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AAUW Tampa: Making A Difference for
over 100 years

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PAY IT FORWARD...

AAUW Tampa has begun its 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 participate and to give as much as you can. The money will go to scholarships; to send middle school girls to STEM summer camps; and to the organization's operating budget. The scholarship money goes to local 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.

This year we will host our traditional fundraiser, luncheon, and networking event at the Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club. We ask that all of our members and supporters buy tickets, make donations, and participate in the event on Saturday, March 5th, 2022. Get your tickets TODAY! It promises to be a afternoon filled with fun, festivities, and networking opportunities. We welcome Meridith Alexander as our Keynote Speaker. We have a host of other entertainers, authors, and activities (including silent auctions), for you and your guests to participate in. Please refer to the flyer on page 3 for all the details. Remember to bring your checkbook and credit cards. The money goes to great causes. 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 for your contributions.

- Franca Washington, Director of Communications

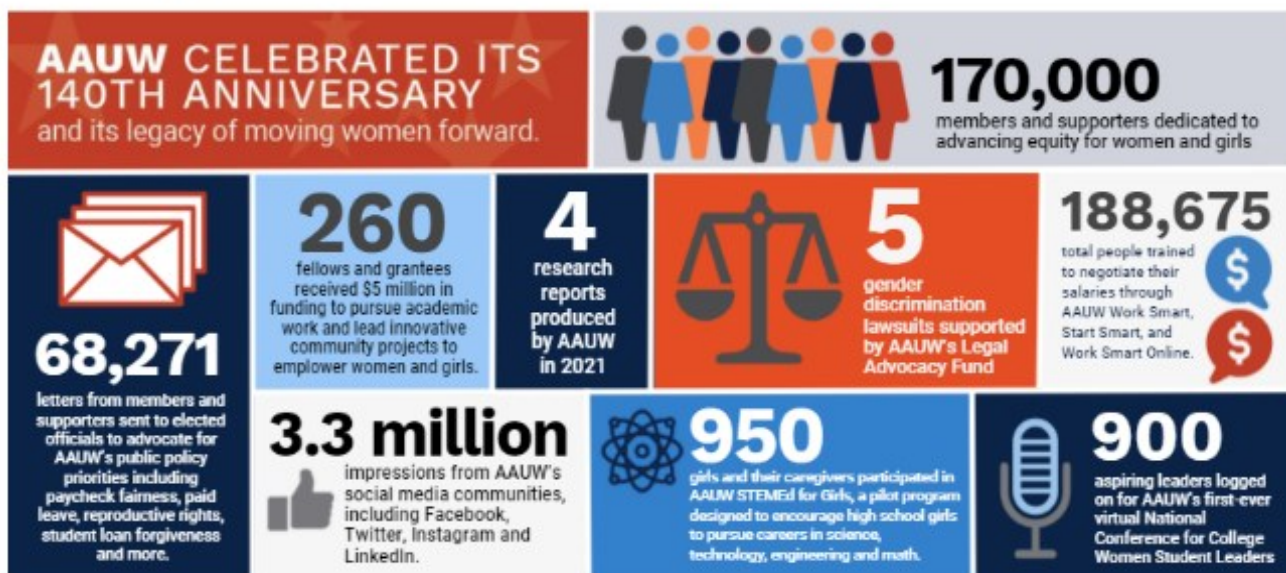




From the Desk of Dr. Sandra Johnson Austin, President

Have you heard the news? Before the end of February, which is Black History Month, President Joe Biden will announce his choice for the next United States Supreme Court Justice. During his presidential campaign he made a promise to nominate the first African American/Black woman to the bench. Well, the time has come to fulfill that campaign promise. Soon we will all learn of President Biden's choice from a pool of intelligent, talented, and scholarly African American/Black women. Another woman of color, in addition to Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, will ascend to the highest court of the land to hear cases that matter to us ALL. Now is the time to flood messages to Florida Representative Charlie Crist (www.crist.house.gov) and Florida Senators Marco Rubio (www.rubio.senate.gov) and Rick Scott (www.rickscott.senate.gov) to remind these U.S. Members of Congress of our priority issues and to vote for the first African American/Black woman to the U.S. Supreme Court Justice. Our priorities are removing bias from education, fighting for fair pay and economic equity, and advancing women in leadership. In our communications we can share our 2021 accomplishments by the numbers, which are below. While we are at it, we should invite them and/or members of their staff to our 2022 Annual Fundraiser on March 5th. They are invited to see first-hand how we are joining in the celebration of 140 years of research, education, and advocacy for women.

