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Tampa (FL) Branch

AAUW Tampa: Making A Difference for
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MEETING OUR ORGANIZATION'S GOALS

This fiscal year's fundraiser is scheduled for March 5, 2022. So, now is the time for each member to ask, "How can I help?". Tampa AAUW mission mirrors the mission of National AAUW, i.e., "to advance gender equity for women and girls through advocacy, research, and education". This branch cannot meet its goals without a successful fundraiser. Awarding scholarships and supporting Tech Trek campers would not be possible. Now is the time to put the "I" in "Team" by asking, "What can I do to make this fundraiser a monumental success."

Ways you can help:

1. Make or solicit a gift basket for the basket drawings.
2. Donate an item (s) for the silent auction.
3. Donate the cost of at least two tickets (cost \$120.00), especially if you do not plan to attend the event.
4. Donate an 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 or money order, please send a note to Director of Finance, Dr. Lucinda (Cindy) Hovi via email: cindyhovidc@gmail.com. indicate how you wish to have your donation used.
5. Invite guests, being sure to include some who may be prospective Tampa AAUW, Inc members.

Actions that will be taken to enhance the safety level of the event:

1. All attendees will be strongly encouraged to wear a mask when not speaking, performing, or eating.
2. Tables will be spaced to enhance safety. No more than 6 attendees will be assigned to a table designed for 8.
3. The purchase of an entire table (cost \$360) will be encouraged, to ensure seating with group of purchaser's choice.
4. All donated baskets must be placed in a plastic gift bag pouch or wrapped in cellophane to prevent ticket buyers from touching the contents of baskets. ... Continue on page 8

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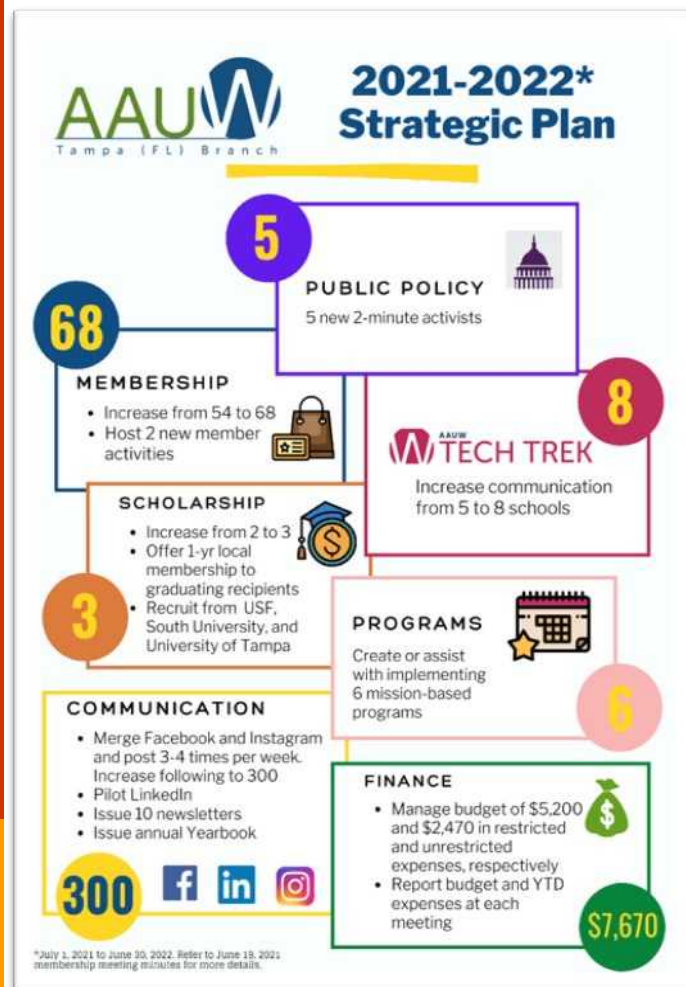
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From the Desk of Dr. Sandra Johnson Austin, President

Cheers to the beginning of a new year! There are so many memories of 2021. As tenacious women we came together to support one another during very challenging times, and we are so grateful that you have shared your stories with us.

