

AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

Dates to Remember

Board Meeting

Sunday, January 5, at 1:00 p.m. at Cathy Thompson's house. See page 2 of the newsletter.

Holiday Party

Sunday December 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Wailuku. See page 3 of the newsletter.

Book Group

Saturday, December 7 at noon at Cathy Thompson's house in Kahului. See page 3 of the newsletter.

Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, December 17, at 11:30 a.m. at the Mill House in Waikapu. See page 4 of the newsletter.

Speaker Meeting

There is no Speaker Meeting in December. The next meeting will be on January 25, 2020.



News and Views

Honor Harriet Tubman With \$20 Bill Stamp



One way to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote in 2020 is to honor Harriet Tubman by stamping her image on a \$20 bill! As most people know, Harriet

Tubman was a former slave turned abolitionist who led 70 slaves to their freedom via the Underground Railroad. She also helped over 700 slaves gain freedom during the Civil War. She served as an armed scout and spy for the North during the Civil War (she was in fact the first woman to lead an armed expedition in any U.S. war). After the Civil War, Tubman became a pioneer for women's right to vote.

The former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Jack Lew, announced plans on April 20, 2016 that a portrait of Tubman would be placed on a new \$20 bill. However, the current Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin announced that the release would be delayed until 2028 due to security and anti-counterfeiting measures. Fortunately, you can put Tubman's image on the \$20 now by purchasing a stamp bearing her likeness and stamping it over the face of Andrew Jackson. It doesn't violate Treasury rules to do this.

A stamp of Tubman and ink pad can be purchased from Etsy or Amazon, among other sellers. For more information, contact Barry Solomon at barry.solomon428@gmail.com.

President's Message

Aloha!

We hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that you plan to continue your holiday celebrations with the AAUW Maui Branch Holiday Party on Sunday, Dec. 8th from 2 to 4 p.m. at Marc Tolliver's Loft 145 Salon at 81 North Church Street in Wailuku. Please come to socialize and celebrate the season -- there is plenty of parking available and partners and significant others are welcome! Each year, as part of the philanthropy portion of our mission, we share our AAUW generosity by bringing wrapped, labeled gifts for the women and children in the Women Helping Women shelters. This year, we have been advised that gift cards to places like Ross' and Walmart would be greatly appreciated, as well as checks to support the shelter in their efforts to create a holiday for families in need.



Shopping for a unique gift idea for your family and friends and those you wish to thank for services (your nail technician, hair stylist, gardener, house cleaner)? Tickets to our famous annual Whale Watch Fundraiser are available for only \$50 each! Call or email Terry Rosenstock or me, and we will get tickets to you -- you can pick them up at the Holiday Party, too!. Scheduled for Sunday, March 1, 2020, the Whale Watch is always a beautiful outing, fun for everyone and educational, too. Supporting this major fundraiser funds our three student scholarships of \$2,000 each to UH Maui College. Also, donations are welcome and tax deductible!

Just a reminder about signing up for different activities for AAUW Maui Branch -- we need to sign up with the appropriate person who heads that activity. Sandra Boll is our Communications Chair -- she sends out all official branch information after it has been approved, which includes the Newsletter and reminders about activities coming up. She is not the contact person for the activities, however. So, when you want to attend an event, please reply to the appropriate person so Sandra is not a go-between. *An updated RSVP list for regularly scheduled activities is on page 4 of the newsletter. Please add these to your contacts list.*

Looking forward, December is the halfway point for our AAUW year. On top of our regular monthly events, we have many plans for 2020, including the Whale Watch, Voter Registration at UH Maui College, a viewing of The Rise of the Wahine combined with a membership drive at UH Maui College, a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Suffrage in August 2020, as well as our upcoming speakers (including our own Carole Hogard).

Happy Holidays,

Cathy

Book Group December 7

The AAUW Book Group meeting will be held on **Saturday, December 7 at noon**, at Cathy Thompson's home, 22 Huluhulu Pl., Kahului. All are welcome to attend.

Vanessa and Her Sister, by Priva Parmar

What if Virginia Woolf's sister had kept a diary? A story of the inseparable bond between Virginia and her sister, the gifted painter Vanessa Bell, and the real-life betrayal that threatened to destroy their family. This stunning novel illuminates a little-known episode in the celebrated sisters' glittering bohemian youth among the legendary Bloomsbury Group and exquisitely captures the champagne-heady days of prewar London and the extraordinary lives of sisters Vanessa Bell and Virginia Woolf.



At this meeting the group will make selections for the 2020 book list. Dorothy Tolliver has emailed an extensive list of possible choices to the current Book Group participants. Anyone with additional book suggestions should contact Dorothy directly at 2425047@gmail.com.

