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Hello AAUW Tampa Members,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 membership year. It's good to be back. Since we last met, we have experienced record high temperatures, resulting in skyrocketing power usage and bills, hurricanes and storms, wild fires, and floods. We've seen an increase in local and geo-political tumult, a dismantling of affirmative action at the federal level, and concerning changes to the expected social studies educational outcomes in our school systems. Each of these occurrences, unfortunately, have the potential to adversely impact many women and girls now and in the future. However, I am hopeful in knowing this is why AAUW remains relevant and important in 2023. Though it all, we stand by our mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy and we are committed to preparing the next generation of young women to do the same.

Our first meeting of the year, on September 16 (11Am at Temple Terrace Golf Club), moves us toward this goal. The meeting will highlight the voices of the rising 8th grade girls who attended the AAUW Stem Tech Trek summer camp (see pages 6-7 of the newsletter). I am confident, these young girls will greatly contribute to the resolution of the aforementioned challenges. Additionally, within this newsletter you'll find:

- The September 2023 Calendar and Birthdays (p. 2)
- A message from President Miller and an overview of the Strategic Plan for this Membership Year (pp. 3-4)
- An overview of the Agenda for the September 2023 meeting (p. 5)
- A list of Facts and Books you can learn more about or engage with over the next month (p. 8)
- News from AAUW Florida and National (pp. 9-10)
- A highlight of September activities in Tampa, Clearwater, and St. Pete (p. 11)
- Contact information for Board Members and a list of Board Meeting Dates and ways to keep connected (pp. 12-13)

Hopefully, there is something in the newsletter you will find interesting and want to learn more about. As this is an interactive newsletter, in many places you may click on an image or link to open up a new page to access more info related to a given topic. I look forward to working with you this year and seeing you at the meetings. Until then, enjoy!

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SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 **	HAPPY LABOR Day	5	STEMEd for Girls fall sessions start	'Drift,' environmenta I disasters play, opens at Tampa's Lab Theatre	8	Join Advent Health, Carrollwood for FREE medical screenings, education, gift, and smoothie
HAPPY Grandparents	11 Happy Birthday Martha	Happy Mindfulness Day	Take part in AAUW's Two-Minute Activist	14 USF Faculty Jazz Ensemble: An Evening of Classic Jazz 8pm	HISPANIC HERITAGE	16 1st AAUW Meeting of the 2023-2024 Year Tech Trek!
17 Happy Birthday Catherine & Dora	18	19	20	21 USF Faculty Recital: By Women for Women 5pm, Barness Recital Hall	22	FIRST DAY OF Fall
24	25	26	27 35th Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration City of Tampa	28	29	30

Martha Vaguener

Catherine Clark Martin

Dora Smith

Sept. 11

Sept. 17 Sept. 17

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Shella Miller, President AAUW Tampa 2022-2024

Dear AAUW Tampa Members:

I hope you all had a fun-filled relaxing summer and can't wait to hear about your wonderful summer adventures. I am super excited to get started on another fantastic AAUW Membership year! I wanted to highlight a couple of reminders, opportunities, and upcoming events in this issue regarding the community hub and membership renewals, opportunities for involvement on our board or committees, and the upcoming International Day of the Girl Child Intergenerational Tea.

Community Hub and Membership Renewals

The Community Hub is where, as a member, you can access and self-manage your membership donations, contact information, and preferences. You can access the community hub by visiting www.aauw.org and clicking the log-in button at the top

right corner of the page to log in. Once you are in, you can see your personal snapshot. You can also renew your membership on this platform. Reminder membership is on a rolling schedule. For those who joined before November 2022, that date is mostly by June 30th every year. Any new members after that, it is one year from the date you joined. If you have any questions about renewing your membership or general questions about the community hub, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Tara Perkins, Director of Membership, at aauwtampamembership@gmail.com.

Process Membership Dues and Donations in the Community Hub by following the step-by-step instructions made available on the **Community Hub Tools and Resources** page. You can also find answers to your most **Frequently Asked Questions**.

Open Board Positions and Committee Opportunities

I encourage anyone interested in getting involved to consider a board position or committee membership. Open Positions include:

- **Director of Public Policy**-This position helps us with our advocacy mission in AAUW. The Director of Public Policy attends the virtual national public policy calls and researches the AAUW website and other reliable sources to bring public policy information or issues impacting women and girls to our attention.
- **Social Media Manager** This position helps us keep a social media presence by sharing important information, events, and activities on our social media platforms.

Committee Chair and Committee Opportunities

- *Nominations Committee and Nominations Chair* -Needed to develop slate of nominations for next year's elections for April 2024
- Fundraising Committee-Help needed to generate ideas, plan, and help with fundraisers alongside a team.
- **Special Interest Group**-Special interest groups help to forge relationships and friendships on a small scale. You may be interested in establishing a new special interest group (Ex. Book club, cooking, activity, discussion groups etc.) or participating on the existing Out on the Town group.

