

# AAUW MAUI BRANCH

## Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

### Branch News

#### Dates to Remember

##### Speaker Meeting

**Saturday, October 24**, 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, October 3, at noon**, online using Zoom. See page 4 of the newsletter.

##### Lunch Bunch

**Tuesday, October 13 at 11:30 a.m.** at Lava Rock Cafe in Kihei. See page 5 of the newsletter.

##### Taste and Talk

**Thursday, October 22, at 6:00 p.m.** at the Wailea Kitchen in Wailea. See page 5 of the Newsletter.

##### Board Meeting

**Sunday, October 25, at 1:00 p.m.** via Zoom.

Whale watch season will soon be here again. Even before its arrival, some of our members have taken a Pacific Whale Foundation Sunset Cruise with a limited number of socially distanced guests on board (taking advantage of the current ka'amaina rate offered to locals). We understand many of you are not comfortable doing this now, nor do you know how you will feel about this type of adventure during this whale season. Therefore, between the capacity limitation that restricts the amount of money we can raise and some members' reluctance to participate in a public event, we have decided to cancel this year's AAUW Whale Watch Fundraiser, traditionally held the first Sunday in March, where we raise funds for three \$2,000 scholarships given to UH Maui students.

But many students are even more financially challenged these days and we want to continue our support of their education. Therefore, we are asking you for a direct donation to meet our fundraising goals this year. Those of us who would have attended the monthly meetings in person are now saving the meeting and lunch costs. We hope that you will consider those expenses, plus the amount you usually spend on Whale Watch Cruise tickets, when making a tax-deductible donation to our Fundraising Campaign this year. If every member gives \$100, we would be able to cover our scholarship funds. We realize \$100 is a significant donation, so please give what you can. You will be receiving a separate letter soon detailing the campaign and asking for your support. Friends and family can also donate!

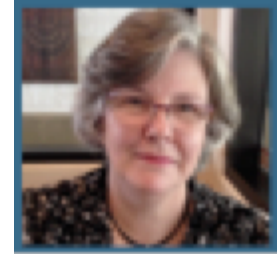
Please contact Fundraising Chair Terry Rosenstock, [terryrosenstock@gmail.com](mailto:terryrosenstock@gmail.com), 415-816-2671, with any questions or comments regarding our fundraising efforts.

## President's Message

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Aloha,

First, I feel blessed to be a member of this branch. Thank you so much for your support during this difficult time. In a condolence, someone used the term “sister” in AAUW, and I had never really thought of it that way. That is what it has seemed like – my family has expanded, and for that I am very grateful. In addition to the lovely and delicious fruit basket from the branch, for which I am very appreciative, I have received so many nice cards, electronic messages, flowers, and phone calls from individual members. I also know that many of you have gone through something similar, and you have survived. That is helpful, too.



The tributes to Dennis, condolences, and messages of sympathy were very comforting and have helped me cope with his passing. Plus, it would have tickled him tremendously – he had become very involved in making everything work every month for our branch! It is hard to lose someone who makes you feel loved and cherished, but you have helped to fill that void.

Second, as this pandemic continues, we are still in a state of flux. Our Zoom meetings have been working quite well, so we will continue with those until further notice. Our own Barry Solomon gave an excellent presentation at our September Speaker Meeting. This month we are trying Lunch Bunch and Tastes and Talk in person, depending on the conditions on the dates that they are scheduled. Information is contained elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Third, our quarterly board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 25, at 1 p.m. on Zoom. All members, not just board members, are invited to attend.

Fourth, Get Out the Vote! The old joke about vote and vote often comes to mind – and, no, I am not advocating that. As I am sure I do not need to remind you, be sure to get your vote turned in early!

Aloha,

Cathy



## Speaker Meeting October 24

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The October Speaker Meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 24, 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 **Kristen Spees Marchello**, a licensed attorney in Hawaii, California and Nevada and real estate Broker in California and Hawaii. Ms. Marchello will be presenting on Estate Planning, how to avoid probate and how to make it easy for your family. She will explain the different ways to avoid probate and how each estate planning document works together, as well as cover basic information about long term care insurance and Medicare planning.