Holiday Party December 8

The annual Maui Branch Holiday Party will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Marc Tolliver's "Salon 145," 81 North Church Street, Wailuku. (Thank you Marc!) Street parking is available on North Church Street or Vineyard Street, as well as in the municipal parking lot across from North Church Street. Please bring hearty pupus to share and any beverage you want (water and punch will be provided.) You may choose to bring your own plates and utensils to be ecologically friendly, or you can use those that will be provided.

The Branch's tradition is to support Women Helping Women through our holiday party. So, please bring a wrapped gift to donate to the women and children who will spend the holidays in the Women Helping Women shelter. Attach a label describing the type of gift, the age level, and the size if your gift is clothing. Gift cards, checks or cash donations are also welcome and much appreciated.



The holiday party is a wonderful way to get to connect with our members, make new friends and renew old friendships. It is also a good time to purchase tickets for the March 2020 Whale Watch Fundraiser! So, please bring your checkbook to get your tickets from Terry Rosenstock.

If you have any questions about the party, please contact Cathy Thompson at (808) 214-5191.

Lunch Bunch December 17

AAUW Members and Guests,

Join us for our December Lunch Bunch gathering on **Tuesday, December 17 at The Mill House at the Maui Tropical Plantation in Waikapu. Please note that the start time is 11:30 a.m.**

RSVP: aaowlunchbunch2@gmail.com, or text Linda Martin at (408) 725-8558. You do not need to pre-order from the menu.

Address: 1670 Honoapi'ilani Hwy, Waikapu, HI 96793; restaurant phone is (808) 270-0333

We will be selecting from their menu and having individual checks. They are giving us a 15% Kama'aina discount so please bring your Hawaii ID with you.

The menu is on their website at: www.millhousemaui.com

Hope to see you there!

Maui Branch Event Updated RSVP Contact List

This is the updated RSVP and menu choice contact list for regularly scheduled activities. Please take a moment to add to and update your contacts list:

Speaker Meetings:

Virginia Shaw, Vice President for Programs, aaowspeakermeeting@yahoo.com

Text or phone (808) 357-6805

Lunch Bunch :

Linda Martin, Lunch Bunch Coordinator, aaowlunchbunch2@gmail.com (please note the email address for Lunch Bunch has changed.)

Text or phone (408) 725-8558

Tastes & Talk:

Heather Mueller, Tastes & Talk Coordinator, aauwtastesandtalk@gmail.com

Text or phone (808) 446-3545

Great Decisions

There will be no Great Decisions meetings in December or January. The group will reconvene on February 22, 2020. Information about the February discussion topic will be in the January 2020 newsletter. For more information, please contact Diane Pure at dpure@hawaii.rr.com.

Great Decisions is not an official AAUW Maui Branch group, but members who are interested in international affairs are welcome to attend.

Some Local History on Women's Voting Rights

The Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution became law in August 1920.

At the time, Hawaii was a U.S. Territory, not a state, but since 1900 Hawaiians were considered to be U.S. citizens of the Hawaiian Territory.

There is a record of the first woman in Hawaii who registered to vote after ratification of the 19th Amendment. This honor falls upon Johanna Niau Wilcox. Wilcox was born in Honolulu and lived from 1898 to 1974. She attended Kamehameha School for Girls, and graduated from Punahou School in 1917. She then joined the US Naval Reserve, and worked as a government employee for 43 years in various county departments.

Her experiences were recorded in *The Watamull Foundation Oral History Project* in August 1971.

Wilcox said that she registered to vote at 12:15 a.m. on August 30, 1920. She describes her voter registration as “a little plot” that started around midnight. She was a clerk in the county building department. The then-clerk of Honolulu County, David Kalauokalani, wanted to help her to be the first woman to register. She remembered that “...the night before women were supposed to vote—or register.....they drove me down to the county [building] and I registered, and then they brought me home....It was lots of fun, you know. Quite exciting...”

Sources: *The Watamull Foundation Oral History Project* and *Wikipedia*.

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

*Mahalo nui loa to our November speaker
Stacey Moniz from The Maui Farm*



December Birthdays

- December 10 Virginia Shaw*
- December 15 Linda Martin*
- December 16 Debra Greene*
- December 22 Lynn Austin*
- December 26 Barry Solomon*
- December 30 Debbie Priest*
- December 30 Joyce Yamada*

Warm Wishes to all AAUW Maui Branch
 Members, Family and Friends
 For a Joyous Holiday Season.
 Happy New Year!

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