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AAUW Tampa: Making A Difference for
over 100 years

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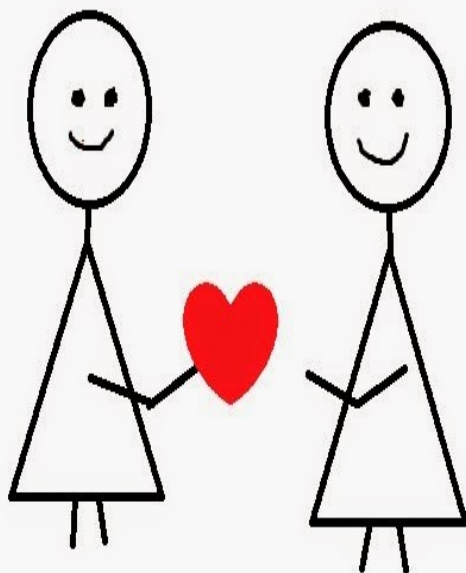
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The Tiempo

AAUW Tampa has begun its season of giving. We are in our fundraising time of the year. We are raising money for scholarships and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs. We are appealing to all of our members to give as much as you can. Our goal is \$4,200. The money will go to scholarships and to send 7th grade girls to summer STEM camps. The scholarship money goes to college level students—Juniors through grad school. As our past recipients have proven, the money is always on time and makes a difference in their lives.

These scholarship winners are promising in their fields and boast to the greatness of AAUW.



PAY IT FORWARD

We are living in unprecedented times. So much is totally different from just one year ago. This year we will not host our traditional fundraiser and silent auction. Instead, we are asking for our members and supporters to donate the money they would have spent on tickets, donations, and the silent auction. We will not set a minimum or maximum amount to donate. Instead we ask that all members give at least \$100. Please just participate. The money goes to a great purpose. We as AAUW Tampa “Pay it Forward” to the next generation of women. We make a difference and will continue to do so well into the future. Thank you in advance. Please send your donations to the address above. *You will soon be able to make donations via mobile banking.* Thank you and Much Love.

- Franca Washington

Opportunities to Serve

AAUW Tampa is still in search of a Vice President.

Interested?

Please email aauwtampapresident@gmail.com



From the Desk of Dr. Sandra Johnson Austin, President “Black History is American History”

The first Saturday in February I happened to be watching MSNBC with Velshi. On his show he was celebrating Black History Month by interviewing his guest Nikole Hannah-Jones, journalist at *The New York Times* and 2020 Pulitzer Prize winner in the commentary category for her provocative and groundbreaking 1619 project. Her personal essay places the enslavement of Africans at the center of America’s story. In fact, during the interview, she stated that, **“Black history is American history.”** The 1619 Project begins with stating, “in August of 1619, a ship appeared on this horizon, near Point Comfort, a coastal port in the English colony of Virginia. It carried more than 20 enslaved Africans, who were sold to the colonists. No aspect of the country that would be formed here has been untouched by the years of slavery that followed. On the 400th anniversary of this fateful moment, it is finally time to tell our story truthfully.” There was a second ship that sailed just a year later called the Mayflower that was the advent of American freedom, then the White Lion was the advent of American slavery. “One ship and its people have been immortalized, the other completely erased.” *The New York Times Magazine* published The 1619 Project to inform us that August 1619 is the year of our nation’s birth instead of 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was approved and when “all men were created equal” and “endowed by their creator with uncertain unalienable rights.” This reframing of our country’s history places the consequences of slavery and contributions of Black Americans at the very center of the United States’ national narrative. “Our democracy’s founding ideals were false when they were written. Black Americans have fought to make them true.” I am sharing this truth with you because I personally have never read this in our history books in school. There is one thing that I can conclude, and that is, **I am the hopes and dreams of my ancestors.** For more on our history, consider reading the book by author Nikole Hannah-Jones, *Four Hundred Souls, A Community History of African America, 1619-2019*. The above are excerpts from The 1619 Project published by *The New Your Times Magazine*.



WE’RE TENACIOUS AND TRAILBLAZING

*Advocating equity for women and girls in
Florida since 1929.*

LIFE TIME MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

AVIS CHAPLICK

Longevity has its rewards. Avis Chaplick is one of our Life-time members. This means she has been an AAUW member for 50 or more consecutive years and as such, is no longer required to pay an annual membership fee. What has she seen through AAUW? How many lives has she impacted? What kept her connected and committed? Well... her journey with AAUW begins in 1959 just after graduating college. She continued her membership through many moves - Burlingame, California; Ann Arbor, Michigan; St. Paul, Minneapolis; North Tampa; and now our current AAUW Tampa chapter. Each city was a little different as far as membership goals and chapter directions. As the years passed many changes were brought about both nationally and locally. She recalls life in St. Paul, Minneapolis where the chapter owned the house. The house had formerly been the Governor's mansion. The mansion offered many meeting rooms for workshops. There was a special children's room where the children of members and guests were cared for. The chapter also offered pre-school reading and other activities for children under the age of six. Activities carried over to their annual Christmas party to which pre-schoolers were invited. Santa always came and delivered gifts to the children. Santa also encouraged a Christmas sing along.

Avis is a career Elementary Education educator. She worked with elementary aged students with Specific Learning Disabilities. She is now retired. In addition to her commitments with AAUW Tampa, Avis volunteers at a local hospital. She keeps this commitment even through the COVID 19 pandemic. Avis continues to learn and grow. Her newest endeavor is learning to play the Acoustic Guitar. We offer an open invitation for her to share her developing talent with us.

