



Tampa AAUW: Making A Difference for over 100 years

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# The Tiempo



## From the President's Desk:

Fellow Tampa AAUW members, as we begin to scurry about seeking "the perfect" gift, I would like to suggest we remember some gifts that are "meaningful" but "free". May I suggest your gift list include one or two of the following:

1. An effort to be present. Enjoy the moment.
2. A smile to a stranger. It is difficult to feel bad when smiling.
3. A time to let the other guy "go first".
4. A choice to be happy over being "right".
5. A time to let go of hurtful things from the past.
6. A commitment to forgive your neighbor **and** yourself.
7. A moment to be thankful for what you have rather than fretting about what you don't have.



Berthenya Dunbar, PhD, ARNP, NEA-BC  
President 2016-2020

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# Tampa Branch Highlights



Liz Gutierrez, pictured to the left, a community development professional, with extensive experience organizing communities around a vision for community change, was the guest speaker at our November meeting. Liz spoke about working to build women's Sense of Agency, making good decisions; Acquiring, education; and Access, creating access to relationships and capital. It was an outstanding and inspirational presentation!

Liz has a Masters in Community Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University and has enduring ties with community leaders. Through Enterprising Latinas, Inc. (ELI), which she founded in 2009, Liz is improving the quality of life of the Tampa Bay area by promoting the economic prosperity of low-income women, particularly Latinas.

Among her many endeavors as ELI's CEO, Liz is transforming community challenges like lack of childcare for children and limited public transportation in the community into new economic opportunities for women. In addition to her work with Enterprising Latinas, Liz consults with government agencies, funders, non-profits and allied organizations that are committed to building the capacity of the non-profit sector so that they can become a united force for community change. Not only did Liz give an outstanding presentation, she also became a new member of AAUW. Thank you Liz for the motivational and enthusiastic presentation!

## December Holiday Fun

Please join us for our holiday program on December 15, 2018, Temple Terrace Country Club, 11-1:00.



There will be loads of fun and good cheer as we celebrate the season of giving! Our very own AAUW Players, will present a fun-filled interactive program for the young at heart, as they take on Santa Claus! Please come and bring a friend. Santa will be waiting with plenty of HO,HO, HO and Laughter! Pianist Betty Chester will also join us for a Christmas Sing-a-long after the theater presentation! Looking forward to Sherry's production and the sing-along!

Lunch will be served at a cost of \$20.00 per person. Please contact Irene Bemby for the menu options and reservations, no later than December 11, 2018 at 813-980-0928 or email [beckybembry52@gmail.com](mailto:beckybembry52@gmail.com). Please send all luncheon payments to AAUW Tampa Branch, P.O. Box 172715, Tampa, FL 33674. Looking forward to seeing you there at our holiday affair!

# Membership Matters



*Director of Membership, Shella Miller*

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Greeting everyone! I hope you all have been having a fantastic year so far and you are claiming great victories for the 2019 New Year! As we approach the end of the year, I am grateful for so many things, including participation in AAUW! What a Legacy! This organization has been working its wonderful Mission since 1881! That is absolutely amazing! What organizations can you belong to for just \$84.00 for the entire year that offers so much?

Membership with AAUW means you are part of a community dedicated to changing the climate for women and girls. As part of your membership, you have access to Education and Career Development Resources, Leadership Development Tools and Conferences, AAUW Research books, Publications, discounts, a network of professional women, as well as a national Advocate Voice for Women Issues. Have you shared this information with others lately?

Sharing is Caring... If you have friends and you have not shared AAUW with them, it's time!!!! Let's keep AAUW going and growing for another 137 years. I invite you all to join in our membership campaign for the year and help our Tampa Branch shatter our new membership recruitment goal for the year. Our goal is to increase membership by 25% by February 17, 2019. The theme is Each One Bring One to Empower and Uplift! There will be prizes for the first and second place member that brought in the most new members during this time period. So now you have the charge, and now it's up to you to do something with it! Invite ...Invite ... Invite to the next meeting!

Women have come so far, yet we still have a lot more work to be done! We're Stronger and Better Together! Let's keep shattering glass ceilings!!!!

## 2018-19 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 23<sup>rd</sup> is the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in February. Please mark your calendar now.

**The Ribbon of Honor Award**, created during our 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration to recognize, honor, and celebrate exceptional leaders in the community, recipient will be recognized during the event. Nomination are now being taken and must be submitted no later than **4 January 2019, to Dr. K. Lee-Smith at [aauwtnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:aauwtnewsletter@gmail.com)**. The criteria for the recipient:

1. An individual whose work whether career or volunteer is a beacon to others
2. Must have been sustained work for at least three years.
3. Must be an exemplary model of leadership in implementing or promoting the principles of advocacy, education, philanthropy, and or research in the interest of promoting equity for women and or girls.

