

AAUW MAUI BRANCH

NEWSLETTER - May 2017

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IT IS YOUR AAUW - YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!

If your membership is current, log on to http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/. You may need your ID number, which you will find within your entry on the AAUW MAUI branch website. On the AAUW National site, you will find profiles of the candidates, get information on the proposed bylaw changes and on the Public Policy Platform. You will also find information on the proposed resolutions and the rationale behind those changes.

The AAUW National Board of Directors supports adoption of all proposed bylaw amendments, as well as the proposed Public Policy Platform and the resolutions on this year's ballot.

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May 16, 2017 is the deadline to join or to renew your membership in order to be able to vote in this election. Your membership must be received by 9 p.m. EST (4 p.m. Hawaii time). You may renew online; please see instructions below.

AAUW MEMBERSHIP DUES

AAUW now requires all membership fees to go through AAUW National. This means the National, State and Maui dues must be sent to National and then they will transfer the State and Maui portions to the Hawaii State treasurer and the Maui treasurer.

Each individual member can send their dues directly to National or to our branch treasurer, but in each case all three dues portions must be together. The branch treasurer will send any dues received from branch members to National for processing. You will need your Member ID to renew: it can be found next to your photo on the AAUW Maui Directory.

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BRANCH NEWS AND EVENTS:

Co-Presidents' Message: Janet Walker and Martha Dean

It's scholarship time! Helping local women students achieve their goal of obtaining a higher education is a major mission of our branch. Dorothy Tolliver's scholarship selection committee met at UH/MC to review hundreds of student applications for our three \$2000 scholarships, plus the \$2000 scholarship provided by Cornelia Spanier for a student of marine biology/oceanography. At the end of the day the committee chose a group of highly deserving and qualified women, with excellent academic records and recommendations and with remarkable life stories of achievement, often despite difficult challenges. Each year our memorial scholarship is named to honor a notable AAUW Maui Branch member. This year the scholarship is named in memory of Leslie Granat. Student award recipients will be named at a special ceremony at UH on May 2.



What serendipity that our April speaker meeting fell on Earth Day, when we had our own teach-in by **Nicolette Van der Lee** (photo at left) Focusing on the threat to our island and our planet presented by climate change, Nicollette began with Rachel Carson's 1962 book "Silent Spring," which inspired the grassroots creation of the EPA. Nicolette pointed out that social equity, environmental protection and economic viability are interdependent; this

realization has led to the modern definition of sustainability: "To meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs". She presented us with a wealth of information and ideas. Her outlook remains positive. In her teaching of young people, she finds that that "they get it about protecting the environment". For more information about food security, cleaning up the ocean, ways to participate and offerings of May classes and much more, look up UH/MC Sustainable Living Institute of Maui.

At our May 27 meeting we will introduce and install our 2017-2018 Board and celebrate another year of growth for the branch. A joint Board Meeting will be held on Sunday June 9 for the outgoing and incoming boards to transition roles and plan the calendar and set goals for the coming year. All members are encouraged to attend. Please come and share what you want to get from our branch and what you might be willing to contribute.

BOOK CLUB

Date: **Saturday, May 6** Time: **12:00 Noon (**Dessert and drinks provided.) Location: Martha Dean's home, 71 Makawao Ave, #1 in Makawao. All AAUW members are welcome. Please RSVP to Martha at her Cell Phone: 503-890-9878 or e-mail her at <u>mdean5@hawaii.rr.com</u>.







~ AAUW Maui Branch Events, continued

MAY BOOK: We will be discussing The Art of Racing in the Rain, a novel by Garth Stein. The novel follows the story of Denny Swift, a race car driver and customer representative in a high-end Seattle auto dealership, and his dog Enzo, who believes in the Mongolian legend that a dog *who is prepared* will be reincarnated in his next life as a human. *The Seattle Times* calling his journey "a struggle to hone his humanness, to make sense of the good, the bad and the unthinkable."

LUNCH BUNCH

Date: Tuesday, May 9th Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: Mulligan's On the Blue 100 Kaukahi St. Wailea (turn at the sign for the Blue Course) RSVP: **Sara Green** - <u>aauwlunchbunch@gmail.com</u> or - (907) 350-4700

Please RSVP by Friday, May 5th, and type "Lunch Bunch" in the subject line.

Menu: Mulligan's menu is available on-line, but pre-ordering is not necessary, but please remember to RSVP. There will be FREE soft drinks or iced tea included with your lunch purchase, and they have offered our group Happy Hour Prices (33% discount) on the full menu. Please let us know if you would like to carpool or can drive a carpool.

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GREAT DECISIONS

This group will next meet on June 2 at 12 noon. Sandy Rogers, 1400 Limahana Circle #101, Lahaina will host.and the topic will be "Conflict in the South China Sea." Contact Mihaela Stoops <u>mihaela_stoops@hotmail.com</u> or at (808) 357-4000 for a copy of the Great Decisions book - \$26.

SPEAKER & MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Saturday, May 27th Time:Business Meeting: 10:30 a.m.Introduction of New Board Members and Social hour:11:00 a.m.Lunch:12 noon



Location: Moose McGillycuddy's, 2511 So. Kihei Road, Kihei Moose's is on the 2nd floor of the building, with Fred's beneath it. There is an easy access ramp in the rear parking lot, to the left of the building as you face it from the rear. Please select your choice from the menu sent as a separate attachment to this e-mail.

RSVP: Cathy Thompson cathyt808@gmail.com or call/text (808) 268-1232.

Please type <u>Speaker Meeting</u> in the Subject Line. Rather than having a speaker, we will have an opportunity to meet and celebrate our new board members and give them your ideas for how to make our branch even better. This is also your opportunity to thank the retiring board members for their service to AAUW Maui. Help us celebrate another year of growth for AAUW Maui!



~ AAUW Maui Branch

NEW BRANCH OFFICERS: The Nominating Committee Chair Cathy Weber, presented our new officers for 2017-'18 at the Annual General Meeting on April 22nd The following officers were then elected by unanimous voice vote:

Co-Presidents Cathy Thompson and Janet Walker Program Vice President Virginia Shaw Finance Officer Pat Gotschalk Secretary Jennifer Bohlin

Many thanks to our retiring board members for their service to AAUW Maui.

AAUW T-SHIRT ORDERS

Our T-shirts are here!

They are light blue (not grey as the seem to be in the photo) and made high-quality cotton blend, locally purchased and silk-screened with the national AAUW logo in front and "Maui Branch" on the sleeve.

The t-shirts are priced at \$20.00, with \$5.00 going to the General Fund. Most sizes are still available. Buy yours at branch get-togethers or you may order yours from Janet Walker at (808) 874-9435 or bjpwalker@comcast.net.

AAUW Dates to Remember

May 6 - Book Club May 9 - Lunch Bunch May 27- AAUW Speaker Meeting June 2 - Great Decisions June 14 - 17 AAUW National Convention

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION AND NOTICES FOR THE JUNE NEWSLETTER BY MAY 20TH BY EMAIL TO JILLIAN RIDINGTON jillianbrid@gmail.com

MAY RIRTHDAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: KAREN GRAFE: MAY 5 SANDRA DUCKWORTH: MAY 10 SARA GREEN MAY 15 DONNA CHISHOLM MAY 17 CAROL HOGARD MAY 29 PEGGY ROBERTSON MAY 29



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