



ORLANDO · APRIL 30, 2026

# A Sold-Out Night That Changed the Conversation

## EVENT RECAP

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### AI in Your Daily Life · Orlando

On April 30th, 29 executive women gathered at Amatista Cookhouse at Loews Sapphire Falls Resort for an evening that was candid, practical, and — by all accounts — one of the best events in emPOWER's history. Several women stayed well past the 7:30 close, and the energy in that room was something we will not soon forget.

The conversation was led by our own emPOWER member, Shruti Ahluwalia — and she was nothing short of extraordinary. From women who had never opened an AI tool to early adopters who thought they had already seen it all, every single person walked away having learned something new. This event was made possible by our generous sponsor, StevenDouglas.



*Shruti Ahluwalia & Tammy Davis*



*An incredible room of leaders*

*"Still buzzing from the energy and enthusiasm of last night. It was a resounding success – from the introductions to brilliant women across Orlando to the momentum during our Use Case workshop to our final cheers."*

**Shruti Ahluwalia** · VP of AI Platforms & Product Transformation, Institute of Internal Auditors

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### **Shruti Ahluwalia**

**VP of AI Platforms & Product Transformation · Institute of Internal Auditors**

Shruti brings more than 15 years of experience leading AI-enabled platforms, digital product strategy, and enterprise transformation. Most recently at The Walt Disney Company, she led AI platform and transformation programs across a \$300M+ portfolio, with prior senior roles at Citi and American Express. She holds an MBA from NYU Stern and certificates from MIT, and is passionate about mentoring women in technology and product leadership. She is a frequent speaker on responsible AI transformation — and emPOWER is lucky to call her one of our own.

# emPOWER Is Going on a Road Trip

The Orlando event made one thing crystal clear: this conversation belongs everywhere. We are bringing the AI in Your Daily Life event to Tampa and Jacksonville — and we are thrilled to announce our inaugural South Florida event on Thursday, July 9th in Ft. Lauderdale. emPOWER is growing, and we want you with us every step of the way.

TAMPA · COMING SOON

JACKSONVILLE · COMING SOON

+ SOUTH FLORIDA · JULY 9, 2026

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AI in Your Daily Life · Inaugural South Florida Event

► Thursday, July 9, 2026 · Ft. Lauderdale, FL (Venue TBD)

Following the sold-out success of our Orlando event, we are bringing this conversation to South Florida for the very first time. Details on venue and registration coming soon — stay close.

### AI in Your Daily Life · Tampa & Jacksonville

► Dates Coming Soon

Tampa and Jacksonville — you are next. If you want to help plan or host, reach out to [tammy@empowerllc.org](mailto:tammy@empowerllc.org). We would love your involvement.

### Book Club Two · Exceptional Experiences by Neen James

► Monday, June 2, 2026 · 5:30 PM · Virtual

Join us virtually for our next book club discussion. Neen James is a globally recognized keynote speaker and expert on attention and hospitality — this one promises to be a rich conversation. Register for the Outlook invite to join.

### Book Club Three · Strong Ground by Brené Brown

► Tuesday, September 1, 2026 · 5:30 PM · Virtual

Save the date for our fall book club. Brené Brown's latest is already generating conversation everywhere — we can't wait to dig into it together.

### Annual emPOWER Retreat · Margaritaville Orlando

► November 11–13, 2026 · Margaritaville Resort, Kissimmee, FL

Our signature retreat is back — three days of connection, learning, and renewal at Margaritaville. Early bird registration opening soon.

Early Bird: \$300 through July 31st · \$500 after August 1st  
Registration details coming soon — watch your inbox.

## SINCE WE LAST CONNECTED

*It has been a busy and beautiful season for emPOWER. Here is a look at what this community has been up to since our last newsletter.*

# Annual Retreat · November 2025

Three days of connection, learning, and renewal at Margaritaville Orlando Resort. Keynote by Dr. Virnitia Dixon and guided morning meditation. One of our best retreats yet.



*Retreat group · Margaritaville Orlando Resort*



*Retreat — Margaritaville, November 2025*



*Retreat evening with the emPOWER community*

# Vision Board Workshop · February 2026

An intimate, intentional afternoon of reflection and goal-setting in Jacksonville. Supplies provided, drinks poured, and big dreams pinned to boards.



*Vision Board Workshop · Jacksonville, February 2026*

*"An afternoon to pause, dream, and be intentional about the life you are building. Big goals. Bigger energy."*

JACKSONVILLE · FEBRUARY 2026

# emPOWER in the Community

## TAMPA BAY HEART WALK · NOVEMBER 2025

emPOWER showed up for the American Heart Association Tampa Bay Heart Walk, led by our own Shantha. Proud to have this community walking together for a cause that matters.



#TBHeartWalk · November 2025

## HANDBAGS & HAPPY HOUR · THE SPRING OF TAMPA BAY

On April 23rd, emPOWER was proud to sponsor the Spring of Tampa Bay's annual Handbags & Happy Hour fundraiser at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino — and our members showed up in style.

Angela Sc., Angela Sm., Angela M., Angelica, April, and Meg represented emPOWER beautifully — yes, that is four Angelas in one photo and we are absolutely here for it. A special nod to emPOWER founding member and Spring CEO Mindy Murphy, whose leadership and passion for this organization inspire all of us. The Spring of Tampa Bay serves survivors of domestic violence and their children, and we are honored to support their mission.



emPOWER members at Handbags & Happy Hour



YOU BELONG HERE

## Attended an emPOWER event? We would love to have you as a member.

If you have been in the room with us — whether at an event, a retreat, a book club, or a happy hour — you already know what this community is about. Membership is your invitation to stay connected, go deeper, and show up for the women around you all year long.

LEARN MORE & JOIN

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are thrilled to welcome these incredible women into the emPOWER community. Each one brings something special to this room — and we are so glad they are here.

● **Hilary Marx**

RSM · Orlando

● **Beth Womersley**

Slide Insurance · Tampa

● **Shruti Ahluwalia**

Institute of Internal Auditors · Orlando

● **Sunshine Burkett**

Tenarai · Orlando

● **Gina Little**

First Due · Orlando

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### WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR SPONSORS



### INTERESTED IN SPONSORING EMPOWER?

emPOWER is growing, and we are building a community of executive women that companies want to be in front of. If your organization believes in investing in executive women, we would love to talk with you. Sponsorship opportunities range from individual events to year-round partnerships, and every level helps us grow this community across Florida and beyond.

Reach out to Tammy Davis at [tammy@empowerllc.org](mailto:tammy@empowerllc.org) to start the conversation.

*Thank you for being part of this growing, evolving  
community of women who show up for each other.*