American Association of University Women
Tahlequah (OK) Branch
October 2013

Membership Program Meeting

Friday, October 25, 2013

12 Noon

**Cappi Wadley Reading and
Technology Center**

**3rd Floor, NSU Bagley Hall
(Education Building)**

Have you ever wondered “What is the ‘**Cappi Wadley Reading and Technology Center**’ at Northeastern State University?” At the upcoming AAUW program meeting at 12 noon on Friday, October 25th, Dr. Tobi Thompson, Center Director, will conduct a tour and speak about the purpose and goals of the facility. Participants may bring a brown bag lunch to eat while listening to the interesting presentation. The Center is located on the third floor of Bagley Hall (Education Building) at Northeastern State University. If you do not have an NSU parking permit, contact AAUW President, Peggy Glenn, by Thursday via email at glennsum@nsuok.edu or phone (918) 822-3330. She will see that you may park in the building’s parking lot.

The creation of the Capitola “Cappi” Wadley Reading & Technology Center at Northeastern State University was designed to help young students overcome reading deficiencies and to help educators become better prepared to help them learn to read. University students in NSU’s education programs provide tutorial assistance to students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade in

this facility. From August, 2012 to June 2013, the teacher candidates tutored over 140 elementary students. More than 50 students are on the waiting list for face to face tutoring.

The Center’s goals include increasing literacy opportunities for K-12 students, adults seeking their GED, and individuals seeking to hone English and foreign languages in surrounding schools and communities. It provides a friendly atmosphere and caring environment to promote reading, language, math and the arts. One of the Center’s many students is a 90-year old WWII veteran who achieved his dream of learning to read.

The Center has served 20 adults studying for their GED and 10 adults and children honing their English and foreign language skills. ALS, their computer-based tutoring software served over 80 elementary students.

The Cappi Wadley Reading Center offers computer-assisted learning to community learners and NSU students through the Center for Study of Literacy, an ever growing library of books and audiobooks, and language development through the use of Rosetta Stone™ language learning software. The Center for Study of Literacy also houses the Oklahoma Literacy Clearinghouse, which maintains a county by county directory of literacy services statewide.

Be sure to attend this informative meeting and bring an interested friend.

We look forward to see you there!

Have You Paid Your Dues?

Several members have not paid their 2013-2014 dues which were due on July 1st. Dues are \$64 for this year. If you are not sure if you have paid, contact:

Membership Chair, Linda West, NSU Library, west@nsuok.edu, 918-444-3280 or mail to: 1001 Gerri Drive, Tahlequah

Treasurer, Jeanna Wing, College of Education, winjc@nsuok.edu, 918-444-3742 or mail to: 17235 Limbsey Lane, Tahlequah.

Welcome New Members!

The Tahlequah Branch has several new members since last year. They are: Elizabeth Bird, Shannon Bridgmon, Rhonda Cambiano, Jennifer Edwards, Denise Fulbright, Deborah Landry, Patricia Surman, Tiffanie Temple and Joan Williams.

We welcome all of you and hope that you will enjoy this organization. We look forward to seeing and meeting you at our next meeting.

75th Diamond Anniversary

The AAUW Tahlequah Branch was organized 75 years ago on March 17, 1938. We celebrated this Diamond Anniversary in June with a dinner at the NSU Alumni Center. At that time, the branch named seven "Women of Distinction" and the "Diamond Anniversary Award."

The "Women of Distinction" were Dr. Isabel Baker, Rose Cambiano, Bertie Carter, Wilma Mankiller, Joyce Rose, Lela Stowers, and Dr. Jeanette Wilson. Dr. Isabel Baker received the "Diamond Anniversary Award."

To commemorate these 75 wonderful years, Irene Wickham wrote a branch history which was distributed to members at the September social event. If you did not receive a copy, contact Irene at:

iwickham@cablelynx.com or call 918-456-5584. She will see that you receive a copy.

