



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW)
Empowering Women Since 1881

Tahlequah Branch
February 2014 Newsletter

The tentative date for the next General Program Meeting is March 14. More information will be sent as soon as it becomes available.

BUSINESS: Numerous topics were discussed at the February 10 business meeting and action taken on a number of issues, projects, and events. Several of the discussions and decisions dealt with the financial support to be given to the Association and other deserving programs. The group voted to send money to the Association as follows:

Educational Opportunities Fund
\$675.00
Legal Advocacy Fund
135.00
Leadership Fund
200.00

Two hundred dollars (\$200) was designated for the registration of a local girl attending Oklahoma Girls State this spring. The Tahlequah Branch has supported one girl for Girls State for many years.

The Tahlequah Branch designated \$200 to the Weatherford Branch's Tech Trek program. This program is for entering 8th grade girls. The week-long event is July 13-19. If you know a girl who is entering 8th grade and has an interest in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields, you may call Jeanna Wing at NSU X3742 or 918-456-9355 for more information. It would be great if a girl from this area could attend this very worth-while program. Ellen Thuy Le, a recent chemical

engineering graduate from Stanford University attended a Tech Trek camp when she was 12 and credits it with sending her on a lifelong journey in the sciences and with being involved

with AAUW. Ms. Le stated, "Tech Trek was the first time I didn't have male classmates looking down on me or making me feel weird for loving science and math.

FUNDRAISING PROJECT: Our active collegiate group will have a booth at the community building on Saturday, March 15. If you have slightly used items to donate, call Peggy Glenn or one of the student members. The group will be setting up the fundraising booth on Friday evening, March 14.

NCCWSL COMMITTEE: The committee for selection of student attendees to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) are Jeanna Wing, Chair and members Irene Wickham, Tiffanie Temple, and Elizabeth Bird. NCCWSL is a 2 ½ day event held in June. The women attend workshops preparing them for life after college, meet incredible role models, and gain the confidence and skills they need to return to their campuses and communities ready to take action.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY HISTORY: Irene Wickham has additional copies of this very interesting history of the Tahlequah Branch. It is amazing at the variety of programs and activities in which the Tahlequah Branch has been involved in the missional effort of promoting equity and education for women and

girls. If you have not received a copy, call Irene at 918-456-5584 and she will see that you receive a copy.

2013 ORNAMENTS: Several of the 2013 Christmas ornaments are available. Since it was necessary to cancel our annual Christmas home tour due to severe weather conditions and several ornaments are sold to tour participants during the tour, fewer ornaments have been sold. If you or someone you know wish to purchase an ornament, you may call Irene Wickham at 918-456-5584. The ornaments are \$12.50 each.

FUNDRAISER ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

WELCOMED: The annual “Homes for the Holidays” tour has been the major fundraising event of the Tahlequah Branch for several years. Since the 2013 event was canceled due to extreme unfavorable weather conditions, the branch is in need of a fundraising activity. The “Homes for the Holidays” tour and the extracurricular activities held in conjunction with the tour usually raised in the vicinity of

\$2,000. Any and all suggestions you may have should be sent to President Peggy Glenn.

LYNCH CREEK FARMS: The Lynch Creek Farms fundraiser (live wreaths and other live Christmas decorations) netted \$200 for the branch. At the recent business meeting, it was a consensus the branch participate again next year beginning a few weeks earlier to allow more time for participation.

AR-OK CONVENTION: The AR-OK AAUW 2014 Convention is Saturday, April 5, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Northwest Arkansas Community College in Bentonville, AR. The convention theme is “Working Women: Then and Now.” There is also a pre-event on Friday evening, April 4 held at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. I’ve been to Crystal Bridges Museum and it is awesome. I am forwarding to you information on these two collaborated events as well as a way in which you may participate in the “AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Walk/Run/Sleep-in For Funds” event.

Find it on www.eventbrite.com

The screenshot shows an Eventbrite event page for the 'AR-OK AAUW 2014 Convention Working Women: Then and Now'. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2014, from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM (CDT) in Bentonville, AR. The page features a 'Ticket Information' table, a 'Save This Event' button, a 'Who's Going' section, and a 'When & Where' section with a map. The ticket table lists three options: 'Convention Registration (including Banquet)' for \$50.00, 'Banquet Only' for \$20.00, and 'Student (ID Required at event)' for \$10.00. The 'When & Where' section identifies the location as Northwest Arkansas Community College, Shewmaker Center for Global Business Development, SE Eagle Way, Bentonville, AR 72712. The page also includes social media sharing options and a list of open applications at the bottom.

TICKET TYPE	REMAINING	SALES END	PRICE	FEE	QUANTITY
Convention Registration (including Banquet)	50 Tickets	Apr 5, 2014	\$50.00	\$3.49	0
Banquet Only	19 Tickets	Apr 5, 2014	\$20.00	\$1.99	0
Student (ID Required at event)	59 Tickets	Apr 5, 2014	\$10.00	\$1.49	0

COMMUNITY: Dr. Gary Moulton, University of Nebraska Thomas C. Sorensen Emeritus Professor of American History, will discuss "CHEROKEE JOHN ROSS: YESTERDAY AND TODAY" at noon, THURSDAY, MARCH 6, at the Tahlequah Municipal Center, 100 N. Water Avenue. This presentation is open to the public and free. Dr. Moulton is a 1968 graduate of NSU and is the author of the most thorough biography of Ross and is the editor of the two-volume collection of the Cherokee chief's writings.