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# Women's History Month



In the February Newsletter, Dr. Johnson Austin wrote : “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.”

President Joe Biden made good on his promise and nominated United States Circuit Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. Judge Brown Jackson, soon to be Justice Brown Jackson is making history as the first African American female nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court. Let us resume our Affiliate President’s call to action. “Now is the time to flood messages to Florida Representative Charlie Crist ([www.crist.house.gov](http://www.crist.house.gov)) and Florida Senators Marco Rubio ([www.rubio.senate.gov](http://www.rubio.senate.gov)) and Rick Scott ([www.rickscott.senate.gov](http://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,” admonishes Dr. Johnson Austin.

Let’s make history this Women’s History Month and CONFIRM the first African American/Black woman to the United States Supreme Court. She has already made history by being the first Judge to be nominated who served as a Public Defender. One can only hope that she will bring parity and insight to issues that disproportionately impact the economically disenfranchised.

— Franca Washington, Director of Communications

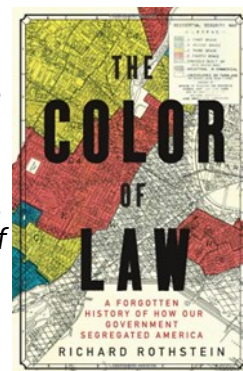


## ***From the Desk of Dr. Saundra Johnson Austin, President***

The United States Circuit Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson is making history as the first African American female nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court Justice. Pursuant to a confirmation, she will replace U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Stephen G. Breyer, who she clerked for in the past. Judge Brown Jackson hails from Washington, D.C. and grew up in Miami, FL. I wonder if she is a member of AAUW? One can only hope.

It goes without saying that this profession should also reflect the demographics of these United States. In general, the road to the U.S. Supreme Court is arduous and this nominee provides a glimmer of hope for more young girls of color to consider following in Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's footsteps. All it takes is for one of us to give a gentle nudge to a young girl or say the words, "I can see you becoming the next U.S. Supreme Court Justice." That is what I did for an African American female student at Academy Prep Center of Tampa (APT), where I taught math. She was an eighth grader who was assigned as the student assistant to tutor the sixth-grade students in my class, and she loved to read. She always had a book in her hand reading during recess. For whatever reason she was a little too 'spicy' with her words in one of our sessions. So, I challenged her to address the students at their level as sixth graders. And with a little more coaching, she nailed it. The way she debated and challenged the students with their responses to the math questions, left no doubt in my mind that she was on her way to becoming an attorney. I let her know that I had my eyes on her. However, my efforts did not stop there.

The school hosts an annual fundraiser and local officials, board of directors, and other community members are invited. At the event was a judge, who was our keynote speaker. I introduced myself and asked if she would mentor the 'spicy' eighth grader, and she agreed. The judge shared that she has a program for young girls that includes bringing the girls into her courtroom. The student was nervous to meet the judge at first, but I nudged her along and said, "You got this!" To let her know that I truly believed in her, I gave her the book, *The Color of Law*, as a middle school graduation gift. I lost track of the 'spicy' eighth grader during the coronavirus pandemic and since she started high school. You better believe that I will be reaching out to her to find out where she is on her journey to becoming a U.S. Supreme Court Justice.



This reminds me of the famous quote by Mahatma Gandhi, "We must become the change we want to see in the world." We, as members of AAUW are doing this, one young girl at a time because we ourselves are tenacious trailblazers. Thank you all for what you do to inspire young girls in our community.





**2022 @Women of Distinction Luncheon**  
**March 18, 2022 | Noon**  
**Hilton Tampa Downtown**

Hilton Tampa Downtown  
 211 N Tampa St, Tampa, FL 33602

Individual Ticket \$75 / each

**KEYNOTE:**

**Dr. Mae Jemison, Former Astronaut**

A lifetime member of Girl Scouts, Dr. Mae Jemison, served six years as a NASA astronaut and was the first woman of color in the world to go into space. She developed a love of science as a young girl by tapping into the curiosity she honed through Girl Scouts. Her achievements span beyond her historic time as part of NASA's space program, including founding two technology companies and the nonprofit Dorothy Jemison Foundation for Excellence, which designs and implements STEM education experiences. As our Keynote speaker, Dr. Jemison will share inspiration from her years as a trailblazing engineer, astronaut, and STEM educator.