If anyone is interested in any of these roles, please reach out to Catherine Clark, Vice President AAUW Tampa, Inc. ccmartinaauw@gmail.com

International Day of the Girl Child Intergenerational Tea

The International Day of the Girl Child is an international observance day declared by United Nations observed on October 11th. Last year, our AAUW Tampa Branch held its inaugural celebration by hosting an International Day of the Girl Child Intergenerational Tea. We had rave reviews of the event with many calling for us to do it again. Guess what? We heard you loud and clear and we are!

The International Day of the Girl Child Intergenerational Tea will be held on October 7th, 2023. The event is being coordinated by our Director of Membership, Ms. Tara Perkins. If anyone is interested in participating on this planning team, please contact her at aauwtampamembership@gmail.com. This program will serve three purposes, 1) a community outreach program that gets AAUW in the community, 2) a Diversity Equity and Inclusion focus with an intergenerational panel discussion, and 3) a mini fundraiser for AAUW scholarships and programs. Come ready at our first meeting to hear more about the program and what you can do to support the event!

With that being said, Welcome Back! We hope you enjoy this first edition of our Member Newsletter for 2023-2024 year. Special thanks to Dr. Demetrix Owens for the excellence she brings with these issues every single time! You and your talents are greatly appreciated!!!

STRATEGIC PLAN

2022-2024

Our board of directors held the 2023-2024 strategic planning meeting June 17th, 2023. We reviewed our accomplishments from this past year, what we believed worked well and where we think we need focus to ensure our branch is welcoming, administratively strong, viable, and visible to the community. The current board focus continues to be in three focus areas: Membership Experience, Quality Programs, and Increased Partnerships. We want to continue identifying new and creative ways to recruit and retain members, ensure we are offering programs that capitalize on the expertise of members, as well as meet their needs, and increase collaboration with other organizations, where we can create economies of scale and brand AAUW Tampa as a partner in our community with like-minded groups. We encourage you to provide any suggestions you might have for any of these focus areas throughout the year. This organization belongs to each of us and we want to ensure everyone knows you have a role and a voice in our future.

Vision

To become a 5 Star AAUW Branch that brings value to our community Mission

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy Values

Inclusive, Intergenerational, Empowering



AAUW Tampa 3-Prong Strategic Focus Areas for 2022-2024

MEETING INFO: SEPT. 16, 2023

The first meeting of the year is upon us!!!



Date: 09/16/2023



Time: 11AM



Location: Temple Terrace



Call to Order, Opening Remarks, & Minutes Approval

Ms. Shella Miller, President

Inspirational Message Rev. Martha Vaguener

Program: Teck Trek Campers
Ms. Kim Rostick

Unfinished Business

New Business

Reports

Financial, Dr. Ebony Shoemo
Membership, Ms. Tara Perkins & Ms. Yvette Williams
Scholarships, Dr. Gloria Hilton
Tech Trek, Ms. Kim Rostick
Communications, Dr. Demetrix Rostick Owens
Corresponding Secretary, Ms. Paula Thomas

Special Interest Groups

Around the Town, Ms. Irene Bembry

Questions, Comments, Etc.
President Miller

Adjournment



We look forward to seeing you!!!

AAUW TECH TREK SUMMER 2023

As one of only 22 Tech Trek sites across the United States, Tech Trek Florida 2023 is in the books and we are so proud!

Stats:

- Florida Tech Trek received 185 nominations from 55 different schools across the state and from 89 different teachers across 17 branches.
- 102 girls completed the application process including those all-important personal interviews.
- Thanks again to the stellar AAUW Tampa Branch committee of Bonnie Edis, Dr. Gloria Hilton, Dr. Demetrix Rostick-Owens and Pat Tabone
- All girls who applied were accepted!! Woo Hoo!!
- A total of 82 rising 8th grade girls attended Tech Trek in Florida
- 43 campers at Stetson University in Deland June 11-17.
- 39 campers at <u>Florida Atlantic University</u> in Jupiter June 18-24.

185 Nominations 55 FL Schools 89 Teachers

17 Branches 82 Campers

This one-week summer camp is backed by AAUW's research and designed to make STEM fields exciting and accessible to girls in middle school — the age when girls' participation in these fields statistically drops. For many girls, the week-long camp sparks their curiosity and places them on a path toward success.

It was a pleasure to receive thank you cards from each camper expressing their appreciation for this scholarship and special opportunity for connection, inspiration and mentorship. We will kick off our first AAUW meeting of the season by learning about these varied Tech Trek STEM experiences from our very own AAUW Tampa Branch campers who attend middle school in Hillsborough County.

