



## 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.*

### AAUW NATIONAL NEWS

**U.S. Supreme court Nomination:** Last month, President Donald Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to a lifetime appointment on the U.S. Supreme Court, following the retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy. If confirmed, Kavanaugh will have a say in the health, education, and economic security of women and girls for decades to come. As such, we urge senators to fully and fairly vet Kavanaugh's nomination to ensure he will be an independent, fair-minded jurist who will uphold protections that are critical to the equity of women and girls. As members of the Senate consider Kavanaugh's record, states are also reacting to the nomination. In particular, many are preparing for *Roe v. Wade* to be rolled back or entirely overturned, leaving the status of legal abortion to vary from state to state. Some states are working to shore up access to abortion, while others are striving to criminalize the procedure and the women who attempt to access it. AAUW is committed to working at all levels of government to ensure that every woman's fundamental rights – to access healthcare, use contraception, have an abortion, and have the freedom to marry who we choose, among others – are protected. Anything less is unacceptable.  
Kate Nielson  
State Policy Counsel

With several significant decisions and a recent nomination, there has been a great deal of activity surrounding the U.S. Supreme Court this year. Stay up to date with these developments by [signing up for AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund Supreme Court wrap-up call](#), and make your voice heard by [urging your senators to fully and fairly vet nominee Judge Brett Kavanaugh!](#)

## **Bipartisan EMPOWER Act Introduced to Fight Sexual Harassment**

Reps. Lois Frankel (D-FL), Ted Poe (R-TX), Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), Barbara Comstock (R-VA), and Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE) have introduced the bipartisan, bicameral Ending the Monopoly of Power Over Workplace Harassment through Education and Reporting (EMPOWER) Act. The companion bill was introduced in the Senate last month by Sens. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Kamala Harris (D-CA). The bill, supported by AAUW and many of our coalition partners, is aimed at preventing and addressing workplace harassment, including sexual harassment. The EMPOWER Act would make it easier to report incidents by prohibiting certain non-disclosure clauses and providing additional reporting mechanisms to the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission (EEOC). The bill would also compel companies to disclose harassment settlements, prohibit tax deductions related to harassment case expenses, and require additional workplace harassment training.

## **AAUW MAUI BRANCH NEWS AND EVENTS**



*Cathy Thompson*

### *President's Message for August*

I hope you are enjoying your summer! Here on Maui we are out of the fire, flood, tornado and volcanic eruption, occurring in many troubled areas, but we think of our neighbors on the Big Island and in other devastated regions with concern. Mother Nature has not been very happy this summer!

As noted last month, 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 3 for August's lunch bunch), but Book Club and Speaker Meetings will be on hiatus until September.

Our AAUW Hawaii Public Policy Chair, Younghee Overly, and her committee are planning their two-year agenda. Their primary focus will be working with the legislature to enact laws to further equality in the workplace, with emphasis on equal pay for similar work. They are using the term **similar work** instead of equal work because some employers have been using few, or even one, difference in the job description to deny equal pay (a case in North Carolina is one precedent). Sounds like they have focused and workable ideas, and the committee will be meeting in Honolulu to address their agenda and their plan in September. After that, their meetings will be electronic. So, if you are interested in this issue, contact Janet Walker and/or Nancy Taylor from Maui Branch or Younghee Overly from AAUW Hawaii.

I will be sending all our members a survey through **Survey Monkey** in the next few weeks. It will only take a few minutes to complete, and it will give the board a good idea of what interests you and what you might like to see happen in our branch. Please keep watch in your email and take a few minutes to answer the questions.

We will be using the data in aggregate to make some decisions for the branch and individually to see who might like to work on what committees or projects.

More repetition from last month, 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 [Give a Grad a Gift](#) on the national AAUW website to sign up any graduates who completed their degrees within the last two years:

There is still time to **renew your membership** for next year – 2018-2019! Of our 71 members, 2 are lifetime members, 39 have renewed for next year, and 30 people have not yet renewed for 2018-2019. Pat Gotschalk, our Financial Officer, and AAUW National will continue to provide you with an easy way to renew online. Check out other ways to renew on page 4 of this Newsletter.

I hope to see you soon at Lunch Bunch or in the fall at our September Book Club or Speaker Meeting!

*Cathy Thompson*

**Have a great summer – hope to see you soon!**

**LUNCH BUNCH:** Lunch Bunch will meet **Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**, at noon at **Casanova’s Upcountry**, 1188 Makawao Ave. (corner of Baldwin). Please see the menu attached to this newsletter and RSVP with your menu selection by Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, to Sara at [aauwlunchbunch@gmail.com](mailto:aauwlunchbunch@gmail.com) with Lunch Bunch in the subject line or text with Lunch Bunch in the subject line to [907-350-4700](tel:907-350-4700).

**BOOK GROUP:** **The book group will not be meeting in August, so you have time to read ahead.** We will meet on **Saturday, September 1, at Noon;** venue TBA. We will be discussing ***A Piece of the World*** by Christina Baker Kline. The inspiration for the book was Andrew Wyeth’s mysterious and iconic painting *Christina’s World*. ***A Piece of the World*** is a story about the burdens and blessings of family history, and how an artist and a muse can come together to forge a new and timeless legacy. To Christina Olson, the entire world was her family’s remote farm in the small coastal town of Cushing, Maine. Born in the home her family had lived in for generations, and increasingly incapacitated by illness, Christina seemed destined for a small life. Instead, for more than 20 years, she was host and inspiration for the artist Andrew Wyeth, and became the subject of one of the best known American paintings of the 20th century.

**Have a great summer - see you soon!**

## **HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR AAUW MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018-19?? IF NOT, HERE'S HOW**

Our annual renewal process is open for the 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 your password, or click "need to register" if it's your first time logging in to the national site. Member ID is in the AAUW Maui 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.

**Have a great summer – hope to see you soon!**

THERE MAY NOT BE MANY AAUW MAUI EVENTS IN AUGUST,  
BUT THERE COULD BE A FEW BIRTHDAY PARTIES --  
THESE MEMBERS WILL BE THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!**

HELEN (KIT) HART - AUGUST 8th  
MARILYN LYTLE - AUGUST 13th  
RACHEL MYOSHI - AUGUST 17th  
ADAH ASKEW - AUGUST 25th  
BONNIE KING - AUGUST 28th  
MARSHA PALMER - AUGUST 28th

**happy summer to all**

**Please send all reports, announcements and other material for the SEPTEMBER AAUW Maui Branch Newsletter to SANDI BOLL ([bolld001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:bolld001@hawaii.rr.com)) by August 20th. Your regular editor will be on a boat somewhere on the beautiful B.C. coast. Our dedicated communications director will step in. Mahalo, Sandi!  
(And do please bring your camera to AAUW get-togethers and send in your photos for the newsletter).**