



AAUW MAUI BRANCH



NEWSLETTER - March 2015

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

~ AAUW Maui Branch Events* ~

AAUW WHALE WATCH FUNDRAISER



Date: **Sunday, March 1**

Time: **4:00 - 6:00 pm**

Check-In: **3:15 pm** at the Pacific Whale Foundation Store, Ma'alaea

*Tickets: \$35 per person, Please make checks payable to "AAUW Maui Branch"

Contact: **Karen Grafe** at (808) 874-5625 or karjog@aol.com

*(Tickets might be sold out. If you have a ticket(s) you have not sold or will not be using, please contact Karen.) **Food Donations Needed.** (See flyer attached to email.)

BOOK CLUB

Date: **Saturday, March 7**

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

Location: **Cathy Thompson's** home, 22 Huluhulu Place, Kahului

cathyt808@gmail.com (808) 268-1232

Book: Queen Sugar by Natalie Baszile



LUNCH BUNCH *If you need to cancel your RSVP, please call Jane Litt so the restaurant*

Date: Tuesday, March 10 *does not get stuck with food that nobody claims.*

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

Location: **Aria's Restaurant**, 2062 West Vineyard, Wailuku (West of Market Street)

RSVP: **Jane Litt** at (808) 874-5306 or janielitt@aol.com

Please RSVP *no later than Sunday, February 8 before 5 p.m. (sooner is better)*

Menu: <http://ariasmaui.com/lunch-dinner-menu> "Wailea food at Wailuku prices." No liquor

license, BYOB okay (wine or beer). Free parking in the municipal lot across the street.



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, March 13**

Time: **12:00 Noon**

Location: **Kalama Heights**, 101 Kanani Road, Kihei

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

Topic: "Human Trafficking" - AAUW member, *Carol Hogard*, will be leading the discussion. *Carol is a professor of Women Studies, and we are looking forward to the wealth of knowledge she can share with us.*



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

SPECIAL BRUNCH INVITATION

The AAUW Maui Branch Board of Directors is hosting a special event on Sunday, March 15, for Alicia Hetman who is a candidate for AAUW National Vice President. Alicia is a frequent visitor to Maui and has attended our Whale Watch in the past. View her Facebook page to see her very extensive experience with AAUW and women's issues. We have also invited members from other Hawaii branches to attend.



Join us for Brunch! This will be a fun and relaxing get-together and will also serve as an opportunity to visit with our new members.

Date: **Sunday March 15**

Time: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (or so)

Place: Janet Walker's home, 792 Kumulani Drive, Kihei

Please RSVP to **Janet Walker** at **(530) 409-0192** or bjpwalker@comcast.net

SPEAKER MEETING

Date: **Saturday, March 28**

Location: Kahili Restaurant, Wailuku

Time: 10:30 Business Meeting, Silent Auction & Mystery Gifts (Proceeds for AAUW funds)

11:00-12:00 Speaker: Alison Cohan, Field Representative, The Nature Conservancy

Lunch: 12:15

Menu: Chose between: (1) Lightly battered Fresh Island Fish Sandwich, served on hoagie bun
(2) Roasted Turkey Breast Sandwich, served on ciabatta bread
(3) Grilled Sirloin Waikapu Burger, served on onion bun

Cost: \$18.00 for members, \$20.00 for guests (Includes drink, gratuity, tax, and small Branch contribution which covers the Speaker's lunch and lei with perhaps some profit left over for Branch funds.)

Bring: Cash or check payable to "AAUW Maui Branch" to pay Suzanne Young, Finance Officer

RSVP: **Janet Walker** at **(808) 874-9435** or bjpwalker@comcast.net by 12 noon, Friday, March 27, and include your menu selection please.

Speaker: *With a Master's thesis written on the East Maui Ecosystem and years of environmental work here, Alison Cohan is well placed to communicate scientific and conservation information for the Nature Conservancy on Maui. In addition to developing and writing strategic management plans and grant proposals, she works in the field at the Waikamoi Preserve, an important rainforest and alpine shrub land sanctuary for endangered species. Alison will bring to us beautiful pictures of unique Hawaiian plants and creatures.*



- If you wish, bring a silent auction item and/or a wrapped mystery gift with extra cash to shop!





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

Now here is an idea! For up-to-date information about AAUW at the national level go to the web site www.aauw.org and take a look. On the site you will find locations entitled ISSUES, WHAT WE DO, MEMBERSHIP, and GET INVOLVED. Currently there are up to date interesting articles such as "Budget 101: What the President's New Plan Means for Women" and "3 Reasons We Want to Introduce Girls to Cybersecurity". After you have read these you might read other available articles and browse around in the other locations. It is great to find out how our dues are being spent to empower and improve the lives of women over these past 130 years. Yes, that is 130 years. AAUW was founded in 1881.

Speaking of AAUW national level, we are very fortunate to occasionally have the opportunity to meet and greet women who have taken on leadership responsibilities at the national level of the organization. In 2012 at the Hawaii AAUW state convention here on Maui, Patricia Ho, President of AAUW, attended. It was a great opportunity to speak with her and learn of her vision for AAUW.

Now we have the opportunity to meet and greet AAUW Vice President candidate Alicia Hetman during her visit to Maui. We will be holding a brunch on March 15. 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at Janet Walker's home in Kihei. There are details elsewhere in this newsletter. We encourage all of you to attend and get to know Alicia personally. In addition it will be a casual, relaxed occasion to meet our new members.

As this is being written we are informed by Karen Grafe that the Whale Watch is on track to be a sell-out. We are predicting that it will be a grand time for all!



Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Janet and Martha





WELCOME



Pamela Kallner

AAUW Dates to Remember
 March 1 – AAUW Whale Watch
 March 7 – Book Club
 March 10 – Lunch Bunch
 March 13 – Great Decisions
 March 15 – Special AAUW Brunch
 March 28 – Speaker Meeting
 June 18–21 – AAUW National Convention



March Birthdays

- 10 – Wendy Radimer
- 16 – Suzanne Young

In Loving Memory

Former AAUW Member, Sue Maciolek, fought a battle with cancer and died on February 10, 2015. Condolences may be expressed at www.mcdonaldandson.com.



AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION

~ **AAUW News** ~

The AAUW National Convention will be held in San Diego, California, on June 18-21, 2015. For information including the agenda, registration, and speakers see: <http://convention.aauw.org/tag/convention-2015>. Join Cheryl Bergman, Janet Walker, and other Maui Branch members who are planning to attend. Register today!

AAUW HAWAII CONVENTION

Kauai will host the AAUW Hawaii State Convention on April 29, 30, and May 1, 2016. The chairperson for the event is Rose Anne Jones.

AAUW ON FACEBOOK

AAUW-Hawaii and AAUW Maui Branch each have a Facebook page to help raise public awareness of our mission and to announce our events. Be sure to visit our page and “Like” us on Facebook.



Please submit newsletter notices by **March 20th** to: **SANDRA BOLL**
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