

The Tiempo

100th Anniversary Celebration and Scholarship Fundraiser: *Mission Accomplished!*

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Helping guests find their way.
L-R: . Dr. Carla Carten, John Chaplick, Avis Chaplic(seated, Aleseya Pinkney, (Doris Weatherford.- guest) and Joyce Ellsworth.

From the President's Desk:



We are at the beginning of another fiscal year and another 100 years. How do we build on a foundation that has lasted for 100 years? Where do we want to go from here?

The October 15, 2016 meeting will be a strategic planning meeting. The session will be held 11 am–1pm at Grille 116 located at 6:12 N Dale Mabry Hwy. Some members voiced hopes of adding activities, revamping programming, getting more involved in the community, and increasing the branch's involvement in the Tech Trek program. Please bring your ideas, your voice and your willingness to get involved.

Additionally, in an effort to get to know members, members will be invited to participate in a "getting to know you" activity. It should be enlightening and fun!



Many of you know Tech Trek is an opportunity for girls entering the 8th grade to share experiences in science, engineering, mathematics, and technology (STEM) classes and workshops. The girls live on a college campus for a week. The next camp will be held in **Boca Raton, Florida June 11-17, 2017**. The selected girls will work with STEM role models and become acquainted with other girls who share their interest in STEM.

Tampa Branch AAUW members are needed to form a committee to work toward the endeavor of supporting Tampa area girls to attend this important camp in June 2017. Please contact Gloria Hilton at GloriaLHilton@Verizon.Net or 813-994-9304 if you are interested in serving on the committee. Thank you for your immediate response.



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On a beautiful sunny Florida day, John Chaplick, MC, officially, opened the program by asking for a moment of silence in memory of 911 victims, their family members, and friends. Mrs. Ericka Reynolds followed with a beautiful and stirring rendition of the national anthem. The Florida AAUW president, Shirley Reid laid the foundation for the day's celebratory event with supportive and congratulatory remarks.

Mrs. Sonja W. Garcia a retired University of South Florida (USF) Library Administrator., mentor, and highly regarded advocate for the well-being and education of others was the keynote speaker. Her informative and moving address illuminated the need for community organizations and leaders to continue to work together in advocating for women and girls in the community and across the nation on such issues as equal pay for equal work, encouraging girls and women to explore science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and protection of the welfare of girls and women in schools and in the workplace.

Tampa AAUW wanted to highlight the mission of AAUW during this 100th year celebration. Thus, the Ribbon of Honor Award was created. Five community leaders were recipients of the inaugural Ribbon of Honor Award given for their exemplary leadership in implementing and or promoting the principles of advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research in their careers and in their everyday lives. The recipients included Mrs. Avis Chaplick, 51 year AAUW member, Mrs. Sonja Garcia, retired library administrator for the University of South Florida and community advocate, Representative Betty Reed, Dr. Ara Rogers, Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning institute, University of South Florida, and Mrs. Doris Weatherford, local author and historian of the woman's role in history.

Eighty-eight community leaders and friends of AAUW Tampa helped the Tampa branch meet its scholarship fundraising goals for the year as they enjoyed a an inspiring program and a delicious luncheon choice of Chicken stuffed with gouda and wrapped in prosciutto, or Pecan crusted white fish or, a veggie plate of Portobello, eggplant, asiago and roasted tomatoes.

Mrs. Betty Chester, local piano instructor and performer and vocalist and local nurse, Mrs. Ericka Reynolds provided beautiful musical entertainment. A special thanks goes out to Robert Dunbar, Jr. for the photography.



Irene Bemby-Recent Past President and Sonja Garcia-Keynote Speaker



L-R: Avis Chaplick, Betty Reed, Bert Dunbar-Tampa President, Shirley Reid-Florida President, Sonja Garcia, and Doris Weatherford.



Reverend Martha Vaguener, used Psalms 100 as an inspirational passage for the event.



Mary Alice Dobson, Director of Programs and VP of Tampa AAUW



Carla Carten, Irene Bemby, and Aleseya Pinkney. Carla and Aleseya were greeters



Betty Chester—local piano instructor and performer provided beautiful piano mu-



Ericka Reynolds, Vocalist and RN



Dr. Ara Rogers— Center Holding Award: Ribbon of Honor Recipient and new Tampa AAUW member.



John Chaplick , MC and Aleseya Pinkney Greeter give out donated door prizes-books- Liily Ledbetter's Grace and Grit and a gift basket filled with relaxation goodies- Godiva, wine, candles, etc..



“ STEP WITH ME”

I am honored to be your new president in this momentous year 2016. Ninety-six years after the ratification of the 19th Amendment, one of the two major political parties has nominated the first woman to become president of this great country of ours. (finally) This is the time for us to stand up with our sisters to recognize the hard work of the women and men who led the successful suffrage movement by keeping the polls accessible to everyone and ensuring all women are registered and educated on all issues.

Let us take advantage of our Public Policy Impact Grant in our Branches by making certain that all women are registered to vote. Elections matter! Let us make certain that all women are educated on issue-based choices. We will continue to fight for fair pay and against discrimination. Your vote is your voice. Be Heard!

We are pleased with another dynamic Tech Trek STEM Camp held this year at Palm Beach State College. We congratulate all of you for your caring support in making this possible this year for 60 young girls entering 8th grade to attend. Our campers described this as an “awesome” experience. We’re hoping that you have STEM as part of your operating budget. It takes \$1000 to send a girl to camp.

Our upcoming Leadership Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Sarasota Florida, beginning on Sunday, April 2nd through Monday noon April 3rd. This as you realize is a slight change for us, but I believe that starting early we should be able to plan accordingly. At this time of year, in the midst of tourist season, we are able to negotiate better hotel rates and accommodations by moving our conference to beginning on Sunday. Let’s be open to this and try it! Planning is underway. You won’t want to miss this!

Each month one of your State Board Directors will be featured in “STEP WITH ME” to share pertinent information with you and to let you know that we are here for you. This is an exciting time and we enthusiastically embrace the opportunities available to us as we continue to fulfill our mission of advancing equity to women and girls. Working together we are stronger.



We are operating without a full board. Your talents are needed. The following positions are open:

- 1. Newsletter Editor*
- 2. Director of Publications*

If you are itching to lend a hand to help your branch run smoothly, please let us know.