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AAUW MAUI BRANCH

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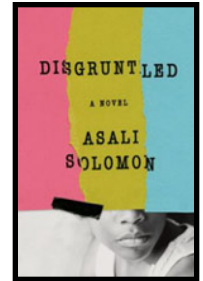
~ AAUW News & Information ~

AAUW NATIONAL BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB - ¡ADELANTE!

In conjunction with Black History Month, AAUW's February book of the month, Disgruntled: A Novel by Asali Solomon, follows eight year old Kenya Curtis throughout her life as she finds the courage to go beyond limitations.

If you are interested in reading books written from diverse perspectives, check out National AAUW's ¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club on the AAUW website.

For a complete list of book titles for 2015-2016, click on this link:
www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-list



AAUW FUNDS

Women of color face many extra challenges, one of which is name calling - sometimes on a daily basis. Students at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), decided enough is enough, and they began the "Telling Our Stories: I'm Not/I Am" campaign. The students received an AAUW Campus Action Project (CAP) grant to help support their efforts. To learn more about their project, read "Women of Color Tell Their Own Stories" in the AAUW Annual Report which you should have received in January. Or you can read it online by clicking this link: [AAUW 2015 Annual Report](#).



As an AAUW member, you can support other Campus Action Projects or other Campaign programs by donating to the AAUW Fund. For more information, contact Suzanne Young, our Maui Branch AAUW Funds chairperson, at suzyyoung@hawaiiantel.net.

Silent auction items and wrapped mystery gifts are appreciated. Proceeds to AAUW Funds.

AAUW HONOLULU BRANCH - In the News!

Congratulations to the AAUW Honolulu Branch for reaching their "Charting the Course" goal. In November 2015, the Honolulu Branch collected \$25,000 in funds to help AAUW's charge to empower more women and girls.

"Charting the Course" is a two year AAUW campaign to promote gender equality in leadership positions, to close the gender pay gap, and to increase women's participation in STEM careers.



To learn more about AAUW's Charting the Course Campaign, click [AAUW Charting the Course](#).



Co-Presidents' Message
Martha Dean & Janet Walker



Here we are at the beginning of a new calendar year. We can look back with pride at the accomplishments of our Maui Branch in 2015. Some of our accomplishments are Maui Branch centered and others emphasize Community Outreach or AAUW National and/or State priorities. So, here they are:

MAUI BRANCH:

- *A very successful, over-the-top Whale Watch fundraiser
- *A hard working nominating committee presented a slate of new officers - elected for 2015-2017
- *Installation of officers and introduction of scholarship recipient in September
- *Survey of members' expectations and their perceptions of our Maui Branch
- *A brunch honoring Alicia Hetman, AAUW Board Vice Chair
- *Increased member attendance at Board Meetings
- *Ongoing member participation at Lunch Bunch and other interest groups
- *Added thirteen new members to our Maui Branch

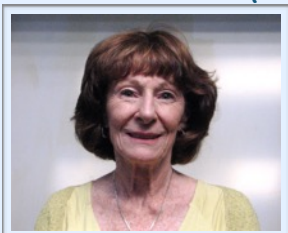
COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- *Awarded three \$2,000 scholarships to full-time students attending UH/MC. Our recipients are women in STEM fields of study.
- *Participated in a Human Trafficking Conference in collaboration with Women Helping Women, Soroptimist International, and the Maui County Committee on the Status of Women
- *Donations of gifts and money to Women Helping Women

SUPPORT OF AAUW NATIONAL AND STATE PRIORITIES:

- *Four members attended the AAUW National Convention in San Diego, CA
- *Speaker Meeting topics including: violence against women, STEM for girls, Maui County Committee on the Status of Women, natural resource conservation programs on Maui, and contemporary Hawaiian jewelry
- *Increased contributions to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and Legal Advocacy Fund from silent auctions at Speaker Meetings.

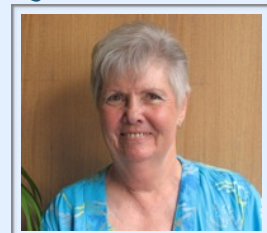
Meeting together and working on these activities has given us the opportunity to meet new people and become better acquainted with some we have met before. Let's keep up the good work.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY EVERYBODY!



