

AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

Board Meeting

The Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, **January 5, at 1:00 p.m.** at Cathy Thompson's house in Kahului. See page 2 of the newsletter.

Book Group

Book Group will be held on **Saturday, January 4, at noon** at Janet Walker's home in Maui Meadows. See page 4 of the newsletter.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will be held on **Tuesday, January 14, at noon** at Nutcharee's Authentic Thai Food in Kihei. See page 3 of the newsletter

Tastes and Talk

Tastes and Talk will be held on **Thursday, January 16, at 5:00 p.m.** at Seascape Restaurant in Ma'alaea. See page 5 of the newsletter.

Speaker Meeting

The Speaker Meeting will be held on **Saturday, January 25,** at Moose McGillycuddy's in Kihei. **Social time begins at 10:00 a.m. and the meeting at 10:30 a.m.** See page 3 of the newsletter.

Whale Watch Fundraiser Is Underway!

The Maui Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is hosting our annual Whale Watch Cruise to benefit local scholarships on Sunday, March 1, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The proceeds from our Whale Watch Cruise provides funding for local scholarship programs at University of Hawaii Maui College for qualified women students seeking educational funding. Last year we offered three scholarships of \$2,000 each.



There is a flyer attached to this newsletter email, which you can send to friends, post on local bulletin boards, etc.

To purchase your tickets and/or make additional donations for our scholarships, please see Terry Rosenstock at any of the upcoming meetings, text Terry at (415) 815-2671 or email her at terryrosenstock@gmail.com. Your ticket purchase and any additional donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

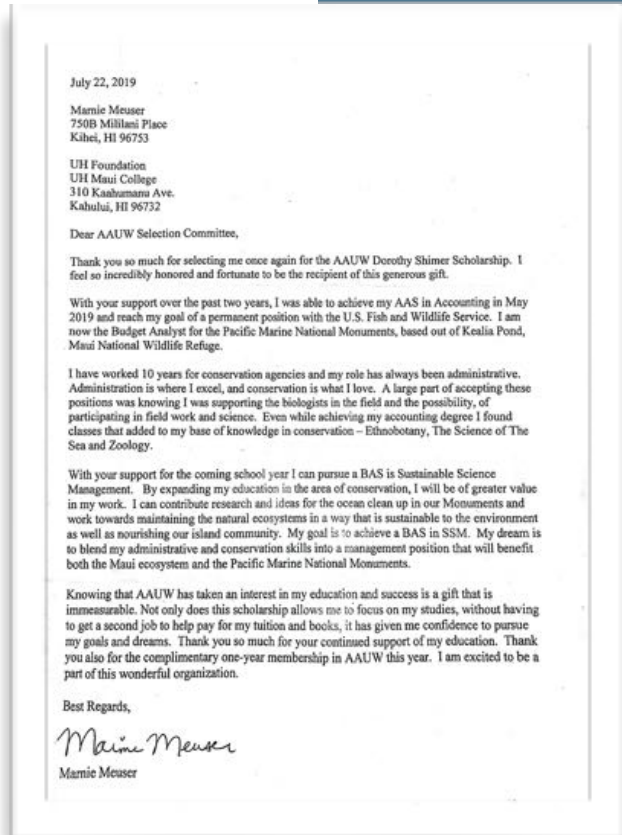
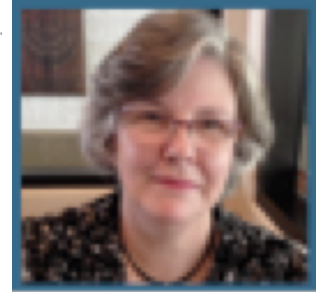
If you would like to contribute a door prize (ask your hair stylist or favorite shop for a donation), you will find a door prize donation letter attached to this email as well as a form to complete.

We look forward to seeing you and your family and friends on board!

President's Report

Aloha!

I am sharing two letters of thanks from our AAUW Scholarship recipients. Please support our Whale Watch so we can continue this long standing tradition.



I also want to give special thanks to Marc Tolliver for donating the use of his wonderful salon, Loft 145, for our Holiday Party. Photos of the party are on page 9 of the newsletter.

I am excited about our Voter Registration project that will take place at UH Maui College on January 27-30 (Monday through Thursday.) We will discuss training and specific hours during the Board Meeting this Sunday, January 5, at my house (22 Huluhulu Place, Kahului), starting at 1:00 p.m. All are encouraged to attend!

Aloha,

Cathy

Speaker Meeting January 25

The first speaker meeting 2020 will be held on **Saturday, January 25, at our usual venue, Moose McGillycuddy's in Kihei. There will be a social half-hour starting at 10 a.m., then the business meeting at 10:30 a.m. followed by our speaker and lunch.**

Our speaker is Khara Jabola-Carolus , Executive Director of the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women. She will discuss human rights violations against women in Hawai'i that involve sexual exploitation. She will discuss the state's groundbreaking sex trafficking reports, with the latest portion slated for publication in January 2020. Finally, she will discuss the state's current efforts to eliminate sex trafficking.



