



AAUW MAUI BRANCH



JANUARY 2018
NEWSLETTER

AAUW = Advancing equity for women and girls. In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.



NATIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

This year has shown us that AAUW's voice can make a difference. In 2017 we taught thousands of women how to negotiate their salaries, advocated for more rigorous legislation on such issues as sexual assault and equal pay, provided fellowships and grants to graduate students, helped more girls discover their passion for math and science, and conducted invaluable research on student debt and other urgent gender equity challenges.

AAUW membership is open to all who have a degree from a post-secondary educational institution. To find out more about AAUW National's policies, goals and programs-- everything you or prospective members might want to know about AAUW-- go to aauw.org.

AAUW MAUI BRANCH NEWS AND EVENTS

Happy. Happy New Year! from Your Co-Presidents.

Cathy Thompson and Janet Walker

CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE



We send many thanks to all of you who donated so generously to the families at the Women Helping Women shelter. Your gifts and generous checks were gratefully received by the new Executive Director, Sanoë Kaaihu, who said, "You cannot know how much it means to give a Christmas to families in crisis." Mahalo to all who attended the Holiday Potluck Party and brought a donation. If you were unable to attend you can still send a donation, a gift card or check to Women Helping Women, 1935 Main St., Suite 202, Wailuku 96793.

Our resolutions and goals for 2018 include physical health for ourselves and families, exercise, healthy diets, and cognitive activities for brain health. An important component of health is meaningful social engagement. AAUW provides us with that as we work with thoughtful and intelligent women to enhance opportunities for women and give all women a fair chance. If one of your resolutions is to try something new, our branch has plenty of opportunities. For example, you could join the board as an executive member or committee chair, or work on a committee, such as the Whale Watch committee or the Membership committee. How about serving on the nominating committee? Perhaps you would like to join an interest group, or start a new one? Maybe you would like to arrange a field trip/event. Wherever your interests lie, we can put your skills and energy to good use.

Do plan to attend the fun activities coming this month. Book group will meet on January 6th, followed by Lunch Bunch in Wailuku on January 9th. Jean Keating and the membership committee are planning a terrific Membership Mixer to be held on January 28th from 3 to 6 p.m. (see Announcement on Page 4). Pat Gotschalk has arranged for a wonderful field trip on January 26. Members from the Rotary Club of Kihei-Wailea will join us. The Maui Branch Board Meeting will be held on January 14, and you are welcome to participate in important discussions and decisions. We anticipate another enjoyable speaker meeting with AAUW Maui member Jennifer Bohlin daughter, author Malia Bohlin, on the fourth Saturday of the month, January 27, at Moose McGillycuddy's in Kihei. It is going to be a good month and one in which we all can start fresh with new resolve to be healthier and more engaged in our community

The first Sunday of March is coming up soon, and Whale Watch tickets are now available. Call Pat Gotschalk or either of us, and we will get your tickets to you, or you can buy them at any of our AAUW Maui

Branch events. Your support of this major fundraiser funds our student scholarships. It's also time to make plans to attend the AAUW Hawaii State Convention, to be held on the last weekend in April in Kona. Registration is now open. The Kona branch has arranged some interesting tours and a lovely resort stay. The program will be informative and inspiring and will provide us with the opportunity to learn from and mingle with AAUW members from other island branches.

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2018: AAUW MAUI BRANCH BOOK CLUB NOON-1:30pm

Once again, Janet Walker will open her home to book clubbers. Her address is 792 Kumulani Drive, in Maui Meadows, Kihei. Going towards Wailea on Pi'ilani Highway, turn left on Mikioi Place (next left after stoplight at Mapu/Kilohana) then turn right on Akala, take first left on Hoala and then the first left at Kumulani Drive. Drive six miles to the top of the hill; 792 will be on your right. Limited parking for those with mobility problems at the top of the driveway, and street parking is available.



at left: [Louise Erdrich](#)

We will be discussing Louise Erdrich's 2016 novel, ***La Rose***. The novel starts with a tragedy, and becomes a story of healing and reconciliation between two families. Erdrich has won the National Book Award and has been nominated for the *Pulitzer Prize*. She is of Ojibwa and German-American ancestry, she writes

evocatively and meaningfully about the intersections between Ojibwan and Caucasian cultures.

TUESDAY: JANUARY 9TH at noon: LUNCH BUNCH at Maui Coffee Attic.

Maui Coffee Attic is located at 59 Kanoa Street, Wailuku.

Kanoa St. is off Wells St., but there is a detour due to construction on High St., so plan to carpool and give a bit of extra time.