2021 By the Numbers



For more on what's happening in Tampa, St. Petersburg, and the State of Florida during Black History Month visit the [Tampa Bay History Center](#), the [Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum](#), and [Visit Florida](#).

Also, I look forward to seeing you at our next general meeting membership meeting on February 12th Doors open at 10:30 am. Lastly, for all of you bleeding hearts, of which I am one of them, Happy Valentine's Day! Tell your friends and family members that you love them!

With much love,



Let's Sell out this event!!! Invite ... Invite.... Invite!!
Sat., March 5th, 2022, will soon be here.

AAUW Tampa 2022 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AN AFTERNOON OF INSPIRATION & MUSIC

The program will include...

Meridith Alexander, Inspirational Speaker and Author of "The Sky is the Limit"

The 2022 Ribbon of Honor Reveal

This is awarded to a community leader that has been exemplary in displaying work to advance equity for women and girls through research, education, & advocacy

Gift Basket Drawing: \$3 per ticket or \$10 for 4 tickets

Silent Auctions & Book Vendors will also be available

Lunch (Indicate your selection on your payment):

- Roasted Vegetable Stack Tomato Bruschetta with asiago cheese and pesto with roasted tomato and basil butter
- Macadamia-Crusted White Fish with bourbon butter sauce with sweet red onion jam
- Chicken Tampa Palms grilled with gouda cheese and prosciutto, topped with sherry cream sauce.

You May Donate Any Amount at Any Level

\$25.00 or \$1,000, or other. Be sure to indicate on your check or money order how you want the donation used- scholarships, Tech Trek, member incentives, or general operating funds. If you donate other than by check, money order, or Zelle...please send an email to Dr. Lucinda Hovi, Director of Finance at aauxtampafinance@gmail.com to indicate your donation. For Zelle donations use aauxtampafinance@gmail.com.

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

Option 1: Eventbrite

Option 2: Mail a check or money order to PO Box 172715, Tampa, FL 33672

\$60/person

\$360/table

Saturday, March 5, 2022
Starts at 11:00AM-2:00PM
Doors open at 10:30AM

TAMPA PALMS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
5811 TAMPA PALMS BLVD, TAMPA, FL 33647



Tampa AAUW: Making A Difference for 100 years



Meridith Alexander
INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER



Simon Laskey
JAZZ PIANIST



Darlene Butler
VIOLINIST



Margaret & Katherine King
INSPIRATIONAL RAPPERS

LOVE ... Joy

When you think of February, you think of Valentine's Day and love. This month I would like to share with you a conversation I had with one of my neighbors that thinks about love in a different way. The conversation went something like this.

As children, we find joy in almost everything. Even when we were punished and maybe sent our rooms, we would find something in that room that would bring us joy. As adults, we must also find our joy, as no one will make it for us, and some may even try and take it from us. So, in this month of love, the best way I know that you can love yourself is by finding your own joy. It doesn't have to cost anything or be complicated. Do you remember the joy you felt just jumping and splashing in puddles of water after the rain? Pure Joy!!

My joy is sitting out on the back porch and watching the birds feed and take a bath in the birdfeeder. Be selfish! Find your joy! Take the time for your self. Enjoy it. Savor the moment. You deserve it.

