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NEWSLETTER - February 2017

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 News & Information ~

AAUW NATIONAL BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB - ¡ADELANTE!

Black History Month

Florynce “Flo” Kennedy: The Life of a Black Feminist Radical by Sherie M. Randolph, 2005–06 AAUW American Fellow

Sherie M. Randolph traces the life and political influence of Florence Kennedy, a bold and controversial radical activist. Randolph narrates Kennedy’s progressive upbringing, her path-breaking graduation from Columbia University’s law school, and her long career as a media-savvy activist, showing how Kennedy rose to founding roles in organizations such as the National Black Feminist Organization and the National Organization for Women.

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 2017, see: www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-list



NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN

As the grassroots arm of the women’s movement, the National Organization for Women is dedicated to its multi-issue and multi-strategy approach to women’s rights, and is the largest organization of feminist grassroots activists in the United States. NOW has hundreds of chapters and hundreds of thousands of members and activists in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Since its founding in 1966, NOW’s purpose is to take action through intersectional grassroots activism to promote feminist ideals, lead societal change, eliminate discrimination, and achieve and protect the equal rights of all women and girls in all aspects of social, political, and economic life.



For more information about this organization, see <http://now.org>.

WOMEN’S MARCH ON WASHINGTON . . . AND ON MAUI!!



AAUW Members marched nationwide to show that AAUW stands up for equality and civil rights of all Americans. As a nonpartisan organization, AAUW marched to remind elected officials that women are watching and will make their voices heard on any action (or inaction) on women’s issues. Now that the march is over, take the next step with AAUW at www.aauw.org.



*Co-Presidents' Message
Martha Dean & Janet Walker*



It is very nice to have so many Branch friends back together on Maui during the winter months. Just about everyone will have visitors this season. We hope you will bring them along as you attend our Speaker Meetings and interest groups, such as Lunch Bunch.

We had a wonderful Lunch Bunch at Pita Paradise in January and were happy to meet new people. Sara Green would like to hear your restaurant suggestions for future Lunch Bunch get-togethers. She likes to vary the restaurants by region. When will we go to Hana, Sara?

Hana is home to Teresa Shook, a retired attorney who launched the Woman's March on Washington in support of women's rights. Estimates of global attendance at the January 21st event were more than four million people. Our branch members joined with approximately five thousand marchers here on Maui and we proudly waved our AAUW logo signs. No other organization can advertise they have been working to empower women since 1881! Being part of this event was truly positive and inspiring.

Some important Branch projects are nearing completion. The new bylaws will soon be presented to the membership. A detailed budget was finalized and will provide a blueprint for future planning. The Membership Committee is re-designing our application form and creating a coordinated process for contacting prospective members and welcoming newcomers. The Audit Committee will soon issue a report on our finances. And the Nominating Committee will be contacting members to fill three offices for 2017-2018: President, VP Program Chair and Finance Officer. We have ordered beautiful AAUW Maui Branch T-shirts which you will be sure to want to buy to wear at our Whale Watch Fundraiser on March 5.

Title IX, the hard won and never to be taken for granted protection of gender equity in education was the topic of our January Speaker Meeting. Presented by our new member Joyce Yamada, Associate Professor at UH/MC, the presentation was topical, informative and well-received. We are looking forward to our February speaker Mary Lou Sanelli. We recommend her book, "A Woman Writing". Thank you once again to Cathy Thompson for arranging these events.

As your Co-President, Janet is looking forward to attending the AAUW National Convention on June 14 in Washington DC. Several other members are contemplating going; we hope more Branch members will join us.

* **Events are open to all AAUW members and guests.**

BOOK CLUB

Date: **Saturday, February 4**

Time: **12:00 Noon** (Bring a bag lunch.)

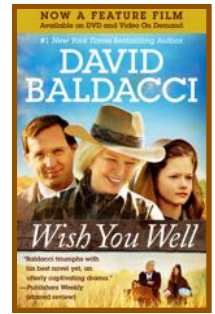
Location: **Marilyn Lytle's condo**, 1032 S. Kihei Road, Maui Sunset Building A #508

RSVP: **(808) 868-0133**

February Book: **"Wish You Well"** by David Baldacci

Overview: *2-year-old Louisa Mae Cardinal lives in the New York City of 1940 with her family. Then tragedy strikes--and Lou and her younger brother, Oz, must go with their invalid mother to live on their great-grandmother's farm in the Virginia mountains. Suddenly Lou finds herself coming of age in a new landscape, making her first true friend, and experiencing adventures tragic, comic, and audacious. But the forces of greed and justice are about to clash over her new home...and as their struggle is played out in a crowded Virginia courtroom, it will determine the future of two children, an entire town, and the mountains they love.*

March Book: **"The Sympathizer"** by Thanh Nguyen



LUNCH BUNCH

Date: **Tuesday, February 14** ❤️

Time: **12:00 Noon**

Location: **Fernando's Mexican Grill**, Queen Ka'ahumanu Center

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

Please type **"Lunch Bunch"** in the subject line.

