

AAUW MAUI BRANCH



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NEWSLETTER - April 2014



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

April Calendar Events

BOOK CLUB

Date: **Saturday, April 5** Time: 12:00 pm. Drinks provided. Bring a bag lunch if desired. Location: Ellen Sway's Home: 11 Hoolalei Way, Kihei Phone: (808) 879-7645 Directions: From Kihei Road - turn mauka at the stop light at Foodland (Keala Place), go 3 blocks, at Hoolalei turn left - first house on left, downstairs. Book: Bossy Pants by Tina Fey

LUNCH BUNCH

Date: **Tuesday, April 8** Time: 12:00 pm Noon Location: Saltimbocca <u>www.saltimboccamaui.com</u> RSVP: Call **Sara Green** at (907) 350-4700 (If you get Voicemail, please leave a message. This is her store and personal number.) or email at <u>alaskagal515@aol.com</u> Please reply no later than Monday, April 7th.

HAWAII STATE AAUW CONVENTION "Half the Rainbow"

Dates: **April 26-27, 2014** Location: Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu Registration Fee: \$175 (After April 4, fee will be \$190)

All members are encouraged to attend the annual state meetings and conventions to share with and learn from attendees from other branches.

AAUW HAWAII STATE ELECTIONS

Dates: Now through April 18, 2014

One Member, One Vote gives all members the opportunity to vote in the AAUW HI State elections for acceptance of the Bylaws and for the 2014 President.

The election process is quick and easy. Open the state website at <u>aauw-hi.aauw.net</u> and click on "Vote Here" in the sidebar of the homepage. The ballot will appear. After voting, click on "submit" to send your vote to be tabulated.

There will not be a Speaker Meeting or a Great Decisions meeting in April.







AAUW Maui Branch News

AAUW FUND OF THE MONTH: The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Amey Hemple, AAUW Maui Branch Funds Chairperson

Envelopes for this and other AAUW Funds will be passed at the Branch business meetings. Suggested contributions are \$15 per year. If you can't remember whether you've given this year, perhaps giving during your birthday month would be easy to remember.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund is used for research that matters in the lives of women and girls.

AAUW conducts groundbreaking research on issues related to gender equity in education and the workplace. Our work influences the national discussion on topics like the pay gap between women and men, sexual harassment in schools and on college campuses, and the underrepresentation of women in science and engineering. Through new and traditional media, targeted outreach to policymakers, and member efforts, AAUW research serves as a catalyst for action.

Recent AAUW Research includes:

* <u>Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success (2013)</u> More than ever before, women are relying on community colleges for higher education and workforce preparation. This report recommends policies and practices to help women succeed in community colleges.

* <u>Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation</u> (2012) Graduating to a Pay Gap explores the earnings difference between female and male college graduates who are working full time one year after graduation.

AAUW SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The AAUW Scholarship Committee met on March 25 to select the AAUW Scholarship winners. Four candidates were selected for each scholarship for a total of 12 candidates ranked in priority order.

The committee also unanimously voted to name the third scholarship in memory of Judith K. Robeck whose name has been submitted to the UHMC Financial Aid Office.



LUNCH BUNCH - HELP IS NEEDED TO SAVE THIS POPULAR EVENT!!

Our branch is in need of help coordinating our monthly Lunch Bunches. The position involves choosing the monthly restaurant location, taking the RSVP count, and contacting the restaurant manager. Perhaps you can find another member to share making the arrangements. Contact President Cheryl Bergman to tell her you will help! <u>mauicheryl@gmail.com</u> or (808) 244-1850

AAUW WEB PAGE - HELP IS NEEDED TO PROMOTE OUR AAUW BRANCH Our branch is in need of someone to set up a web page on the Hawaii State AAUW Website. <u>http://aauw-hi.aauw.net/news/</u> National AAUW has a format which is available for easy set-up.

Please contact President Cheryl Bergman if you or someone you know can help our Branch create a web page.











AAUW Maui Branch News, continued



Our March Lunch Bunch was held at the Dragon Dragon Restaurant at the Maui Mall. There were nearly twenty members and guests who enjoyed wonderful food and time to visit with each other.

AAUW Maui Branch Whale Watch March 2, 2014

Our annual AAUW Whale Watch Fundraiser helps our Branch raise money for scholarships for UH/MC students. Thank you to Karen and Joe Grafe for all their work in planning this important event. The support of our AAUW members is also greatly appreciated.

A baby whale entertained us with lots of action just as we left the harbor. There were many other sightings of whales throughout Maalaea Bay.



Margaret Baker (r) and her quest (I) each won door prizes as did many of the whale watch passengers.



Some of our whale watch guests even flew from Oahu to enjoy the excitement!



AAUW Maui Branch News, continued

WALKING GROUP

If you are interested in joining a small walking group, contact our AAUW member Jean Keating at (808) 280–9024 or jkeating808@gmail.com.





President's Message



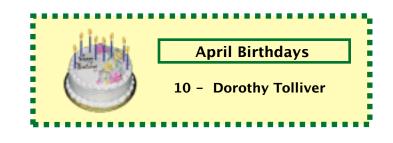
Welcome Spring! The sunshine is back!!!

Just a few words for you this month....it's time to vote for the HI State AAUW bylaws and president! Please check out the letter sent to you by Jamie Pardau, President, a few days ago! If you need a paper ballot, call me and I'll mail one to you.

I attended the Mayor's reception for "Women's History Month" on March 27th in Wailuku. Almost 200 women were there. Most recipients worked for the staff. They well deserved the awards.

This was "thank you" week for all volunteers! I thank you every day for your time & efforts! YOU make a difference in this community!

Mahalo – Cheryl Bergman



Please submit newsletter notices by <u>April 20th</u> to: Sandra Boll AAUW Maui Branch Communications Coordinator Home: 808-879-7655 Cell: 808-205-6329 <u>aauwmauibranch@gmail.com</u>