We are in the last six months of working towards meeting our 2021-2022 strategic plan goals, which are noted here. Most notable is our membership goal that we continue to need your support to achieve our goal of 68 members. We are so thankful for your outreach efforts to date. We continue to see new faces at our membership meetings. They are your neighbors, co-workers, friends, and family members. Many of you are bringing guests to our membership meetings and we seek your support in converting these first timers to members of AAUW Tampa, Inc. Please send to aauwtpamembership@gmail.com their name, phone, and email address for us to follow up with them accordingly. Also, we are also excited to learn if you became a 2-minute activist. Email us at aauwatampainfo@gmail.com to let us know. In the meantime, together we can continue to achieve great things as tenacious women! All the best to you and yours in 2022!



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*Advocating equity for women
and girls in Florida since 1929.*
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Save the date and begin marketing ...



Tampa AAUW 2022 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

AN AFTERNOON OF INSPIRATION & MUSIC

The program will include...

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

Lunch Options:

Roasted Vegetable Stack Tomato bruschetta, 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.

Meal choices should be indicated on a check, money order, or at Eventbrite site or in the comment section of the Zelle.

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
11:00am-2:00pm**

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



**Meredith Alexander
KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



**Simon Laskey
JAZZ PIANIST**



**Darlene Butler
VIOLINIST**



**Margaret & Katherine King
INSPIRATIONAL RAPPERS**

Hello January 2022!

First, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. May it be filled with joy, love, laughter, and many blessings. Here we are, again, a new year, a new you. This is the year that I am going to accomplish my goals. Does this sound familiar?

I would like to build on last month's tips and that is to give yourself 1 day a week to practice self-care. I have included a few suggestions below, inspired by the website "Strong Runner Chicks".

- 1. Write a letter to yourself and open it at the end of the year**
- 2. Turn off your phone for a few hours**
- 3. Take yourself out on a date**
- 4. Watch a TED talk**
- 5. Spend 5 minutes in silence**
- 6. Call a friend**
- 7. Cook/bake something new**
- 8. Set your intention for the day**
- 9. Share a smile/compliment with 3 people**
- 10. Buy yourself some flowers**

What ever you do, always, care for yourself too.

—Catherine Martin

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AAUW Tampa
Saturday, January 15, 2022

This week we welcome our :

2021-2022 Scholarship winners



Natalie Nagib

Major: Biomedical Sciences

Hometown: Toronto, Canada

Graduation Year: 2022

Campus Involvement: I am currently the President for Sigma Alpha Lambda, a Resident Assistant (RA), the Community Chairperson for Foundation of International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC), a Peer Advisor Leader (PAL), and a

Calculus/Chemistry/Biology/Microbiology Teaching Assistant (TA).

Future aspirations: I plan to attend medical school and eventually work for Doctors without Borders and serve underserved populations abroad. I aspire to serve those who are affected by health disparities in the US and internationally and bring a preventative public health approach to the medical field.



Tyelyn Brigino

Major: B.S. Chemistry

Hometown: Tampa, FL

Graduation Year: May 2021

Campus Involvement: I am currently involved in the USF Student Green Energy Fund Tree Mapping Project as the Principal Investigator. My responsibility is to map the trees on the USF Tampa campus to determine the ecosystem benefits for our urban forest. I

am also involved in undergraduate research with the USF Ecohydrology Research group. I have been working on determining groundwater support in streamflow in salmon-bearing streams on the Kenai Peninsula Lowlands, Alaska.

Future aspirations: I plan to attend graduate school in the Fall at USF to pursue my M.S. in Geology. I also plan to continue my research in Alaska.

The Scholarship committee will host a panel discussion. Paying it forward is a key roll of AAUW Tampa and one of the reasons for our annual fundraiser. Be sure to attend this meeting. We look forward to seeing all of our members on Saturday, January 15, 2022.



Board Meeting
January 8, 2022
10:30 to 11:15 am
Via Zoom

General Meeting
January 15, 2022
11:00 am-12:30 pm
In person

Board Meeting
February 12, 2022
10:30 to 11:15 am
Via Zoom

General Meeting
February 19, 2022
11:00 am-12:30 pm
In person

Board of Directors

President	Dr. Saundra Johnson Austin
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Director for Membership	Ms. April Cobb
Director for Finance	Dr. Lucinda Hovi
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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

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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.

