

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN



JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER AAUW MAUI BRANCH



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.

AAUW NATIONAL NEWS

Editor's note: All links are to aauw.org

TITLE IX June 23rd marked [Title IX's 46th anniversary](#). Since 1972, this landmark civil rights law has opened doors for girls and women from classrooms to the playing fields. We are proud of the [progress](#) made toward equity in education, but we know barriers remain. That's why Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA) recently reintroduced the **Patsy T. Mink and Louise M. Slaughter Gender Equity in Education Act (GEEA) of 2018** to ensure schools and educational institutions comply with this landmark civil rights law. GEEA would help to reduce and prevent sex discrimination in all areas of education by supporting the vital, on-the-ground work of Title IX coordinators through additional resources, training, and technical assistance. AAUW activists were key in the [passage of Title IX](#), and we're continuing to fight to achieve the full promise of the law. Recently, the AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps visited over 60 Senate offices to advocate for the co-sponsorship and passage of GEEA. You can take action by [contacting your members of Congress](#) to ask them to co-sponsor or support this legislation.

Bits and Pieces

- AAUW recently [published](#) a new research report on women's representation in non-profit leadership. *Broken Ladders: Barriers to Women's Representation in Non-profit Leadership* explores the underrepresentation of women in leadership in sectors like non-profit organizations and post-secondary education, where women make up the majority of workers.
- Attorney General Jeff Sessions [announced](#) that victims of domestic abuse and gang violence will no longer qualify for asylum. The decision [overturned](#) precedent set by the Board of Immigration Appeals. The National Taskforce to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, of which AAUW is a member, issued a [statement](#) opposing the decision.
- In *Husted v. APRI*, the Supreme Court [upheld](#), in a 5-4 decision, a controversial Ohio law that allows the state to remove citizens from the registration rolls [under certain criteria](#), despite protections under the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). Ohio's practice of deeming voters ineligible affects tens of thousands of voters in the state. The ruling will disproportionately disenfranchise voters of color, voters with disabilities, veterans, and those from low-income communities. The decision may also pave the way for other states to enact similar laws, further creating unnecessary barriers to the ballot box.

- A report released by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) [found](#) that many high school athletics administrators weren't aware of their Title IX coordinator or didn't feel supported by them. GAO recommends that the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights ensure Title IX coordinators are aware of existing tools and guidance and encourage them to work with athletics administrators. AAUW members and gender-equity advocates can play an important role by [delivering](#) resources to schools in their communities and helping to support Title IX coordinators in performing their duties.

AAUW's Public Policy Priorities are adopted every two years by member vote. The 2017-2019 Priorities are:

1. To support a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity and diversity,
2. To achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women,
3. To guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society. The actions and goals included in these priorities are delineated on AAUW's website.

AAUW has a long-standing policy of non-partisanship. The guidelines, which determine political vs. partisan, include the following:

- We do not endorse candidates in partisan races.
- We engage with candidates equally, in a neutral manner.
- We work on issues guided by our values and mission, and we endorse and advocate for legislation that furthers our priorities and goals.
- AAUW encourages voter registration for everyone, regardless of their political persuasion.

This year Maui Branch is planning to be involved in voter education and turn-out." *(Thanks to Janet Walker for summarizing these policy priorities from the National website)*

AAUW MAUI BRANCH NEWS AND EVENTS



President's Message for July:

Cathy Thompson

Aloha! Summer is upon us, and AAUW Maui Branch has curtailed most of its activities until fall. **Lunch Bunch** is still meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at locations to be announced (see page 4 for July's lunch bunch), but Book Club and Speaker Meetings will be on hiatus until September.

Our Board met on Sunday, June 10th, at my house, and we had a very productive meeting. Three new members – Kathleen Deknis, Nancy Taylor, and Terry Rosenstock – joined us, as well as our new Vice President of Membership, Debbie Priest. All made valuable contributions and asked questions that helped us move forward in our planning for 2018-2019. The list of Officers and Chairs for AAUW Maui Branch for 2018-2019 is at the end of this message.

The Board decided to keep the meetings on the same days for next year – **Book Club** on the first Saturday of the month, **Lunch Bunch** on the second Tuesday of

the month, and **Speaker Meetings** on the fourth Saturday of the month. Currently, the **Holiday Party** is scheduled for December 10th at my house. Dorothy Tolliver will continue as Book Club chair, Sara Green as Lunch Bunch chair, and Virginia Shaw, our Vice-President for Programs, will continue to arrange our Speaker Meetings. If you have any questions or suggestions for them, you can find their contact information in the new AAUW Maui Branch directory that Sandra Boll, our Communications Chair, provided recently. We are so lucky to have such talented and dedicated members who take such good care of us! If you want to see our activities laid out month by month, you can refer to the 2018-2019 calendar attached. We will be sending out a **basic survey** soon through Survey Monkey – it should take two or three minutes to complete. Please let us know your preferences so that we can tailor our branch to the AAUW mission and to your interests!

We were lucky to receive **five free national memberships** for our national *Share the Future Campaign*. We enrolled 11 new members during that campaign! The Executive Board voted to award these memberships and suspend branch dues for people who have and/or will provide meritorious service to our group. The recipients are: Wilika Asimont (our former Diversity and Inclusion Chair), Marty-Jean Bender (our new Webmaster), Charlotte George (a former member), Janet Go (our dedicated Publicity Chair), and Suzanne Young (our intrepid fund raiser, financial officer, etc.).

