

BRANCHING OUT

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

Our next program meeting is **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 at noon at the HELP-IN-CRISIS office at 205 North College.** The speaker is **Margaret Cook, Executive Director of Help-in-Crisis.**

Ms. Cook has been with Help-in-Crisis since 1998 in various capacities and assumed the directorship position in January 2013 after completing her law degree.

Ms. Cook will present the services Help-In-Crisis offers, some of the common misconceptions about victims of domestic violence, and ways individuals or groups in the community can assist the agency in meeting victim's needs.

Did you know that Help-in-Crisis has a resale shop?

Attendees may bring their own sack lunch.

You are encouraged to attend this program meeting and learn more about the many services that Help-in-Crisis provides to individuals across a 4-county area.

BUSINESS ITEMS: One item of business is expected to be on the agenda-approval of the budget for the current year. The proposed budget will be sent in a different e-mail for you to examine.

A second item of business will be finalizing plans for the "Homes for the Holidays" tour. Persons are needed to serve as hostesses in the homes, work in the Goodie Shoppe, serve at the Reception Site, etc.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR: The "**Homes for the Holidays**" tour is set for **Sunday, December 8** in the afternoon. Homes confirmed for the tour at this time are:

Dr. Tom and Mrs.
Jackson, 716 Victor Street
Hank and Becky Wright, 508
Covington Street
Dr. Steve and Mrs. Penny Turner,
526 Seminary Avenue

Additional homes would be welcomed. If you or if you know someone that would place their home on the tour,

please let Laura Boren know immediately. A reception site will be selected shortly.

The Christmas tour of homes is a major fundraising activity for AAUW.

AAUW/Tahlequah Branch Officers:

Elected Officers:

President – Peggy Glenn

Vice-President of Programs - Open

Vice-President of Membership - Linda West

Secretary – Suzanne Farmer

Treasurer - Jeanna

Appointed Chairs:

Social Media & Yearbook Editor - Linda West

Education Opportunities Fund - Irene Wickham

Public Information & Historian - Irene Wickham

Newsletter Editor - Lela Stowers Wing

Bylaws & Parliamentarian - Lela Stowers

Graduate & Undergraduate Scholarships - Peggy Glenn

NCCWSL Delegate Selection - Jeanna Wing

Outstanding Member Service Award - Linda West

The following appointed chair positions are open: Diversity, Legal Advocacy Fund, and Public Policy. If you have an interest in filling one of these positions, contact President Peggy Glenn.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS: This year's AAUW ornament should be available around Thanksgiving. This year's ornament has an image of the three columns in front of the Cherokee National Museum at the Cherokee

Heritage Center. It is a limited edition of 100 ornaments, and each ornament is numbered on the back. The image is imprinted on a flat, round, porcelain disk enclosed in a blue velour bag. The cost is \$12.50. A picture of the ornament is attached.

If you would like to order one or more, contact Irene Wickham, iwickham@cablelynx.com or call 918-456-5584. If you want a specified numbered ornament, let Irene know as soon as possible so that she may save that one for you.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS: Each of our recent scholarship recipients sent a letter of thanks for their scholarship. A very deserving **Molly Turner**, the undergraduate recipient is a Tahlequah native majoring in Communication Studies. Molly is very active on campus participating in student government serving as Secretary of Advocacy and Diversity on the President's Cabinet, speech and debate team serving as captain, and a number of student organizations and activities.

Shawna Blake is the recipient of the graduate scholarship. Shawna comes from the tiny community of Redland, OK and is pursuing her Master's degree in Communication Arts. She works as a student aid at the United States Army Corps of Engineers Navigation Project Office and is a Graduate Assistant for the NSU Speech and Debate Team.

Both of these young women are actively involved in the Student Branch of AAUW on the NSU campus.

AAUW COMMUNITY ACTION

GRANTS: Does anyone have or know of a community project that needs money? AAUW has Community Action Grants available that may help. These grants provide funds to individuals, AAUW branches, and AAUW state organization as well as local community-based nonprofit organizations for innovative programs or non-degree research projects that promote education and equity for women and girls. One- and two-year grants are available.

One-year grants for \$2,000-\$7,000 provide funding for community-based projects. Topic areas are unrestricted, but should include a clearly defined activity that promotes education and equality for women and girls.

Two-year grants for \$5,000-\$10,000 provide startup funds for new projects that address the particular needs of the community and develop girls' sense of efficacy through leadership or advocacy opportunities. Topic areas are unrestricted, but should include a clearly defined activity that promotes education and equality for women and girls.

Applications may be obtained from the AAUW website - <http://www.aauw.org/>. Information may be found under "What We Do" and "Educational Funding and Awards." The deadline for all materials to be received in January 15, 2014. The funding period for one-year grants is July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015. The two-year grants run from July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2016.

For additional information, you may contact Irene Wickham

at iwickham@cablelynx.com who serves as Educational Opportunities Fund Chair for the Tahlequah Branch.

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