

AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

Dates to Remember

Board Meeting

The Board Meeting will be held via Zoom on **Sunday, April 5 at 1:00 p.m.**

See page 5 for more details.

Speaker Meeting

The Speaker Meeting will be held via Zoom on **Saturday, April 25, starting at 10:00 a.m. for social time, the business meeting at 10:30 a.m. and the speaker at 11:00 a.m.**

See page 6 for more details.



Maui Branch News

We Persevere in Challenging Times

This month’s newsletter will be quite a bit shorter than usual! Following our State and local orders for social distancing, the Branch will have no face-to-face meetings or events through the month of April. We will evaluate what is appropriate (and legal) in the month of May.

In the meanwhile, our Branch is taking steps to embrace technology and will be scheduling online meetings using a video conferencing application called Zoom. Marty-Jean Bender has provided a link to a You Tube tutorial that can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

Every day we discover that our normal routines are disrupted. Luckily, the annual Whale Watch took place before the COVID-19 restrictions and was a tremendous success. We will be sending a check to UH-Maui College to fund three \$2,000 scholarships for next year. Sadly, however, the Scholarship Reception at UH-Maui College that is usually held in April has been cancelled. It was always an inspiring time to meet our scholarship recipients and learn about all the other talented students at our local campus.

While we practice social distancing and hand washing, and catch up on housecleaning, gardening and reading, be sure to reach out to each other from time to time. Isolation can lead to depression (although the introverts in the Branch may be secretly enjoying some of the alone-time.).

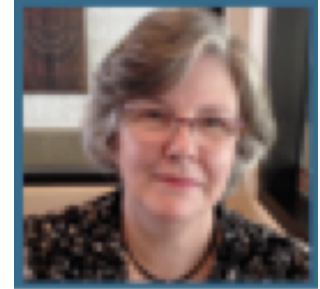
Malama pono — take good care of yourselves.

President's Letter

Aloha,

As noted above in the Maui Branch News, we are operating in uncharted waters here, and so we are trying to adapt to meet your needs. In other words, welcome to the New Normal!

First, a quiz in preparation for our Suffrage celebration in October - Do you know who was the first woman to run for the U. S. Presidency? Do you know what year? a hint - 1872! If you are not up to speed on this information, please check out this link: <https://ehistory.osu.edu/biographies/victoria-woodhull>.



Second, now that your mental stimulation has been triggered, let's jump to the next new thing - Zoom. Zoom is an electronic conferencing software that facilitates conferencing calls for business, education, and socializing. We will use Zoom for our **Board Meeting on April 5** and our **Speaker Meeting on April 25**. At the Board Meeting we will discuss the possibility of also using it for Book Club and any other types of virtual socializing. I have been playing with it a bit, and it is relatively easy to use, so don't be afraid to try it out. If you want, we can run a few trial meetings to let you get familiar with it before the Speaker meeting on April 25. Just email, text, or call me, and we will arrange a sample meeting: cathyt808@gmail.com or 808 268-1232.

As mentioned, in order to facilitate our branch planning, our April Board Meeting, which is open to all Maui branch members, will be held via Zoom on **Sunday, April 5, at 1 p.m.** Members can join the meeting by computer, tablet, or phone. If you have not joined a Zoom meeting yet, tutorials are located on page 5 of this newsletter. Bottom line, if you just press "join," it should be easy. You can select whether you want to be seen and/or heard, so if you are not ready to be seen on camera, there are options.

We will spend the first few minutes of the meeting getting acclimated to the software. 😎. The information for the link is found on page 5 of this newsletter, under Board Meeting.

Hope to see you soon - Be Safe!

Cathy

Maui Branch Member Keep Busy

Your newsletter editors decided to ask AAUW Maui Branch members how they have been spending their “staycations.” While responses varied, there were some commonalities, since most people are staying home most of the time (many of us have appreciative pets) except for shopping (with many taking advantage of those kupuna hours!).



Heather Mueller has been rummaging through stacks of books and boxes full of old photos, documents etc. and sharing some of them with family and friends (and trying to get rid of some items too, hint hint). **Jean Keating** has been doing a lot of walking and enjoying our beautiful sunsets. **Chris Wooding** has been tending her orchids.

