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AAUW MAUI BRANCH

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~ AAUW News & Information ~

HAWAII STATE AAUW CONVENTION KAUAI - "ADVOCATING FOR WOMEN IN PARADISE"

You may still register for the State Convention to be held at the Marriott at Coconut Beach in Kapaa on the island of Kauai, from Friday, April 29 through Sunday, May 1.

In addition to sessions on Women in the Community College, Reproductive Rights, and Leadership Training, we now have the unusual opportunity of having two dynamic National speakers: Patricia Fae Ho, AAUW Board of Directors Chair, and also from Lisa Maatz, AAUW's top policy advisor. She works to advance policy issues on Capitol Hill and in the White House. We urge you to join the ten Maui Branch members who have already registered for this convention. See aauw-hi.aauw.net for a registration form and more information.

AAUW WHALE WATCH FUNDS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks so much for all members and friends who supported the AAUW Whale Watch on Sunday, March 6. It was a great success! Between ticket sales and donations, we cleared \$3,967.00!! While we were \$33.00 short of the highest goal, we did make enough to fund two \$2,000.00 scholarships. We enjoyed beautiful weather and very active whales. There was a calf that must have breached 50 times! Guests enjoyed the pupus and the door prizes with many saying they want to whale watch with us again next year. If you go to the Pacific Whale Foundation store or on a boat trip with them, please thank them for the support they have given us for our scholarship program. Thank You, Karen Grafe, AAUW Fundraising Chair

IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM www.nwhm.org

The National Women's History Museum is a not for profit organization working toward building a museum in Washington, D.C. dedicated to the history of women. The organization already has an on-line presence with a substantial amount of information and a mobile history museum. It has launched a 5-year initiative on Suffrage leading up to the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment in 2020.

Suffragette a movie about the British militant suffragists is available in the public library system (some of you may remember *Shoulder to Shoulder* on PBS in the 1990s). Meryl Streep plays Emmeline Pankhurst who led the militant Women's Social and Political Union from 1903 to 1917. Pankhurst came to the U.S. in the 1910s and influenced some of the American movement leaders including Alice Paul and Lucy Burns. Paul and Burns formed the National Women's Party in 1917 to take a more activist role in the suffrage movement. The National American Woman Suffrage Association condemned their actions and kept working on suffrage by lobbying and publishing articles about suffrage. Ultimately, the efforts of both groups and the recognition of the war efforts of women brought about the vote for U.S. women. Equal suffrage passed in Britain in 1928.

We should always remember that the right to vote was not given to women; women fought for it.



Co-Presidents' Message
Martha Dean & Janet Walker



Equal Pay Day is the symbolic date women must work to in order to equal the salary made by men in the previous year in the same jobs. This year it falls on April 12.

We have our own equal pay day issue on Maui.

Those of you who attended the March 26th presentation by Karin Phaneuf will have heard detailed information about how Maui County has for so long paid its administrative assistant staff much less than it pays its laborers. Currently it is \$736.00 per month less!

We are issuing a Call To Action for each of you to write to the County Council Member representing your district to urge her or him to correct this pay inequity. Emails or letters do not have to be detailed – they know what the disparate salaries are and the issue of unfair pay has been discussed in hearings for years. Council members respond to the numbers of constituent letters they receive.

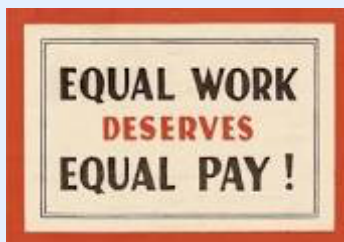
We wrote to the Mayor and the Budget and Finance Committee Chair and to the employees union last May and received no response. In support of women and working families of Maui County, let's all write during the month of April and once again when we are notified that the amendment vote has been scheduled with the Budget and Finance Committee.

Write to: Chairman Mr. Riki Hokama

Kalana O Maui Building, 200 So. High St., Eighth Floor, Wailuku, HI, 96793

The names and address of the nine county council members and the districts they represent can be found on the county website - www.co.maui.hi.us.

Since every county in Hawaii negotiates with the same unions, AAUW-HI branch Public Policy Chair Susan Wurtzburg has notified all the branch presidents about this issue.



April 12, 2016
Red is worn on Equal Pay Day
as a symbol of how far
women and minorities are
"in the red" with their pay.