Menu: (See Email Attachment)

Please include menu selection with your reply.



SPEAKER MEETING

Date: **Saturday, February 25**

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

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

Lunch: **12 noon**

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

Moose's is on the 2nd floor of the building, with Fred's beneath it. There is an easy access ramp in the rear parking lot, to the left of the building as you face it from the rear.

RSVP: **Cathy Thompson** cathyt808@gmail.com or call/text **(808) 268-1232**.

Please type **Program Meeting** in the Subject Line.

Please indicate your meal selection when you RSVP by noon on Wednesday, February 22.

Preview Menu: (See Email Attachment)

Complimentary water, coffee & iced tea provided before lunch.

Speaker: **Mary Lou Sanelli**, Author and Literary Speaker www.marylousanelli.com

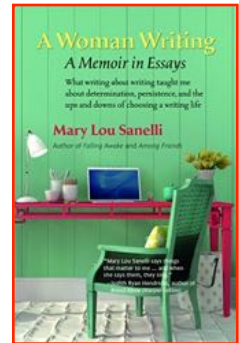


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SPEAKER MEETING, continued

Topic: A Woman Writing, A Memoir in Essays – What writing about writing taught me about determination, persistence, and the ups and down of choosing a writing life.

Biographical Information: *Sanelli has published seven collections of poetry and three works of non-fiction, **Among Friends, Falling Awake** and her latest, **A Woman Writing**. Her regular columns appear in Seattle's **City Living Magazine, Art Access** magazine, the **Peninsula Daily News**, and **Lilipoh Magazine**. She has written for the **Seattle Times, Seattle Metropolitan Magazine, Weekend Edition, National Public Radio**, Seattle's NPR station **KUOW FM**, and many other publications and radio stations. She works as a **literary speaker** and is booked at regional and national conferences and many, many other venues. Also a teacher of the "New York Style" Jazz Dance Class, she teaches Master Classes throughout the Northwest and the Pacific Islands. She lives with her husband in Belltown, Seattle.*



Sanelli will have copies of her newest book, A Woman Writing, available for purchase.

AAUW WHALE WATCH FUNDRAISER

Date: **Sunday, March 5, 2017**

Time: **3:00 - 6:00 pm**

Location: **Ma'alaea Boat Harbor**

Tickets: **\$35**

Contact: **Pat Gotschalk** pagotschalk@gmail.com or **(808) 868-0418**



The Whale Watch Committee is working hard and fast to sell tickets and pay for the Pacific Whale Foundation boat - the Ocean Odyssey or Voyager. We have collected \$900 of the needed \$1700 for the boat rental!

Pat Gotschalk is our intrepid ticket distributor. Please give her a call for your ticket asap. We have distributed 109 tickets of our possible 147 seats. Get your tickets today. :)

~ [AAUW Maui Branch Business](#) ~

AAUW FUNDS: Silent Auction and Mystery Gifts

Suzanne Young is stepping down as Chair of AAUW Funds and has been in charge of the Silent Auction and Mystery Gifts at our Speaker Meetings. If you are interested in helping our Branch in this position, please contact Co-President Janet Walker at bjpwalker@comcast.net.



The Silent Auction helps our Branch raise money for the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF), the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund (research on gender equity in education), or unrestricted gifts. In 2016 Maui Branch sent \$470 to the AAUW National office in Washington, D.C.

Proceeds from Mystery Gifts are added to our Branch General Fund.

MAUI AAUW BOOK CLUB: Donate a Book . . . Empower a Woman

The Maui AAUW Book Club is collecting gently used or new books to donate to the women at the Women Helping Women Shelter. We are seeking fiction or non-fiction books that will help empower a woman - books with strong female characters, books on women's issues, and inspirational books.



Check out your book shelves, think about books that have empowered or inspired you. If you would like to contribute please bring your book(s) to the next Book Club meeting on February 4, or give it to any book club member. We hope to complete the collection by February 4 and deliver them to Women Helping Women soon there after.

Contact Pam Kallner kallnerps@aol.com if you have donations or questions.



JANUARY SPEAKER MEETING

AAUW Member Joyce Yamada, UHMC Title IX Deputy for Training, was our guest speaker on January 28.

WELCOME



Meet Our New AAUW Member ESTELLE CHUN

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS
HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- February 16 - Pat Gotschalk
- February 16 - Elizabeth Rodgers
- February 20 - Janet Walker
- February 22 - Marjorie Lang
- February 26 - Mihaela Stoops



AAUW Dates to Remember

- February 4 - Book Club
- February 14 - Lunch Bunch
- February 25 - AAUW Speaker Meeting
- March 5 - Whale Watch Fundraiser



Please submit newsletter notices by **February 20th** to: **SANDRA BOLL**
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