## Public Policy Matters

Looking over the AAUW national website for public policy info brings the member to <https://www.aauw.org/resource/principles-and-priorities/> where "AAUW Public Policy Priorities" can be found. According to this website link,

"National priorities inform state and local action. Biennial priorities for national action are chosen according to the criteria of viability, critical need, strong member support, and potential for distinctive AAUW contribution or leadership. No order of importance is implied.

To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity, AAUW advocates:

- Adequate and equitable funding for quality public education for all students
- Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education and to charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of other public schools
- Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women in elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education, including strong promotion of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and comprehensive sexual health education
- Vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education
- Increased support for and access to affordable higher education for women and disadvantaged populations
- Increased support for programs that break through barriers for women and girls in STEM fields

To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women, AAUW advocates

- Pay equity and fairness in compensation and benefits
- Equitable access and advancement in employment, including vigorous enforcement of employment anti-discrimination statutes
- Greater availability of and access to a high standard of benefits and policies that promote work-life balance, including quality and affordable dependent care
- Programs that provide women with education, training, and support for success in the workforce, including nontraditional occupations and women's entrepreneurship
- Strengthening programs, including welfare and career and technical education, to improve postsecondary education access, career development, and earning potential
- Strengthening retirement benefits and programs, including pension improvements and protecting Social Security from privatization.

## Public Policy Matters (Continued)

To guarantee equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society, AAUW advocates

- Vigorous enforcement of and full access to civil and constitutional rights, including affirmative action and expanding voting rights
- Self-determination of one's reproductive health decisions
- Increased access to quality, affordable health care and family planning services, including expansion of patients' rights
- Freedom from violence and fear of violence, including hate crimes, in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities
- Support for U.N. programs that address human rights and women's and girls' concerns
- Freedom in the definition of self and family and a guarantee of civil rights for all family structures
- Passage and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment."

For quick facts on AAUW Public Policy, see: <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/>

In addition, the AAUW 2017-2019 Public Policy Program brochure can be downloaded at [https://www.aauw.org/aauw\\_check/pdf\\_download/show\\_pdf.php?file=2017-2019-PPP](https://www.aauw.org/aauw_check/pdf_download/show_pdf.php?file=2017-2019-PPP)

I am hoping each member will give this brochure a look. We can order hard copies of this through AAUW but reading the brochure online is a good tree-saving alternative. :)

Warm wishes--

Scottie Fingar

Director of Public Policy

# AAUW Statement on the 2018 Midterm Elections

November 07, 2018



WASHINGTON — American Association of University Women (AAUW) Chief Executive Officer Kim Churches issued this statement on the outcome of the 2018 midterm elections:

“Women were a pivotal force in yesterday’s election — with record numbers of women running and winning office, and turning out to vote in huge numbers across the country. For the first time, we will see more than 100 women from diverse backgrounds represented in the halls of Congress, bringing more power to perspectives that have been left out of decision-making for far too long.

“Of course, we’re still a long way from equity, but we’ve made significant progress. Women make up more than half the country, and it’s time for equitable representation in all areas of leadership.

“Now it’s time to get to work if we are going to thread the needle on economic security for families. We encourage elected officials locally, regionally and nationally to work together to advance priorities for gender equity, including:

- Pay equity and fairness in compensation and benefits.
- Rigorous enforcement of employment and other anti-discrimination laws.
- Policies that promote work-life balance, including affordable childcare and paid family and medical leave.
- Improved access for women to affordable post-secondary education and training programs.
- Stronger retirement benefits and pensions to ensure women are secure in their later years.
- Increased access to quality, affordable health care and reproductive rights.
- Enhanced protections against sexual harassment and violence in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities.”

For media inquiries, email [media@aauw.org](mailto:media@aauw.org) or call 202.785.7756.





***General Meeting  
December 15, 2018  
Holiday Program  
11 a.m.—1:00p.m.***

*Menu Options:*

*Salmon / Herb Roasted Chicken  
Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes,  
Coffee and Home Baked Cookies*

*Cost \$20.00*

***R.S.V.P. December 11th***

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

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**General Meeting/Event  
Dates**

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| <b><i>December 15</i></b> | <i>Holiday<br/>Program</i>   |
| <b><i>December 17</i></b> | <i>Newsletter Submis-<br/>sions Due</i>                            |
| <b><i>January 4</i></b>   | <i>Ribbon of Honor Nom-<br/>inations Due</i>                       |
| <b><i>January 19</i></b>  | <i>Scholarship<br/>Recipients</i>                                  |
| <b><i>February 23</i></b> | <i>Fundraiser,<br/>Tampa Palms</i>                                 |
| <b><i>March 16</i></b>    | <i>Dr. McWhorter<br/>Title IX</i>                                  |
| <b><i>April 20</i></b>    | <i>Integrative Medicine,<br/>Presentation of Board Nominees</i>    |
| <b><i>May 18</i></b>      | <i>Women on the Move,<br/>Installation of Officers /Colors Day</i> |
| <b><i>June 15</i></b>     | <i>Board Meeting</i>   |

# *Birthday Greetings*



*Yvonne McShay 2*

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*Barbara Reed 29*



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