-Catherine Martin



AAUW Tampa
Saturday, February 12, 2022
Welcomes

Attorney Jenay E Iurato, pronounced *Urato*,



Attorney Iurato

has dedicated herself to assisting human trafficking survivors and is an enthusiastic human rights advocate. She has provided pro bono assistance to human trafficking survivors in over 200 cases. Additionally, she has received numerous awards and appointments recognizing her

commitment and dedication to her work. To name a few, in 2020, Attorney Iurato received the Florida Bar Association President's Award for her pro bono work. In 2016, she was named a Super Lawyer by the *Super Lawyer* magazine. Only 5% of Florida's lawyers have received this prestigious award. She was appointed to the Florida Bar Association's Diversity and Inclusion Committee. And she has served as guest speaker, panelist, or organizer on various panels relating to human trafficking. Join us on
Date: Saturday, February 12, 2022

Time: 11:00 am to 1 pm

Location: Temple Terrace Golf and Country Club,
[200 Inverness Ave., Temple Terrace, FL., 33617.](#)

Menu: Chicken with rosemary sauce or Grouper Piccata, or Pasta Primavera COST: \$21

Reservations: Please make reservations and menu selection by February 8th COB. Email Dr. Bert Dunbar @ bertd28@aol.com or text 813.245.2820

Be reminded that payment is due for all confirmed reservations whether or not a person attends.

Payment Methods: At the door, Zelle, or mail check to AAUW Tampa, Inc, PO Box 172715, Tampa, Florida, 33672



Board Meeting
February 12, 2022
1 to 1:45pm
In person

General Meeting
February 12, 2022
11:00 am-1pm
In person

Board Meeting
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General Meeting
March 5, 2022
11:00 am-12:30 pm
In person

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**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
MATTERS!**



Tampa (FL) Branch

AAUWTampaMembership@gmail.com

**Your membership makes our powerful
voice even louder on critical issues
affecting women and girls**

Please Join Us Today

<https://tampa-fl.aauw.net/membership/>



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If you have questions, please contact
Ms. April Cobb
Director for Membership

**WE VALUE YOUR MEMBERSHIP
AND
INVOLVMENT!**

Tips for Inviting guests to AAUW...

1. **Know what you are going to say.** Have a simple script in mind. You can use something like the following:
Hi _____. What are you doing on _____. I would love to invite you as my guest to an AAUW meeting on _____ at _____ time at the Temple Terrace Golf and Country Club. AAUW is an organization that empowers and uplifts women. We usually have guest speakers on different topics. I would love it if you could join me.
2. **Be Excited:**
People can hear excitement in your voice. The more excited you are about something, the more likely someone would be willing to join you.
3. **Make the invitation personal.** Invite in person or over the phone. It's more personal than a text or an email. It is so much easier to say no over email or text.
4. **Keep it Simple:**
Don't overcomplicate the invitation. Ensure you explain, what, where, when, and what time.
5. **Invite and then follow-up:** People forget, so follow-up the week of the meeting, letting the person know how excited you will be to have them as your guest. Let them know they can also invite a friend if they want.

AAUW art contest ... voting is open.

February 2nd to February 16.

Please support our very own Catherine Clark Martin

Voting started on February 2nd through the 16th. The website is: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/initiatives/art-contest/?emci=a7ac0205-e06f-ec11-94f6-c896650d923c&emdi=d36edef8-2572-ec11-94f6-c896650d923c&ceid=932294>

Sunflower cropped



The fire within



February Birthdays

Valeria Bembry

1

Gloria Hilton

8

Naomi Sweeting

16

La Sonya Moore

17



Patricia Tabone

20

Shella Miller

24

Paula Stewart

25

Franca Washington

27

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP PHOTOGRAPHY

THE GOAL WAS TO CAPTURE A PICTURE IN
BLACK AND WHITE.

Here are some of the entries:



Alesya's – Things around the house



**Catherine's – first tomatoes of
the year**



Bert's – Pelicans at Simmons Park

If you did not attend the November general meeting, it is not too late to join this group or one of the other special interest groups. Contact the coordinator(s) listed below:

Around the Town- Irene Bemby @ beckybembry52@gmail.com, assisting, Mattiebp@gmail.com.

Bridge-Want to learn. Or, ready to play- John Chaplick @ Jpchaplick@gmail.com, assisting Dr. Cindy Hovi@ cindyhovidc@gmail.com.

Camera Group- novice or expert- Catherine Clark Martin@ ccmartincu@gmail.com.

Special interest groups were created to help contribute, to building camaraderie, trust, respect, opportunities for mentorship, and fun. Research has shown that teams that play together are more committed and productive.

WELCOME

**to our newest members.
We look forward to getting to know you.**