The “**Give a Grad a Gift**” program is still available to give recent college graduates free one-year memberships to AAUW. I have already availed myself of three gifts this year to friends and relatives. If you are interested, click on this link to the national AAUW website to sign up any graduates who completed their degrees within the last two years: [Give a Grad a Gift](#)

There is still time to **renew your membership** for next year! Just follow the instructions on page 5 of this Newsletter. Hope to see you soon at Lunch Bunch or in the fall at our September Book Club or Speaker Meeting! *Cathy Thompson*



2018-2019 AAUW Maui Branch Elected Officers (Executive Committee)

- **President** – Cathy Thompson (term expires June 30, 2019)
- **Finance Officer** – Pat Gotschalk (term expires June 30, 2019)
- **Program Vice President** – Virginia Shaw (term expires June 30, 2019)
- **Membership Vice President** – Debbie Priest (term expires June 30, 2020)
- **Secretary** – Jennifer Bohlin (term expires June 30, 2019)

2018-2019 Committee Chairs & Other Appointed Board of Directors Members

- **AAUW Funds Chair** – Terry Rosenstock
- **AAUW Public Policy Chair** – Janet Walker

- **College/University Relations Chair** – None needed at this time
- **Communications Chair** – Sandra Boll
 - **Social media** – Sara Green (chart location will change as position is defined)
- **Diversity and Inclusion Chair** – **Vacant!!**
- **Fundraising Chair** –
 - **Whale Watch** – Pat Gotschalk will assist/guide
 - **Silent Auction** – Pat Gotschalk and Sara Green
- **Historian** – Janet Go
- **Immediate Past President (ex-officio)** – Janet Walker
- **Interest Group Chairs:**
 - **Lunch Bunch** – Sara Green
 - **Book Club** – Dorothy Tolliver
 - **Other -- Great Decisions** – Mihaela Stoops
- **Newsletter Chair** – Jillian Ridington
- **Parliamentarian** – Dorothy Tolliver
- **Publicity Chair** – Janet Go
- **Scholarship Chair** – Dorothy Tolliver
- **Sunshine Secretary** – Debbie Priest
- **Web Master** – Marty-Jean Bender

A message of thanks from our Historian & Publicity Chair, Janet Go:

To members of the AAUW Maui Branch: Thank you for giving me one of the five annual memberships available to members. I appreciate your generosity and will do my best to see that the public knows about the good work the organization does to advance equity for women and girls in Maui.

Mahalo, Janet Go



JULY DATES TO REMEMBER. There is only one AAUW Maui Branch event this month, so mark your calendar for July 10th and then relax and enjoy the summer! But if you want some intellectual inspiration, see **GREAT DECISIONS** below.

LUNCH BUNCH, Tuesday, July 10, at noon. Serpico's Pizzeria and Restaurant, 7 Aewa Place, Old Haleakala Hwy, Pukalani. Directions: going upcountry turn right on Makawao Ave., Left on Aewa Place. Pasta, hoagie sandwiches, calzones, salads or split a pizza. See menu attached to this newsletter or online. **Please RSVP with your menu selection to Janet Walker** at 808-874-9435 or email bjpwalker@comcast.net by Monday, July 8th, before noon, please. Our order will be called in at that time. Restaurant phone number: 808-572-8498.

GREAT DECISIONS, July 28th: Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on the most important global issues facing America today. While not officially a Maui Branch Interest Group, Great Decisions is attended by many of our members. Meetings are often on the 4th Friday of the month at 12 noon in various members homes. Beverages are served, but please bring your own lunch. **Crossroads: America's Defense Strategy** is the topic for Friday, July 28. Location TBA. RSVP to Janet Walker, 530-409-0192 or email bjpwalker@comcast.net.



**IF YOU HAVEN'T REJOINED AAUW FOR THE NEW
FISCAL YEAR ---IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP.**

Our annual renewal process is open for fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019. You may renew as an ongoing member by using the National Website's online method – it's fast and easy!

- 1. Go online to <https://www.aauw.org/>**
- 2. Click "Login" at the top of the page, enter your member id and password, or click "need to register" if it's your first time logging in to the national site. Member ID is in the Directory or in your email verifying your membership in national. (Registering will require a few extra steps, including confirming via email before proceeding.)**
- 3. Click on Member Services Database (MSD) toward the bottom of the page.**
- 4. Click on "Enter the MSD" (green rectangle)**
- 5. Click on "Enter Member Services Database"**
- 6. Click on "Renew My Membership" at left**
- 7. You will be asked to pay dues by credit card (Life Members pay for local and state dues only). The amount is immediately accepted by AAUW National. National will send you an email notification that your renewal was accepted.**

Dues this year are \$59 for National, \$10 for State, and \$16 for Branch, for a total of \$85.00.

Not comfortable with on-line renewal? Mail your check for \$85.00 payable to AAUW c/o Pat Gotschalk, P. O. Box 953, Wailuku, HI 96793. Please make checks payable to AAUW Maui Branch.

***JULY BIRTHDAYS!
HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO:
Illa Todd July 14
Jane Chenoweth July 15
Jane Litt July 15
Pamela Schulz July 19
Cathy Weber July 19
Janet Go July 23
Wilika Asimont July 30
Jean Keating July 30***

***HAVE A GREAT JULY 4TH, AND HAPPY
SUMMER TO YOU ALL!***

**PLEASE SEND ALL YOUR NOTICES,
PHOTOS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR THE
AUGUST NEWSLETTER TO**

***jillianbrid@gmail.com by JULY 20TH.
Your editor is in a time zone far, far away,
so please do make sure that she gets
them on time!***