

AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

Branch News

Dates to Remember

Speaker Meeting

Saturday, January 23, online using Zoom. **Social time at 10:00 a.m., business meeting at 10:30 a.m., followed by a program at 11:00 a.m.** See page 3 of the newsletter.

Book Group

Saturday, January 9, at noon, online using Zoom. See page 4 of the newsletter.

Taste and Talk

Thursday, January 21 at 6:00 p.m., at the 5 Palms Restaurant in Kihei. See page 5 of the newsletter.

Board Meeting

Sunday, January 17, at 1:00 p.m., online using Zoom. See page 3 of the newsletter.



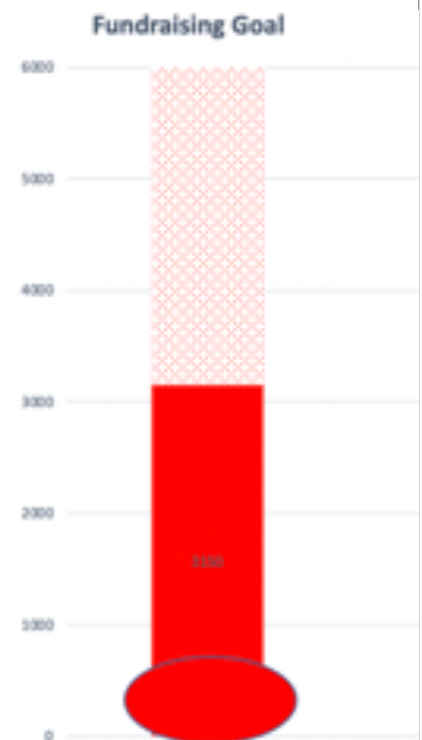
More than Half Way To Our Scholarship Fundraising Goal of \$6,000!!!

We have made tremendous progress on our scholarship fundraising goal since this was first announced. We are more than half way there!!!

We want to provide three deserving UH Maui students with \$2000 scholarships, but will have to do it this year without our Whale Watch. We have received several donations of \$100 from members and some have donated more. However, any amount is appreciated! Let's continue to get the temperature rising on our fundraiser thermometer!

Please donate to our 2021 Scholarship Fund by sending a check payable to AAUW MAUI BRANCH to AAUW-Maui, P.O. Box 1352, Pu'unene HI 96784. We thank you in advance for your support! Your donation is greatly appreciated. You will receive a donation letter from the Branch for your records. AAUW is a 501(c) (3) organization. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

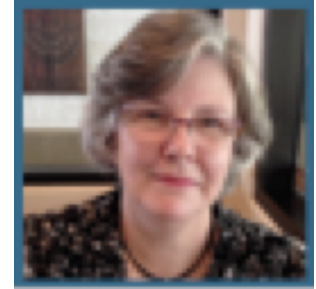
Submitted by Terry Rosenstock, AAUW-Maui Branch Fundraising Chair.



President's Message

Aloha,

Happy New Year! We have entered the 21st year of the 21st century, and I am sure that we are glad to see 2020 end. With the initiation of the vaccination protocol for COVID, we are beginning to feel hopeful that this, too, shall pass. Our Maui Branch has handled the step-by-step process of transitioning from live to Zoom meetings quite well. Our turnout at Speaker Meetings and Book Club has been good, and sometimes rivals the in-person attendance. We have reinvented our modus operandi, and it has worked!



Our Scholarship Fund Raising by Donation has been going quite well. Several members did not renew this year for a variety of reasons – relocated, shortage of funds, too busy, not on Maui this year, etc. Our current active membership is at 52 – 50 regular memberships and 2 lifetime memberships. Our projection for the Scholarship Fund was based on 60 members donating \$100 each – \$6,000 for three UH Maui College Scholarships of \$2,000 each for 2021-2022. To date, 23 members, one business, and one individual have donated a total of \$3,160 – a laudable result! We are over halfway to our goal, and it is just January! Several members gave more than the suggested \$100, and two members each donated \$500! If you haven't donated yet, please do. And, if you have friends who regularly buy Whale Watch tickets to support AAUW Maui Branch, perhaps a call to them to see if they want to donate this year is in order.

