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Hello AAUW Tampa Members,

Happy October in Florida, where we are beginning to see hints of Fall with peaceful mornings, shorter days, and the aroma of pumpkin spice coffees and lattes. Love it (or not), pumpkin spice coffees and lattes, which I just learned don't contain pumpkin or allspice, are here to stay. Whatever your aromatic coffee or tea choice is, make sure to take some time this month to enjoy, as today is [International Coffee Day](#).

In this issue of the newsletter, you'll notice an abundance of [pink](#). This is intentional, as October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In recognition, our meeting on the 21st has a [Pink-Out Theme](#). To support the cause and to bring attention to Breast Cancer Awareness, we ask that you and guests dress in pink or wear pink ribbons. Learn more in the [President's Message](#).

Additionally, for your considerations, throughout the newsletter you'll find special activities and events, in which you may choose to engage or participate. There are activities at the local level, including the Special Interest Group (SIG), focused on reading [Banned Books](#); state-level meetings; and national-level activities. As you begin to plan your month, please consider the following:

1. [RSVP & place lunch orders for the October 21 meeting](#)
Are you attending the meeting? RSVP and submit your lunch order to Rev. Vaguener via mvaguener@aol.com by, or before, the **Friday, October 13 deadline**.
2. [Incorporate calendar events into your schedule](#)
3. Send [birthday wishes](#) to the 6 wonderful women who were born in October
4. Get Involved by:
 - Joining [the Tampa board](#)
 - Attending a state-level meeting for [Public Policy](#) or [Membership](#)
 - Spreading the word about [Teck Trek 2024](#)
 - [Applying for an AAUW fellowship or grant](#)
 - [Reserving your spot for upcoming events](#)
 - Participating in the [Out & About](#) activities

Until we meet again, have a wonderful month.

Authored By: Dr. Demetrix Rostick-Owens



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A Message from the President



Shella Miller,
President
AAUW Tampa
2022-2024

It is October and we are already in the second month of our membership year. October is such a fun month with several important observances. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. According to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. To raise awareness, honor those we have lost to breast cancer, and support those who are currently fighting or have fought and survived breast cancer, we will have a **Pink-Out Theme** for our October meeting (on October 21, 2023, from 11am-1pm at the Temple Terrace Golf and Country Club). To show our camaraderie and support, we encourage all attendees to wear pink and/or pink ribbons.

**Are You
Attending the
Meeting?**

RSVP's due: Friday, October 13, 2023 (11:59pm)

RSVP with: Rev. Martha Vaguener (mvaguener@aol.com)

RSVP should include: Lunch selection (if you are having lunch)

Another important observance is International Day of the Girl Child, which falls on October 11, 2023. This day was adopted in 2011 by the United Nations to acknowledge the important issues and challenges girls face around the world. The day brings focused attention, advocacy opportunities, and empowerment of girls so they may reach their full potential despite challenges and limitations. Unfortunately, locally and internationally, girls endure child marriage, education inequality, violence, decreased physical and mental wellness, food insecurity, period poverty, and human trafficking.

In honor of this special day, we will be holding our second annual Intergenerational Tea, ***Inspiration en Blanc with a Flair on Nov. 18th from 11am-1pm.***

I am extremely excited about holding the tea again and want to thank the committee working on this event. We had a phenomenal time last year and I know this year will be even better.

Table packages are available for this event. A full table purchase covers seating for 8. After purchase, tablemates will decorate their table to create picture perfect memories that will last a lifetime! Not to mention, you could win the prize for the best inspired table!



Purchase your table (\$250) or individual ticket (\$40) soon before we sell out. All proceeds benefit AAUW Tampa Scholarship and Tech Trek Fund. On page 6 of the newsletter, please see the flyer with details about the tea. If you have any questions, please email Tara Perkins, Director of Membership, at hammond tara@gmail.com.

Invite, Invite, Invite

Membership is the lifeblood of our organizations, which ensures its survival and adequate hands to work on our mission. We encourage you to join hands with us and be ambassadors for AAUW to bring guest to our events and meetings. This is a way to share AAUW with others and potentially gain new members.



Community Hub

Process New Memberships, Membership Renewals 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](#).

Pathways to Successful Leadership and Open Board and Committee Opportunities

At the last State of Florida AAUW Presidents meeting, President Holt discussed *Pathways to Successful Leadership*, a statewide project for developing future leaders within AAUW. The project will include several instructive modules related to understanding Governance and Finance. Even if you are not in a formal position, participating in the modules offers a great learning opportunity, particularly for those interested in serving on our Governance Board.

