

The Tiempo

Tampa AAUW Members Came out in AAUW **COLORS** to Install New Officers and to Celebrate Fellow Members Contributions to Continuing "The Tampa Legacy". See Story and pictures on page 3.



Sherry Foecking: 50 years of Making a Difference

At the May Installation meeting, Sherry Foecking was honored for 50 years of membership in AAUW. Additionally, she was added to the list of Ribbon of Honor awardees for her contributions and service. Sherry stepped up to the plate to serve as president or co-president on six occasions. Furthermore, she created a monthly newsletter and hand mailed the copies for over 20 years. She has become the "go to" person. She continues to help this branch stay a viable voice for women and girls. Sherry has shown no fear in taking on the most ominous tasks. For instance she recently took on the formidable task of chair of the 2017 Bylaw Renewal Committee, overseeing the formation of Tampa's current bylaws. In addition to her work with AAUW,



Sherry remains active in the community. She teaches technology as a volunteers with the University of South Florida's Osher Life-Long Learning Institute (OLLI) program.

Sherry is also involved in the Sacred Heart Church Ladies Guild, Catholic Women's Club, the Alum group of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Plant City

2017-2018 Membership Fees	Due now. Please contact Joyce Ellsworth at 813.9716731 to relay your intentions.
Annual Planning Board Meeting. Board Members Required. All members welcome.	Saturday, July 29
Annual Fundraiser	Date to be announced

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You Can Help!



Gloria Hilton, Director of Tech Trek and STEM activities reported at the May 20th meeting that Tech Trek has lost a major sponsor and additionally, funding for the program will be significantly reduced for the year 2017-2018. This year's camp begins tomorrow June 11th and will run through June 17 at the Palm Beach State College at Boca Raton. Tampa AAUW donated \$500 which pays for a half week for one camper. Members may use the form Gloria passed out at the May meeting. Or members may go to Tech Trek Florida Donate @<http://techtrek-fl.aauw.net/donate/>. To submit a donation. Fifty dollars will cover camp supplies and a T-shirt for one camper. \$1,000 will support a full week for one girl. You can discover what your donation will cover at the website. If you wish additional information, please call Gloria at 440.225.0442. Or, email her at glorialhilton@verizon.net



Please Meet and Welcome the New Tiempo Editor

K. Lee-Smith, Ph.D. is the new Newsletter and Media Manager for Tampa AAUW. Dr. “Kay” Lee-Smith has extensive newsletter editor experience that includes serving as newsletter editor/chair of a 501c3 organization for over four years. She also developed and served as editor for a monthly economic development newsletter for a municipality, and has held the Newsletter Chair for a military spousal organization. Kay says she joined AAUW because of its Vision, “Bringing together individuals with a common goal of breaking through education and economic barriers for all women.” Additionally, she says she sees the AAUW Vision aligns with her personal goal of helping to advance the agenda for all women through economic empowerment and educational opportunities.

She is a System Administrator for the Veteran Health Administration Network Contracting Office 8, located in Tampa. She has been at the VA for seven years and in her current position for two and one-half years. Her background and experiences are numerous and include serving as an Army Family Team Builder, USAID Researcher, Certified Real Estate Appraiser, Contracting Officer Representative, Equal Employment Opportunity Program Manager, Economic Development Planner, and Healthcare Advocate..

Dr. Lee-Smith earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy and Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Jackson State University. She is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha and Phi Gamma Mu Honor Societies. Her research interests are environmental, economic, healthcare, and educational disparities.

When asked about her hopes for this branch, she responded with the following: 1. Promote the agenda for women by advocating for the passage of all legislation regarding women’s rights, such as make equal pay for women a reality and paid leave for maternal, paternal and senior care and 2. Encourage women and girls to seek STEM careers

Life motto

“No matter the circumstance, education is a must” “Knowledge breeds opportunity”, I believe success equals a trained mind and a heart inspired by God.

“Kay” has been a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church (UMC) and currently attends St. James UMC, Tampa Palms. She is married to David Smith LTC (Retired) and has three children Tara, David, and Jon-Kyle.

Other affiliations include Member Tampa Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., American Society of Public Administrators (ASPA), Conference of Minority Pubic Administrators (COMPAA), Greater Tampa Associate Group, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Jackson State University Alumni Association, and ¹¹SEP Mentor, Hillsborough County Children Services.