CALL TO ACTION

AAUW MEMBER ACTION ITEM:

Sign up to join the Tech Trek 2024 committee. Opportunities include:

- Communicating with middle school teachers to nominate students
- Identifying businesses to sponsor a girl @ \$1000
- Following up with students and families to complete applications
- Attending and supporting the informational zoom meeting for parents
- Contacting families to schedule interviews
- Conducting interviews with parents and students
- Sharing information about our at September AAUW meeting
- Celebrating with us as we hear from our campers: Mariah Ewing, Brianna Henriquez, & Taliyah
 Walker (of Academy Prep Center of Tampa); Ryder Maeschen, Brianna Mercedes & Olivia Hamm (of
 Dorothy C. York Innovation Academy); Bethany Coulter (of Sulphur Springs PK-8 Community
 Partnership School) and Eveleen Bedi & Sachi Som (of Walker IB Middle Magnet)

TECH TREK CAMPERS, THANK-YOU!

Dear Kim Rustick,



Thank you for giving Jazmine Jackson the opportunity to attend Tech Trek.

Unfortunately she wasn't able to attend, but we appreciate your support of Tech Trek.

The girls had the opportunity to meet women in SIEM and learn about different STEM carreers while being immerse in

Workshops and activities based on their love

Dear Kill Hostic.
Thankyou for bringing this amazing orportunity Upon me. I really appreciate you for this experience. I did a rat discotion, coursed how to engineer and code.

-Mariah Eviny



THANK YOU!

Dear Kim Rostick,
Thankyou for interviewing me and
accepting me for the Tech Trek some
Stem summer cump. I have had a
Wonderful experience here in Jupiter
florida, my favorite Part of this camp
was making new friends and meeting
rev people in the STEM field.

Have a wonderful

Mrs. Rostick,

Thank you so much for interview ing me and giving me the opprutaning to go to Tech Trek. This has truly been an amazing experime and I'm so happy to have gone here. I have learned so much. I will never forget this!

Dearly, Briana Mercedes



Dear Kim Rostick,

Thank you for giving me this opportunity and supporting me. Thank you for believing in me? In archery I learned now to not a bow and shoot it.

FACTS AND RESOURCES

1 to 54,592

September 12, 1910 – Alice Stebbins Wells, a former social worker, becomes the first woman police officer *with arrest powers* in the U.S. (Los Angeles, CA)

September 2023 – the reported **324,951** police officers currently employed in the United States, 16.8% are women.¹



Click here for...

A History of Women in
Law Enforcement



24... 11... 1

September 26, 1971 – Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-New York) announces she will enter the Democratic presidential primaries

- 24 women have entered the presidential primaries
- 11 women have entered the vice-presidential race
- 1, Kamala Harris, has reached the office of Vice-President, but more are to come... ²



Just a few images of women who entered presidential and vice presential primaries.

Learn more at https://cawp.rutgers.edu/facts/levels-office/federal-executive/women-presidential-and-vice-presidential-candidates-selected

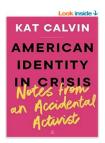
Then-And-Now

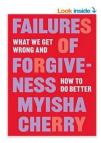
Sept. 13, 1994: Clinton signs the Violence Against Women Act as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, providing funding for programs that help victims of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, stalking and other gender-related violence.³

Where AAUW Stands! AAUW advocates equitable access to education and climates free of harassment, bullying, and sexual assault.

DOWNLOAD THE QUICK FACTS⁴

Books... Book... and More Books (Learn More, Click the Image)









¹ https://www.zippia.com/police-officer-jobs/demographics/

² https://cawp.rutgers.edu/facts/levels-office/federal-executive/women-presidential-and-vice-presidential-candidates-selected

³ https://www.history.com/topics/womens-history/womens-history-us-timeline

⁴ https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/position-school-harassment/

NEWS FROM AAUW FLORIDA



The AAUW Florida Public Policy Issue Forums

Wouldn't you like more in-depth information on the important issues facing Florida from a nonpartisan but equity-focused viewpoint? Would you like to be able to ask your own questions of experts regarding these issues? Then be sure to attend as many AAUW Florida Issue Forums this year as you can. All sessions will start at 6:00 PM and last for an hour. The series is open to AAUW members and guests.

