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Tampa AAUW: Making A Difference for over 100 years

The Tiempo



From the President's Desk:

Tampa AAUW is not A Lunch Bunch

Welcome new members! Sure, it feels good to gather with old and new friends each month to share news, ideas, and a meal. However, Tampa AAUW's focus centers on the national mission statement- "advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. This has been AAUW's mission since 1881. Lunch is something we do at the Tampa branch to promote camaraderie. It is generally thought, "An organization that plays together works better together."

So how does being a member of AAUW help the cause of promoting equity for girls and women? One way is by using contributions and dues paid to national to support ongoing issues that are of concern to women and girls. Additionally, did you know AAUW has a paid Washington lobbyist working on behalf of the issues that affect women and girls? So how can local members contribute further to the cause? One way to help is to go to the national website and become a "Two Minute Activist". Help get policy written that supports equity for girls and women in schools, sports, the workplace, and in the community by making your position known to Congress.

How does Tampa help the cause? The Tampa branch awards two scholarships a year to upper-class university students helping them pursue their educational dreams. Additionally, the seventh-grade girls this branch has sponsored for Tech Trek camps had an opportunity to be exposed to interests that expand into areas that are so often thought of as "male" careers, thus opening the girls' repertoire of career choices. How can a branch member help the branch? Volunteer for a committee, work a public membership drive, give your time and talent to an ad hoc committee, volunteer for a position, work a fundraiser, or become a Legal Advocacy Fund donor. Also, local members can help the branch by attending general meetings regularly, offering a member a ride, and by donating generously to the cause.

Let's move forward!

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Tampa Branch Highlights



Paula Stewart

Meet the New Financial Officer

Paula E. Stewart is a lively, fun-loving, positive thinker who readily accepted the challenge of “keeping” our books. She retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the United States Army in 1997, after 24 years of service. She had a variety of assignments in and out of the country and some challenging jobs. Additionally, she graduated from Georgia State University with a degree in political science.

Paula is divorced and has a married son who is a biomedical engineer and is an alumnus of the University of South Florida. She also has two grandchildren. Paula is a “cradle” Episcopalian and is an active member of St. Andrew’s Episcopalian Church in downtown Tampa.

This radiant woman has many interests including cruising, reading, listening to classical and jazz music, and “restaurant hopping”. She borrowed her life’s motto from Stephen Covey’s list of Seven Habits for Effective People. Her motto is # 5- “Seek to Understand” which is quite evident when talking with her. When you see her, say hello, welcome her, and thank her for “stepping up to the plate!”

October Luncheon Speaker

Angela Birdsong is a Health and Life Agent, she helps baby boomers, retirees and the Disabled on Social Security successfully transition onto Medicare. She is a graduate of Ithaca College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in TV & Radio Communications. She is also a graduate of The Commonwealth Institute with an Associate’s degree in Funeral Directing. A former multi-family and retail commercial real estate agent she still holds a non-active real estate license. She is the former Chairman of the Board for the West Coast AIDS Foundation and a board member for the Hands of Hope Sickle Cell Foundation. She is a member of the Hillsborough Democratic Black Caucus and the Hillsborough Democratic Veterans Caucus.

2018-2019 Annual Fundraiser

An Afternoon Interlude of Music, the 2018-2019 Annual Fundraiser is scheduled for February 23, 2019 at the Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club , Tampa Florida. Please note February 23rd is **the 4th** Saturday in February. Please mark your calendar now. The fundraiser committee is formulating the program and working on booking talent for your enjoyment. Further information is forthcoming!

Membership Matters



Director of Membership, Shella Miller
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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 \$84.00 (\$59.00 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. National's goal was to have 100% of all branches renewed before July 1, 2018, the start of the new fiscal year. Thank you for your support of AAUW!

2019 AAUW National Election

Apply for election to the AAUW Board of Directors and help ensure the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW into the future.

AAUW is one of the nation's leading women's empowerment organizations with more than 170,000 members and supporters and an annual budget of over \$20 million and assets of \$120 million. For more information on AAUW, please [visit the website](#).

Before submitting your application, please read the information at the below link regarding the responsibilities of the Board of Directors. <https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election-board-application/>

Applications **open on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 12 p.m. noon ET** and will close at **6 p.m. ET on Friday, November 30, 2018**.



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 the camps will be held June 2019 at Stetson University in Deland and Florida Atlantic University in Jupiter. Each camp will serve 48 girls. This exciting weeklong residential summer camp focuses on STEM activities for girls going into eighth grade in 2019. During the week, girls attend a daily technology or science core class, perform hands-on activities throughout the day, attend a field trip to a STEM learning environment and are exposed to female STEM role models. Since 1998, AAUW has helped change girls’ lives through Tech Trek. Last year, the Tech Trek camp at Palm Beach State College/Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton served 64 girls— check out the webpage to learn more <https://techtrek-fl.aauw.net>.

The deadline for nominations is December 1, 2018. 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 Teck Trek, AAUW Tampa, at email: GloriaLHilton@Verizon.Net or phone 813-907-2424.**

Thank you for supporting this outstanding AAUW program!

AAUW Reacts to Kavanaugh Confirmation

October 06, 2018

WASHINGTON — American Association of University Women (AAUW) Chief Executive Officer Kim Churches issued the following statement following the U.S. Senate’s vote to confirm Judge Brett Kavanaugh as an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.

“AAUW denounces the Senate’s vote today to confirm Judge Kavanaugh to a seat on the Supreme Court. The integrity of the Court, which has the final say on the health, education, and economic security of women and girls, will be forever altered by the confirmation of a Justice rushed through a partisan process.

We have been watching this process closely and, from the very beginning, called for a full and fair vetting process for any nominee, including a careful examination of their record, qualifications, and temperament.

Judge Kavanaugh did not meet any of those standards. AAUW opposed Judge Kavanaugh’s confirmation on the basis of his available record, which demonstrated his hostility to AAUW’s policy priorities. When credible allegations of sexual assault surfaced, we called on the Senate to allow a comprehensive inquiry by the FBI — not the prescribed-by-politicians, time-limited, and superficial investigation that we saw. And when last week’s hearing revealed Judge Kavanaugh’s troubling biases, we called for his nomination to be withdrawn.

By each and every one of AAUW’s standards, Judge Kavanaugh does not belong on the Supreme Court, and we are dismayed that he was confirmed by the Senate. Votes matter, and Senators should expect to continue to hear from AAUW members and supporters every day.”



**General Meeting
October 20, 2018**

Speaker: Angela Birdsong

11 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Menu Options:

Chicken Masala or Salmon

Salad, Peas & Potatoes

or

Pasta Primavera

Rolls & Coffee

Cost \$20:00

R.S.V.P. October 17th

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*(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

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Temple Terrace, FL 33637

**General Meeting/Event
Dates**

October 20 *Political Ladies,
League of Women*

November 17 *Liz Gutierrez,
Women on the Move*

December 15 *Holiday
Program*

January 19 *Scholarship
Recipients*

February 23 *Fundraiser,
Tampa Palms*

March 16 *Dr. McWhorter
Title IX*

April 20 *Integrative Medicine,
Presentation of Board Nominees*

May 18 *Women on the Move,
Installation of Officers /Colors Day*

June 15 *Board Meeting*

Birthday Greetings



October Birthdays

Adele Walter 5

Anne Spinelli 14

Sandra Roth 19

Ara Rogers 27

Rachel Brink 29