



# 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



The [AAUW Action Fund](#) has developed new voter education resources in advance of the 2018 midterm elections, including updates to the Congressional Voting Record, Voter Issue Guide, and Get Out the Vote Toolkit. Help to encourage turnout in your community by making sure your friends and family know where and when to vote and what they need to do so. This information and more can be found at [canivote.org](#). If you or anyone you know experiences a problem or witnesses one at the polls, call the [Election Protection Hotline](#) at 1-866-OUR-VOTE to report it.

# Election Day is less than a week away! Are you ready to cast your ballot?

It's time to make a plan to vote — and to help others make their plans! AAUW and the AAUW Action Fund are dedicated to making sure every woman is registered and has the information she needs to cast her vote. [Studies](#) show that voters who make a plan, including how and where to vote, are more likely to follow through on Election Day.

Before November 6, be sure to:

- [Verify your registration](#) status is up to date.
- Confirm your [polling location](#), even if it has been in the same place for years, and plan how you'll get there.
- Decide on a day and time to go vote — consider [voting early](#) if that option is available, and keep your [polling place hours](#) in mind!
- Bring ID if [required by your state](#), and know your rights regarding providing identification.

All voters should have an equal opportunity to participate in the political process. **Call 866.OUR.VOTE (866.687.8683) if you experience any problems casting your ballot or witness problems at the polls.** Non-English speaking voters can receive assistance from partner hotlines 888.VE.Y.VOTA (Spanish), 844.YALLA.US (Arabic), and 888.API.VOTE (Asian [languages](#)).

With so much at stake each time we head to the ballot box, it's more important than ever to identify those candidates who would best represent our values and those who would roll back our rights. The AAUW Action Fund's voter education tools are here to help, including our [Voter Issue Guide](#), [Congressional Voting Record for the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress](#), [voting recommendations on select ballot measures](#), and [head-to-head candidate comparisons](#).

**To create real change, women must be part of the conversation, and the most powerful way for us to chime in is at the polls. Make your voice heard on November 6 — VOTE!**

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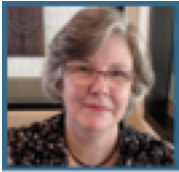
## Encourage Organizations & Women Scholars in Your Community to Apply for Funding!

AAUW has a wide range of fellowships and grants for community projects and women pursuing research, certificates, or advanced degrees. Could someone you know be in next year's class of AAUW fellows? Encourage them to apply now — deadlines begin November 1!

One of the world's largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing \$3.9 million in funding for fellowships and grants to 250 outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2018–19 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities — breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Fellowship and grant recipients perform research in a wide range of disciplines and work to improve their schools and communities. Their intellect, dedication, imagination, and effort promise to forge new paths in scholarship, improve the quality of life for all, and tackle the educational and social barriers facing women worldwide. AAUW seeks a diverse applicant pool.

## AAUW MAUI BRANCH NEWS AND EVENTS



### *Cathy Thompson* *President's Message for November*

**FROM THE MAUI NEWS, October 30th, 2018:**

#### **Hawaii Commission on Status of Women Encourages Women to Vote**

WAILUKU, Maui – The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW) is encouraging women of Maui County to represent their diverse experiences and needs by voting in this election cycle.

“Voting is an opportunity to bring women’s voices to the forefront and to pick candidates who represent our needs, wants and concerns for the islands’ future,” said Kate Griffiths, chair of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the global intergovernmental body that oversees HSCSW. “There is a lot at stake on the national, state and local level. With traditionally low voter turnout rates, if women overwhelmingly get involved, our voice will be loud and clear.”

Early absentee walk-in voting has already begun at the Velma McWayne Santos Community Center in Wailuku and at the Mitchell Pauole Center Conference Room on Molokai. Both locations are open for general election voting from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays until Nov. 3, which is also take your "Keiki to the Polls" day. The general election takes place on Nov. 6, where citizens can vote at their residential polling place.

Griffiths reminded participants that they can vote for all nine council members, regardless of where you live, and all state races on the ballot.

