



AAUW MAUI BRANCH



NEWSLETTER - April 2015

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

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BOOK CLUB

Date: **Saturday, April 4**

Time: **12:00 p.m.**

Location: **Cathy Thompson's** home, 22 Huluhulu Place, Kahului
cathyt808@gmail.com (808) 268-1232

Book: After I'm Gone by Laura Lippman

<http://lauralippman.net/stand-alone-novels/after-im-gone>



Inspired by the Salsbury fraud scandal of 1970, this intricate Baltimore based legal thriller spans four decades and follows the lives of one man who disappeared without a trace and the five women he left behind.

GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions program provides background information and policy options for the eight most critical issues facing America each year. <http://www.fpa.org>

Date: **Friday, April 10**

Time: **12:00 Noon**

Location: Sandy Roger's home - 1400 Limahana Circle #101, Lahaina

RSVP: **Mihaela Stoops** at (808) 357-4000 or mihaela_stoops@hotmail.com

Topic: "Sectarianism in the Middle East"



Many of the current conflicts in the Middle East have been attributed to sectarianism, a politicization of ethnic and religious identity. From the crisis in Iraq and Syria to the tension between Iran and Saudi Arabia, the struggles between Sunni and Shi'i groups for dominance is tearing apart the region and shows no signs of abating. How have governments manipulated sectarian differences? And finally, what is the US doing about it?"

LUNCH BUNCH

Date: **Tuesday, April 14**

Time: **12:00 p.m.**

Location: UHMC Pa'ina Food Court, UHMC (College Campus - Pa'ina Building)

RSVP: **Wendy Radimer** (808) 264-1253 or **Janet Walker** (808) 874-9435

Be a little casual and save a little money with a lunch prepared by the college culinary students! Look for the table with an AAUW centerpiece!



NEEDLEWORK

Date: **Tuesday, April 21** at Cheryl Bergman's home (Details to be announced.)



* *The Special Interest events are open to all AAUW members.*



SPEAKER MEETING

Date: **Saturday, April 25**

Location: 5 Palms Restaurant, Wailea

Time: **10:30** Business Meeting, Silent Auction & Mystery Gifts (Proceeds to AAUW Fund)

11:00-12:00 Speaker: Molly Murawski, Chair, Maui County Commission on the Status of Women

Lunch: **12:15** Separate checks. Drinks, tax, gratuity are extra.

Menu: Chose between 3 entrées:

(1) Curried Chicken Salad \$15.95

(2) Lobster B.L.T. on Focaccia bread \$20.95

(3) Baby Spinach Salad \$15.95, with addition of Chicken \$21.95

For descriptions and optional additions to your order, see <http://www.5palmsrestaurant.com>.

RSVP: **Janet Walker** at **(808) 874-9435** or bjpwalker@comcast.net by 12 noon, Wednesday, April 22, and include your menu selection please.

Our speaker, Molly Murawski, is Chairperson of the County Committee on the Status of Women. The committee gathers and submits information, plans, and proposals affecting women and girls to the county government and to the Hawaii State Commission. They created the comprehensive Maui Women's Resource Guide and annually present the Women of Excellence Awards. The committee shares with AAUW concerns about such issues as gender pay equity, health services for women, and domestic violence awareness. Molly has a Master's degree in Exercise and Kinesthesiology, has her own business as a personal and group trainer, and specializes in assisting older (60+) women in "active aging" - another whole topic!

Please bring Silent auction items and wrapped Mystery Gifts - proceeds to AAUW Fund.

(See article below. *)

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***AAUW Fund of the Month**

AAUW was invited to participate in the annual Commission on the Status of Women at the 2015 World Conference on Women at the United Nations. Representing 170,000 women in over 1000 branches, AAUW is a powerful voice for women's rights throughout the world. Google "AAUW at the UN" for the full report.

You can support this effort through contributions to the AAUW Fund and also by contributing to the Silent Auctions at our meetings.

AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION

You can help to shape AAUW's future by casting your vote in the 2015 AAUW National Election. To see photos, profiles, and other details about the candidates for the AAUW National Board of Directors, go to <http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election>. On-line voting begins on April 15 and concludes on June 19.



Patricia Fae Ho is running for AAUW President, and Alicia Hetman is a candidate for AAUW Vice President. **Your vote counts! One Member, One Vote!**



Co-Presidents' Message *Martha Dean & Janet Walker*

We must begin this presidents' message with a huge THANK YOU to Karen and Joe Grafe for their tireless efforts organizing and facilitating Whale Watch 2015. We don't know how they did it, but even though the weather was rainy before we embarked it became dry and tranquil for our adventure. They even arranged for a superb performance by whales of all sizes. The pupus provided by members were delicious. Due to diligent salesmanship on the part of members we had a sell-out crowd and the event netted \$5,600 for our scholarship fund. GO TEAM!

More than a dozen members attended the brunch on Sunday, March 15, at Janet Walker's home. We enjoyed the opportunity to visit with Alicia Hetman, candidate for AAUW Vice President, in an informal setting.

In our conversation with her, Alicia presented many ideas for publicizing AAUW, for educating our members and the community regarding gender equity, and for increasing our membership. To learn about the National AAUW election process and the candidates for the various offices go to www.aauw.org and scroll down to AAUW National Election.

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Our Scholarship Committee under the leadership of Dorothy Tolliver met on March 20 to review applications. They selected three excellent candidates to receive the three \$2,000 scholarships from our branch. The presentation of the scholarships will be made at UH-Maui College in April. At a speaker meeting soon after the presentation of the scholarships we will share with all of you how we chose our winners. We hope to have the recipients as our guests.



*April brings Passover and Easter.
May your celebrations be joyous.*



Janet and Martha



**AAUW Maui
Branch Member
Dorothy Tolliver**

Dorothy Tolliver holds a BA from Indiana University, an MLS (Mastery of Library Science) from the University of Illinois, and did postgraduate work at the University of Southern California.

She became a member of AAUW in Danville, Illinois in 1975 and went on to become branch president. During her tenure as president of AAUW Maui, the branch was awarded 5 star status, "State Terrific Achievement Recognition."

Dorothy is a Professor/Reference Librarian for the UH Maui College Library and formerly the Branch Manager for the Kahului Public Library. She is a past president and current board member of the Maui County Library Association and Maui Friends of the Library where she also works as a bookstore volunteer.

She has served in many capacities, including vice-chair of the Maui County Commission for Persons with Disabilities, vice-chair of the Maui County Committee on the Status of Women, and the chair of the Maui County Women's Conference. She has also served on national library committees, the Hawaii Library Association board and university and state legislative task forces.

Dorothy was given the AAUW Hawaii State Award for Leadership and is listed in the Marquis Who's Who of America and Who's Who of American Women. She is currently on our AAUW Maui Board and is Chair of the Scholarship and Book Club committees.

We are so fortunate to have Dorothy as an active member of our branch.



The AAUW Maui Branch Board of Directors held a brunch on March 15 at the home of Janet and Bob Walker. AAUW National Vice President candidate, Alicia Hetman, was our special guest.

AAUW WHALE WATCH, MARCH 1, 2015



**Whales, Rainbows, Door Prizes, Pupus, Great Naturalists, Lots of Sightseers, and Red Hatters, too!
Thank you to Karen and Joe Grafe for organizing this successful whale watch!
Gary Webber, pictured with Joe in top right photo, has been on 700+ whale watches with PWF!!!**



AAUW Dates to Remember
April 4 - Book Club
April 10 - Great Decisions
April 14 - Lunch Bunch
April 15 - June 19 - AAUW National Election
April 21 - Needlework
April 25 - Speaker Meeting
June 18-21 - AAUW National Convention



April Birthdays
10 - Dorothy Tolliver
24 - Cathy Thompson

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