The phrase “governance board” often sounds scarier than it is. A Governance Board, simply, is a team with a strategic focus of ensuring our branch is forward advancing; complying with rules, laws, and regulations; aligning activities with our core vision and mission; creating fiscal viability and responsibility; and facilitating membership growth. Equally as important in this strategic focus is the creation of future leaders, who will ultimately keep the branch going. With that being said, I am seeking appointments of several open positions, which are listed below. Interested in learning more? Please contact me or Catherine Clark Martin, Vice President AAUW Tampa, Inc. ccmartinaauw@gmail.com.

- **Social Media Manager (SMM)**- The SMM maintains our social media presence by sharing important information, events, and activities on our social media platforms.
- **Diversity Equity and Inclusion Director (DEID)**- The DEID serves at the liaison with the State DEI Committee, bringing information s back to the branch DEI information, ensures we are creating a diverse and inclusive organization, hosts at least one branch DEI event or seminar, and shares DEI learning and growth opportunities.
- **Nominations Chair and Committee**- The chair and committee develop the slate of nominations for next year’s elections for April 2024. An appointment is needed prior to or by December.
- **Fundraising Committee**- The committee generates ideas, plans, and helps with branch fundraisers.
- **Special Interest Group (SIG)**- The SIGs, such as *Out on the Town*, forge relationships and friendships on a small scale around special interest topics (e.g., Book club, cooking, discussion groups, etc.). Let us know if you are interested in joining an existing SIG or starting a new one!

Regional Members’ Meetings

In 2024, AAUW has voted to hold several regional member meetings in lieu of a State-wide convention. This meeting is open to all members. Last year Kim Rostick, Director of Tech Trek, and I represented our Tampa branch. It was a great session, and we were able to meet several of our sister branches. I will send out more information about the details of our region once we get it later in the year.

Enjoy the Newsletter! I look forward to seeing you at the October 21st meeting.

Best Regards,
 Shella M. Miller, FACHE
 AAUW Tampa Branch President



OCTOBER
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 International Day of Older Persons International Coffee Day	2  INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE OCTOBER 02	3	4 AAUW & Ms. Sign up for 4 (free) issues of Ms. Magazine	5 Latina Equal Pay Day Show support on social media	6	7 National Depression Screening Day
8 <i>Clergy Appreciation Day</i> 	9	10 World Mental Health Day	11 International Day of the Girl Child	12 Urban Food Sovereignty Summit Kickoff World Arthritis Day	13 Deadline to RSVP and Add lunch orders for meeting: Email mvaguener@aol.com	14
15 Food Sovereignty Event 	16	17 World Eradication of Poverty Day	18 World Menopause Day	19	20	21 AAUW Tampa Meeting The Pink Out
22	23 National Mother-in-Law Day	24	25  National Pasta Day	26 AAUW FL Membership (5pm, Zoom) Register Here	27	28 OctoberFest - Tampa's Arts & Crafts Festival Day 1, 11am
29 OctoberFest - Tampa's Arts & Crafts Festival Day 2-Ends 4pm	30	31  WORLD SAVINGS DAY	Reminder: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAUW Florida Public Policy Committee's 2nd education series, Thursday October 5, 2023, at 6:00 pm (p.8) • AAUW Florida Director of Membership, will be host a membership meeting networking hour on October 26th at 5 pm (p. 10) 			

- [Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#)
- [Dyslexia Awareness Month](#)
- [Eczema Awareness Month](#)
- [Filipino American History Month](#)
- [Health Literacy Month](#)

- [LGBT History Month](#)
- [National Chiropractic Month](#)
- [National Dental Hygiene Month](#)
- [National Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#)

The Pink Out: October 21, 2023

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MEETING AGENDA

OCTOBER 21, 2023
 Saturday, October 21, 2023 (11AM)
 @Temple Terrace Golf & Country
 Club 200 Inverness Ave.,
 Temple Terrace, FL

- **10:30** Sign In
- **11:00** Call to Order
 Opening Remarks
 Approval of Minutes
 Inspirational Message
 Program
 AAUW Business
- **12:00** Lunch &
 Networking

The Menu

1. Par 3 Salad
2. 1922 Large Salad
3. Bendelow Burger

Note: When placing your lunch order,
 please make certain to account for the
 gratuity and the sales tax.