**Join Girl Scouts of West Central Florida on March 18 at the Hilton Tampa Downtown for the 30th Anniversary of the Women of Distinction Luncheon!**

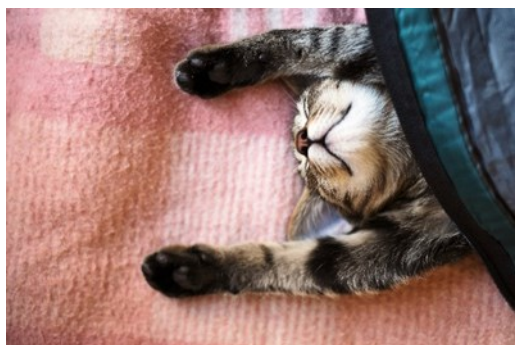
Contact Dree Jenkins for more details

## SELF CARE CORNER

“The most powerful relationship you will ever have is the relationship with yourself.” – Steve Maraboli

Since you are your most important relationship, what are you doing to foster a positive and strong relationship with yourself?

Would you treat others the way you treat yourself? Maybe the more important question is, are you treating yourself at least as good as you treat others? Do you compliment yourself? Do you cook your best dishes for yourself? How about making sure you



get a good night's sleep? Are you spending time with the people that lift you up?

Take a couple of deep breaths and decide what you are going to do for YOU today.

Catherine Clark Martin –AAUW Tampa Member

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happy  
birthday!

**Joyce Schuetz 18**

**Kathy Schmidt 26**





AAUW Tampa  
Saturday, March 5, 2022

Welcomes

**Meridith Alexander**



**This event is SOLD OUT.**

Best-selling author and top female motivational Speaker Meridith Alexander inspires high-level professionals and entrepreneurs to venture beyond the place where our beliefs stop us. She challenges leaders and teams to explore the boundaries of endless possibilities, positive expectations and creative focus .

AAUWTampa welcomes Meridith Alexander as our 2022 keynote speaker at our Annual Fundraiser on Saturday, March 5th at Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club.

**This event is SOLD OUT.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting  
March 12, 2022  
12:30 to 1:15 pm  
Via Zoom

General Meeting  
March 5, 2022  
11:00 am-1:00 pm  
In person—**SOLD OUT**

Board Meeting  
April 9, 2022  
10:30 to 11:15 am  
Via Zoom

General Meeting  
April 16, 2022  
11:00 am-1:00 pm  
In person

## Board of Directors

President	Dr. Sandra Johnson Austin
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*If you have questions, please contact*  
Ms. April Cobb  
Director for Membership

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AND  
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## **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.



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



<https://www.facebook.com/tampaflaauw/>

## 2021 By the Numbers





## Join the new AAUW Community Hub

The new AAUW membership data system, AAUW Community Hub, is up and it is time for all of us to establish an account. If you have already done this, congratulations! If not, perhaps you could benefit from my experience in establishing an account.

- Visit the Systems Update page (link in the email or use the one below) and watch the first short video, even if you use online systems all the time. This is not Amazon and it doesn't work like you think it should.

<https://www.aauw.org/new-systems-update/?emci=06733b2a-c18e-ec11-a507-281878b83d8a&emdi=d828bc7c-418f-ec11-a507-281878b83d8a&ceid=927323>

- Do **NOT** enter your old password or your email address. Just click on "forgot my password". It should send a link to your email.
- If that doesn't work, you may have to call Connect at 202-785-7782.
- Once you are logged in and have your password set, you will want to update your personal information. The term your "education degrees" really means all of your college degrees, not just the Ed.D. and Ed. Spec. include date awarded. Hope you can find your diploma!