Ms Marchello grew up in Incline Village, Nevada. She was a Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Argentina for a year in high school, and attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa where she studied Political Science and languages. She played the Saxophone in the UH jazz band and continues to play. She completed a semester in both Tahiti and Australia. She went to the Thomas Jefferson School of Law where she studied Global Legal Studies and Mediation and was able to study law in both China and France. Now she lives on Maui, and practices Estate Planning with her parents who are both estate planning attorneys. They travel between their two offices in Lake Tahoe and on Maui.



## Book Group October 3

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The AAUW Book Group meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 3, 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](mailto:2425047@gmail.com)

### **The book for October is *Stay With Me*, by Ayobami Adebayo**

Yejide and Akin have been married since they met and fell in love at university. Though many expected Akin to take several wives, he and Yejide have always agreed: polygamy is not for them. But four years into their marriage—after consulting fertility doctors and healers, trying strange teas and unlikely cures—Yejide is still not pregnant. She assumes she still has time—until her family arrives on her doorstep with a young woman they introduce as Akin's second wife. Furious, shocked, and livid with jealousy, Yejide knows the only way to save her marriage is to get pregnant. Which, finally, she does—but at a cost far greater than she could have dared to imagine. An electrifying novel of enormous emotional power, *Stay With Me* asks how much we can sacrifice for the sake of family.



The book for November will be *Tomorrow*, by Damian Dibben.

Venice, 1815. A 200 year old dog is searching for his lost master. And so begins *Tomorrow*, a story of love that spans the centuries and of hope as the world collapses into war. *Tomorrow* is a dog who must travel through the courts and battlefields of Europe in search of the man who granted him immortality. His is a journey of loyalty and determination, as he befriends both animals and humans, falls in love—only once— marvels at the human ability to make music and despairs at their capacity for war. *Tomorrow* is a spellbinding novel of courage and devotion, of humanity across the ages and of the eternal connection between two souls.

## Lunch Bunch October 13

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We will once again be able to meet and socialize for our Lunch Bunch on **Tuesday, October 13, starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Lava Rock Bar and Grill**, 1945 S. Kihei Road, booked under "AAUW." (Former location of Lulu's in central Kihei, behind the Kihei Café.)

Outside, on the large patio, we will have a table for 10. Due to the limited number able to attend, we must limit attendance to members only at this point. For this event please RSVP to Marty-Jean Bender at [mjb@unforgettable.com](mailto:mjb@unforgettable.com) or 808-874-1807 (land line) or 808-385-1807 (text/cell) by Friday,

October 9. When you confirm, leave your name and either email or text number. Marty-Jean will send out a reminder the day before. If you need to cancel please advise Marty-Jean 24 hours prior so we can allow another person to attend. Mahalo! (When you RSVP, let Marty-Jean know if you have a last-minute guest you'd like to bring, just in case we have space.) We do NOT need to pre-order. Here is a link to their menu for your early deciding and 'drooling'. [https://menus.menupoint.net/Lava+Rock+Bar+%26+Grill+\(3165\)/index.html](https://menus.menupoint.net/Lava+Rock+Bar+%26+Grill+(3165)/index.html)



## Tastes and Talk October 22

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Tastes and Talk is returning on **Thursday, October 22, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Wailea Kitchen** near the Wailea Tennis Center. The address is 131 Wailea Ike Place, which is a right turn off of Wailea Ike Drive if you are going downhill. This is an outdoor dining location. There is valet parking available, since there is a bit of a walk from the parking area at the Tennis Center. The menu is found here, although it may change due to daily specials. <https://www.coladasmaui.com/>. You do not have to order in advance. Please RSVP to Heather Mueller no later than Monday October 19 at 808-430-0120 or [heathermaymueller@yahoo.com](mailto:heathermaymueller@yahoo.com). The phone number for the restaurant is 808-868-2323.