AAUW Book Club

The first meeting of the newly-formed AAUW Book Club will be on Monday, November 4th at 5 p.m. at Flo's on the third floor of the NSU University Center.

"Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead," by Sheryl Sandberg, Chief Operating Officer of Facebook, will be discussed. The book examines why women's progress in achieving leadership roles has stalled, explains the root causes, and offers compelling commonsense solutions that can empower women to achieve their full potential. It is a very thought-provoking, interesting read. Plan to attend this stimulating discussion.

The second book to be discussed (probably in January) will be "The Blue Sweater: Bridging the Gap Between Rich and Poor in an Interconnected World," by Jacqueline Novogratz.

Scholarship Recipients

This year, we have two scholarship recipients. Shawna Blake was awarded the Graduate Woman Scholarship for \$1000. She was one of the organizing members of the NSU AAUW Student Organization and has been very active.

For the first time, we have awarded an Undergraduate Woman Scholarship. Molly Turner received this scholarship for \$500. She was one of the organizing members of the NSU AAUW Student Organization and served as its first president.

Both of these women are well deserving of these scholarships.

NCCWSL

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), is the nation's premier conference for college women. NCCWSL is a transformative experience that prepares students to return home ready to improve their campuses and their communities. Since 2010, The AAUW Tahlequah Branch and NSU Student Affairs have been cosponsoring a scholarship for a student to attend. In addition, AAUW Oklahoma,

AAUW Tulsa Branch, and the NSU President's Office have cosponsored scholarships. To date, eight NSU students have had the wonderful opportunity to attend.

The next conference is scheduled for June 5-7, 2014 at the University of Maryland, College Park. If you are an interested student, start planning now. National scholarships are also available. Early Bird Registration is from January 10 - April 10, 2014. If you are a faculty member, encourage your students to attend.

For more information: www.nccwsl.org

Future Meeting Dates

The meeting dates for the next few months are:

Monday, November 11, noon -- Business meeting/committee reports (location TBD)

Friday, November 22, noon -- Program meeting (location TBD)

Monday, December 2, noon -- Business meeting/committee reports/Tours of Homes final details (location TBD)

Sunday, December 8 -- Tour of Homes, AAUW Tahlequah's biggest annual fundraiser

December date TBD -- Holiday party

Put these on your calendar now so you won't forget.

Homes for the Holidays Tour

The "Homes for the Holidays" tour of homes is scheduled for December 8th. We need a lot of help since this is our biggest fund raiser of the year. The money raised from the tour and the Goodie Shoppe goes toward our contribution to the Educational Opportunities Fund at the national Association. Some funds are also used for our local operating expenses.

If you are interested in working on the planning committee or if you have suggestions for houses to be on the tour, contact Chair Laura Boren at borenld@nsuok.edu.

Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF)

The Educational Opportunities Fund supports educational and lifelong learning opportunities that give women a chance for a lifetime of success. One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 245 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2013-14 academic year. This fund provides for American Fellowships, Career Development Grants, Community Action Grants, International Fellowships, International Project Grants and Selected Professions Fellowships.

American Fellowships support women scholars who are completing dissertations, planning research leave from accredited institutions, or preparing research for publication. Recipients for the Dissertation Fellowships receive \$20,000, Postdoctoral Research Leave Fellowships receive \$30,000 and Summer/Short-Term Research Publications Grants receive \$6,000. If you fit into one of these categories, get an application and apply.

This needs to be done immediately because the deadline is NOVEMBER 15 for the 2014-15 academic year.

Career Development Grants provide funding to women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or re-enter the workforce. Recipients may receive between \$2,000 and \$12,000. **This DECEMBER 15 deadline is also coming up soon.**

The deadline for the Selected Professions Fellowships is January 10, 2014 and for the Community Action Grant is January 15, 2014.

For more information go to the AAUW website www.aauw.org and click on "What We Do" and then click on "Educational Funding."