The cost of attending the Speaker Meeting is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members, plus the cost of food. **Please reserve your spot by Wednesday, January 22**, by contacting Virginia Shaw by email at aauspeakermeeting@yahoo.com. Include your menu choice from the menu that is emailed with this newsletter.

Lunch Bunch January 14

Happy New Year!

Members and guests, please come to our January Lunch Bunch gathering at **Nutcharee's Authentic Thai Food Restaurant in Kihei, on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 11:30 a.m.**

The address is 1280 S. Kihei Road #124 in the Azeka Center (Makai side). It is in the back, left corner, down from Nalu's. The restaurant phone number is (808) 633-4840.

We will be selecting from their menu and having individual checks. Their food is "yummy" and you can order any amount of spice that you like (from no spice to hot). The menu is on their website at: www.nutcharees.com.

Please RSVP by Sunday, Jan 12 at noon to aauwlunchbunch2@gmail.com or text Linda Martin at (408) 725-8558 . There is no need to pre-order this month, but please RSVP that you are attending so we have enough tables/chairs.

Hope see you there!



Book Group January 4

***Becoming*, by Michelle Obama**

As First Lady of the United States of America—the first African American to serve in that role—she helped create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history, while also establishing herself as a powerful advocate for women and girls in the U.S. and around the world, dramatically changing the ways that families pursue healthier and more active lives, and standing with her husband as he led America through some of its most harrowing moments. Along the way, she showed us a few dance moves, crushed Carpool Karaoke, and raised two down-to-earth daughters under an unforgiving media glare.



The group will meet at the home of **Janet Walker at 12 noon on Saturday, January 4, starting at 12 noon.** Janet will be the discussion leader. Brown bag lunch optional. The address is 792 Kumulani Drive, Kihei, in Maui Meadows. If you have questions, please contact Janet at bjwalker@comcast.net or (808) 875-9435.

The Book Group has made reading selections for 2020. A complete list is attached to the email with the newsletter.

The book for February is ***The Only Woman In The Room*, by Marie Benedict:**

Hedy Kiesler is lucky. Her beauty leads to a starring role in a controversial film and marriage to a powerful Austrian arms dealer, allowing her to evade Nazi persecution despite her Jewish heritage. But Hedy is also intelligent. One night in 1937, desperate to escape her controlling husband and the rise of the Nazis, she disguises herself and flees her husband's castle. She lands in Hollywood, where she becomes Hedy Lamarr, screen star. But Hedy is keeping a secret even more shocking than her Jewish heritage: she is a scientist. She has an idea that might help the country and that might ease her guilt for escaping alone -- if anyone will listen to her. A powerful novel based on the incredible true story of the glamour icon and scientist whose groundbreaking invention revolutionized modern communication.

2020 Maui Women's March

The 2020 Maui Women's March and Festival of Fierce Females will be on January 18, 2020. Gather on the Great Lawn at UH Maui College from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. for music, pule, and speeches. The march starts at 9:00 a.m. Join the Women's March founder and keynote speaker, Maui's own Teresa C. Shook. Contact Sandi Boll at bolldoor@hawaii.rr.com or (808) 205-6329 to coordinate a time and place to meet!

Tastes and Talk January 16

The next Tastes and Talk dinner event will be on **Thursday, January 16 at Seascape at the Ma'alaea Ocean Center at 5:00 p.m.**

The dinner menu can be found at <http://mauiocenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2019-Dinner-Menu.pdf>.



Please reserve by emailing aauxtastesandtalk@gmail.com or by phone to Heather Mueller at (808) 443-3545. Reservations are due by Monday, January 13, at noon. If you must cancel, please be sure to contact Heather Mueller at the number above.

Great Decisions Group January 24

This is not an official Great Decisions discussion. Instead, the timely issue of the Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea is the topic for the group.

The meeting will be held at noon on Friday, January 20 at the home of Janet and Bob Walker. Please supply your own lunch or bring something to share.

The address is 792 Kumulani Drive, Kihei, in Maui Meadows. Please RSVP Janet if you are planning to attend at bjwalker@comcast.net or by phone at (808) 874-9435.

We welcome reading suggestions from all points of view. That's what makes for good discussion.

Great Decisions is not an official AAUW Maui Branch group, but members who are interested in international affairs and important topics of the day are welcome to attend.

Rise of The Wabine Showing in February!

We are sponsoring a showing of the critically acclaimed documentary film on Title IX with local interest, *The Rise of the Wabine*, on **Wednesday, February 5, at 5 p.m., in Kalama 103 at UH Maui College**. There will be more information in the February newsletter, but mark your calendars now and invite friends and family to see this inspiring and uplifting film.

