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From the President's Desk:

Closing out the Calendar Year

The success of the Tampa AAUW Affiliate depends on its members working and playing with commitment, camaraderie, and gusto. The coming fundraiser is an example of our needing to work with commitment, camaraderie, and gusto. And the December holiday meeting was a beautiful example of how well we can play with gusto.

The Upcoming Fundraiser

AAUW affords its members the opportunity to follow the national mission of advocacy, philanthropy, research, and education in the pursuit of equity for women and girls. The end of the calendar year brings us closer to this year's fundraiser, *Extravaganza of the Arts*, February 24th which of course will aid us in pursuit of the mission.

A successful fundraiser will require "all hands on deck". Each of us may need to make a commitment to stretch somewhat out of our comfort zone. Please check out the flyer in this issue to determine how you can help. There are all sorts of opportunities available including selling tickets to your friends or neighbors for basket drawings, purchasing books, helping with setup, greeting and ushering, inviting friends, family, or relatives to the program, or simply giving a donation to the cause.

Let's bring commitment, hard work, and camaraderie together in a big way as we push towards finishing the 2017-2018 fiscal year in June with a bang!

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December Meeting Highlights

Happy New Year! If you missed the December program you missed a treat! The December meeting was a Blast! The Reverend Martha Vaguener set the mood for the holiday meeting with a touching reflection on the reason for the season. Twenty-four members and five guests of Tampa AAUW celebrated the holiday season with a scrumptious meal and beautiful seasonal piano music by Betty Chester, local pianist.

The festive environment of good cheer was highlighted with The Tampa AAUW Players *bringing down the house* with the hilarious Sherry Foecking production of *The Ten Apps of Christmas*" In which she played the grandmother. In this production, grandchildren present the grandmother with gifts of new and very perplexing technology. Gloria Hilton was the stage manager and also played one of the "grandchildren" Other players included, alphabetically Avis Chaplick, John Chaplick, Joyce Ellsworth, Kirk Guillory, Shella Miller, Aleseya Pinkney, Martha Vaguener, Jacqu Vento, and Jasmine White-Bynum. Thank you Sherry for that Outstanding production and thank you to All the participants for making the program a Huge Success!





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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 Also, you may purchase tickets to 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.

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, \$12.00 state, and \$13.00 local branch dues). I am excited to report in the near future members will be able to join and remit dues online. 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 NEW YEAR!

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, <u>aauwfldewitt@gmail.com</u>, 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.



General Meeting/Event Dates

General Meeting
Scholarship Winners
Presentation
January 20, 2017

11 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Menu Options

Baked Chicken, Salmon, or

Veggie/Pasta

Cost \$18.00

R.S.V.P. By January 17th

Joyce Ellsworth 813-971-6731

jlellsworth@verizon.net

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

Temple Terrace
Golf & Country Club
200 Inverness Avenue
Temple Terrace, FL 33617

January 20 General Mtg. / 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 Needed



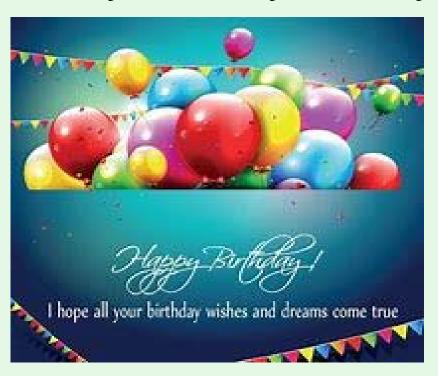
Volunteers and donations are still needed by the fundraising committee for our upcoming annual fundraiser event! This year's signature event "An Extravaganza of the Arts" will be on February

24th, Tampa Palms Country Club. Your time, talents, and resources are needed to make this year's event a Success!

Volunteers are especially needed to support the Silent Action! Current volunteer opportunities exist for raffle ticket sales, collection of funds from auction winners, and auction items display/setup. Funds raised will support AAUW Tampa programming. Also if you have donations, please bring them to the January Meeting.

If you are able to serve or have donations, please contact Connie Fountain, Chair at nings63@msn.com or 813-892-1126.

January Birthday Greetings



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Directory Corrections/Additions

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