



## AAUW MAUI BRANCH



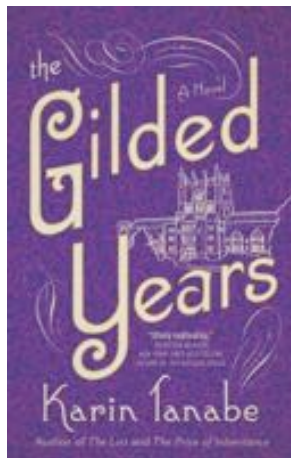
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NEWSLETTER

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### NATIONAL NEWS & INFORMATION

Join **!Adelante!**  
Book Discussion  
Webinar with  
Karin Tanabe,  
Author of *The  
Gilded Years: A  
Novel*



**Date:** January 11, 2018 Time: 7:30 p.m. ET 2:30 PM Hawaii Time

**Location:** Online (You just need to [register for the webinar.](#)) Cost: Free

**Event Description:** Looking for an engaging holiday read? Look no further than AAUW's [!Adelante! Book of the Month Club](#) pick *The Gilded Years*, a fictionalized account of the life of the first African American woman to graduate from Vassar College. From an early age Anita Hemmings longed to attend Vassar College. But she is hiding a secret, and it's one that may compromise her dream: She is an African American woman living in 19th-century America, years before most U.S. colleges opened their doors to African American students. With her light skin, Anita succeeds in passing as white and matriculating at Vassar, where she finds herself living with Lottie Taylor, the daughter of one of New York's most prominent families. Pulling a reclusive Anita out of her shell, Lottie inadvertently puts her friend's greatest secret at risk. Register now to join us as we discuss this moving story.

**LOOKING FOR A GIFT FOR A GIRL IN YOUR LIFE?** Can't figure out what to get your favorite girls this holiday season? Go to the AAUW National website (aauw.org) and click on AAUW's Holiday Gift Guide for Girls. It has you covered. AAUW National has created a list of gifts that empower girls to believe in themselves, defy stereotypes, be creative, and dream big! Read on to find gifts for activists, scientists, and change makers at every age and at every stage of their trailblazing careers.

If you're purchasing any of our great gift recommendations through Amazon, **don't forget to set AAUW as your charity of choice on Amazon Smile.** A portion of revenue from eligible purchases will be donated to AAUW at no extra cost.

## AAUW MAUI BRANCH NEWS AND EVENTS



### *Cathy Thompson & Janet Walker: Co-Presidents' Message    DECEMBER 2017*

We hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Please plan to continue your holiday celebrations with the Maui Branch Holiday Potluck Party on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> at Janet and Bob Walker's home. (See details in box on page of the Newsletter). Bring your partner or significant other and come to socialize and celebrate the season. 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 who will be spending the holiday season in the Women Helping Women shelters. Checks are also greatly appreciated. Your donation will support the shelter in their efforts to create a better holiday for families in need. For details and directions, please refer to the box on page 3.

Whale Watch tickets are a wonderful gift idea for your family and friends, and those you wish to thank for services (your hair stylist, your gardener, your condo manager?). Tickets to our famous annual Whale Watch Fundraiser are now available. Call Pat Gotschalk or either of us, and we will get your tickets to you in time for the holidays. The Whale Watch is scheduled for March 4th, the first Sunday in March. It is always a beautiful outing! It's fun for everyone and the Pacific Whale Foundation marine biologists on board make it educational as well. Your support of this major fundraiser funds our student scholarships.

We have news from the UH/UHMC Scholarship office. Our \$2000 Harriet Haines Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Kalei Wong-Furtado. Ms. Furtado is a Lahainaluna High School graduate, now a sophomore at UH/UHMC working toward an associate's degree in Administration of Justice. She is a twenty-six-year old mother of two children, and her goal is to become a Parole Officer.

December is the halfway point for our AAUW year. We have many interesting events coming up: the Whale Watch, interesting speakers, a field trip/tour, book club meetings and lunch bunch outings. We especially hope you will join us at the AAUW Hawaii State Convention, to be held on the last weekend in April in Kona. Registration is now open (see attached). The Kona branch has arranged some interesting tours and a lovely resort stay. The program will be informative and inspiring and will provide us with the opportunity to learn from and mingle with AAUW members from other island branches.

December is also the time when we form a nominating committee to create a slate of officer nominations for our AAUW Maui Branch. The Branch membership will vote on this slate at our April meeting. Please give some thought to volunteering for the nominating committee - or (better yet) to running for a position on the board. Working with fellow branch members to further the mission of the branch and AAUW as a whole is very personally rewarding. Current positions open include Vice President for Membership, Public Policy Chair and AAUW Funds Chair. Mentoring and support come with the jobs!

**Happy Holidays to all!! Janet and Cathy**



**PLEASE COME TO OUR HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY!!! SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH.**

Time: 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Janet and Bob Walker's home, 792 Kumulani Drive, Maui Meadows. Directions: Going South towards Wailea on Piilani Hwy, Turn L. on Mikioi Place (the 1st left after stoplight at Mapu/Kilohana) Rt. on Akala, 1st Left on Hoala 1st Left on Kumulani Drive .6 mi. to the top of the hill 792 is on the Rt. halfway along the block.  
RSVP: None required.