Please RSVP to Sara at aauwlunchbunch@gmail.com with Lunch Bunch in the subject line or [907-350-4700](tel:907-350-4700). See menu attached to this newsletter. Please RSVP and pre-order with your menu choice by Saturday, January 6th.

SUNDAY. JANUARY 14TH: 1-3 p.m. AAUW MAUI BRANCH BOARD MEETING AT CATHY THOMPSON'S HOUSE. 1:00 TO 3:00 P.M.

The AAUW Maui Branch Board Meeting, which is open to all members, will be held on Sunday, January 14, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Cathy Thompson's house. Her address is 22 Huluhulu Place, Kahului, 96732, and her phone number is 808 268-1232. You may R.S.V.P. by text or email (cathyt808@gmail.com) with **Board Meeting** in the Subject Line. The proposed agenda is attached to the Newsletter. If you have an item/issue to be added to the Agenda, please let Cathy Thompson or Janet Walker know.

THURSDAY JANUARY 26TH at 11 a.m: FIELD TRIP TO KAEALIA

POND. AAUW member Pat Goschak has organized a field trip to the Kealia Pond Visitor Center (Thanks, Pat!) The Visitors' Center is on Maui Veterans Hwy (formerly Mokolele Hwy), about a quarter mile north of the intersection of North Kihei Road and Piliiani Hwy. We will meet at the visitor center at 11 o'clock. A biologist will give a brief talk and tour of the center which recently reopened. Anyone who is interested can drive down to the bird ponds on the visitor center property. AAUW scholarship recipient Marnie Meuser works at the visitor center and will be there. For more about Kealia Pond see their website https://www.fws.gov/refuge/kealia_pond/

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH: SPEAKER MEETING:

WITH MALIA BOHLIN, AUTHOR OF LEFT AT HIVA OA

Speaker **Malia Bohlin's** new novel takes place as America evolves from the conservative 1950s to the free-loving 60s. Two recent Merchant Marine Academy graduates follow a dream of sailing the world on the 40' schooner, the *Gracias*. Plans change, and after dismissing his crew in the Marquesan Island of Hiva Oa, Capt Ken Bohlin attempts a solo voyage to Hawaii. *Left at Hiva Oa* is a story of determination and perseverance. Malia Bohlin, based her novel on the seafaring adventures of her father and his crew. Malia Bohlin is Ken Bohlin's daughter, Copies of *Left at Hiva Oa* will be available for purchase and signing.



at left: **Malia Bohlin**

The meeting will take place at Moose McGillycuddy's, 2511 S Kihei Rd., Kihei - 2nd floor above Fred's; parking at rear. 10:30 a.m. Business Meeting - 11 a.m. Speaker - 12 Noon Lunch. Please reserve by contacting Virginia Shaw at mauivirigina@yahoo.com or 808-357-6805 by Wednesday, Jan. 24th with **Speaker Meeting** in the subject line. Please include your menu choice in your reply (see menu attached to this newsletter).

**SUNDAY JANUARY
28TH AAUWMAUI
BRANCH MIXER:
from 3-6pm,**

AAUW MAUI BRANCH MIXER (continued)

Who: AAUW Maui Branch Members and their guests (please invite friends who might be interested in joining our branch.)

What: An afternoon of mixing, introducing your friends to AAUW Maui Branch and its members, eating, meeting new people and enjoying a beautiful setting. Door prizes, chocolate and finger food, and much, much more.

Where: AH! That's the secret! You will be receiving an email with more details soon, followed by an evite (e-mail invitation). **SAVE THE DATE AND START THINKING OF FRIENDS YOU CAN INVITE!**

Please send all reports, announcements and other material for the **FEBRUARY** AAUW Maui Branch Newsletter to jillianbrid@gmail.com by **JANUARY 20TH** – Mahalo. (And do please bring your camera to AAUW get-togethers and send in your photos for the newsletter.)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

PAM KALLNER JAN. 16

JENNIFER BOHLIN JAN. 28

SORRY IF I MISSED ANYONE, AND MY APOLOGIES TO THE DECEMBER BIRTHDAY PEOPLE WHOSE BIRTHDAYS WERE NOT POSTED; THERE JUST WASN'T ENOUGH ROOM.



CORNELIA SPANIER 1915-2017

As the year ended, so did the life of our oldest member, Cornelia Spanier. Her wonderful spirit graced this world for 102 years. When Cornelia celebrated her birthday last July with friends and family, she was asked about her secret to a long life. Her replay was, "Always think young". Her smile and spirit always stayed strong and shining. She was an inspiration to us all.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! MAY YOU AND AAUW
MAUI BRANCH HAVE A SUCCESSFUL AND
PEACEFUL 2018.**