



# AAUW MAUI BRANCH



## NEWSLETTER - May 2016

*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!**

In recognition of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, AAUW's book of the month for May is A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki - a story set in Tokyo about our shared humanity and the search for home.

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 2015-2016, click on this link:

[www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-list](http://www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-list)



**You're Invited: AAUW-Maui Branch Membership Mixer  
with special guest Lisa Maatz**



You're invited to join us for the next AAUW-Maui Branch membership mixer. We will be joined by AAUW's Lisa Maatz, Vice President of Government Relations at AAUW. She has traveled all the way from the mainland to attend our special event and we hope you can attend!

Lisa is AAUW's top policy advisor, working to advance AAUW's priority issues on Capitol Hill, in the White House, and in coalitions with other organizations. You can read more about her background as well as how you can get more involved in AAUW's advocacy efforts here: <http://www.aauw.org/author/lisamaatz/>

**Date:** Friday, May 6, 2016

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** The Home of Janet and Bob Walker  
792 Kumulani Drive, Kihei, HI 96753

Buffet lunch will be provided at the event.

Guests are asked to RSVP by noon on Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

Please confirm your attendance with **Janet Walker** at **530-409-0192** or [bjpwalker@comcast.net](mailto:bjpwalker@comcast.net).



**We hope you can attend this special event!**

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



As we enter the traditional conclusion of the school year and the graduation season we want to review some happenings we have been involved in regarding scholarships.

The Scholarship Committee under the direction of chair Dorothy Tolliver has chosen a group of potential top scholarship recipients. The names of our selections were submitted to the UH Maui College selection committee which will make the final awards selection. We are awarding three \$2,000 scholarships this year. The official award ceremony will be May 3. One of the three scholarships is the Maui Branch Scholarship named in honor of Ellie Bliss this year.

Last year the Branch Scholarship was named in honor of Thelma Kocivar.

A thank you letter from Thelma's daughter, Jane, reads in part: "I would like to thank AAUW for the scholarship awarded in my mother's name to Cheska Rose Liwag in 2015. My mother would have been very honored and proud to hear of this. I am so appreciative and impressed with the work AAUW does for young women who are interested in the sciences."

We are very proud to announce that a recipient of multiple scholarship awards from AAUW, Alina Rhodes, is receiving her Bachelor's degree in Marine Biology from UH this year and has begun her career in Sustainable Science Management. She will also receive from us a complimentary membership for one year. Alina will be the first to be given an AAUW graduation tassel to wear at graduation. We have purchased a supply of tassels from AAUW national to give to our scholarship graduates in the future.

In addition to proceeds from the major scholarship fund raiser, The Whale Watch, generous donations to the scholarship funds have been made by Member Cornelia Spanier, Member Illa Todd, and former scholarship recipient, Julie Martin. Along with the hard work members do to make our scholarship fundraising so successful these donations are helping outstanding scholars continue their education.



Happy Mother's Day and  
Peaceful Memorial Day to all.

Martha & Janet



**MEMBERSHIP MIXER - BUFFET LUNCHEON**

Date: **Friday, May 6**

Time: **11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Location: **Home of Janet Walker**, 792 Kumulani Drive, Kihei (Maui Meadows)

RSVP by May 4: [bjpwalker@comcast.net](mailto:bjpwalker@comcast.net) **530-409-0192, or 808-874-9435**

Speaker: Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice President for Government Relations



**BOOK CLUB**

Date: **Saturday, May 7**

Time: **12:00 Noon**

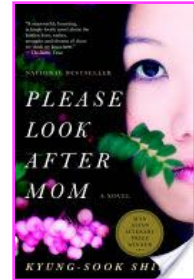
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May Book: Please Look After Mom by Kyung-Sook Shin

Summary: *The story of a family's search for their missing mother, who goes missing in a bustling Seoul subway station, and their discovery of the desires, heartaches and secrets they never realized she harbored.*

June Book: The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd



**LUNCH BUNCH**

Date: **Tuesday, May 10**

Time: **12:00 Noon**

Location: Chez Mēmē Bistro & Bakery, 115 Haleku'ai Street, Kihei.

See <http://www.chezmememaui.com/home.html> for directions.

Perks: Ice tea included and 10% Kama'aina discount on meals.

Menu: <http://www.chezmememaui.com/menu.html> Please include menu choice with your RSVP.

RSVP: **Sara Green** [alaskagal515@gmail.com](mailto:alaskagal515@gmail.com) Please include "Lunch Bunch" in the subject line. or call (907) 350-4700. **Note: Sara cannot receive phone calls after noon on May 1st - May 7th. Please RSVP by noon on Saturday, May 7.**



**GREAT DECISIONS**

Date: **Friday, May 13**

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

Location: **Home of Susan Bradford** - 3145 Makamae Place, Kihei, Maui Meadows

Discussion: International Migration

RSVP: **Mihaela Stoops** at (808) 357-4000 or [mihaela\\_stoops@hotmail.com](mailto:mihaela_stoops@hotmail.com)



**SPEAKER MEETING**

Date: **Saturday, May 28**

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

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

Lunch: **12:00 Noon**



Location: **Moose McGillycuddy's**, 2511 So. Kihei Road, Kihei - Located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: **Sara Green** [alaskagal515@gmail.com](mailto:alaskagal515@gmail.com) (Please include "Speaker Meeting" in the subject line.) or call or text (907) 350-4700. Please RSVP by noon on Wednesday, May 25.

Speaker & Topic: To be announced.





**Tea Ceremony**

On April 12 a special tea ceremony demonstration sponsored by Wilika Asimont, AAUW Diversity Chair, was held at the Rinzai Mission in Paia.

**AAUW Diversity and Inclusion Initiative**

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee is new both at the national and branch level. However, diversity is not new. This is not an easy challenge or quick fix solution, however aauw.org offers resources. The primary purpose is inclusiveness at an organizational capacity to include various underrepresented groups. A recent survey indicated 79% of women were underrepresented for leadership and promotions followed by: age over 50 at 46%; ethnicities at 39% at the organizational and corporate level. To learn more about AAUW Diversity and Inclusion initiative: 1. Login into [aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) 2. Go to resources 3. Click tool kits 4. Scroll to diversity and inclusion kit 5. Click download diversity and inclusion tool kit PDF. <http://www.aauw.org/resource/diversity-and-inclusion-tool-kit/>

*Mahalo, Wilika Asimont, AAUW Maui Branch Diversity Chair*



**April Lunch Bunch**

AAUW members and guests met at the Lahaina Yacht Club on April 12. Several attendees wore red to demonstrate how women are "in the red" with their pay.

**March Speaker Meeting**

Karin Phaneuf, Administrative Officer for the Maui County Parks and Recreation Department, spoke about pay levels for county clerks at our March 26th AAUW Speaker Meeting.



**May Birthdays**

- May 5 - Karen Grafe
- May 10 - Sandra Duckworth
- May 15 - Sara Green
- May 25 - Peggy Palakiko
- May 29 - Carol Hogard



**AAUW Dates to Remember**

- May 6 - Membership Mixer
- May 7 - Book Club
- May 10 - Lunch Bunch
- May 13- Great Decisions
- May 28 - Speaker Meeting



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