

AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

Dates to Remember

Speaker Meeting

Saturday, March 28, at Moose McGillycuddy's in Kihei. **Social time at 10:00 a.m., business meeting at 10:30 a.m.**, followed by a program and lunch. See page 3 of the newsletter.

Book Group

Saturday, March 7, at noon at Marilyn Lytle's house in Kihei. See page 4 of the newsletter.

Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, March 10, at 11:30 a.m. at Fernando's Mexican Grill in the Queen Ka'ahumanu Mall. See page 3 of the newsletter.

Board Meeting

Sunday, April 5, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. at Cathy Thompson's house in Kahului. See page 2 of the newsletter.

Tastes & Talk

Wednesday, April 22, at 5:30 p.m. at the Kula Grill. See page 4 of the newsletter.

Branch News

Another Successful Whale Watch

A little bit of rain, quite a bit of wind, lots of active whales and a rainbow were the story of the Maui Branch 2020 Whale Watch Fundraiser. Terry Rosenstock and her committee sold all the tickets and also obtained additional donations, so the fundraiser will fund three \$2,000 scholarships for deserving UH-Maui students. The members brought a feast onboard including some great home-made cookies. Pacific Whale Foundation's new vessel, the Ocean Voyager, provided a great venue for this annual event. The committee "passed the whale" during the cruise and was able to reach the goal of raising \$6,000.

Mahalo nui
loa to all
members who
sold and
purchased
tickets, to our
guests who
shared the
fun, to the
knowledgeable crew and, of course, to the whales who
let us get a glimpse of their lives in Maui Nui.



President's Message

Aloha,

"Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat."

Laura Ingalls Wilder.



Well, beat it we did on Sunday for our annual Whale Watch – we saw the most amazing calf tail slapping and cavorting while its mother literally stood on her head guarding it (or getting ready to nurse it). The mother (about 30 to 35 feet long) stood on her head in about 85 feet of water with her tail fin extended above the water while her offspring sprung into action. The weather was iffy right up until sailing, but we had a glorious day at sea! Much mahalo to our incredible Whale Watch Fundraising team lead by Terry Rosenstock and ably supported by Maureen Van Denburgh, Virginia Shaw, Jean Keating and Pat Gotschalk as well as our other board members and members who bought tickets, sold tickets, advertised the event, secured door prizes and donations, contributed pupus, and added to the fun of our fabulous excursion. We paid the boat charter cost and raised all money needed for our goal of three scholarships at \$2,000 each! That is an all-time high!

March is National Women's History Month, and 2020 is marking the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage – a lot going on this month and this year! Our branch endeavors in January and February went right along with these topics – voter registration at UHMC (48 new voters registered on paper and several online) and the showing of The Rise of the Wahine and the discussions lead by Carol Hogard and Gail Ainsworth that ensued regarding Title IX's impact on women's equity at our membership drive (about 25 attended and 2 joined). Unfortunately, our former guest speaker and discussion leader, Gail Ainsworth, passed away unexpectedly Friday a week ago. A memorial service will be held Monday, March 9, at 2:00 p.m. in the UH Maui College Library, 2nd floor. We were certainly lucky to have partaken of her knowledge when we did.

We have gained several new members in the last few weeks, so take notice of the blue ribbons on their name tags at the next Speaker Meeting and say "Aloha." If you have a friend or acquaintance that you think might be interested in joining, we offer ½ off national, state, and local branch dues from March 16 to June 30 for all new members who join at a Shape the Future Campaign event. That amounts to \$29.50 for national, \$5 for state, and \$8 for branch dues – a total of \$42.50, which carries them through June 30, 2021.

Our quarterly board meeting will be held on Sunday, April 5, 2020, at 1 p.m. at my house, 22 Huluhulu Place, Kahului. Along with board members, all members are invited to attend. If you have an issue you would like addressed, please contact me. If you would like to serve on the board or a committee, please let us know – we are always searching for willing participants!

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Speaker Meeting March 28

The March Speaker Meeting will be held on **Saturday, March 28, at our usual venue, Moose McGillycuddy's in Kihei.** There will be **a social half-hour starting at 10 a.m., then the business meeting at 10:30 a.m.** followed by our speakers and lunch.

The March speakers are Gwyn Gorg, President of the African Americans on Maui Association and Dr. Ayin Adams, winner of the 2015 Illuminations book award.

Ms. Gorg and Dr. Adams will share their experiences in the Civil Rights Movement, and provide an objective view of the contributions and struggles of African Americans. The topics are always positive and inclusive. Because March is the month that honors women, part of the focus will be to accent women's involvement in helping to build a more just, peaceful and loving community.



The cost of attending the Speaker Meeting is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members, plus the cost of food. **Please reserve your spot by Wednesday, March 25** by contacting Virginia Shaw by email at aauwspeakermeeting@yahoo.com. Include your menu choice from the menu that is emailed with this newsletter.

Lunch Bunch March 10

Join us for our March Lunch Bunch **at Fernando's Mexican Grill at the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center, on Tuesday, March 10, starting at 11:30 a.m.** The restaurant is located at the Sears end of the mall.