AAUW Hawaii Branches' Statement on HB1489

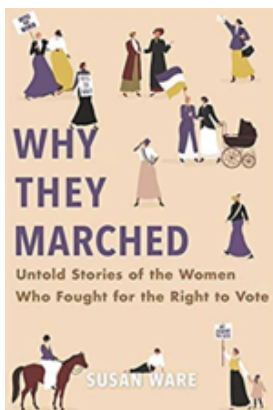
Press release from AAUW Hawai'i Branch Presidents:

Hawaii's Patsy Mink championed and co-authored Title IX, which protected students, teachers and faculty from discrimination on the basis of sex if an educational institution received federal funds — essentially making it the law of the land for almost all schools, universities and colleges.

The state enshrined those rights in state law with HB1489, which was signed into law by Gov. David Ige on July 5, 2018 and will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2020. It is the first in the nation that also extends its protection to the LGBTQ+ community.

AAUW Hawaii, AAUW Honolulu, AAUW Windward Oahu, AAUW Hilo, AAUW Kona, AAUW Maui and AAUW Kauai applaud Hawaii's lead in ensuring schools and universities are safe spaces for students and employees. In a joint statement, the branches commented:

“The state branches of AAUW applaud the state's enshrining the federal guarantees of Title IX or the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act. The state's Title IX law goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2020 and prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex under any education program. While this law is most commonly associated with the expansion of women's collegiate sports, the law also encompasses any form of gender-based discrimination, including sexual assault and harassment in educational institutions. The State of Hawaii has also expanded the scope of the law to include the LGBTQ+ students and is the first in the nation. We feel this is a positive step forward in the expansion of Title IX's protections.”



Celebrating The Right to Vote Centennial

Recommended reading on some lesser known history of the Women's Suffrage movement.

Why They Marched: Untold Stories of the Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote, by Susan Ware.

Available through the Hawai'i Public Library System.

Equal Pay Bill to be Promoted in 2020 Session of the Hawaii House of Representatives.

Jean Evans of the AAUW Hawaii Public Policy Committee has been working with the staff of Representative Aaron Ling Johanson of the 31st District to draft an equal pay bill for the upcoming legislative session. Once it is introduced it will be given a title and bill number as well as a hearing schedule.

Among other provisions, the bill will conform statutory provisions against wage discrimination with other prohibitions on employment discrimination. The purpose of the bill is to help close the 17% pay gap for equal work with respect to skill, effort and responsibility between working women and men in Hawaii. In addition, the bill will also clarify allowable justifications for compensation differentials and remedies for pay disparity, and require employers to disclose wage ranges to employees and prospective employees.

Among the changes incorporated into the bill was language from the Paycheck Fairness Act passed by the U.S. House of Representatives last March (but not yet by the U.S. Senate) to address some concerns about confidentiality of wage and salary information.

Together in 2019, Together in 2020

In an exclusive member webinar on December 5, AAUW CEO Kim Churches discussed AAUW's latest research on sexual harassment, 2020 convenings and other strategic updates. She also shared some of our successes toward achieving equity in 2019 while looking ahead to 2020, a pivotal election year.

If you missed the event, don't worry; you can access it on AAUW's website to watch at your convenience. The video is at <https://www.aauw.org/event/2019/12/together-in-2020/>.

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.

January's Cultural Events



This is a new monthly column about some of the many holidays, events, festivals, and public performances highlighting the cultural traditions and heritage of Maui's residents. It is not an exhaustive list, but a mere sampling to encourage exploration and enlightenment about the richness of our island's diverse communities. (Mahalo nui loa to Estelle Chun, Diversity and Inclusion Chair, for collecting this information.)

12/26/19 – 1/1/20	Kwanzaa
1/12/20	Ke'ala'iliahi – A Fragrant Offering of Aloha Celebrating 15 Years of Hula, Maui Arts and Cultural Center
1/20/20	Martin Luther King, Jr., Peace March, www.africanamericansonmaui.com
1/25/20	Chinese New Year
1/31/20	Chinese New Year Celebration at Wo Hing Museum, Lahaina Restoration Foundation, www.LahainaRestoration.org/events/

Because relevant details are often unavailable at press time, sponsoring organization websites will be indicated if available. The following are good overall sites for more information on Maui's cultural events:

www.calendarmaui.com

www.gohawaii.com/islands/maui

<http://LahainaRestoration.org/events/>

Maui Arts and Cultural Center (MACC), www.mauiarts.org/CelebrateHawaii.php

The Maui News' weekly "Maui Scene" Thursday supplement

AAUW Maui Branch celebrates the Holiday Season with fun, food, fellowship and donations to the Women Helping Women shelter.



Thanks to our host, Marc Tolliver!



Et Cetera



January Birthdays

Pamela Kallner January 16

*Maui Tropical Plantation
General Manager Francesco Greco
stops by to greet the
Maui Branch Lunch Bunch
at the Mill House Restaurant.*



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