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AAUW MAUI BRANCH

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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.



NATIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION



Hawaii's Own Patsy Mink (D-HI) forever changed the face of academia and athletics through the passage of [Title IX](#), the federal law that prevents sex discrimination in education. In the 45 years since its enactment, Title IX has expanded opportunities for women and girls from classrooms to playing fields. But despite tremendous progress, inequities and barriers remain.

We can do more!

Now, Congress has the opportunity to further ensure equity in education for all students by enacting the Patsy T. Mink Gender Equity in Education Act of 2017. Instances of sex discrimination affect the ability of all students, regardless of gender, to learn. AAUW believes that policies that allow everyone to excel are beneficial for society as a whole. **Urge your members of Congress to stand up for equity in education by co-sponsoring GEEA now.**



Skill-Training Webinars for Members:

Webinar Discussion with Winona LaDuke from the *Front Lines in the Battle for Environmental Justice*

November 9, 2017

THE
Winona LaDuke
CHRONICLES

Stories from the
Front Lines in the Battle
for Environmental Justice

Time: 7:30 p.m. ET (1:30 P.M. Hawaii time)

Location: Online (You just need to go the AAUW National Website (aauw.org) to [register for the webinar.](#))

Cost: Free Event

Description: Join AAUW and our [¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club](#) in commemorating Native American Heritage Month as we talk with Winona LaDuke about her book *The Winona LaDuke Chronicles: Stories from the Front Lines in the Battle for Environmental Justice*. The book is a story of strength and resilience — not just LaDuke's own but also that of many tribal and First Nations communities in North America who struggle just to survive. Join us for a great discussion with this inspiring champion of environmental justice.

AAUW MAUI BRANCH NEWS AND EVENTS



*Cathy Thompson & Janet Walker:
Co-Presidents' Message*



This is the season our attention is drawn to giving thanks. But this year we are shocked by natural disasters in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and Northern California, by neo-Nazi demonstrations, the mass shooting in Las Vegas and increasing tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

Additionally, just when we thought that women and girls were making real progress, we are mired in a national discourse over sexual harassment in the workplace, the erosion of Title IX protections in schools and the risk of losing access to affordable comprehensive health care.

Our task is to renew our energy to locally support public policies and community education that promote equity for women and girls, to fund raise to maintain our Maui scholarships, and to support national AAUW goals with our dues and contributions. We do remain cognizant of the many reasons we give thanks for being US and Canadian citizens and residents of Hawaii. With our renewed energy, AAUW will continue to fulfill our mission through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research here and throughout the world. With each of us participating to the extent possible, we can make a difference.



AAUW MAUI BRANCH MEMBERS, Pamela Schultz, Dorothy Tolliver, Wilika Asimov, Martha Martin, Martha Dean and Sandra Boll, attended the screening of **Equal Means Equal**, "The definitive documentary film on the status of women in America," on October 6th at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center.

WE WELCOME NEW AAUW MAUI BRANCH MEMBERS:

Marty-Jean Bender, Valerie Bromberg, Joyce Lebra, Linda Martin, and Vanessa Patao who was awarded a one year Give a Grad a Gift membership.



Marty-Jean Bender



Joyce Libra



Vanessa Patao

**WE NEED ELVES!! . . .
CAN YOU HELP ORGANIZE OUR HOLIDAY PARTY???**



We have a date - **Dec. 10th!**

And a venue - **Cathy Thompson's home** in Kahului

But we need a committee of four or five organizing elves to plan the party. Can you help? We have two volunteers already! If you've done it before, your experience will be a great bonus. If you are new to AAUW Maui Branch, this would be a wonderful way to get to know other members.

Please contact Janet Walker at **(808) 874-9435** or bjpwalker@comcast.net or Cathy Thompson at **(808) 214-5191** or cathy808@gmail.com if you are willing to help.

Santa will thank you!





OCTOBER SPEAKER MEETING

Our speakers on October 28th were Monnie and Barry Gay from the organization Nā Hoaloha and their topic was sharing our aloha and helping older people by volunteering services such as providing compassionate care through friendly visits and/or phone calls to the those who are frail and lonely, offering transportation to medical appointments, helping with errands, providing respite and contact to care givers of frail, and giving friendship and nourishment to those in need with light meal preparation.

Several members signed up to volunteer and one member even joined their board of directors!

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 4TH: BOOK CLUB SATURDAY. The AAUW Book Club will meet at Martha Dean's home, 71 Makawao Ave. #1, Makawao on Saturday, November 4th, at noon. Please bring your paper-bag lunch. We will be reading **The Danish Girl by David Ebershoff**. And a heads up; the book for discussion at the meeting on December 2nd will be **My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor**.

NOVEMBER 14TH: LUNCH BUNCH TUESDAY: AT NOON AT HABIBI MAUI, 3655 Baldwin Ave., Makawao. We will receive a 10% discount and free rose lemonade with lunch purchase. If you would like to drive or ride with someone, indicate that in your RSVP and we will try to help with car-pooling. Please RSVP to **Sara Green** at **907-350-4700** or aauwlunchbunch@gmail.com with Lunch Bunch in the subject line by Saturday, Nov. 11. (Menu attached)

NOVEMBER 17TH: GREAT DECISIONS FRIDAY: The GREAT DECISIONS group will meet at noon on Friday, November 17th at Sandy Roger's Home, Opukea D101 in Lahaina to discuss "Afghanistan and Pakistan".

For more information, please contact Mihaela Stoops mihaela_stoops@hotmail.com

NOVEMBER 25TH: SPEAKER MEETING SATURDAY at Moose McGillycuddy's, 2511 S Kihei Rd., Kihei - 2nd floor above Fred's; parking at rear. 10:30 a.m. Business Meeting - 11 a.m. Speaker - 12 Noon Lunch. Please reserve by contacting Virginia Shaw at 808-357-6805 or mauivirigina@yahoo.com by Wednesday, November 22nd with Speaker Meeting in the subject line. Please include your menu choice with your reply. (see menu attached)

TOPIC: What is Organizing for Action (OFA)? How can we get involved?
SPEAKERS: Lucy Feinberg and Hope Busto-Keyes will discuss equity for women, and how OFA relates to two major areas of concern for AAUW Maui: violence against women and reproductive rights.



Lucy Feinberg has been on Maui since 1986 and has been involved in both state and private non-profit organizations who work to lessen substance abuse, stop violence against women and children, or support children's mental health. She is a Licensed Social Worker and Certified Substance Abuse Counselor. Now retired, she can concentrate on organizing to make our community stronger. Lucy believes the current administrative direction is harmful to women, children and families, and is working to organize resistance to such policies. She is the President of the Maui County Children's Justice Committee, which provides training opportunities for professionals to reduce trauma for children involved in the child welfare system. In her private practice, she provides substance abuse assessments.

Hope Busto-Keyes, RN, APRN, retired from her nursing career after 33 years in ER, intensive care /coronary care, and primary care. Her work includes women's health, student health and rural and urban health. After several years of travel around the mainland, she arrived on Maui and has lived here almost 5 years. She is a founding member of Organizing for Action and was the State Co-Lead in Arizona before moving to Maui. She now holds that position in Hawaii. Hope has many years of organizing volunteers during national presidential campaigns. She is currently a coach for the OFA Campus Organizing Academy for full-time college students and has been Fellows Manager for the OFA Organizing Fellowship program.



Please send all reports, announcements and other material for the **December** AAUW Maui Branch Newsletter to jillianbrid@gmail.com by **November 20th** – Mahalo. (And do please bring your camera to AAUW get-togethers and send in your photos for the newsletter.)

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