Martha & Janet



BOOK CLUB

Date: **Saturday, April 2**

Time: **12:00 Noon**

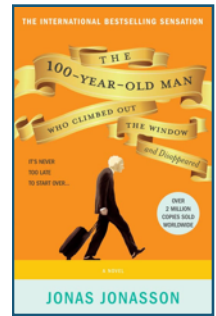
Location: **Home of Cathy Weber**, 86 Kulipu'u Street, Kihei

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

April Book: The 100-Year-Old Man: Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared
by Jonas Jonasson

Summary: *The adventures of an elderly gentleman who escapes a nursing home and embarks on a hilarious and entirely unexpected journey, involving, among other surprises, a suitcase stuffed with cash, some unpleasant criminals, a friendly hot-dog stand operator, and an elephant. As his escapades unfold, we learn something of Allan's earlier life in which – remarkably – he helped to make the atom bomb, became friends with American presidents, Russian tyrants, and Chinese leaders, and was a participant behind the scenes in many key events of the twentieth century.*

May Book: Please Look After Mom by Kyung-sook Shin



GREAT DECISIONS

Date: **Friday, April 8**

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

Location: **Home of Sandy Rogers**, 1400 Limahana Circle #D101, Lahaina

Discussion: The Future of Kurdistan - Suggested reading: books written by Orhan Pamuk, Turkish writer who recently received the Nobel Prize for literature.

RSVP: **Mihaela Stoops** at (808) 357-4000 or mihaela_stoops@hotmail.com



TEA CEREMONY - SPECIAL EVENT SPONSORED BY AAUW DIVERSITY CHAIR, WILIKA ASIMONT

Date: **Monday, April 11**

Time: **2:00 p.m.** (The tea ceremony will last about 2 hours.)

Location: **Rinzai Mission**, Baldwin Beach Park, Paia – northwest area. The event is wheel chair accessible with easy access located on the lower level of the temple.

Cost: A **\$4-\$5** love donation per head would be greatly appreciated.

RSVP: **Wilika Asimont** at (808) 572-2565 or Cell (808) 269-6014

Tea Ceremony: Wilika Asimont, AAUW Diversity Chair, and Sachi Lane, Japan Host, cordially invite you to a Tea Ceremony. The ceremony is sponsored by the Maui Urasenke Association, which just celebrated its 25th anniversary July 19, 2015. Over 100 guests from Japan and neighbor islands attended. The event was graced with Great Grand Master Sen Soshitu who dedicated a bowl of tea to all immigrants of Maui. The Uranseke is one of the few styles of tea practice and perhaps the most well-known with 88 associations spread over 34 countries. Besides their weekly practice they have done demonstrations on many occasions at locations such as the Haleakala School, Maui Matsuri and Japanese Temples on Maui.



LUNCH BUNCH

Date: **Tuesday, April 12**

Time: **12:00 Noon**

Location: Lahaina Yacht Club, 835 Front Street, Lahaina

Menu: (See Separate AAUW Email) - Please indicate meal selection with RSVP.

Cash or check, no credit cards - Under \$20.00 includes entrée, drink, tax and gratuity - and the great ocean view!

RSVP: **Sara Green** alaskagal515@gmail.com (Please include "Lunch Bunch" in the subject line.) or call (907) 350-4700. Please RSVP by noon on Monday, April 11.

Carpooling: Please tell Sara if you want to carpool. Meet at Ma'alaea parking lot between 10:45-11:00.



SPEAKER MEETING

Date: **Saturday, April 23**

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

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

Lunch: **12:00 Noon**



Location: **Moose McGillicuddy's**, 2511 So. Kihei Road, Kihei - Located on the 2nd floor (Fred's below).

Rear parking lot and easy access ramp to the left of the building as you face it from the rear.

Preview Menu: (See Separate AAUW Email) - **Please indicate meal selection with RSVP.**

RSVP: **Cathy Thompson**, cathyt808@gmail.com or call **(808) 268-1232** by noon **Wednesday, April 20.**

Speaker: **Lui Hokaono, Ed. D.**, is the Chancellor of the University of Hawaii Maui College (UHMC). His appointment as Chancellor began December 1, 2014. Hokoana started his higher education career at the University of Hawai'i in 1991 and previously served as the vice chancellor for student affairs at UH West O'ahu from 2013 to 2014. He also served as associate vice president for student affairs for UH System, vice chancellor of student affairs at Windward Community College, and director for various programs at UH Maui College. Hokoana earned a doctorate of education degree from the University of Southern California. He received a master's degree in communications from UH Manoa and bachelor's degree in political science from UH Hilo.

Topic: **The University of Hawaii Maui College – What does our only local college have to offer?**

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March Lunch Bunch

Special guest Alicia Hetman, AAUW National Board Vice President, attended our luncheon at the Five Palms Restaurant and also was on board our Whale Watch Fundraiser Cruise.



AAUW Dates to Remember

- April 2 - Book Club
- April 8- Great Decisions
- April 11 - Tea Ceremony
- April 12 - Lunch Bunch
- April 12 - Equal Pay Day
- April 23 - Speaker Meeting
- April 29-May 1 - HI State AAUW Convention



February Speaker Meeting

AAUW Member Carol Hogard presented information about the Equal Rights Amendment at our February Speaker Meeting.

April Birthdays

- April 10 - Dorothy Tolliver
- April 24 - Cathy Thompson



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