Many thanks to Heather Mueller and Pam Schulz for planning an excellent Holiday Party! Our ugly attire was a success – Heather was a great MC, and she handed out some amazing verbal awards for the different categories – great fun! Plus, the memorable ornament discussion was quite interesting – I loved all the different menorahs and the tree ornaments and stories. We collected several donations for Women Helping Women, and they were very grateful for the gifts. See a copy of their thank you note on page 7.

Our fiscal year ends June 30, 2021. We will continue with our speaker meetings and business meetings on the fourth Saturday of the month on Zoom until it is safe to meet in person again. We will also continue with our Zoom Book Club meetings on the first Saturday of the month until COVID is no longer a threat. (Sometimes these dates are adjusted for holidays.) Lunch Bunch is on hiatus depending on the COVID situation. We will continue fundraising to provide the three scholarships to UHMC in May, and we will have our Annual Meeting on Zoom in April to elect our new slate of officers and approve our budget for 2021-2022.

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President's Report (continued)

Our quarterly Board Meeting will be held on Zoom on Sunday, January 17 at 1 p.m. As usual, all members are invited to attend the Board Meeting. If you have any item that you would like to place on the agenda, please contact me. Thus far we have Fund Raising, Election of Officers for 2021-2023, Nominating Committee, and Bylaws/Policy and Procedures Review. If you are willing to accept a nomination to an office or committee for the next fiscal year, please let me know.

The State Board has voted to hold their Annual Meeting on Zoom in April – the date has not yet been determined. We will notify you when that is set. The next live State Convention will be in Hilo when it is determined that it is safe to travel and meet in person. The Hilo Branch will plan that. If you would like to run for a state office, please let me know. The election will be in April. The new Maui Branch President will automatically be on the State Board.

So, in sum, we are steadily working toward our primary mission – advancing equity for women. Sometimes the pace is slower than others, but we are still advancing. As Charles Darwin said, “It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.” Hang in there and stay safe. Take time to enjoy the wonders of Maui – Maui No Ka ‘Oi.

Speaker Meeting January 23

The January Speaker Meeting will be held on **Saturday, January 23, via Zoom. 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.** The Zoom log-in information will be emailed to members by Communications Director Sandi Boll prior to the meeting.

Our speaker will be Pat Gotschalk. The topic of her talk is **The Legal Process: Thoughts on the Transition from Ruth Bader Ginsberg to Amy Comey Barrett.** Pat attended the National Law Center of George Washington University in Washington, DC and received a J.D. with honors in 1983. She was a member of the *George Washington Law Review* and was on the winning Van Vleck Moot Court competition team. Although retired, Pat retains her interest in law and has closely followed the recent changes on the US Supreme Court.



Book Group January 9

The AAUW Book Group meeting will be held on **Saturday, January 9, at noon, via Zoom.**

Please RSVP to Dorothy Tolliver so you can be included in the Zoom Book Group meeting. Email Dorothy at 2425047@gmail.com.

The book for January is ***19 Minutes*, by Jodi Picoult**

This novel asks simple questions that have no easy answers: Can your own child become a mystery to you? What does it mean to be different in our society? Is it ever okay for a victim to strike back? And who -- if anyone -- has the right to judge someone else? In nineteen minutes, you can get revenge.



The book for February is ***The Lost Art of Mixing: The School of Essential Ingredients*, by Erica Bauermeister**

Lillian and her restaurant have a way of drawing people together. There's Al, the accountant who finds meaning in numbers; Chloe, a budding chef who hasn't learned to trust after heartbreak; Finnegan, quiet and steady as a tree, who can disappear into the background despite his massive height; Louise, Al's wife, whose anger simmers just below the boiling point; and Isabelle, whose memories are slowly slipping from her grasp. And there's Lillian herself, whose life has taken a turn she didn't expect...Their lives collide and mix with those around them, creating a family that is chosen, not given. A beautifully imagined novel about the ties that bind—and links that break—*The Lost Art of Mixing* is a captivating meditation on the power of love, food, and companionship.