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Jay Cortright, 10/2
Adle Ida Walter, 10/5
Marjorie Fontalvo. Ed.D., 10/9
Paula Huzella, 10/17
Sue Morris, 10/18
Dree Jenkins, 10/31



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Fighting
Cancer



Beat
Cancer



Persisting
Post Cancer

Advocate & Educate

By

Advancing Cancer Research & Funding
Supporting Federal & State Policies
Enhancing Prevention & Treatment
Supporting Caregivers & Loved Ones

*(For support and resources, learn more from the
American Society of Clinical Oncology at
www.cancer.net)*

Give Your Time

By

Volunteering at a local Cancer Center
Joining a Walk or Relay for Life Event
Providing Meals for Families
Planning an Afternoon Visit

*(For support and resources, contact the America
Cancer Society (ACS) at 800-227-2345 or visit
www.cancer.org)*

WE ARE THE HOPE



people will be diagnosed with breast
cancer this year



breast cancer survivors living in the
US today



breast cancer patients living with
metastatic disease



SIGN UP

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Support Emotional Wellness

By

Listening with Empathy
Embracing a Mindset of Encouragement
Helping Loved Ones Stay Active
Sharing Resources for Coping Strategies

*(For support and resources, contact the National
Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) Helpline at
800-950-NAMI or visit nami.org)*

Stay Engaged & Follow-Up

By

Continuing a Medical Plan with Doctor
Engaging in Routine Testing
Understanding Post-Cancer Symptoms
Maintaining Accurate Health Records

*(For support and resources, contact the National
Cancer Institute (NCI) at 800-4-CANCER or
cancer.org)*



Public Policy Matters

Submitted By: K. Lee-Smith, PhD

Please join the AAUW Florida Public Policy Committee for its 2nd education series, Thursday October 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. for a presentation on Title IX and Dress Codes in Florida Schools. The guest speaker will be Nancy Tray, Change the Dress Code Movement, St Johns County.

Background: The U.S. Department of Education launched an investigation into a complaint that the St. Johns County School District discriminated against female students through its enforcement of the dress code. This led to the Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights (OCR) investigation into whether the district subjected female students to discrimination on the basis of sex in connection with enforcing dress code requirements, in violation of Title IX, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities.

If you have not registered, you still have time to join this important and exciting educational topic on Title IX and Dress Codes in Florida Schools.

Please register at: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpFu6gqD0rGtycH0Vsz9ugMco-tatc5EVZ - /registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpFu6gqD0rGtycH0Vsz9ugMco-tatc5EVZ-/registration)

Additional AAUW Florida Public Policy Issue Forums:

Gender Studies and DEI Initiatives at Colleges	11/2/23	Dr. Elizabeth Brown, Past President of the United Faculty of Florida, University of North Florida	Register Here
Florida 2024 Legislative Preview	11/16/23	Dr. Pat DeWitt, AAUW Co-Public Policy Director and Public Policy Committee Members	Register Here
Public Education and Book Bans	1/11/24	Dr. Marvin Dunn, Professor Emeritus at Florida International University and Miami Center for Racial Justice	Register Here
Gender Pay Gap and Economic Security	3/7/24	Dr. Mary Gatta, AAUW FL Co- Public Policy Director and Director of Research and Public Policy, National Association of Colleges and Employers	Register Here
Voting Rights	4/18/24	Debbie Chandler, Co-President, League of Women's Voters. Florida	Register Here



Please consider joining the Public Policy Committee, AAUW Tampa, chaired by Kay Lee-Smith, Ph.D. The committee is charged with carrying out our mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy, based on [AAUW Public Policy Priorities](#). If you are interested in joining or have questions, please contact the chair at aauwflksmith@gmail.com. We so look forward to hearing from YOU!

Save the Date

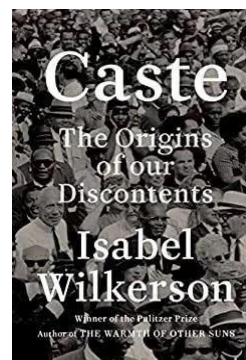
Please consider joining AAUW Florida, **January 15-17, 2024**, as we advocate for gender equity at the Annual Lobby Day event in Tallahassee. Where you can meet face to face with your Florida Legislators to advocate for our public policy agenda. Don't know who your state legislators are, no problem, go to: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Senators/Find> enter your address and your representative will be delineated. Additional information regarding lobby day registration and hotel accommodations will be distributed from the AAUW Florida Public Policy Committee.



