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October Halloween Garb Contestants, Looking Absolutely Fabulous!

From the President's Desk:

It was exhilarating to be a part of the October Strategic Goal Planning Meeting. Twenty-four members and one guest put their minds and voices together to create viable plans to help Tampa AAUW meet the goals set for the fiscal years of 2016-2018. However, the goals can only be successfully met if **all** members are committed to finding his or her niche and chime in to help bring the plans to fruition. Understandably, not everyone is able to serve on a committee, work a fundraiser, or even sometimes attend a meeting. Perhaps your only contribution to helping "sustain the legacy" is to continue to renew your membership-thereby speaking loudly and clearly that you continue to support the mission.

However, perhaps you are able to, for example, extend a hand by donating a silent auction item or a basket for the February annual fundraiser raffle. Or, you may wish to join one or two others to make a basket. If so, please contact Connie Fountain at newbeginnings63@msn.com or phone her at 813.892.1126. Your contribution will benefit, the scholarship fund, Tech Trek, and the Tampa Affiliate programming.

As we continue to work towards our goals, let's take stock of Irene Bembrly's inspirational message at the October 16th meeting. Let's leave behind those things that keep us less than fulfilled, be appreciative of what we have, and move positively towards embracing changes in our future. It is mindful and positive change that keeps our branch alive, thriving, and sustainable.

Respectfully,

Bert Dunbar, PhD. ARNP

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October Meeting Highlights



Left to right: Sherry Foecking, Mary Alice Dobson, Irene Bemby, and President Dunbar

AAUW Tampa October meeting was full of excitement! There was fantasy horseracing, a Halloween Garb contest, and our strategic planning sessions.

Fantasy horseracing was phenomenal. Everyone had an amazing time picking their horse of choice. Kirk Guillory, announced the event with such enthusiasm, we thought we were at a live event! Many thanks to Kirk for an outstanding performance. We look forward to our next fantasy race! The winner, Marjorie Veenstra, donated all winnings to AAUW Tampa. Congratulations and thank you Marjorie for your most appreciated generosity!

October also found us in planning mode, with our annual strategic planning sessions. President Dunbar divided the planning sessions into three categories: Membership, chaired by Shella Miller; Marketing, Chaired by Jasmine, White-Bynum; and Financial, chaired by President Dunbar. Each chair reported on three activities they would conduct during the program year to support their respective planning area. More to come in the meeting minutes.

The October meeting was also filled with fun and excitement with our Halloween Garb contest. Members were absolutely fabulous as they paraded their Halloween Garb! The day was filled with anticipation as to whom would win. The winners were (drumroll please): 1st place, Irene Bemby, was adorned in black and gold Arabian Nights garb; 2nd place, Mary Alice Dobson, wore a black and white Skeleton ensemble; and third place, Sherry Foecking appeared as the Wicked Witch, oh my! Thank you to everyone for your participation, you **All** looked Absolutely Fabulous Darlings!



A Message from Tech Trek:

“What is Tech Trek”? Through hands-on problem solving and encounters with women role models in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), AAUW Tech Trek helps girls see their futures while having nonstop fun. This one-week summer camp is backed by AAUW’s research and designed to make STEM fields exciting and accessible to girls in middle school — the age when girls’ participation in these fields statistically drops. For many girls, the weeklong camp sparks their curiosity and places them on a path toward success.

Girls are a good fit for Tech Trek if they are currently in the 7th grade, interested in math and science, and have the potential to excel. Tech Trek is looking for girls who have not had the opportunity for experiences like Tech Trek before, but are excited by the opportunity to try something new, learn new things, and challenge themselves. The ideal Tech Trek camper cooperates with teachers, shows respect for other students, regularly participates in class discussions, and makes positive choices for herself in and out of class. To apply, girls must be nominated by their science or math teacher.

This year’s camp will be held June 10-16, 2018, Boca Raton campuses of Palm Beach State College and Florida Atlantic University. The application process has begun and the deadline for nominations is December 1, 2017. Only 5 students can be nominated from each school. For application packets, sponsorship information or to find out more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Dr. Gloria Hilton, Director of Tech Trek, AAUW Tampa, at email: GloriaLHilton@Verizon.Net or phone 813-907-2424.

Thank you for supporting this outstanding AAUW program!

