

# AAUW MAUI BRANCH

## Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

### Dates to Remember

#### Speaker Meeting

The next Speaker Meeting is **Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. at Moose McGillicuddy's in Kihei.** Our featured speaker is Dr. Natalie Gates, Superintendent of Haleakala National Park. See page 3 of the newsletter for more information.

#### Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is a fun get-together exploring Maui restaurants, held every second Tuesday of the month. Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, April 9, 12 noon at Bistro Casanova in Kahului.** See page 3 of the newsletter for more information.

#### Book Club

The Book Club's April selection is *The Wife Between Us* by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen. The group will meet on **Saturday, April 6, 12 noon at Heather Mueller's house in Kula.** All are welcome! See page 4 of the newsletter for more information.

### Maui Branch News

#### Whale Watch Fundraiser 2019



Continuing its long history of success, the 2019 Whale Watch Scholarship Fundraiser raised over \$6,100 in support of our Maui Branch scholarships for University of Hawai'i - Maui students. Special

recognition goes to Terry Rosenstock, Virginia Shaw and Linda Evans for their efforts on the day of the event. And many, many thanks to all of the dedicated Maui Branch members who sold tickets, made financial donations, gathered door prizes and provided delicious pupus for the voyage.

#### Select our AAUW Scholarship Winners!

The AAUW Scholarship Committee will choose this year's AAUW Scholarship recipients on Friday, April 5th at the UHMC campus. Committee Chair Dorothy Tolliver needs volunteers to review and select eligible students. If interested, please email Dorothy at: [tolliver@hawaii.edu](mailto:tolliver@hawaii.edu) for more information.

#### Membership Renewal Starting Now

You will soon receive an email from AAUW National with instructions on how to renew online. Or you can send a check for \$85 payable to AAUW to Finance Officer Pat Gotschalk, 1391 Hoolako Street, Wailuku HI 96793 and she will process your renewal. Questions? Email or call Pat. 808-868-0418; [pagotschalk@gmail.com](mailto:pagotschalk@gmail.com)



### **Public Policy Update**

AAUW National has an active public policy program, and the issues are relevant to Hawaii and Maui. Priority issues include Education, Civil Rights, Economic Security (e.g. equal pay), and Title IX. We will cover these issues in more detail in subsequent newsletters.

If you are interested in learning more about these priorities, or to review letters, comments, legal briefs, Congressional testimony and actions you can take, go to <https://www.aauw.org/resource/principles-and-priorities/>.



### **President's Report**

Aloha! It has been a very active year as we begin to wind down for our summer break.

Much mahalo to our former Newsletter Editor, Jillian Riddington, for her outstanding work, and much mahalo to our new Editors, Pat Gotschalk and Barry Solomon, for taking on this responsibility.

On April 27 we will have our Annual Meeting before the speaker, where we will approve our budget and select new officers. Please be sure to attend so that we will have a quorum to vote.

At our last meeting we approved a proposal to seek corporate and individual business sponsors for our annual Whale Watch fundraiser, to help defray the cost of chartering the boat. If you have any ideas or want to assist in putting together an outreach plan, please contact Terry Rosenstock. Our goal is to continue to provide three scholarships to UH-Maui Campus, and ticket sales alone won't be sufficient to provide the funds.

Several members attended the screening of [The Rise of the Wahine: Champions of Title IX](#) at the MACC. The film is inspiring and informative, and I recommend that all of our members find an opportunity to see it.

We hope that the Membership Mixer on March 31 at the Kahili Restaurant will result in many new members! It has been great to have new friends and new faces at our meetings.

## Speaker Meeting April 27

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Our guest speaker for April is the Superintendent of Haleakala National Park, Dr. Natalie Gates. Dr. Gates has been the Superintendent since March 2013. Dr. Gates worked at the Point Reyes National Seashore in California for 12 years as a wildlife biologist and chief of natural resource management. She holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Harvard College and earned a doctorate in veterinary medicine from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, and a master's degree in wildland resource management from the University of California at Berkeley.



**The meeting starts at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 27 at our usual venue, Moose McGillicuddy's in Kihei.** Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members, plus cost of food. Please **reserve your spot by Wednesday, April 23**, by contacting Virginia Shaw by email at [aauspeakermeeting@yahoo.com](mailto:aauspeakermeeting@yahoo.com). Include your menu choice from the menu that is emailed with this newsletter.

## Lunch Bunch April 9

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Lunch Bunch will meet for great food and conversation at **Bistro Casanova, 33 Lono Ave., Kahului, on Tuesday, April 9, at noon.** The menu is found at [casanovamaui.com/bc/bistro-casanova](http://casanovamaui.com/bc/bistro-casanova). Please RSVP and email your menu selection to Janet Walker at [bjpwalker@comcast.net](mailto:bjpwalker@comcast.net) or call 808-874-9435 no later than noon Monday, April 8. The reservations will be called in to the restaurant at that time. Bring a friend who is interested in joining the AAUW-Maui Branch. Note: If you need to cancel your reservation, please call the restaurant at 808-873-3650.