Barry Solomon has been running most days, has increased his reading (and some writing), tv and movie watching, and has called or emailed friends. **Kathy Deknis** has been trying to sell her house for a move back to the mainland, and

in the meantime has been doing a lot of reading (she highly recommends the book *The Island of Sea Women*). Although we wish Kathy luck in selling her house, the silver lining is that we will have her here on Maui for a bit longer. **Nai'a Newlight** has full-time online classes, but also finds plenty of time to read, watch movies, and “KonMari”-ing her house



(which is a system of simplifying and organizing your home by getting rid of stuff that doesn't bring you joy). She is also spending quality time with her cat Racquie. **Lynn Austin** also has happy pets since she's been home 95% of the time. **Pat Gotschalk** has volunteered for Red Cross training, and has learned more than she ever wanted to know about food-borne pathogens.



Keeping Busy, continued.....

Karin Camilli has been volunteering at Hale Kau Kau, a food kitchen operating out of St. Theresa Church in Kihei, which prepares 70 meals for the homebound each day. They are in need of more volunteers for the homebound, especially drivers one day a week, 4 PM pick up of meals, salad and dessert, route that takes about an hour. (**Karen Grafe's** husband, Joe, has taken a shift).



For more information on how to join Karin in this volunteer work, contact Karen Powers at 879-4844, extension 25. **Marty-Jean Bender** has increased her cleaning, food organizing, and has attempted to take many unwanted items to Goodwill (sadly unsuccessfully, because they are closed for now). She is also doing a lot of reading, tv watching, plus plenty of electronic and traditional gaming: Splendor, Ticket to Ride, Rummikub, Mexican Train dominos and Carcassonne (these sound fun).

Linda Martin has been using the time to hone her artistic skills. Here is an example of one of her watercolors. We all share her love of Maui! Looking forward to getting Lunch Bunch started again, Linda.



Zoom Tutorials

Zoom is a video-conferencing tool that many groups on Maui have embraced during the mandatory stay-at home time. The Maui Branch is planning to use Zoom for the Board meeting and Speaker Meeting in April.

A YouTube tutorial for using Zoom can be found at this link: <https://youtu.be/FnFSBjFvK2o>. An explanation for how to join a meeting is found at <http://techtalk.strose.edu/zoom/join-a-zoom-meeting>.

Maui Branch Board Meeting, April 5

The Maui Branch Board Meeting will be held using the Zoom video conferencing platform on **April 5, 2020 starting at 1:00 p.m.** Here is the process for joining the meeting.

Topic: ***AAUW Maui Branch Board Meeting April 5, 2020***

Time: ***April 5, 2020 at 1:00 PM Hawaii Time***

Join Zoom Meeting online:

Click this link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/374191813?pwd=R2h4YThtQnVsaS8oeHUxaopQLoVYZzO9>

Meeting ID: 374 191 813

Password: 277612

Join Zoom Meeting by telephone:

Use any of these numbers (if dialing from the United States.)

+1 669 900 6833

+1 346 248 7799

+1 929 205 6099

+1 253 215 8782

+1 301 715 8592

+1 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 374 191 813

Find your local number: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/374191813?pwd=R2h4YThtQnVsaS8oeHUxaopQLoVYZzO9> (You don't need to do this since we provided the numbers already...this is just FYI.)

Speaker Meeting, April 25

Let's stay connected! AAUW Maui is going virtual! Join us online or by phone via Zoom for the **AAUW April 25th Speaker Meeting**.

Apr 25, 2020, 10:00 AM Hawaii time

Join Zoom Meeting online:

Click this link: <https://zoom.us/j/319807146>

Meeting ID: 319 807 146

Join Zoom Meeting by telephone:

Call in with any of these numbers: +1 346 248 7799 , +1 408 638 0968 , +1 669 900 6833 , +1 312 626 6799, +1 646 876 9923, +1 253 215 8782, +1 301 715 8592.

Meeting ID: 319 807 146

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/acddOrVsxy> (you don't need to do this unless you are calling from outside the United States.)

The speaker will be Debra Greene, PhD. Debra, a Maui Branch member, is one of the leading authorities on scientific research and legislative standings regarding wireless technology and 5G in Hawaii. Her PhD is from Ohio State University and she has lived on Maui for 22 years. She is an author, educator, and wellness consultant at Four Seasons Resort. Debra founded KeepYourPower.org to raise awareness about wireless radiation and advocate for safe technology. She will address 5G network issues and the giant drone project on Lanai.



Enjoy your lunch while you attend the meeting at home!

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



*March Lunch Bunch at
Fernando's Mexican Grill*



April Birthdays

Cindy Kellogg April 1

Dorothy Tolliver April 10

Cathy Thompson April 24

Heather Mueller April 28

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