Financial Officer Announces Plans to Leave Office

After 10 years of continuous service, Joyce Ellsworth announced she will be stepping down from the position of Financial Officer. This will leave a huge hole in the operational machinery for this affiliate. The Financial Officer's role involves ensuring the upkeep of financial records, safety of Affiliate's monies, and the payment of the Tampa Affiliate's financial obligations, both locally and with the national office. However, Joyce does much more. She encourages and follows up with members to renew, prepares for and manages the reception desk at meetings and fundraisers, receives and places members' orders for meetings and events, setups and manages small fundraisers e.g. book sales and jewelry sales. Additionally, Joyce engages in and assists with numerous behind the scenes activities that help to keep Tampa a viable organization.

Members will benefit from Joyce's institutional knowledge and ongoing contributions for many years. Just so she knows: Let her know when this leaving the Financial Officer's role occurs, we are not letting her off the hook for all the "Other Things" she does. However, it is clear for all to see, it is her nature to be involved!

When you see Joyce, tell her how much you appreciate her and her work. How do you say 'thank you' without sounding trite? As president, I will simply say for now, for all of us:

*Thank
you* 

Membership Matters

Director of Membership, Shella Miller, shellamiller078@gmail.com

Please remember our Membership Drive, with the goal of increasing membership by 10 new members themed, ***Each One Bring One to Empower!*** There will be a prize for first and second place for the member who signed up the highest number of new members.

Membership is open to anyone holding an associate's (or equivalent, e.g. RN), bachelor's, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. The total cost for these great benefits is \$74.00 (\$49.00 national and \$25.00 local branch dues). Remember, people like to be personally asked. With excitement, ask someone to come to the next meeting! With pride, ask someone to join our local chapter! Thanks for your continued support and commitment to AAUW!

AAUW National News

Take Action to Close the Gender Pay Gap on Latinas' Equal Pay Day November 2, 2017



Thursday, November 2, marks [Latinas' Equal Pay Day](#), the symbolic day when Hispanic and Latina women's earnings "catch up" to non-Hispanic white men's earnings from the previous year. Latinas are paid 54 percent of what non-Hispanic white men

are paid. That means it takes Latinas almost an entire extra year of full-time, year-round work in order to be paid what the average non-Hispanic white man took home by December 31.

Latinas' Equal Pay Day marks a powerful moment for national action. There are many things individuals, employers, and the government can do to help close the gender pay gap. Here are ways you can take action to close the gender pay gap in observance of Latinas' Equal Pay Day.

1. Tell Congress that women can't afford to wait for equal pay.

Urge your members of Congress to support strong, effective legislation to close the gender pay gap. AAUW has long called for federal action to address the gender pay gap, but we know that not all reforms are created equal. We want to see meaningful solutions such as the passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act and the Fair Pay Act.

2. Join the official #LatinaEqualPay Twitter storm.

Raise your voice! Join the Twitter storm from 2 to 3 p.m. ET on November 2. We'll share new data; explain the pay gap; suggest solutions; and, with your help, agitate for change. [Follow @AAUW](#) and use hashtag [#LatinaEqualPay](#).



November General Meeting

November 18, 2017

11 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Menu Options

Turkey with all the fixings or

Pasta Primavera (no dessert)

Cost \$18.00

R.S.V.P. By November 15th

Sherry Foecking, 813-610-2947

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(Even if you are not staying for the meal, please let Sherry know to allow for the appropriate room size)

Temple Terrace

Golf & Country Club

200 Inverness Avenue

Temple Terrace, FL 33617

General Meeting/Event Dates

- November 15** *State Officer Nomination Packet Due*
- December 1** *Teck Trek Nominations Due*
- December 16** *General Meeting*
- January 20** *Scholarship Winners*
- February 24** *Fundraising Event Extravaganza of the Art Performers: James Tokley Heralds of Harmony Quartet Pianist, Betty Chester*
- March 17** *Ethics Presentation*
- April 21** *Board Nominees Presented*
- May 19** *Elections*
- June 16** *Colors Day*



Annual Fundraiser

Volunteers are needed to form a committee for our upcoming annual fundraiser. This year's signature event "An Extravaganza of the Arts" will be on February 24th, Tampa Palms Country Club. Your time, talents and resources are needed to make this year's event a Success! Funds raised will support AAUW Tampa programming. If you are able to serve, please contact Connie Fountain, Chair at newbeginnings63@msn.com or 813-892-1126.

November Birthday Greetings
Marjorie Veenstra



Directory Corrections/Additions

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