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5. A tag, listing basket contents, will be attached to each basket to prevent potential ticket buyers from manipulating a basket to determine its contents.
6. Potential auction bidders will be required to use gloves or hand sanitizer (provided) prior to touching or handling auction items.
7. Auction item donors will be asked to ensure all donated items are clean as well as attractive, in good repair, and usable. Auction items will need to be assessed by a member of the Program Committee before the item can be accepted.
8. All members and guests will be asked to help optimize the level of safety at the event by refraining from attending if he/she has a fever or other symptoms of the flu or COVID.

Intention to submit an auction item or prepare a basket for drawings, must be confirmed by February 19, 2022. Please bring proposed auction items to the January 15th or *February 19th general Tampa AAUW meeting to have the item assessed. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Bert Dunbar, Director of Programs, at bertd28@aol.com or text 813.245.2820.

Stay safe, stay committed, and stay motivated. Remember, the challenge can seem unconquerable. However, perseverance can result in monumental rewards!

*The February 19th date is subject to change to accommodate Representative Castor's schedule. Please watch for notice.

- Dr. Bert Dunbar and the Programs Committee



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Carolyn Eberhart - 10

Yvette Williams - 14

April Cobb - 16

Cindy Hovi - 19

Erica Hall - 22



***Around the Town* Special Interest Group: Strolling at the Henry B. Plant Museum**

Six members of the *Around the Town* Tampa AAUW, Inc. Special Interest Group became charter users when they attended the Henry B. Plant Museum's Annual Victorian Christmas Tree Stroll. The event is an amazing display of elaborately decorated Christmas trees with sparkly tinsel and a total of over 40,000 lights. Some of the trees are more than 14 feet tall. The lighting and the decorations are spectacular. This charter group had a truly rewarding experience. Four group members were able to extend the experience by having lunch together at a nearby restaurant after the tour. They say they had a holiday experience filled with excitement, awe, and remembrances of times past. Those who attended said they are looking forward to the group's next adventure.

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.



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Tampa AAUW, Inc.
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Group became
charter users when
they attended the
Henry B. Plant Mu-
seum's Annual Vic-
torian Christmas
Tree Stroll.
Be on the look out
for our next event
and plan to attend.*

WELCOME

**to our newest members.
We look forward to get-
ting to know you.**



Pictures from our December 4th meeting. We are meeting as safely as we can. Please join us at our next meeting.

The Holiday Celebration was a Hit.

The event planner provided a wonderfully and captivatingly decorated meeting/dining room. The décor set the stage for a day of fun, as new members joined established members in an hilarious party skit. It was a time to engage in fun activities, introductions, rekindling old relations, and indulging in a great meal, while listening to beautifully rendered piano music by artist Joanna Ximenes. Ms. Ximenes played as guests were seated, during the Ugly Sweater Contest, and during lunch. She was magnificent.



The Tampa AAUW, Inc Players were stars in the production of *Who Stole the Silver Bells* by My Mystery Party, Inc. They captivated the interest and tickle boxes of all guests. Those Tampa Players performing included Avis Chaplick, John Chaplick, Joyce Ellsworth, Dr. Gloria Hilton, Dr. Cindy Hovi, Paula Huzella, Catherine Clark Martin, Mattie Parr, Aleseya Pinkney, LTC. Paula, Stewart, Ret., and Rev. Martha Vaguener.

Capping off the festivities of the day was the Ugly Sweater Contest. Many members participated, making this portion of the program a truly delightful highlight. See *pictures of other contest participants on the next page*. Deborah Gano, Renee Lee, and Lillian Stringer, longtime supporters of Tampa AAUW, Inc. were joined by Michelle Marshall as this year's judges' panel. They used the following criteria to make their choices, originality, style, and uniqueness. Please see the winners below:



Catherine Clark Martin
First Place - \$30.00



Franca Washington
Second Place - \$20.00



Rev. Martha Vaguener
Third Place- \$15.00