



AAUW MAUI BRANCH



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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

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO AAUW NATIONAL BY-LAWS

YOUR CHANCE TO VOTE & HAVE YOUR SAY BEFORE MARCH 22

The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. The board strongly supports the proposed amendments, which we believe will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable us to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls. **The proposed amendments address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership** (*emphasis added; ed*). Rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the [AAUW website](#).

The overarching motivation for these changes is to uphold and advance AAUW’s mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level. The first two proposals would bring AAUW’s board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices and the needs of the organization. The third proposal — to eliminate the degree requirement for membership — has come before the membership a number of times. The board feels strongly that while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW’s inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

The board recognizes that we have not traditionally put proposals up for vote outside our AAUW National Election, but these proposed changes have been under consideration for several years by both the Governance Committee and the board, and we believe it is important to move forward to position the organization for greater growth. Members can comment on the proposed amendments and submit their own proposals from Feb. 22, 2018, through Mar. 22, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET. We encourage you all to engage in respectful debate that has always been a hallmark of the AAUW community, exercise your vote, and encourage fellow members to do the same. You can direct any questions or concerns to connect@aauw.org.

AAUW MAUI BRANCH NEWS AND EVENTS

ALOHA AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!!!

We are very happy to welcome the following new members to AAUW Maui, many of whom joined at our recent Mixer.

Jane Chenoweth, Kathy Deknia, Roya Deyhim, Debra Greene, Monica Guillory, Jeanne Linn, Jules McLean, Nadine Newlight, Bobbie North, Colleen O'Laughlin, Diane Riley, Andrea Rubio, Nancy Taylor, Maryanna Woodman.

Please look for them at forthcoming AAUW Maui events, introduce yourself, and introduce them to your friends!

We hope to have photos available of all our new members by next month's newsletter.



Cathy



Thompson & Janet Walker: Co-Presidents' Message

Welcome to all our new members and friends! (see list above). We now have 67 active members on our Maui Branch roster. What a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow together as we advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research! One way to do that is to volunteer to work on one or several of our many committees – we really do welcome participation!

We are heading into March full-speed ahead. In addition to our regular monthly activities, our annual fundraiser, our **Whale Watch**, will be held on Sunday, March 4. According to Pat Gotschalk, our intrepid Whale Watch chair, the tickets are sold out, but she does have a waiting list in case tickets become available. Call her at (808) 868-0418 or (808)214-8393 to get on the waiting list.

The Scholarship Committee, chaired by Dorothy Tolliver, will be meeting to choose recipients as soon as the UHMC Foundation Office makes the list of potential scholarship candidates available. The projected profits from the Whale Watch are just over \$4,000.00, which combined with other funds will allow us to sponsor three \$2,000.00 scholarships this year. In addition, we have the scholarship that our late member, Cornelia Spanier, endowed. What a wonderful legacy! .

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Martha Dean, will be meeting soon to secure nominations for the position of Vice-President for Membership, a 2-year position. Would you be willing to serve? If so, please contact Martha at mdean5@hawaii.rr.com or (503) 890-9878. The election will be held at our Maui Branch Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 21.

The Hawaii State AAUW Convention will take place in Kona on April 27-29. Beginning with various activities to check out Kona on Friday, the 27th, the exciting and issue-related program begins with breakfast on Saturday from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. and will end on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. – in case you need to make your reservation and need the time line. The speakers and their tentative titles, in chronological order, include:

- Janet Walker and Janet Morse – “Setting SMART Goals: A Training for AAUW Branches”
- Leslie Wilkins – “Encouraging Girls in Hawaii Toward STEM”
- “Shifting the Gender Pay Gap”
- Teresa Shook – “Lessons Learned from Organizing the Women’s March”
- Kimberly Churches (CEO, AAUW-DC) – National Update
- Libby Bailey – “Title IX: The Island of Hawaii and Lessons for Across Hawaii”

Again, welcome to all our new members (see above) we are eager to get to know you and to work with you!



DATES TO REMEMBER FOR MARCH

AAUW Maui Branch Book Club: SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd, at noon at CATHY WEBER'S HOME, 86 Kalipuu St., Kihei
WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE ORCHARDIST by Amanda Coplin

At the turn of the twentieth century in Washington' state's orchard country, reclusive William Talmadge tends to apples and apricots as if they were his children. A gentle man who has lost his sister, he's found solace in the land he cultivates. One day, two teenage girls appear and steal his fruit from the market. Later, they later return to the outskirts of his orchard to watch the man who did not try to capture them. They have escaped from a cruel brothel owner; feral, scared, and very pregnant, the girls take refuge in Talmadge's deep reservoir of compassion. As the girls begin to trust him, the brothel-keeper's men arrive in the orchard with guns, and tragedy unfolds.