There is something warm and inviting about having a conversation with “ Kay”. Talk with her about your thoughts and ideas.



July

Kirk Guillory 9th
 John Chaplick 23
 Maureen Solimon

August

Madge Soyster 2
 Jacqui Vento 3
 Avis Chaplick 11

Installation and Recognition Program

The annual installation of officers program was held on May 20th with 25 members and supporters on hand to witness the event. Irene Bemby, Director of Program Development, Robyn Kibler, Financial Officer Mentee, Mattie Parr, Recording Secretary. Aleseya Pinkney, Facebook and Website Manager, and K. "Kay" Lee-Smith, Newsletter and Media Manager were installed. Avis Chaplick, Corresponding Secretary, Scottie Fingar, Director of Public Policy, and Shella Miller, Director of Membership were all on leave secondary to unforeseeable circumstances and will be installed at a later meeting. Joyce Ellsworth, Financial Officer, Kirk Guillory, and Sandra Roth, outgoing Director of Communications assisted in pinning and welcoming the newly installed officers. To their posts. Mary Alice Dobson and Sherry Foecking passed candles to the new officers symbolizing their vow to support new officers in their roles.

Additionally, Tampa AAUW joined National AAUW in acknowledging commitment and service from experienced members. In doing so, Sherry Foecking, was recognized for long term membership and outstanding contributions(See story page 1). Additionally, the following outgoing officers were also recognized for their work and commitment to the posts they were leaving.: Irene Bemby-Director of Public Policy, Mary Alice Dobson- Director of Program Development, and Sandra Raih , Director of Communications. Each outgoing officer was awarded a certificate and tokens of appreciation.

Color Day

The first formal Colors Day ,held in conjunction with the Installation and Recognition Program was a hit. Reverend Martha Vaguener presented a passage that identified colors from a biblical perspective. Nearly every member wore some form, shade , or combination of the AAUW primary (Admiral Blue and Leaf Green) or Secondary (Honey Gold, Paprika, Perfect Ruby , Slate Blue, Eggplant, and Fern) colors. Three Friends of Tampa AAUW, Betty Chester, Deborah Gano, and Janice Wiggins judged the color event. And Gloria Hilton, Director of Tech Trek and STEM activities announced and congratulated the winners. The three winners accepted the prizes-travel bags, in AAUW's Primary Colors, of course, as a symbol of Tampa AAUW's continuing effort to travel the path of those who came before! The three identified winners were, Sherry Foecking, Mary Alice Dobson, and Reverend Martha Vaguener. It turns out everyone was a winner. Dressing in AAUW Colors showcased he commitment and camaraderie that abounds ! See pictures below and on Page 4.



Mattie Parr is pinned by Joyce Ellsworth



Pinning of Irene Bemby



Kay Lee-Smith accepts welcome Package from Kirk Guillory



Robyn after Pinning



Pinning of Aleseya Pinkney



Sandra Roth accepts Award



Mary Alice Dobson passes symbol of Support



Lucia Stevens looks on



The Judges- (L-R) Janice Wiggins, Deborah Gano, Betty Chester



The Winners(L-R) Mary Alice Dobson, Sherry Foecking, Rev. Martha Vaguener



Contestants: Irene Bemby, Sherry Foecking, Conni Fountain, Joyce Ellsworth, Rev. Martha Vaguener, Aleseya Pinkney, and Mary Alice Dobson

From the President's Desk:

Partnership

This past year has been full of the wonderment of change, meeting new friends and partners in the pursuit of the mission, and finding ways to get it all done. I appreciate the support I received during this first year of my presidency. I am fully cognizant that I can accomplish very little without you. Please believe I do not say this just in passing.

In partnership with each other, we reached the end of the year richer than at the start and more sure of how to proceed in the future. In the coming year, we will need to work alongside each other to "keep the legacy."

Thank you for giving me this opportunity . Please enjoy your summer.



Bert Dunbar, PhD, ARNP, NEA



June

Lucia Stevens	2
Susan Barksdale	8
Alice Prive	14
Luella Carrington	16
Susie Donley	18
Sherry Foecking	18
Ilaria Ippolito	21
Jeanne Wolfe	30

Mores Scenes from Installation, Recognition Ceremony



Rev. Vaguener



Connie Fountain



Ara Rogers



Alese