Janet and Martha



BOOK CLUB

Date: **Saturday, February 6**

Time: **12:00 p.m.**

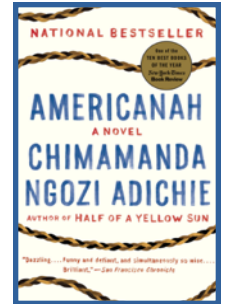
Location: Home of **Cathy Weber, 86 Kulipu'u Street, Kihei**

jcweber86@hawaii.rr.com or (808) 298-0855

December Book: Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Summary: *A story of love and race centered around a young man and woman from Nigeria who face difficult choices and challenges in the countries they come to call home.*

February Book: The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History by Elizabeth Kolbert



LUNCH BUNCH

Date: **Tuesday, February 9**

Time: **12:00 Noon**

Location: **Moose McGillycuddy's, 2511 So. Kihei Road**

Preview Menu: (Will be attached to a future Lunch Bunch email notice.)

Please indicate your meal selection when you RSVP.

Complimentary soft drinks & iced tea provided, also \$4 Mai Tais available.

RSVP: **Sara Green** alaskagal515@gmail.com or call **(907) 350-4700**

Please RSVP by noon on Monday, February 5.



GREAT DECISIONS

Date: **Friday, February 12**

Time: **12:00 Noon** Bring a bag lunch, drinks will be provided.

Location: **Susan Bradford's home, 558 Kaleo Street, Kihei**

Discussion: **Middle East Alliances**

Contact Mihaela Stoops at mihaela_stoops@hotmail.com for questions or a copy of the Great Decisions book - the price is \$26.



SPEAKER MEETING

Date: **Saturday, February 27**

Time: Business Meeting: **10:30 a.m.**

Speaker: **11:00 a.m.**

Location: Home of **Dorothy Tolliver, 705 Pio Drive, Wailuku**

Speaker: **Carol Hogard**, co-founder of the Women's Studies program at Minneapolis Community College

Topic: **THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT: The Creation, The Conflicts, The Present Status**

The presentation will be a brief history of the following topics:

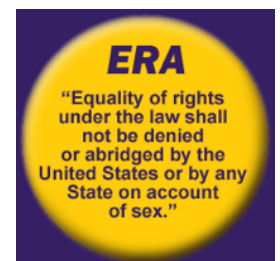
What was the 19th century definition of "femininity"--a "True Woman"?

Who were the rebels who defined the "New Woman" of the 1910's? Why were they rebelling? What was "Heterodoxy"?

Who formed the philosophical foundation for the ERA? Who were the shapers of the Amendment? Who did the hard political work of organizing? What were their strategies?

Why was there a split in the women's movement of the 1920's over the ERA? How were they able to heal the split during the fight for equal rights for married women-workers in the 1930's? Why the defeat in Illinois in 1978?

What is the current status? What can we do?





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AAUW WHALE WATCH FUNDRAISING CRUISE

Date: **Sunday, March 6**
Time: **3:00 - 5:00 pm**: Check-In: **2:15** at Pacific Whale Foundation Store
Location: **Ma'alaea Harbor**
Ticket Price: \$35.00, Make checks payable to "AAUW Maui Branch"
Contact: **Karen Grafe (808) 874-5625** or karjog@aol.com



AAUW members, please remember that you are to **bring pupus** to the Whale Watch. Such items as sandwiches, cheese and crackers, olives, pickles, etc., veggies, fruit, cookies and deviled eggs are suggested. Please do not bring items that can easily be blown away such as potato chips. (I did that one year and it was a mess!) Be sure to label any serving plates and dishes so that they go home with you. If you have **door prizes** to donate, that would be appreciated. Suggested items would be gift cards to Starbucks or some other restaurant, gift certificates for manicures/pedicures, a piece of art, Hawaiiana items, cookbooks, etc. These should be unused items that might appeal to most people. Thank you for your support of our main fundraiser for scholarships at UH Maui College. I look forward to seeing you on the Whale Watch. Thank you, Karen Grafe

AAUW National Vice Chair Alicia Hetman will be cruising with us!!!
Let's have a sold out cruise.
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Meet Alicia Hetman, AAUW Board Vice Chair

Alicia Hetman is AAUW National Board Vice Chair. She is immediate past president of AAUW of California and has served on the AAUW LAF, Public Policy, Leadership Development committees and the Education Foundation Board. She is an expert on Title IX, sexual harassment and discrimination.



February Birthdays
February 16 - Elizabeth Rogers
February 20 - Janet Walker
February 26 - Mihaela Stoops

AAUW Dates to Remember
February 6 - Book Club
February 9 - Lunch Bunch
February 12- Great Decisions
February 27 - Speaker Meeting
March 6 - Whale Watch
April 29-May 1 - HI State AAUW Convention



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