Potluck: Please bring, a ready-to-serve dish, appetizer, or dessert to share. Partners/significant others are most welcome. Drinks provided, but feel free to bring your own favorite beverage.

Parking: Parking available along the street. Handicapped parking at the top of the driveway.

Please bring a wrapped gift to donate to the women and children who will spend the holidays in Women Helping Women's shelter. Attach a label describing the type of gift, the approximate age level, whether it is for a girl or boy, or the size if your gift is for a woman. Checks or cash donations are welcomed and much appreciated.

The holiday party is a wonderful way to get to know other AAUW Maui members, make new friends, and renew old friendships. See you there!



## DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

### AAUW MAUI BOOK CLUB



**NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017 NOON-1:30pm**

**JANET WALKER'S HOME: 792 Kumulani Drive, Kihei: (SEE DIRECTIONS FOR HOLIDAY PARTY, ABOVE.)**

**We will be discussing: *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor**

An instant American icon--the first Hispanic on the U.S. Supreme Court--tells the story of her life before becoming a judge in an inspiring, surprisingly personal memoir. With startling candor and

intimacy, Sonia Sotomayor recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a progress that is testament to her extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself. It is an inspiring and honest account of a remarkable woman's life. All interested AAUW members are welcome, but please RSVP to Janet Walker [bipwalker@comcast.net](mailto:bipwalker@comcast.net) Bring a bag lunch. PHONE: (808) 874-9435 (CELL)(530) 409-0192

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**SPEAKER MEETING:** The Holiday party will replace the speaker meeting for December. Our November meeting was inspiring: speakers Lucy Feinberg and Hope Busto-Keyes were dynamic and obviously very committed to the work they are doing. Their organization, Organizing for Action, (OFA) is committed to mobilizing groups around issues such as health care, and to training the next generation of progressive organizers and leaders has 4 goals. It is non-partisan, and welcomes new volunteers. (See their website [ww.ofa.us](http://ww.ofa.us) for more information.) They will be participating in a vigil honoring the victims from Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newton, Mass. on December 14th, the 5th anniversary of the shootings. from 4:30 to 5:30 at the Kahalui shopping Center on the highway in front of Ah Fooks. This is not an official AAUW Maui event; it is sponsored by the Hawaii State Chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. However, gun violence impacts domestic violence and school safety, as well as national safety, part of AAUW's Public Policy. All AAUW members are welcome to join the vigil. For more information, please contact Lucy Feinberg ([feinbergl002@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:feinbergl002@hawaii.rr.com)).



New member Linda Martin (right) and returning member Mary Margaret Baker (left) both attended the Nov. 25th Speaker meeting; **Welcome, Linda and Welcome back, Mary Margaret!**

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**LUNCH BUNCH:** Lunch Bunch will get together as usual in December, on the 2nd Tuesday (December 12) at noon. However, no details were available at press time. An e-mail will be sent to all members giving the location etc during the first week in December. Please contact Sara Green if you have questions, by e-mail [aaulunchbunch@gmail.com](mailto:aaulunchbunch@gmail.com) or call [907-350-4700](tel:907-350-4700).

**GREAT DECISIONS:** The Great Decisions group will not meet in December. For more information about Great Decisions, please contact Mihaela Stoops <[mihaela\\_stoops@hotmail.com](mailto:mihaela_stoops@hotmail.com)>

**NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF AAUW MAUI BRANCH**

Did you know that the AAUW Maui Branch was founded in June of 1962? That's before many current members were born! Back then, most married women used their husbands' name, with a Mrs. tacked on front. We've come a long way, but there is still work to do on so many issues.

Looking through the University of Hawaii Maui College archives, our long-standing member Dorothy Tolliver found the following, articles from the Maui News. If you have other interesting tidbits about our history, please send them to your editor. Mahalo!

DOROTHY SHIMER ELECTED FIRST PRESIDENT OF AAUW MAUI BRANCH  
8/4/1962  
AAUW MAUI BRANCH RECEIVES NATIONAL CHARTER 10/3/1962  
MRS. VIDAL LUJAN INSTALLED AS AAUW MAUI BRANCH PRESIDENT 5/8/1963  
MRS. WILLIAM SHIMER ELECTED AS AAUW MAUI BRANCH PRESIDENT  
8/4/1965  
MRS. STEPHEN RODRIGUES ELECTED AAUW MAUI BRANCH PRESIDENT  
4/30/1966  
  
ANNUAL AAUW STATE CONVENTION ON MAUI 4/24/1968  
ALICE HAINES INSTALLED AS AAUW MAUI BRANCH PRESIDENT 5/15/71

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Please send all reports, announcements and other material for the **JANUARY** AAUW Maui Branch Newsletter to [jillianbrid@gmail.com](mailto:jillianbrid@gmail.com) by **DECEMBER 20TH**– Mahalo. ..and do please bring your camera to AAUW get-togethers and send in your photos for the newsletter..

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!**