



Tampa AAUW: Making A Difference for over 100 years

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From the President's Desk:

Holiday Musings

Inspiration

Jacqui Vento's Inspirational message reminded us of the many things for which we have to be thankful. As members of AAUW, we have the opportunity to be part of a network of women and men dedicated to working to promote and advocate for equity for women and girls. Our November speaker, Dottie Groove- Skipper, in her trafficking presentation, gave us all reason to rethink other ways of contributing to the cause of "advocacy for women and girls". Please read Irene's article in this issue for more information about Dottie's presentation.

Meeting Etiquette

The one thing, we as AAUW members have in common is our desire to promote the principles of AAUW including gender fairness, equity, and diversity. One of the most wonderful aspects of Tampa AAUW is its diversity. Our Tampa organization is filled with novice and experienced members with very diverse backgrounds in professions, education, experiences, culture, and world views. Therefore, it is expected that there may be a difference of opinion in some areas. Opinions that are sometimes held tightly. Every member has the right and the responsibility to speak his or her opinion in regards to how each thinks we can meet our organizational goals. However, each member also has the responsibility to maintain respect for self and others while relating his/her thoughts and feelings about organizational issues. How we communicate is an instant picture to our guests, novice members, and thus the community.

Free Gifts

Sometimes we forget the best things in life are free. This season you may wish to consider giving gifts that have no monetary value:

- A smile when you don't feel like it.
- A minute to listen without saying "yes but".
- A thought or prayer for those who care for those who cannot care for themselves.
- A "let's do this approach" to the 2018 AAUW New Year!
- A "jammy day" to yourself. A day you stay in your pj's, let it go", relax, drink tea, and regroup.

Bert Dunbar, PhD, ARNP, NEA



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November Meeting Highlights

Human Trafficking Presentation

Dottie Groover-Skipper



AAUW Tampa has the distinct pleasure of having Ms. Dottie Groover-Skipper as our guest speaker. Dottie's presentation was very educational and inspiring. She spoke about the different forms of human trafficking. Many of us associate human trafficking with adult entertainment; however, through her insightful words we were made aware of other forms of human trafficking. She revealed human trafficking as it relates to agriculture, business practices and surprisingly some of our personal shopping practices can all be associated with facilitating human trafficking. She gave the example of people trafficked to work on farms and in sweatshops. Businesses use trafficked workers to help reduce the cost of goods and services and when we consume those goods and services we play a role in promoting human trafficking. Dottie challenged the listener to think about where they consume their goods and services!

Doti Groover-Skipper believes in dynamic living through servant leadership! Since graduating from the University of South Florida, Dot has facilitated expert programming to impact positive policy change in tobacco, alcohol, gambling, substance abuse, addiction, and sex trade and has helped develop numerous sustainable community coalitions.

Dot is an ordained elder and missionary. She has operated at the national level at the United Methodist Church through the General Board of Church and Society in Washington, DC to mobilize and train clergy and faith communities to engage in issues of addiction, human rights and social justice. She continues to present at numerous National Conferences on anti-trafficking strategies. She is founder of *HeartDance Foundation*, a ministry dedicated to restoration of men, women, and children recovering from addiction and sex trade.

Dot is credited as a catalyst to peak action against human trafficking in Tampa Bay and recognized by Florida Governor Rick Scott and Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi, as the "*Human Trafficking Advocate of the Year for the State of Florida 2013*". In March 2014, she was recognized for her tireless work as a "*Woman of Distinction*" by the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida. Dot received the *2014 Florida Achievement Award* from the Florida Commission On the Status of Women. Additionally, in February 2016, Dot was recognized by the Tampa Bay Lightning Foundation as a "*Community Hero*" and received the Zonta International "*Status of Women*" award as the 2016 Human Trafficking Victims Advocate.

Dot is appointed by Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi Policy to the legislatively formed *Statewide Council On Human Trafficking* and appointed by Florida Governor Rick Scott to the *Florida Drug Advisory Council*. She assists *FREE. The Slavery Survival Network*, serves as Commissioner on the *Hillsborough County Commission On the Status of Women*, She also serves on the board of the *Hillsborough County Anti-Drug Alliance* and is currently employed as the *Florida Division Anti-Trafficking Director* for the Salvation Army.