Special Interest Group: Book Club

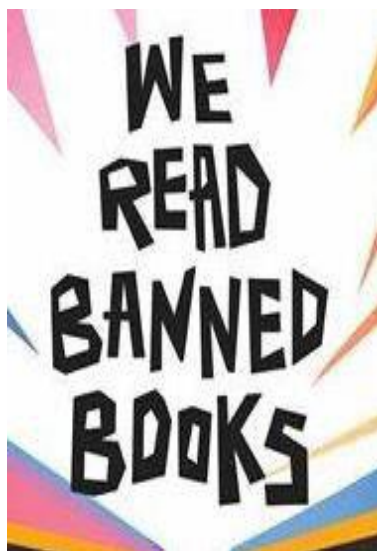
Lake/Sumter Beach's Banned Books Reading Group

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee is pleased to announce its new **Banned Books Reading Group**. The first meeting of will be Sunday, October 8 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the home of one of our DEI Committee members. The group will be discussing *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson.



AAUW members, friends, and guests are welcome. Click [HERE](#) to reserve a spot no later than October 4. Location and directions will be provided after making a reservation. Light refreshments will be available, but please BYOB.

- For more information view lakesumteraauw.org
- After you register, do you want to carpool? Irene Bembry, beckybembry52@gmail.com, is planning on attending and welcomes others to carpool with her.



Additional Banned Books

1. *The Breakaways* by Cathy G. Johnson
2. *Stamped (For Kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Sonja Cherry-Paul (Adapter), Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi
3. *Flamer* by Mike Curato
4. *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
5. *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
6. *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson
7. *This Book Is Gay* by Juno Dawson
8. *Gender Queer: A Memoir* by Maia Kobabe
9. *The Truth About Alice* by Jennifer Mathieu
10. *Maus I: A Survivor's Tale: My Father Bleeds History* by Art Spiegelman
11. *The Handmaid's Tale: The Graphic Novel* by Margaret Atwood and Renée Nault
12. *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
13. *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison
14. *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

Unite. Inspire. Conquer.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW) TAMPA PRESENTS

Inspiration en Blanc with a Flair

NOV 18, 2024 | 11AM-1PM | 304 DRUID HILLS ROAD
TEMPLE TERRACE, FLORIDA

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styled table
and tea refreshments

ATTIRE: WHITE ATTIRE

ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED

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TAMPA BRANCH

News: AAUW Florida and National

Membership

Rose Llanos, MA, AAUW Florida Director of Membership, will be hosting a membership meeting networking hour on October 26th at 5 pm. Discussion items will be related to brainstorming ideas and recommendations related to membership. Please register via: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#).

Fellowships and Grants

AAUW maintains a commitment to facilitate the removal of barriers for women who are accessing education and seeking career advancement. Offering fellowships and grants, helps in this process. AAUW fellowship and grant applications are now being accepted for women who are working, climbing the corporate ladder, and/or pursuing higher education. AAUW grants these awards anticipating recipients are and will continue to benefit their communities in meaningful ways. Want info on funding options (see below) before you [apply for an AAUW fellowship or grant](#)?

- [American Fellowships](#)
- [Career Development Grants](#)
- [Community Action Grants](#)
- [International Fellowships](#)
- [International Project Grants](#)
- [Research Publication Grants in Engineering, Medicine and Science](#)
- [Selected Professions Fellowships](#)

Latina Equal Pay Day: October 5

We are mid-way through Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15). As a point of support, all are encouraged to participate in the AAUW tweet and social media storm on October 5, *Latina Equal Pay Day*, to demand equal pay for Latina workers, [who make only 52% of what white non-Hispanic white men earn](#).

AAUW and Ms. Magazine Partner

AAUW is partnering with Ms. Magazine, the first national American feminist magazine co-founded in 1971 by social/political activist, Gloria Steinem. New and renewing AAUW members are being offered, a one-year membership (including four print issues). [Sign up](#) to get yours today!

Florida Tech Trek 2024: Your Support and Action are Needed!!!