Tastes and Talk January 21

Tastes and Talk will continue with conversation and great food on **Thursday, January 21, starting at 6:00 p.m.** at the 5 Palms Restaurant in Kihei. Please note that this event is subject to change depending on the Mayor's COVID rules. We will be seated outdoors. Please RSVP to Heather Mueller as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, January 18 at 808-430-0120, or heathermaymueller@yahoo.com. The phone number for the restaurant is 808-879-7177.



You do not have to order in advance. Here is a link to the menu: <http://www.5palmsrestaurant.com/dinner/>.

Zoom Holiday Party Was A Big Success!



About 20 members “zoomed into” the December 6th Virtual Holiday Party. We shared stories of our favorite holiday traditions and enjoyed the ugly sweaters/t-shirts/hats that were worn proudly. Mahalo nui loa to Heather Mueller and Pam Schulz for pulling this together. Next year, hopefully, we will be able to celebrate in person again.

Culture and Diversity Column

Japanese New Year's

New Year's Day or Oshogatsu is celebrated by many Hawaiian Japanese households with traditions including kadomatsu, a decoration often of bamboo and pine, providing a temporary home for ancestral spirits, and kagami, two stacked mochi rice cakes topped by a tangerine as an offering to the gods. Family and friends drop by to feast on specialties, such as ozoni, a type of soup with mochi, "considered the most auspicious of the dishes eaten on New Year's Day".

Japanese New Year - Wikipedia. See also Why We Eat Mochi on New Year's in Hawaii | Hawaii Magazine and Mochi In Hawaii | Roberts Hawaii



Besides the plain unfilled mochi used in New Year's soup, there are other varieties of rice cakes filled with everything from peanut butter, Nutella, chocolate, and coconut to the traditional adzuki beans. If you're lucky enough to be invited to an authentic mochitsuki or mochi-pounding, you'll be put to work helping prepare the rice, pounding it, or shaping it into little edible pillows of auspiciousness. [https://www.wheretraveler.com/oahu/eat/hawaii-continues-](https://www.wheretraveler.com/oahu/eat/hawaii-continues-japanese-tradition-pounding-mochi)

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Finding unfilled freshly-made or even frozen mochi may be a little tricky, but shelf-preserved ones are almost as good and are available at Foodland and TJ's Warehouse in Wailuku. Filled versions can be found at Homemade Bakery on Lower Main in Wailuku, and Maui Specialty Chocolates on E. Wakea in Kahului. The last specializes in peanut butter+chocolate-filled confections.

Like other national dishes, there are many different regional recipes for ozoni. Hawaiian versions probably came from areas where early plantation workers originated, like Fukushima, Hiroshima, and Okinawa, and can be found by googling "Ozoni Recipe Hawaii".

Akemashite o-medetoo-gozaïmasu, Happiness to you on the dawn [of a New Year]!

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

This year, the national holiday commemorating the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., is on January 18, 2021. The Hawaii Martin Luther King, Jr. Coalition, based on Oahu, promotes the day "through remembrance, celebration, and action" by holding an annual parade and unity rally. However, due to the pandemic, it is unclear what will happen this year. See www.mlk-hawaii.com for updates. Also see www.africanamericansonmail.com.

Submitted By Estelle Chun

Letter of Thanks from Women Helping Women



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.

Et Cetera



Happy Birthday

No member birthdays in January! So, here are some famous women with January birthdays:

Betsy Ross	Jan 1
Joan of Arc	Jan 6
Michelle Obama	Jan 17
Betty White	Jan 17
Dolly Parton	Jan 19
Virginia Woolf	Jan 25
Oprah Winfrey	Jan 29

Lunch Bunch at Bistro Casanova's



Tastes and Talk at Pita Paradise





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