Established by a UN Council Resolution on June 21, 1946, CSW is dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. HSCSW was created by executive order on May 15, 1964, to work towards equality for women and girls in Hawaii; all four counties in the state have a CSW.

The Maui County CSW is a seven-member volunteer group of mayoral appointees that advocate for social justice, women rights, educates women to

vote, gathers information on women's issues, promotes women's equality, and serves as a resource for women through programming, public education and citizen participation. According to the U.S. Census Bureau in 2017, women made up 50.1% of Maui County residents.

Of the 242 years that the United States of America has been in existence, women have only been allowed to vote for the past 98. CSW reminds women to bring a photo ID to the polling place and proof of residency, if not on the ID, if voter registration needs to be done the same day.

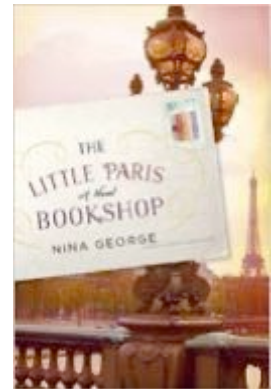
***"In 2018, let's celebrate together women's hard-earned right to vote!" CSW said.***



**BOOK GROUP: November 3rd** The AAUW Maui Book Group will meet on Saturday, November 3rd at noon. at Karin Camilli's home, 2619 S. Kihei Rd. #A 201. Karen can be contacted at 808-879-7618 or [karincamilli@gmail.com](mailto:karincamilli@gmail.com). We will discuss **The Little Paris Bookshop: a novel by Nina George**

Monsieur Perdu calls himself a literary apothecary. From his floating bookstore in a barge on the Seine, he prescribes novels for the hardships of life. Using his intuitive feel for the exact book a reader needs, Perdu mends

broken hearts and souls. The only person he can't seem to heal through literature is himself. He's still haunted by heartbreak after his great love disappeared. She left him with only a letter, which he has never opened. After Perdu is finally tempted to read the letter, he hauls anchor and departs on a mission to the south of France, hoping to make peace with his loss and discover the end of the story. Joined by a bestselling but blocked author and a lovelorn Italian chef, Perdu travels along the country's rivers, dispensing his wisdom and his books, showing that the literary world can take the human soul on a journey to heal itself.



**LUNCH BUNCH November 13th.** The lunch bunch will get together at **Cafe O'Lei ,Kihei** 2439 S Kihei Road, Kihei on Tuesday, November 13th at noon. Please see menu attached to this newsletter and RSVP with your menu selection by Saturday, November 10th to Sara at [aauwlunchbunch@gmail.com](mailto:aauwlunchbunch@gmail.com) with Lunch Bunch in the subject line, or call Sara at 907-350-4700

**SPEAKER MEETING November 24th:** Our November 24th speaker will be **Gail Ainsworth**. Gail is an author, historian and retired UH Maui librarian. Her presentation will be on "**Three Leading Ladies of Maui**"

Through power point presentation and discussion, Gail will lead us to experience the lives of three Maui women who have played important roles in Maui history: Queen Kahuman'u, Edith Smith Baldwin, and Patsy Takemoto Mink.



Queen Kahuman'u



Edith Baldwin



Patsy Mink

We will meet at Moose MacGillicuddy's at noon. Please reserve your spot by Nov. 20th: Contact Virginia Shaw by email: [aauspeakermeeting@yahoo.com](mailto:aauspeakermeeting@yahoo.com). Include your menu choice from the menu attached to this newsletter.

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

*HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO:*

**COLLEEN O'LAUGHLIN NOV. 10**

**VIRGINIA SHAW NOV. 16TH**

**MARTY-JEAN BENDER NOV. 16TH**

**JOYCE YAMADA NOV. 30TH**

**BARRY SOLOMON NOV. 30TH**

**ANOTHER IMPORTANT  
DATE TO REMEMBER:  
NOVEMBER 6TH**

Event: Women's March  
When: November 6, 2018  
Where: Your Polling  
Place

**VOTE AS IF  
YOUR LIFE  
DEPENDS ON  
IT -- YOUR  
DAUGHTER'S  
MIGHT.....**

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



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**