Amanda Coplin evokes America when railroads were first providing corridors between communities. She weaves a tapestry of solitary souls who come together in the wake of unspeakable cruelty and misfortune. Though this is her first novel, Coplin writes with precision and empathy.

PLEASE LET CATHY KNOW WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE COMING. e-mail
jcweber86@hawaii.rr.com or phone 298-0855

DIRECTIONS: take either S. Kihei Rd. or the Piilani Hwy going south and turn on to Ke Alii Alanui drive. Turn right if coming from the Hwy or left if coming from S. Kihei Rd. Turn into the entrance to the development Ke Alii Kai. Go one block and make a left onto Kulipuu Street. Follow road around development: #86 house will be on the left about half way up the hill, a 2-story white house with gray trim. Park on street.

LUNCH BUNCH: March 13th at noon. We will be at The Mill House at Maui Tropical Plantation, 1670 Honoapiilani Hwy, in Wailuku. The Mill House is one of five restaurants on Maui that has been awarded 5 stars; a ***** rating is awarded only to restaurants that combine great food, excellent service, and an outstanding atmosphere. There is wonderful view of the West Maui Mountains from the restaurant, and a post-lunch stroll around the beautiful grounds would add to your enjoyment. The lunch will be "Prixe Fixee" at \$40 from a limited menu. (see attachment). Please RSVP with your menu selection (main course choice) by Saturday, March 10th to Sara aauwlunchbunch@gmail.com with Lunch Bunch in the subject line or call [907-350-4700](tel:907-350-4700).

SPECIAL EVENT: LUNCHEON on **Wednesday, April 11th** at 11:30am at The **Leis Family Class Act Restaurant** at University of Hawaii Maui College. We are limited to **10 people** at this time (there will be a waiting list in case they're able to add more people to our reservation), so it will be first come first served. Please RSVP ASAP with your menu selection to Sara Green. aauwlunchbunch@gmail.com. You **must prepay in cash** to Sara at the March Speaker meeting. Prices are listed on the menu after the entree choices. Please see menu attached to this newsletter.

SPEAKER MEETING: Saturday, March 24, at 10:30 a.m. at Moose McGillycuddy's, Kihei. Our speaker will be Danielle Marie Bergan (photo right). Danielle is the Maui community coordinator of Mental Health Maui of Hawaii and author of *Its Always Okay To Be Me, A Journey to Recovering Lost Hope*. Danielle will talk about growing up transgender and how it has impacted her life. She will read short passages from her book to help explain her journey. She will also provide current national statistics on the transgender community. If you will be attending, please select your choice from the attached menu, & notify Virginia Shaw at aauwspeakermeeting@gmail.com by 3/21.



COMING UP VERY SOON: Sunday, March 4



AAUW Maui Whale Watch Scholarship Fundraiser

There were no tickets available for sale at press time, though cancellations are possible. This is great news as it means we can fund all three of our scholarships!

FOOD DONATIONS FOR WHALE WATCH!

We need your donations of pupus/snacks for the AAUW Whale Watch, on Sunday, March 4, 2018. Even if you cannot attend, your food donations are important. We are **SOLD OUT** (147 tickets), so please bring plenty.

Suggested finger food items include cookies, bars, fruit platters, meat and cheese platters, small sandwiches, pickles and olives.

Things to avoid! Chips and other lightweight items that can blow away; items in small wrappers that can blow away (e.g., candy bars).

Put your name on your serving dish if you want it returned to you.

Our Whale Watch boat will be the The Ocean Odyssey. It is supposed to be berthed at Slip 44, Maalaea Harbor. We will post a sign if there is any change. For drop off information, please call or text Pat at 808-214-8393. MAHALO!

AAUW-HAWAII STATE CONVENTION

ROYAL KONA RESORT, APRIL 27-29, 2018 The convention will include a variety of local tours on Friday and speakers and Leadership Training on Saturday in an oceanfront venue. One of our speakers will be Theresa Shook, the Hana attorney who created the 2017 Women's March on Washington. Her topic is titled, "What We Learned from the March". We will also have a presentation by Leslie Wilkins, President and CEO of the Maui Economic Development Board, an expert on the topic of women and girls in STEM. On Sunday we will have an Update from AAUW National by our new CEO Kimberly Churches. We are honored to have this opportunity to meet her and hear about the future of our organization.

The convention is a wonderful way to interact with AAUW members from all seven branches and to hear about their challenges and successes. Please register now and join us for an exciting convention in a beautiful resort on the Big Island.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

SALLY ANN BRYANT, MARCH 8

SUZANNE YOUNG, MARCH 16

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

HAPPY PASSOVER!! HAPPY EASTER!! HAPPY SPRING!!