-Patricia DeWitt

## Human Trafficking . . .

On Saturday, February 12, 2022, our speaker was Attorney Jenay E Iurato, pronounced Ura-to. She recounted stories of some of the trafficking survivors she has worked with.



Did you know that Tampa was **THIRD** in the nation for human trafficking? Tampa is behind California and Texas respectively.

Attorney Iurato works pro bono to provide assistance to human trafficking survivors who are entangled in the legal system.

She described how to identify a potential victim; what to do; who to contact; and how to stay vigilant in our communities. What she described are people being hidden/controlled in plain sight. They are often overlooked or not noticed at all. They are often girls and women. There is a path that is dark. Attorney Iurato helps survivors reclaim their lives and overcome their legal entanglements.

Members learned how we can collaborate to support survivors.

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

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](mailto:beckybembry52@gmail.com), assisting, [Mattiebp@gmail.com](mailto:Mattiebp@gmail.com).

Bridge-Want to learn. Or, ready to play- John Chaplick @ [Jpchaplick@gmail.com](mailto:Jpchaplick@gmail.com), assisting Dr. Cindy Hovi @ [cindyhovidc@gmail.com](mailto:cindyhovidc@gmail.com).

Camera Group- novice or expert- Catherine Clark Martin @ [ccmartincu@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

It is nomination and voting time again. Please take the next few weeks to consider joining our current directors in service to your branch or nominating other members with whom you would like to serve in any of these critical and worthwhile offices. Your familiarity with this branch's By Laws will be useful during this process.

For the term, 2022-2024, The following offices are open for nomination and election. Of course, nominations must be made with each nominated member's consent:

President. The job description is outlined in Article IX, Section 2a.

Director of Communications. Article IX, Section 2i.

Director of Public Policy. Article IX, Section 2h.

Director of Tech Trek. Article IX, Section 2g.

Recording Secretary. Article IX, Section 2j.

Note: Both the President and the Director of Communications have indicated they will not seek re-election for this term.

In Accordance with Article IX, Section 1b, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Website and Facebook Manager positions are presidential appointees for one year with the consent of the Board of Directors.

The Vice President office has been vacant since the 2021 election year. This position will be open for election in 2023 as outlined in Article IX, Section 6b.

The Nominating Committee members for this election year are:

The Reverend Martha Vaguener

Patricia Tabone

Paula Stewart, chair

The committee will prepare the list of nominees to be presented to the members during the April 9, 2022 meeting. **Please make your nominations known before this meeting via email, letter or text message to:**

Paula Stewart

6248 Goldcoast Avenue (new address)

Apollo Beach, FL 33572

(910) 568-6163

[renaissancepewhs@gmail.com](mailto:renaissancepewhs@gmail.com)

**Elections will be held during the April 9, 2022, meeting. Nominations also may be made in person from the floor at that time.**

Thank you for your attention to this important announcement. We hope all will participate and continue to support the Tampa Affiliate of the American Association of University Women.

Kind regards,

Paula Stewart, Chair, Nominating Committee, 2022



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## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following information should be given exactly as you wish it to appear in the yearbook:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

First

Middle

Last

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Street or PO Box

Apt. No.

PHONE (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDAY (MM/DD) \_\_\_\_\_ OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

List degree(s) earned and field of study, college or university, year degree awarded.

ASSOCIATES \_\_\_\_\_

BACHELOR \_\_\_\_\_

MASTERS \_\_\_\_\_

DOCTORATE \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the above information is correct.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this form and return with your check payable to AAUW Tampa Branch.

Two Methods of Payment:	Dues
1) Make check payable to AAUW Tampa, Inc. and mail the form and check to: AAUW Tampa, Inc., P.O. Box 172715, Tampa, FL 33672 OR 2) Use online mobile banking to send dues via Zelle to AAUWTampaFinance@gmail.com. Mail this form to the PO Box above and check the box <input type="checkbox"/> I have paid via Zelle.	\$62.00-Association \$12.00-State <b><u>\$13.00-Branch</u></b> <b><u>\$ 87.00-Total</u></b> <u>Annual Membership extends from July 1- June 30</u>