## Maui County Charter Amendment Information

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Several Maui County proposed Charter Amendments will be on the mail in ballots that Maui County residents will shortly be receiving. Often these are overlooked as we prepare to vote. Barry Solomon has prepared this helpful, nonpartisan explanation of the charter amendments on the November 2020 ballot:

**Resolution 20-59 – Extension and Expansion of Affordable Housing Fund.** Shall the Charter be amended to require that a minimum percentage of the certified real property tax revenues be appropriated into an affordable housing fund beyond Fiscal Year 2021, to be used for the provision, protection, and expansion of affordable housing and suitable living environments; and to increase the minimum required percentage from 2 to 3 % of the certified real property tax revenues, effective July 1, 2021?

***Pro: Provides much needed additional funds for affordable housing development.***

***Con: Reduces funding available for other County needs.***



**Resolution 20-60 – Establishes an Office of the Managing Director.** Shall the Charter be amended, effective January 2, 2023, to reorganize the executive branch for the County of Maui to establish an Office of the Managing Director, wherein a Managing Director, hired by the Mayor through a recruitment and selection process involving the Mayor, Council Chair, and a 3 member citizen group, shall function as the County's chief operating officer responsible for the County's daily operations, the appointment and removal of most department heads, and the implementation of County policy; the Mayor shall be the County's chief executive officer.

***Pro: A professional county manager with real responsibilities and control over 8 departments of Maui County may be better suited to efficiently and effectively run the county government. The current Charter requires all directors to automatically resign with each mayoral election.***

***Con: By eliminating the position of appointed managing director as an aide to the Mayor, the County government may become less responsive to the policy priorities of the Mayor.***

## Charter Amendments, continued

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**Resolution 20-98 – Stricter Term Limits for the County Council.** Shall the Charter be amended to establish stricter term limits for Council members by limiting the number of terms a person may serve as a Council member to 5 full (2-year) terms?

**Pro:** *Currently the Charter limits Council members to 5 consecutive full terms of office. If approved, this change eliminates the possibility of Council members serving 5 terms, sitting out an election, and running again.*

**Con:** *If approved, this change eliminates the possibility of popular or effective Council members serving six or more terms, with a break in between the terms.*

**Resolution 20-99 – Conflicting Interpretations of the Charter.** Shall the Charter be amended, effective January 2, 2021, to establish standards for interpreting and complying with the Charter, including by requiring a viable judicial action to be filed within 30 days to seek clarity when a conflict in the interpretation of the Charter is identified?

**Pro:** *Conflicting interpretations of the Charter made by the County Council and Mayor occurred in 2019 in County of Maui vs. Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, et al., the injection well ocean wastewater discharge permitting case that was ultimately decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. The conflicting interpretations led to significant delay, confusion and costs in resolving the case.*



**Con:** *Mayor Victorino opposes this proposal and has argued that it would not accomplish much, and that conflicting interpretations should be decided by the Charter Commission.*

**Resolution 20-100 – Appointments to the Charter Commission.** Shall the Charter be amended, effective January 2, 2021, to authorize the Council to appoint nine members and the Mayor to appoint two members of the 11-member Charter Commission, which is required to study and review the operation of the County government?"

**Pro:** *This proposal would increase the power of the County Council, since currently the Mayor appoints the members and the Council confirms the appointments.*

**Con:** *Mayor Victorino also opposes this proposal and has argued that if approved it would eliminate the current check and balance of the appointment process.*

## Charter Amendments, continued

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**Resolution 20-101 - Stricter Term Limits for the Mayor.** Shall the Charter be amended to establish stricter term limits for the Mayor by limiting the number of terms a person may serve as Mayor to two full terms?