Through the years with AAUW, Avis has enjoyed the company of like-minded college educated women. She has grown because of intellectually stimulating programs. She has had the opportunity to look at other academic fields. In years past, AAUW chapters focused on individual growth and education. Members participated in book studies, language classes, educational study groups, and travel. Avis has been with AAUW Tampa since 1980 and has served as AAUW Tampa - Membership Chairperson and as Corresponding Secretary. She currently works on the scholarship committee. Avis advocates for the AAUW scholarships and believes that scholarships are a critical part of what we do. "The AAUW Scholarship and STEM programs are how we pay it forward," she says. Membership and maintaining large numbers are especially important parts of the longevity of the organization. Avis encourages recruitment, membership, and diversity. She has seen the organization change and become more diverse over the years. She would like to see the organization be reflective of the mosaic of people and cultures that are seen on today's university campuses. She is pleased that the organization has included men in recent years. This allowed her husband of 60 years to join. AAUW, she boasts, was influential in her meeting her husband. She and John were introduced at a dinner party in California, by her then AAUW Chair of Membership. She was a recent graduate and he a NAVY officer. The rest is proverbial history.

— Franca Washington



SCHOLARSHIP

Application Deadline March 8, 2021

Award: \$1,000 Fall 2021 and Spring 2022

Criteria

- ▶ STEM Major
- ▶ Minimum 3.0 GPA
- ▶ Junior, Senior or Graduate Status
- ▶ Full-time Enrollment
- ▶ Financial Need
- ▶ U.S. Citizen and Resident of State of Florida

Requirements: Attend an interview in April 2021; Assist with fundraising events; Participate in one membership recruitment event; and Attend AAUW Tampa meeting for presentation of award.

The application is available online at
<https://tampa-fl.aauw.net/scholarship>

Committee Members:

Avis Chaplick
 Irene Bembry
 Joyce Ellsworth
 Connie Fountain
 Jacqui Vento



Valeria Bembry	February 1
Gloria Hilton	February 8
Naomi Sweeting	February 16
Patricia Tabone	February 20
Shella Miller	February 24
Paula E Stewart	February 25
Franca Washington	February 27

**AAUW Tampa Speaker
Saturday, February 20, 2021**



Mr. Clarence Fort

Mr. Fort was one of the original people associated with integrating the lunch counters in Tampa, Florida. Mr. Fort was a man who became the first of many opportunities that opened the doors for many of the Black population in the Tampa Bay area. Mr. Fort was a 21 year old president of the Tampa chapter of the NAACP when he organized students from Middleton and Blake high school to desegregate the lunch counter at Woolworth. Later, he became the first Black bus driver for Trailways bus line and was instrumental in getting more Black drivers for the company. Further information on Mr. Clarence Fort can be found on the internet. His story has been profiled at USF community history archives and numerous newspapers locally and nationally.

Click on the link below to join the meeting.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8631166778?pwd=MkwwRlFtQWhjLy9VUVVrWTVXcWEyQT09>

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Connect with your AAUW Tampa team.



Board Meeting February 13, 2021 10:30 to 11:00 Via Zoom	General Meeting February 20, 2021 11:00 to 12:30 pm Via Zoom
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Valentine's Day is the time of the year where we give extra love to those we love. But, what about ourselves? Are you giving yourself some self-love? Self-

love and self-care can be anything that makes you feel better. Here are a few examples:

- ♥ Eating healthy
- ♥ Watching a movie
- ♥ Listening to your favorite music
- ♥ Enjoying a cup of herbal tea
- ♥ Sitting quietly
- ♥ Exercising
- ♥ Be in nature

So, set aside a time, preferably daily, to just love yourself. It can be as little as 10 minutes. Your body will thank you.

- Catherine Clark



SELF CARE

CASES ARE RISING.
ACT NOW!



WEAR A MASK STAY 6 FEET APART AVOID CROWDS



<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

PAINTING WITH A PURPOSE February 13th 11am-12:30pm Contactless Pick-Up Paint Kits

Registered participants are reminded to pick up paint kits at Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club, 200 Inverness Avenue, Temple Terrace.



NOMINATING GUIDELINES



- Must be a **model of leadership** in implementing or promoting the principles of advocacy, education, and or research in the interest of acquiring or sustaining equity for women and girls
- Must be a **non-partisan** selection.
- Must have **sustained status for at least three years.**
- Submit **nominee's biography** addressing the above guidelines by **February 1st** to aawtampainfo@gmail.com.
- Winner will be announced at our culminating fundraising event on **March 20, 2021** membership meeting.
- Selection committee led by **Dr. Gloria Hilton**, Executive Committee Member.



Support the AAUW Tampa Branch as we SPARKLE & BLING

- * Purchase an AAUW Logo Rhinestone Bling Shirt
- * Prices start at \$30
- * Create a custom look with two rhinestone color options and four shirt colors.

<https://christinaevette.com/shop/ols/products/aauw>

Proceeds support scholarships for college women at the junior, senior, and graduate levels, and Tech Trek/STEM camps for girls going to the 8th grade.

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New Member Campaign

Sharing the Gift of AAUW and Shaping Our Tomorrow!

- Campaign Period: November 2020 - March 2021
- AAUW swag for the member who brings in the most, new members by March 1st.
- Prizes for members who bring the most guests each month from November 2020 to March 2021
- Everyone's role is to Invite! Invite! Invite!
- 48 current members including 7 life members

New Member Goal by Feb 2021