TITLE	DATE	SPEAKERS	RSVP
Reproductive Rights	Sept. 14, 2023	Moné Holder, Florida Rising	Click here to register for this session
Title IX and Dress Codes in Schools	Oct. 5, 2023	Nancy Tray, Change the Dress Code Movement, St Johns County	Click here to register for this session
Gender Studies and DEI Initiatives at Colleges	Nov. 2 2023	Dr. Elizabeth Brown, Past President of the United Faculty of Florida, University of North Florida	Click here to register for this session
Florida 2024 Legislative Preview	Nov.16, 2023	Dr. Pat DeWitt, AAUW Co-Public Policy Director and Public Policy Committee Members	Click here to register for this session
Public Education and Book Bans	Jan. 11, 2024	Dr. Martin Dunn, Professor Emeritus at Florida International University and Miami Center for Racial Justice	Click here to register for this session
Gender Pay Gap and Economic Security	March 7, 2024	Dr. Mary Gatta, AAUW FL Co- Public Policy Director and Director of Research and Public Policy, National Association of Colleges and Employers	Click here to register for this session
Voting Rights	April 18, 2024	Debbie Chandler, Co-President, League of Women's Voters. Florida	Click here to register for this session

You will need to RSVP for each session individually. Once you RSVP you will receive a Zoom link for the session. If you have any questions, contact Mary Gatta, Co-Public Policy Director, AAUW Florida at gatta.mary@gmail.com

NEWS FROM AAUW NATIONAL

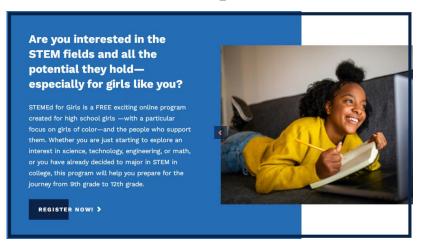
Fellowships and Grants Applications Open Now- Nov. 15



We're excited to announce that we are accepting applications for the 2024-25 award year through November 15! Follow in the footsteps of award-winning authors, scientists, scholars and trailblazers by applying for funding through AAUW. Help spread the word to potential applicants as well as faculty, administrators and community leaders.

STEMEd For Girls Fall season starts September 6

AAUW's successful STEMEd for Girls program is back! We're proud to offer another full season of lively, informative, and engaging virtual workshops that will pave the way for girls' success as they move through high school, into college, and eventually on to a career in a STEM field. This program is designed especially for girls in grades 9 through 12 and their caregivers and is completely free. Share with your local communities and professional groups to expand our reach! Learn more and register.



Become a Two-Minute Activist



Members of AAUW's Action Network receive urgent e-mail notices and text messages when their advocacy is needed most. With our online Two-Minute Activist tool, it takes just minutes and an internet connection to make your voice heard on issues impacting women and girls!

- Tell your Twitter followers about Two-Minute Activist
- Share Two-Minute Activist on Facebook

Take future action with a single click.

• <u>Log in</u> or <u>Sign up</u> for *Fast* **Action**

DONATE NOW

9110-AAUW Greatest Needs Fund
4450-Education & Training Fund
4449-Economic Security Fund
4452-Leadership Fund
4451-Governance & Sustainability Fund

OUT & ABOUT AROUND TOWN

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USF College of Arts Events

Admission is FREE for the College of The Arts 2023-2024 Event Season! Please arrive ahead of time to ensure your ticket as seating is limited Find more ticket details at https://www.ticketmaster.com/



- Find inspiration and let your imagination wander by attending concerts, performances, exhibitions, lectures, masterclasses, and festivals presented free to the public by the USF College of The Arts.
- Tickets are FREE and will be available at the door for College of The Arts: Music, Theatre, and Dance events on a first-come, first-served basis. The lobby will open 1 hour prior to the event, and the doors will open approximately 30 minutes before the performance.

Saint Petersburg

THE STRAZ Center

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- Enjoy exclusive access to donors-only ticket pre-sales with a gift of \$100 or more.
- You'll be supporting the transformational work on our stages, in our classrooms and in our community.
- Select from the best seats in the house and join us for our 2023-2024 season.

Clear Water

Ruth Eckerd Hall

Find more details at https://www.rutheckerdhall.com/plan-your-visit/ruth-eckerd-hall



- Ruth Eckerd Hall features an acoustically perfect 2,180-seat auditorium in Clearwater. The newly re-designed Grand Lobby showcases the Kate Tiedemann and Ellen Cotton Cabaret Theatre, featuring art by the world-famous Stephen Palladino. At the east entrance of our building, the England Family Music Garden offers wonderful happy hour options including a full-service bar and concessions where guests can enjoy live music and photo opportunities under our beautiful large oak tree.

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BOARD MEETINGS

2023-2024

STAY CONNECTED, LIKE & SHARE

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Access the AAUW Community Hub to renew membership: https://my.aauw.org/onlinejoin

Learn more or find out how to donate to AAUW Tampa Tech Trek: aauwtampatechtrek@gmail.com

Share your interests related to forming a Special Interest Group: auwtampainfo@gmail.com

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