**Pro: If approved, this proposal would disallow a mayor from serving three or more full terms of office by leaving office following the completion of one term or two consecutive terms.**

**Con: An effective or popular mayor will no longer be permitted to serve more than two full terms of office.**

**Resolution 20-102 – Establishment of a County Department of Agriculture.** Shall the Charter be amended, effective July 1, 2022, to establish a Department of Agriculture to develop a sustainable regional agricultural system for Maui County?

***Pro: Establishment of a Maui County Department of Agriculture will empower the County government to marshal resources to prioritize development of a large and vibrant agricultural industry on Maui, and increase food self-sufficiency, a public, county and state priority.***

***Con: Mayor Victorino also opposes this proposal and has argued that it lacks adequate fiscal and operational analyses.***

If you have questions or would like to discuss in more detail, please contact Barry Solomon at [barrysolomon428@gmail.com](mailto:barrysolomon428@gmail.com) or 808-868-0418.

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.



## October Diversity and Inclusion Column

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For those of us who will miss the ono local and ethnic dishes at the Maui County Fair, which unfortunately has been canceled due to COVID, here are suggestions for some local and ethnic restaurants offering take-out (not an exhaustive list) compiled by Estelle Chun.



**Hawaiian, Local.** Sadly, the pandemic led to the closure of the main Hawaiian restaurants Da Kitchen and Poi By the Pound, but truly local food can still be found at Tiffany's, Tin Roof, Sheik's, Dani's, Zippy's, and TJ's Warehouse, often voted the island's "best bento".

**Chinese.** For really good Chinese cuisine Oahu is the place to go, but decent dishes are available at Mike's Hong Kong Bistro in Wailuku (try their long noodles, fried eggplant, and Chinese New Year gau), Wei Wei BBQ in Wailuku and Makawao, and China Bowl and Fu Lin in Lahaina.

**Indian.** Kamana Kitchen in Kihei has vegetarian and non-vegetarian thali (combinations).

**Filipino.** Jollibee in Kahului offers a drive-thru for their famous fried chicken. Golden Coin on Lower Main in Wailuku has a bakeshop and good pancit (noodles). For meat lovers, the veal shank adobo is recommended at Tante's, which has two locations in Kahului and Ma'alaea. They also have traditional Hawaiian meals, including laulau and squid luau.

**Hispanic.** The Empanada Lady and Fiesta Time in Wailuku, and Fernando's Mexican Grill (great chile relleno) at the QKC and Maui Marketplace malls.

**Japanese.** Ichiban Okazuya and TJ's Warehouse (miso black cod) for local Japanese and for sushi Kojima's in Makawao and Umi on Vineyard in Wailuku.



**Korean.** O'Hana Karaoke and Grill on Lower Main in Wailuku has refreshing naeng myun (cold soup, perfect for a hot summer day) and the usual Korean barbeques (pulgoki and kalbi), as does JB's Kitchen and Tiffany's (mandu-guk, tasty dumpling soup).

**Portuguese.** Alas, there is no Maui Leonard's, but Zippy's malasadas are a good substitute. Portuguese bean soup and sweet breads often can be found at church bazaars and island festivals, but for now, the best bet is again Zippy's.

**Thai.** Nutcharee's in Kihei for pad thai and mango sticky rice for dessert and Thai Mee Up food truck next to Costco for fried ribs.

**Vietnamese.** A Saigon Café in Wailuku for dine-in or takeout. Ba-Le in Kahului, Wailuku, and Kihei for pho and banh mi sandwiches.

## Et Cetera

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**A small but lively group met for a virtual Tastes and Talk via Zoom in September.**



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### October Birthdays

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- Kathy Deknis*                      *Oct 15*
- Mary Margaret Baker*      *Oct 26*
- Dorothy Ghylin-Bennett*   *Oct 27*
- Robert Walker.*                      *Oct 30*
- Deborah H. Takahashi.*      *Oct 31*

**Barry Solomon presented on the Citizens Climate Lobby at our September meeting.**

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