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Tampa AAUW: Making A Difference for over 100 years

# The Tiempo



## From the President's Desk:

Let's Move the Mountain!

Two visitors, in the January 19<sup>th</sup> general meeting, said they were impressed and excited by the level of energy in the Tampa branch. Both said they planned to become members because of what each observed! Tampa's buzz of energy seems to have no bounds. Well-established members, intermediate, and novice members are putting that energy to work. Members are putting a great deal of energy into bringing in prospective members, planning for the annual fundraiser, thinking of community volunteer options, and looking for ways to increase activism, such as in planning to participation in upcoming *Lobby Days, March 12-13*.

In the Board meeting, on the same day, Kay Lee-Smith, Director of Communications, reported from a Florida AAUW Public Policy Committee meeting that AAUW's # 1 priority, at this point, is **pay equity**. As you are aware, National AAUW has spent many years of advocacy, lobbying, and putting sheer energy into moving *this mountain*-bringing this goal to fruition. It is National AAUW's energy that has kept pay equity **on the table**. Tampa, let's use the energy that is so obvious at this branch, to continue in support of seeing this # 1 priority culminate in a win- soon!

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# Tampa Branch Highlights

**AAUW**  
Tampa (FL) Branch  
*Tampa AAUW: Making a Difference for over 100 years*  
*Keynote: Leesa Askew*

**POWER**

**EMPOWERMENT**

**INSPIRING**

## *Inspiring Change: Building Power through EmPOWERment!*

**Date:** February 23, 2019 11am-2pm

**Location:** Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club  
5811 Tampa Palms Blvd. Tampa, FL 33647

**Keynote:** Leesa Askew, Corporate Coach and Strategist

The Tampa Branch of AAUW cordially invites you to attend its annual Fundraiser and Luncheon that includes a dynamic keynote, silent auction, book sales featuring local authors, and drawings for our creatively themed baskets. Come ready to have a good time and network with professionals in the Tampa Bay area, while supporting AAUW scholarships and programs.

Donation of \$50.00, includes lunch  
Choice of Chicken, Fish, or Veggie Meal  
Make your payment and Register to attend by signing up on [Eventbrite](#) or emailing [shellamiller078@gmail.com](mailto:shellamiller078@gmail.com) and sending your payment to:  
**PO Box 172715, Tampa, FL 33672**

*We understand that not everyone will be able to attend, so consider sending a donation to support Tampa AAUW at the PO Box above or Eventbrite.*

Please note: Donations are used to fund scholarships, student Tech Trek Camps and operational cost. Tampa AAUW is a non-partisan, non-profit 501c (4) entity. Donations to this branch are not tax deductible.

**Keynote: Leesa Askew,  
Corporate Coach &  
Strategist**

**Musical Interludes by  
Soloist Erika Reynolds  
& Sargent Smith's  
Middle School  
Orchestra, Joseph  
Grady Conductor  
Pianist, Betty Chester**

**Book Sales featuring  
local authors Yvonne  
McShay, John  
Chaplick, and  
nationally recognized  
author Debora Coty**

**Ribbon of Honor:  
Recognizing  
Community Women  
Terri Diaz  
Liz Gutierrez  
Katie McGill  
Damaris Sanchez**

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## 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!!!!

## 2019 Tampa Branch Election

The following positions are open for election for the 2-year term, 2019-2021. If you are interested in serving or need more information, please contact Dr. Gloria Hilton, Chair Nominating Committee at [glorialhilton@verizon.net](mailto:glorialhilton@verizon.net).

Director of Membership

Director of Program Development

Director of Finance

Recording Secretary



## AAUW Florida Lobby Days 2019 March 12-13, 2019

### Be There at the Capitol!

- Training session on Monday evening, March 11 at the hotel
  - o Visit and advocate with your own legislators and team up with others
  - o Information on committee meetings and sessions to attend
  - o 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
- Rally, Information Table on Wednesday
- 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](mailto:aauwfldewitt@gmail.com), to be put on the email list for updates. No obligation! (I will help match up roommates if desired)
- Make an appointment with your senator or representative NOW. Call and ask for the person who does the scheduling for them (warning: events may conspire to cause the legislator to cancel)
- Build a team from your branch!
- Register at the hotel, Country Inn and Suites, Midway, FL (10 miles from the Capitol): check in 3/11 and check out 3/13. Register at the hotel by Monday, Feb. 18. Call (800) 456-4000 or use the website [www.countryinn.com](http://www.countryinn.com) and the promotional code 1903AAUW under More Search Options. Reserved rooms have two queen beds. Rate is \$99 single, \$108 double plus 9.5% tax, or \$108.41 single and \$118.26 double.

# AAUW Florida Leadership Conference

## All Roads Lead to Equity!

Saturday, April 6 - Sunday, April 7

**Holiday Inn & Suites Ocala Conference Center**  
3600 SW 38<sup>th</sup> Ave Ocala, Florida 34474  
(352) 629-9500

### Convention Registration (\$155)

Registration due by March 15.  
Includes Saturday Lunch and Dinner, Sunday breakfast.

**Keynote Speaker: Kendra Davis, AAUW SVP**  
Be a part of setting the path for the future of AAUW

**Dr. Mary Gatta, Professor, CUNY**  
**Women's Income Security for Hispanics (WISH)**

### Compelling and Informative Workshops And Leader Training

**Hotel Reservations:** (352) 629-9500

Please make your hotel reservation with the Holiday Inn&Suites Ocala Conference Center:  
and Request AAUW Florida or (AU5) or Online at  
<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/ocala/ocflo/>

**\*\*The Conference Rate of \$115.00 plus tax (Sgl or Dbl) will be available until March  
6 ONLY**





## Monthly Program

February is our annual Fund-raising month. We will listen to the beautiful voice of Ms. Erika Reynolds. Ms. Chester will be our pianist delivering beautiful music. We will be entertained by Sargent's Smith Middle School Orchestra. Keynote speaker is the face of our future, Ms. Askew. She is a corporate coach and strategist. She will educate and enlighten us on the future. Bring the family and Friends. Let's make this event our best fundraiser ever.



## General Meeting/Event Dates

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|--------------------|--|
| <b>February 23</b> | <i>Fundraiser,<br/>Tampa Palms</i>                                 |
| <b>March 16</b>    | <i>Dr. McWhorter<br/>Title IX</i>                                  |
| <b>April 20</b>    | <i>Integrative Medicine,<br/>Presentation of Board Nominees</i>    |
| <b>May 18</b>      | <i>Women on the Move,<br/>Installation of Officers /Colors Day</i> |
| <b>June 15</b>     | <i>Board Meeting</i>   |

# *Birthday Greetings*



*Valeria Bembry 1*

*Gloria Hilton 8*

*Naomi Sweeting 16*

*Catherine Gibson 18*

*Shella Miller 24*

*Paula Stewart 25*

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