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# The Tiempo



Adele Walter—50 Year AAUW Member

## From the President's Desk:

### It Does Take A Village!

The fiscal year 2018-2019 ends on a high note. Thirty-seven members and or visitors attended the May Installation/Colors Day meeting. This is a five-year attendance high! **The successes of the year are a credit to every member on Tampa's roster**, from those who keep the flame burning with continued membership to those who were able to contribute time, presence, ideas, commitment, and patience to see the ideas to fruition. Your contributions, in whatever form are greatly and sincerely appreciated.

Some highlights of the year include: 1) **Record growth**- With the guidance of Shella Miller, today's MSD roster totals 62 members-up from 36 three years ago. 2) **Highly Successful Fundraiser**- With the in depth, behind the scenes, work of **two unsung heroes**, Connie Fountain and Catherine Martin, there was a hugely successful fundraiser with over \$4,000 in profit. 3) **Incorporation of Tampa AAUW**- Tampa AAUW is now listed on the State of Florida's business registry to facilitate doing business with some financial institutions. 4) **Representation on AAUW Florida Board**- Dr. Kay Lee-Smith was elected to serve as Director of Public Policy. 5) **Tech Trek support increased** - With the guidance of Dr. Gloria Hilton, six girls were accepted for summer camp. Tampa was able to donate \$2200 to Florida Tech Trek. 6) **Fifty-year member honored**- National has recognized Adele Walter as Tampa's newest 50-year member. Adele joins these current fifty-year members- Avis Chaplick, Jean Eberhart, and Sherry Foecking. Continued Scholarship Program- And again this year, under the guidance of Jasmine White-Bynum, two more upper-class scholarships were awarded.

However, there are challenges in the coming year that include keeping a full roster of committed board members and in maintaining an interested, engaged, and committed membership as Tampa continues to join Florida and national in advocating for equity in all arenas for women and girls. **It will continue to take a village.**

*Berthenya (Bert) Dunbar, PhD, APRN*  
President, 2016-2020

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# Tampa Branch Highlights



Winners: (L-R) Franca Washington, Patricia Tabone, Sigrid Skvorcs, and Dree Jenkins

## *Friends of Tampa AAUW Colors Day Competition*

The May meeting featured our colors day competition, where we proudly displayed the AAUW colors. Terri Cavin-Balser, Deborah Gano, Lillian Stringer and Roberta White (Not pictured) were the four judges for the Colors Day dress competition. They selected the following winners (Pictured left), first place, Dree Jenkins; second place, Franca Washington; third place Patricia Tabone; and honorable mention, Sigrid Skvorcs. For each of the three years of this competition, the judges have brought excitement to this camaraderie-building activity.

This is the third year for lead judge, Deborah Gano, and the first year for each of the other three judges. The judges are non-members of AAUW Tampa. However, they are very committed to helping Tampa reach its goals. Each judge has contributed time, goods and or monies during and outside our major fundraiser activities. At this meeting, Ms. Gano, a regular contributor, contributed \$100 to the scholarship fund and Mrs. Lillian Stringer contributed an upscale purse as a door prize for the meeting attendees. Neither gift was solicited. An anonymous donor supported the gift fund for the contest prizes.

## *Strategic Planning: Activities, Committees and Position Openings*

Tampa's strategic planning meeting is scheduled for the October 19, 2019 meeting, **please plan to attend** and begin to think of ways in which you may be able to contribute to helping this affiliate continue to remain relevant and vibrant. There is currently an opening for the Director of Communications, whose primary role is putting together the newsletter and the yearbook. Additionally, there will be opportunities to serve on committees such as Fundraising, Tech Trek, Scholarship, Membership, and Program Development. Or perhaps you want to think of taking on a role with more responsibility. If so, the following offices will be up for elections in 2020, President, Director of Tech Trek, Director of Scholarship, Director of Public Policy, and Director of Communications. The current President and Director of Tech Trek are in their last term in their roles and cannot elect to run again. The Director of Scholarship may elect to run for a second term. Those elected in 2020, will take or continue in his/her position from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022.

Questions: Please contact the Bert Dunbar, President @ 813.684.7893.

## Membership Matters



*Director of Membership, Shella Miller*  
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Our chapter should be very proud! AAUW Tampa was one of few branches that received congratulatory certificate at the AAUW Florida Leadership Conference on April 6. Our work does not go unnoticed and it sure does not stop here! Membership is the lifeblood for our organization. I challenge all members to continue to be Ambassadors for Membership. I think a good theme for next year would be "Excite and Invite". If we are excited about inviting and show our passion and energy to others when sharing the gift of AAUW, they will want to join hands with us. Next year, I want to see us double our new members from this year! I believe that we can do it! Here are some reminders:

- 1. It is Membership Renewal time! This year's membership expires on June 30th. AAUW doesn't want paper checks for renewals.** AAUW has informed Directors for Finance that they should not send in any paper checks. We prefer members utilize the online payment option. Please contact Shella Miller at [shellamiller078@gmail.com](mailto:shellamiller078@gmail.com) if you need assistance with this.
- 2. Members SHOULD NOT send a renewal check to AAUW. If you have extenuating circumstances please notify Tampa Chapter Director of Membership and we can problem solve an alternative.**
- 3. Join hands with us and complete Work Smart at [salary.aauw.org](http://salary.aauw.org) and ask family, friends, and acquaintances to do the same! AAUW needs the numbers to increase to prove that we are worthy of another grant! Members Mobilize a Million** Salary Negotiation training social media and other info <https://www.aauw.org/resource/mobilize-a-million-social-media/>
- 4. NEW MEMBERS JOINING AFTER MARCH 16th RECEIVE 1 YEAR AND 3 ½ MONTHS OF MEMBERSHIP:** New members will have membership from March (or April or May or June 2019, when they join) all the way until June 30, 2020, that's 15 ½ months from March.
- 5. Correct emails: You can correct your contact info, especially email addresses on the Membership Services Database (MSD) at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org).**



PD Bemby, Jaree Evans (guest speaker), President Dunbar



Yvette Williams and Dree Jenkins



Madge Soyster



Raffle Winner



Franca Washington



Patricia Tabone

# 2019 AAUW National Election Results

We had a great turnout for the 2019 National election with over 8 percent of eligible members participating in the vote, more than the 5 percent required by our bylaws. Thank you for making your voice matter!

## 2019 AAUW Board of Directors

Candidate	Votes	Term
<b>AAUW Chair</b>		
Julia Brown	4900	2 years
<b>AAUW Vice Chair</b>		
Malinda Gaul	4735	2 years
<b>AAUW Directors</b>		
Karen Kirkwood	3872	3 years
Eileen Menton	3861	3 years
Cheryl Sorokin	4046	3 years
Mary Zupanc	4131	3 years
Lynn Gangone	3831	2 years
Elizabeth Haynes	3829	2 years
Andrea Cirillo	3685	1 year
Jenna Howard	3538	1 year
Lee Roper-Batker	3546	1 year
Mardy Stevens	3585	1 year

## AAUW Virtual Convening

AAUW is excited to announce plans for a series of virtual events in 2020 that will mark the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote, inform our members and supporters in a critical presidential election year, and move us all closer to a fully fair future for women and girls.

The various virtual programs will spotlight the work you and others are doing on behalf of AAUW to ensure women and girls everywhere have equal opportunities to learn, lead and earn the salaries they deserve. In January, we’ll launch “A 2020 Vision for Equity,” which will bring together a panel with leaders from politics, business and beyond to share their insights about the progress we’ve made in women’s equity and the future of our movement. **Although there will be no in-person national convention or major convening in 2020, we understand the importance of bringing women together to network and support AAUW and its mission—and our outreach will be designed with those goals in mind.**

For example, we will engage members across the country — through livestreams, webinars, social media chats and other communications — to participate in important initiatives and events, such as recognizing [Equal Pay Day](#) to advocate for better laws and employer pay practices, rallying around [landmark court cases](#) for women, and launching [research](#) to continue the push for greater equity. Also, because 2020 is an election year, we’ll ensure women exercise the right to vote that so many fought so hard for a century ago. Our efforts will include a range of activities to [support voter registration](#) and get out the vote. As states and branches participate in myriad 19th Amendment commemorative activities, we’ll be working to galvanize the movement on a national scale and attract new generations and supporters for the future.

Your state and regional events and conferences are included in our 2020 plans, and we encourage you to work with us to promote your events to a larger audience. If your state or regional leaders need information about holding a regional convention, please reach out to the Connect team at [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org).

AAUW’s decision to focus on virtual events in lieu of an in-person convening was guided by the AAUW National Convening Task Force and approved by the board of directors. The task force conducted a rigorous review of conventions, conferences and other events on gender equity taking place around the nation, with the goal of finding options that would:

- **Ensure that more members can participate.** Less than 1 percent (734) of AAUW members attended our last National Convention in 2017. While these gatherings are a rich part of our legacy and a unique opportunity for networking, the Task Force evaluated ways to convene that could engage many more members and supporters in our mission to achieve gender equity.
- **Enable financial sustainability.** All four of the most recent AAUW National Conventions have operated at a financial loss, and the deficits from the 2015 and 2017 meetings were substantial. The Task Force evaluated ways to convene members that would not pull resources away from our core work of creating lasting change for women and girls.

We are looking forward to celebrating our progress in 2020 and working with you to ensure a future of equity for all.

# *Birthday Greetings*



*Lucia Stevens*

*Jane Bilger*

*Lynn Kutine*

*Luella Carrington*

*Sherry Foecking*

*Susie Donley*

*Shirley Stamford*

*Flavia Ippolito*

*Kay Lee-Smith*

*Jeanne Wolfe*