



AAUW Tampa: Making A Difference for over
100 years

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The Tiempo



Suffragists parade down 5th Avenue, 1917. (Photo courtesy of New York Times Archive)

A CALL to ACTION!!

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August 2020 marked the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, a milestone in feminist history. But the amendment, widely thought of as giving women the right to vote, did not fully deliver on its promise. Native Americans and Chinese immigrants were not granted voting rights. And, due to Jim Crow laws and other voter-suppression tactics, Black women and Latinas couldn't cast their ballots until the Voting Rights Act was passed 45 years later.

The same inequalities — racism, sexism and voter suppression — that made the amendment an imperfect achievement in 1920 are fueling the social and economic upheaval we see in 2020. Clearly, our work is not done. Here are five suggestions for delving deeper:

- Read AAUW CEO Kim Churches' [reflections on this milestone](#) in NBC's Know Your Value.
- Get insight into Black suffrage activist [Ida B. Wells](#), who faced racism within her own movement.
- Peruse a [roundup of content](#) that puts the anniversary in historical context.
- [Support the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act](#) and learn [how you can get involved](#) in the 2020 elections.
- [Watch a webinar](#) about how to advance racial and gender equity in 2020.



Opportunities to Serve

AAUW Tampa is still in search of a Vice President.

Interested? Please email aauwtampapresident@gmail.com

From the President's Desk



Dear Members of the Tampa Branch of AAUW, In my daily reflection, I am reminded that our responsibilities as women in our households and in our communities have been compounded by the coronavirus pandemic. We are doing our best to keep our families and loved ones safe and together during a pandemic that continues to challenge our way of life. My sincere condolences to those of you who have lost loved ones and I pray that you are strengthened as the days go by.

What gets me through the day is a quote from the late Maya Angelou, ***“My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style.”*** I share this message with you in the hopes that you incorporate some form of self-care into each and every day of your life; whether it is reading this newsletter in a quiet place, watching the sunrise or sunset at your favorite beach, or reaching out to a friend who you have not had time to talk to prior to COVID-19. Just remember, that being a member of the Tampa Branch of AAUW has afforded you a community of like-minded women who you can reach out to at a moments notice.

I join you as your President in this journey to fight for our rights as women. One women who has paved the way for us is Ida B. Wells-Barnett (July 16, 1862-March 25, 1931). She was an American investigative journalist, educator, and one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). To the right is a mosaic on display at Union Station in Washington, D.C., paying tribute to her lifetime dedication toward ending the inequality of women, especially African American women. Thank you to those of you where able to join us virtually in celebration of the 100th Anniversary for the 19th Amendment. **We can, we will, and we must be change that we want to see for the next generation of girls and women!**



THE NEW NORMAL – STEPS to Keep us connected

AAUW Tampa has been impacted by the health edits issued as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are embracing the 'new normal' - social distancing, remote shopping, wearing masks, and finding new ways to connect. Today, all of us are trying to make sense of the aftermath of closing our country to protect our health. Additionally, the world is grappling with how to make the Black Lives Matter movement, *really matter*. AAUW National and AAUW Florida both endorsed the movement. In the midst of it all, AAUW Tampa continues to take steps to finding ways to get it all done and to keep us connected.

On May 16th, five AAUW Tampa members were installed as board members. They began their tenure on July 1, 2020. All board members jumped in and got to work right away. They have work tirelessly over the summer to schedule meetings, speakers, fundraisers and meaningful events to keep us all active and connected. There are many opportunities for every member to become involved and connected. Your skills, talents, time and treasures are valued. Please let us know what areas you are willing to contribute in. We welcome your involvement for consultation, small projects, and large or small events. We are flexible and welcome you. Please partner with us. How can you help?

Contact us at AAUWTampalInfo@gmail.com.

We need YOU!!!

Membership:

- Help us stay connected by attending our General Membership meeting on ZOOM **every THIRD SATURDAY at 11 AM**. Mark you calendar and download Zoom to your smart phone or computer.
- Invite people you know to get connected and to become members. Think of friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, social groups and organizations, etc.

Scholarships and Tech Trek:

- These are great committees to get involved with. Pay it forward. Help the next generation of girls and women receive an amazing start to a great opportunity. Contact Jasmine (Scholarships) and Dree (Tech Trek)

Communications:

- Are you creative and or tech savvy? There is a place for you. We welcome you to help with our Facebook and Instagram pages or our monthly newsletter. Contact Franca Washington at our branch email: AAUWTampalInfo@gmail.com.