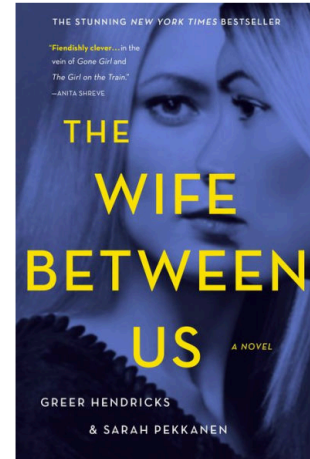


## Book Club April 6

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### ***The Wife Between Us* by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen**

When you read this book, you will make many assumptions. You will assume you are reading about a jealous ex-wife. You will assume she is obsessed with her replacement – a beautiful, younger woman who is about to marry the man they both love. You will assume you know the anatomy of this tangled love triangle. Assume nothing. Twisted and deliciously chilling, *The Wife Between Us* exposes the secret complexities of an enviable marriage - and the dangerous truths we ignore in the name of love.



**The group will meet at the home of Heather Mueller, 155 Cross Road, Kula, on Saturday April 6 at noon.** Heather's contact information is (808) 446-3545, (808) 430-0120 (cell) and [heathermaymueller@yahoo.com](mailto:heathermaymueller@yahoo.com) . Carpools are encouraged. Brown bag lunch is optional.

Directions to Heather's house: Take Haleakala Hwy (Hwy 37) 16.3 miles (there are mile markers all the way.) Turn left at Cross Road (this is the only way one can turn.) Travel up Cross Road past one driveway and cross a little white bridge. Heather's driveway is next at 155 Cross Road. You can park on the large grassy area or on the shoulder of the road. The driveway is steep so people with walking issues should park up the drive behind the white car on the cement driveway.

The **May Book Club** selection will be ***Threading My Prayer Rug: One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim***, by Sabeeha Rehman. This is the story of Sabeeha Rehman's many journeys: from Pakistan to the United States, from being a secular Muslim in an Islamic society to a devout Muslim in a society rife with misunderstandings about Islam, from immigrant to citizen. By challenging stereotypes and offering a new perspective on American life and society through Muslim eyes, Rehman provides unique insights on what it means to be American. **Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 4, 2019.** Location TBA.

## Great Decisions Group April 26

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Join the discussion on important international affairs topics of the day!

The April discussion will be *Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future*, **on Friday, April 26th, at 12 noon**. Please come to the home of Sandy Rogers. Her phone is 662-8748. Be sure to confirm with Sandy that you are attending the meeting. Please supply your own lunch. For more information contact Diane Pure at 808-793-2661.

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

(This is not an official AAUW - Maui Branch group, but members who are interested in international affairs are welcome to attend.)

### AAUW Mission Statement

The American Association of University Women (AAUW), officially founded in 1881, is a non-profit organization that advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

For more information please go to [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org)

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## Equal Pay Day is April 2, 2019

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Equal Pay Day for women, as compared to men, should be on December 31 each year, but it is not. Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day when women's earnings "catch up" to men's earnings from the previous year. *The average woman must work far into the next year to earn what the average man earns for the previous year.*

This gender pay gap is an issue of primary concern for the AAUW. As early as 1922, AAUW's legislative program called for reclassification or repeal of Civil Service salary restrictions on women. In 1955, AAUW supported a bill requiring "equal pay for work of comparable value requiring comparable skills." Congress finally enacted the Equal Pay Act in 1963. Then, in 2009, President Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Equal Pay Act. This law overturned a U.S. Supreme Court decision that greatly limited the time period within which a federal pay discrimination complaint could be filed.

Despite all of this legislative action, the gender pay gap persists; on average, women are paid just 80 cents for every dollar paid to men. In Hawaii, the gap is slightly smaller - women earn 84 cents for every dollar paid to men - which amounts to a median annual wage gap of \$7,640. In an effort to prevent the perpetuation of the gender pay gap, the Equal Pay Act (SB 2351) was signed by Governor Ige on July 5, 2018 and went into effect January 1, 2019. It prohibits employers from "requesting or considering a job applicant's wage or salary history as part of an employment application process or compensation offer."

Although enforcement of equal pay legislation has helped to narrow the gender pay gap, these laws have not resulted in pay equity. More work must be done. AAUW continues to advocate for strong pay equity legislation, regulation, and enforcement to protect employees and assist employers in promoting pay equity.

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



*In honor of Women's History Month, several members of the Maui Branch attended a showing of the award-winning documentary Rise of the Wahine: Champions of Title IX. Inspiring and moving!*

Happy Spring and Aloha to our Snowbird members who are heading back to the mainland. See you in the Fall!

### *April Birthdays*

Dorothy Tolliver April 10  
Cathy Thompson April 24  
Heather Mueller April 28





*Your Newsletter editors are Barry Solomon and Pat Gotschalk. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Please contact us at [pagotschalk@gmail.com](mailto:pagotschalk@gmail.com).*

***The deadline for submitting items for the May Newsletter is April 23.***  
***We would greatly appreciate photos of AAUW events you attend (e.g., Lunch Bunch, Book Club, etc.) Email your photos to [pagotschalk@gmail.com](mailto:pagotschalk@gmail.com).***  
***Mahalo!!***