Fernando's features "American Style" Mexican food that will please everyone. There isn't an online menu, so pre-orders are not required. Come have lunch and then do some shopping at the mall!

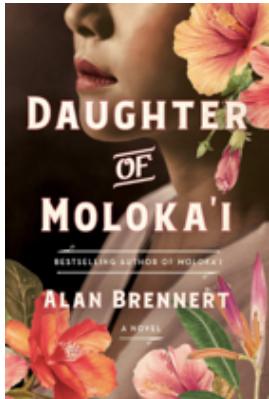
Please **RSVP by Sunday, March 8, before noon** to aauwlunchbunch2@gmail.com or text Linda Martin at (408) 725-8558.



See you there! Guests are welcome!

Book Group March 7

The AAUW Book Group meeting will be held on **Saturday, March 7, at noon**, at Marilyn Lytle's house. The address is 1032 S. Kihei Road, #3414 (Maui Sunset). All are welcome to attend.



Daughter of Moloka'i: A Novel, by Alan Brennert

Daughter of Moloka'i expands upon Ruth and Rachel's 22 year relationship, only hinted at in *Moloka'i*. It's a richly emotional tale of two women -- different in some ways, similar in others -- who never expected to meet, much less come to love one another. And for Ruth it is a story of discovery, the unfolding of a past she knew nothing about. Told in vivid, evocative prose that conjures up the beauty and history of both Hawaiian and Japanese cultures, it's the powerful and poignant tale that readers of *Moloka'i* have been awaiting for 15 years.

April Book Selection - *Educated: A Memoir*, by Tara Westover. *An unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure that the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University.*

Tastes and Talk April 22

RSVP now! The next Tastes and Talk dinner event will be on **Wednesday, April 22 at the Kula Lodge in Kula starting at 5:30 p.m. Carpooling is recommended.**

We will order from the menu, so pre-orders are not required. The dinner menu can be found at www.kulalodge.com/pdf/dinner.pdf, the dinner appetizer menu at www.kulalodge.com/pdf/dinnerapp.pdf, and the pizza menu (served until 6:00 p.m.) at www.kulalodge.com/pdf/pizza.pdf.

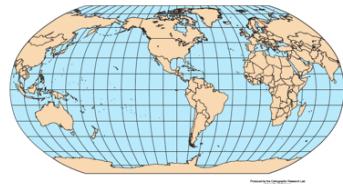


Please reserve by emailing Heather Mueller at her personal email, heathermaymueller@hotmail.com, call Heather at (808) 446-3545 (home) or text at (808) 430-0120 (cell). Contact Heather no later than Wednesday, April 8.

Great Decisions Group March 27

INDIA and PAKISTAN

The next discussion will be held on **Friday, March 27 at noon**, at the home of Sandy Rogers. Please supply your own lunch and/or bring something to share.



We look forward to a lively discussion. Help your hostesses by confirming that you are attending the meeting. Contact Sandy at (808) 662-8748. They make it look easy....it's not!

Directions to Sandy's home in Opukoa at Lahaina, 1400 Limahama, Unit D-101, Lahaina: Turn mauka at Pizza Hut on Honoapiilani Hwy. Take the LEFT at the top sign (which faces NAPA). Follow the road and take the FIRST RIGHT at the Opukoa entrance. Park in the "guest" parking. The group will meet on the ground floor lanai at the end of the first building with tables and chairs, and lattice screen doors.

We welcome reading suggestions from all points of view. That's what makes for good discussion.

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



The Great Decisions Group met in February for a stimulating discussion on climate change.

March Cultural Events

3/6/20 Indian Ink Theatre: Mrs. Krishnan's Party, MACC, <https://mauiarts.org/show-info.php?id=329>, <https://mauinow.com/2020/02/12/mrs-krishnan-s-party-coming-to-the-macc/>



3/13/20 Henry Kapono and Paula Fuga, MACC, <https://mauiarts.org/show-info.php?id=351>

3/14/20 Free monthly documentaries on the Japanese-American experience at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center; <http://www.nvmc.org/event/monthly-movie-matinee/>

3/26/20 Free Hawaiian Music Series last Thursday of each month, Baldwin Home Museum, www.LahainaRestoration.org

3/28/20 Proof of Loyalty – Kazuo Yamane and the Nisei Soldiers of Hawaii, MACC, <https://mauiarts.org/show-info.php?id=311>

Mahalo to Estelle Chun for this information.

(President's message, continued from Page 2)

Martha Dean is chairing the Nominating Committee, and she is actively seeking members who would be willing to serve on the Executive Board next year – particularly for Co-President. If you would like to step up, or if you have a suggestion, please contact Martha.

Hawai'i Equal Pay Day will be proclaimed on Friday March 27, at Governor Ige's office in Honolulu. And, as we prepare for our Suffrage Celebration in October, consider how you would like to celebrate. Here is a link with some more information on Women's History Month and Suffrage: <https://time.com/4238999/womens-history-month-history/>.

A hui hou,

Cathy

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



2020
Whale Watch



February Lunch Bunch



Carol Hogard, our February Speaker



March Birthdays

Johanna (Jan) Moore March 4

Karen Dorrance March 9

Suzanne Young March 16

Terry Rosenstock March 24

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