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Presents

An Extravaganza of the Arts

Saturday, February 24, 2018

10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club

5811 Tampa Palms Boulevard, Tampa, FL

(Donation: \$50 includes admission and lunch)

Featuring Performances by:



James Tokley
Tampa's
Poet Laureate



The Flexible Four Quartet
of the:



Betty Chester
Pianist and Organist

This is an opportunity to contribute to a worthwhile cause and immerse yourself in the arts by Tampa Bay artists including music, poetry, books, quilting, paintings, and much more. Authors will be on hand to sign their fiction and or non-fiction work— after purchase.

There will be a silent auction with items such as a 60 minute massage, paintings, quilts, etc.

Also, you may purchase tickets to participate in drawings for lavish baskets such as *Prestigious Chocolates* and *European Wines* or *Exotic Teas and Crumpets*, etc.

The silent auction, ticket purchasing for drawings, book purchases, and signings begins at 10:30am.

Winners will be announced at the end of the program.

Reservations are required. Please send your check to Mattie Parr, Secretary of AAUW Tampa - 638 Citrus Wood Lane Valrico, FL 33594. On the memo line of your check, please place your meal choice—chicken, fish, or vegetables. For further information, you may contact Mattie @ (412) 551-4018. Deadline for making reservations is Wednesday, February 21, 2018.



Proceeds will benefit the Tampa American Association of University Women Scholarships , STEM activities and branch programming. AAUW is a 501c(4) non-profit and non-partisan organization. Your donation is not tax deductible.

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!

Happy Holidays!

AAUW Florida Lobby Days 2018

January 24-25, 2018



Be There at the Capitol!

- Training session on Tuesday evening, January 23, at the hotel
 - Visit and advocate with your own legislators and team up with others
 - You will be provided with a concise list of bills to support or oppose that have been vetted by the national office, with talking points. We will also have AAUW materials for you to leave with the legislators' offices.
 - Dinner together Tuesday evening TBA
 - Other events TBA coordinating with Rep. Lori Berman's office
- Stipend: graduated scale (\$50-\$80) depending on your driving distance plus \$50 to help with lodging. This is to help with expenses, not cover them.

What to Do Now

- Contact Pat DeWitt, aauwfldewitt@gmail.com, to be put on the email list for updates. No obligation!
- Build a team from your branch!
- Call the hotel, 850-877-6121, Day's Inn Government Center, 3100 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee FL 32311 and ask for Hema, reservation number 586-094156. Rate is \$59.99 plus tax per night.

**PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!**

General Meeting/Program

**Sherry Foecking Production of 12 Apps
and A Sing Along of Holiday Songs with
Betty Chester**

December 16, 2017

11 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Menu Options

Baked Ham, Salmon, or Veggie/Pasta

Cost \$18.00

R.S.V.P. By December 13th

Irene Bembry 813-980-0928 or 602-5232

beckybembry52@gmail.com

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

Temple Terrace

Golf & Country Club

200 Inverness Avenue

Temple Terrace, FL 33617

General Meeting/Event Dates

- December 15** *Teck Trek Nominations Due*
- December 16** *General Meeting*
- January 20** *Scholarship Winners*
- January 23-25** *AAUW Florida Lobby Days
State Capitol*
- 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 still needed for the fundraising committee in support of 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.



In Memoriam



Jan Kaminiis Platt, a long time member of AAUW Tampa, passed away in November. Jan was considered the voice of environmental advocacy in Hillsborough County, for over 40 years. Her environmental advocacy included creating a county preservation program and preserving the piers that once held up the old Skyway Bridge.

Jan was a former Hillsborough County Commissioner. She served during the area's development boom in the late 1980s. Jan's legacy includes:

- Increased funding for libraries. One is named after her.*
- Passing an ordinance outlawing discrimination based on sexual orientation.*
- Leading the effort to create a county preservation program that manages more than 61,000 acres of environmentally sensitive lands. The program was later named after her.*
- Championing the West Coast Area Agency on Aging.*

Jan was born in St. Petersburg in 1936, graduated from Hillsborough High School before attending Florida State University. She served on the Tampa City Council before becoming a county commissioner in 1978, serving 24 years. She inspired many along the way.

AAUW Tampa says goodbye to Jan but her legacy, good works and the lives she touched lives on!

December Birthday Greetings



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