ADHOC—Just reach out to us. There is a place for you to connect .

Thank you for your Leadership Madam President



Berthenya (Bert) Dunbar, PhD, APRN
President (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2020)

Thank you for leading the Tampa AAUW for the past four years as president. Your selfless and tenacious leadership moved the organization forward, and met AAUW's mission of seeking equity for women and girls in schools, the workplace, and the community. Your motivation, tenacity, generosity and commitment inspire us all. There is always a place for you at our Tampa

AAUW. Thank you sharing your time, talents and treasures with us.

-The Members of the Tampa AAUW Chapter



*** Recognition from AAUW Florida:**

1. Increase in membership.
2. Membership renewal maintained at 134%. Mrs. Shella Miller is Director of Membership.
3. One of the first Annual Awards for financial support of Tech Trek. Dr. Gloria Hilton is Director of Tech Trek.

*** Tampa is a participant in AAUW Economic Inequity Research.**

*** Home to a National AAUW Art Competition Winner:** Mrs. Catherine Clark Martin.

*** Home to a National AAUW Educational Grant**

Alternate: Ms. Jasmine White-Bynum.

*** Home to State Officer:** Dr. Kay Lee-Smith

Florida State AAUW Director of Public Policy.

Also, AAUW Tampa members donated \$1,000 to two community charities to help address the increased need in the community to the impact of COVID-19.

well done

The following members are leaving the Tampa AAUW Board: of Directors on June 30, 2020:

Dr. Berthenya (Bert) Dunbar, President

Dr. Gloria Hilton, Director of Tech Trek. Developed the Tech Trek Program at Tampa. Her leadership earned the program a Florida AAUW award.

Mrs. Avis Chaplick, Corresponding Secretary.

Ms. Aleseya Pinkney, Facebook and Webpage Manager- Aleseya created the Tampa Facebook site.

Note: Both Avis and Aleseya remained in their appointed positions for four years to avoid letting their positions go vacant.

Thank you 



July

Kirk Guillory	9
Mattie Parr	11
Dr. Sandra Johnson Austin	11
Aleseya Pinkney	15
Dr. Kay-Lee-Smith	28
John Chaplick	23
Connie Fountain	29

August

Madge Soyster	2
Jacqueline Vento	3
Ericka Reynolds	11
Avis Chaplick	11

September

Tina Kane	8
Rev. Martha Vaguener	11
Dora Smith	17
Catherine Martin	17
Phoebe Crenshaw	21
Shannon Ledbetter	28

AAUW Tampa Saturday, September 19, 2020
GUEST SPEAKER
N.H. 'Rush' Rushdan



In November 2017, Mr. Rushdan retired from the US Military—Army after 40 years of service. He relocated to Tampa, FL. Since then he has worked to improve the lives and learning experiences of young people through the LOYF Foundation.

Land On Your Feet, Inc. (LOYF) is a nonprofit organization, founded by Mr. Rushdan. It focuses on giving back to elementary and middle school teachers/classrooms. The emphasis is geared toward STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs and inspiring students.

Mr. Rushdan was recommended by our member Rev. Marth Vaguener, because of his community involvement with the area schools. Mr. Rushdan is concerned about our youth and their development as involved citizens. He believes that “It’s all about giving back.” To hear from this inspirational speaker, join us on Saturday, September 19th at 11 AM via Zoom.

2020 Tech Trek Winners!

The following 7th grade girls will experience Tech Trek in 2021 due to the coronavirus pandemic:

Jordyn Mitchell, Orange Grove Middle School

Kendra Smith, Randall Middle School

Jazmyn Thames, Academy Prep Center of Tampa

Shelby Thompson, Sgt. Paul R. Smith Middle School



Memberships ended June 30th, 2020. If you have not renewed your membership, this is a friendly reminder to do so TODAY.

<https://www.aauw.org/membership/>

If you have questions, please contact

Mrs. Shella Miller, Director of Membership at email:
 ShellaMiller078@gmail.com.

WE VALUE YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND INVOLVMENT!



Board Meeting September 12, 2020 10:30 to 11:00 Via Zoom	General Meeting Sept. 19, 2020 11:00 am-12:30 pm Via Zoom
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Board Meeting October 10, 2020 10:30 to 11:00 Via Zoom	General Meeting October 17, 2020 11:00 am-12:30 pm Via Zoom
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Board of Directors

President	Dr. Sandra
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