1. **We need your support getting the word out!** If you have contacts for 7th grade teachers or middle school administrators at public, charter or private schools located in Hillsborough County, please text the name & school to Kim Rostick, Tech Trek Chair 813-545-9435. Advertising for Tech Trek and outreach to the schools will begin in October, with the anticipated outcome of identifying students to nominate starting November 1.
2. **We need your participation!** Consider the opportunity to serve on the Tech Trek Committee. The goal is to have the committee in place by October 31, ahead of nominations. If interested, call or text Kim Rostick, Tech Trek Chair 813-545-9435.
3. **We need your donations!** It costs \$1,200 to send each camper to Tech Trek. The goal is for AAUW Tampa Branch to identify at least 3 corporate donors to support the Tech Trek nominees. Please consider donating or sending the name of a good potential donor to Kim Rostick, Tech Trek Chair 813-545-9435. Questions about donations can be sent to Deb Nelson fltechtreknelson@gmail.com. Mail all donations to Tech Trek to AAUW FL Supporting Foundation, PO Box 126, Palm City, FL 34991.



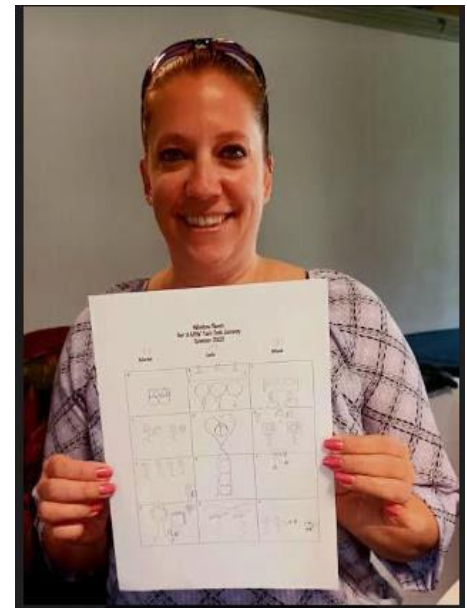
Pictures from the Opening Meeting Of the 2023-2024 Membership Year



Welcome All, Tech Trek
Students & Families!!!



Learning-In-Action
Interactive Teaching (by the Tech Trekkers)
& Learning (by the audience)





We look forward to seeing you in our upcoming meeting!!!

Out & About in Town



Fall Harvest at Keel Farms

📅 Sat, Oct 7, 2023

🕒 10:00am - 03:00pm

📍 Keel & Curley Winery,
 5202 Thonotosassa Rd,
 Plant City, Florida, 33565-5700, United States

Click Links for Details
[Gallagher's Pumpkins](#)
[Raprager Farms](#)
[Hyde Park Village](#)
[Harvestmoon Fun Farm](#)

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[St. Pete Pier](#)
[Sweetfield Farms](#)
[Fox Squirrel Corn Maze](#)
[Hunsader Farms](#)
[Seminole Heights Patch](#)

Celebrate Fall in Tampa Bay
 SHARE YOUR ADVENTURES BY TAGGING US ON INSTAGRAM @STUFFTODDINTAMPABAY!

Pumpkin Patches

- 1. CALLAGHER'S PUMPKINS**
37401 4TH ST N. ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33704
- 2. RAPRAGER FARMS**
16907 BOY SCOUT RD, ODESSA, FL 33556
- 3. HYDE PARK VILLAGE**
1602 W SNOW AVE, TAMPA, FL 33606
- 4. HARVESTMOON FUN FARM**
15990 STUR ST, MASARYKTOWN, FL 34604
- 5. ST. PETE PIER**
800 2ND AVENUE NORTHEAST ST. PETE, FL 33701
- 6. SWEETFIELD FARMS**
17250 BENES ROUSH RD, BROOKSVILLE, FL 34604
- 7. FOX SQUIRREL CORN MAZE**
3002 CHARLIE TAYLOR RD N, PLANT CITY, FL 33565
- 8. HUNSADER FARMS**
5500 CO RD 675, BRADENTON, FL 34211
- 9. SEMINOLE HEIGHTS GREAT PUMPKIN PATCH**
6111 N CENTRAL AVE, TAMPA, FL 33604

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As the weather cools, take advantage of a few of the following Fall-Friendly Attractions!



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<http://tampa-fl.aauw.net/>

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Bylaws:

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



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Membership:

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

Share the benefits of membership with others:

aauwtampamembership@gmail.com

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: aauwtampainfo@gmail.com

Stay in the Know with AAUW Florida: <https://aauw-fl.aauw.net/>

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