# AAUW MAUI BRANCH

#### **Advancing Equity for Women and Girls**

# **Dates to Remember**

#### **Speaker Meeting**

The final Speaker Meeting before our summer break is **Saturday, May 25, at 10:30 A.M.** at Moose McGillycuddy's in Kihei. See page 5 of the newsletter for more information.

#### **Lunch Bunch**

Lunch Bunch is a fun gettogether exploring Maui restaurants, held every second Tuesday of the month. Mark your calendar for **Tuesday**, **May 14, at 12 noon** at Pita Paradise in Kihei. See page 5 of the newsletter for more information.

# Book Club

The Book Club's May selection is Threading My Prayer Rug: One Woman's Journey From Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim, by Sabeeha Rehman. The group will meet on **Saturday, May 4 at 12:00 noon,** at Terry Rosenstock's condo in Wailea. See page 4 of the newsletter for more information.

# Maui Branch News

#### Membership Mixer Update



Our branch membership mixer on March 31 at the Kahili Golf Course Restaurant was a great success.

We enjoyed a delicious brunch while recruiting several new members under the "Shape the Future" campaign.

Mahalo loa to Virginia Shaw for the idea, and to all the members who made this event a success. This was also a fundraiser, as the branch will be receiving 10% of net proceeds for the day from the Kahili Restaurant! More photos on page 9.



#### **Membership Renewal**

Don't forget to renew your annual membership before July 1, 2019. You can do this online at <u>aauw.org</u>, or send a check for \$85 (payable to AAUW) to Finance Officer Pat Gotschalk, 1391 Ho'olako St., Wailuku HI 96793 and she will process your renewal. Questions? Email or call Pat at (808)-868-0418; <u>pagotschalk@gmail.com</u>.

#### **President's Message**

#### Aloha,

As we finish another fiscal year for AAUW Maui Branch, we are looking forward with enthusiasm to next year, which runs from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020. You have probably received an email notice from AAUW National to pay your dues. The link has your account number, etc., so it is very easy. Just get your credit card and click away! For those who joined at the Shape the Future Membership Mixer on March 31, you are already paid through June 30, 2020.



Our Executive Board has provided exemplary service this year. We have had incredible programs with excellent speakers — many thanks to Virginia Shaw for bringing us a great variety of speakers and topics! Pat Gotschalk and Terry Rosenstock have done a wonderful job with managing our finances and helping us to accomplish our goals with AAUW Funds and the Whale Watch – we couldn't have done it without them! Debbie Priest stepped into Membership and Sunshine Secretary and has been instrumental in growing our membership, along with Virginia Shaw and the others who contributed to the success of our Membership Mixer — seven new members joined! Jennifer Bohlin and Pam Schulz have kept us up to date with their efficient and complete records of our meetings — thanks for being on top of it all and clarifying when issues were unclear. And last, but certainly not least, many thanks to our immediate past president, Janet Walker, who has worked above and beyond to help keep us on track — we are very lucky to have this energetic and goal-driven woman to help us in all areas. She has been active in every major endeavor this year – Membership, Lunch Bunch, Public Policy, Shape the Future Membership Campaign, etc.

Other members have been contributing to our successes. AAUW Funds with Terry Rosenstock and our Feed the Whale contributions have exceeded our past few years' contributions — many thanks to Suzanne Young for adding the "belly" to the whale! Our Book Club is thriving, thanks to Dorothy Tolliver, and the various hosts and discussion leaders. Lunch Bunch needs a new coordinator. Sara Green has had to step down due to health issues. So, we are looking for new leadership for this position — are you willing to step up? The Scholarship Committee, led by Dorothy Tolliver, has done a wonderful job again this year, and the three scholarship awards for \$2,000 each will be made at UH Maui College on May 7.

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President's Message, continued ....

Our Historian and Publicity Chair, Janet Go, keeps our records accurately and gets regular publicity for the branch in *The Maui News* – well done, Janet. Our Communications Chair, Sandra Boll, is another hero — she provides important information and the Newsletter to our membership every month in a calm and professional way.

Which brings us to our other big communication tool — our Branch Newsletter. As you know, Jillian Riddington, who edited the Newsletter for almost two years had to step down for health reasons, and Pat Gotschalk and her husband, Barry Solomon, have taken over. We are a lucky group to have such dedicated workers!

So, as you plan your participation with AAUW Maui Branch, think about attending our next Board Meeting on Sunday, July 14, at 1 p.m. at my house. We will be planning for the year, and your input is welcome. Board meetings are open to all members. Some members have already agreed to continue their service on various committees, but we will still need chairs and more members. How would you like to be involved?

Again, thank you for a wonderful year. We will resume our Speaker Meetings (4th Saturday of the month) and Book Club (first Saturday of the month) in September. Lunch Bunch will continue through the summer, and some other activities may come up. Check the Newsletter, which will continue through the summer.

Aloha,

Cathy

In our June newsletter we will begin profiling our newer and long time members, so we can learn more about each other's interests and history. Stay tuned!

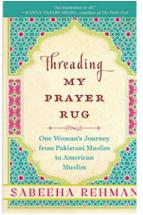


# **Book Club May 4**

#### 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.

The group will meet at the home of Terry Rosenstock, 3150 Wailea Alanui Dr., **on Saturday, May 4 at noon.** Terry's contact information is (415)816-2671(cell) and <u>terryrosenstock@gmail.com</u>. Carpools are encouraged. Brown bag lunch is optional.



YOU MUST TEXT TERRY AT (415)-816-2671 FOR THE GATE CODE PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.

**Directions to Terry's house:** Take State Hwy 31/Piilani Hwy south to Kilohana Dr in Wailea-Makena. Turn right onto Kilohana Dr. Turn left onto Wailea Alanui Dr. Turn right into the Wailea Palms Private Residences, 3150 Wailea Alanui Dr. (**Note: don't turn at the Palms of Wailea vacation rentals at 3200 Wailea Alanui ).** 

Key in the entry code at the gate box. Enter the gate to the left and continue down the driveway to the bottom. Park in any space with no number. The condo is  $\#_{2707}$  at the bottom of the stairs. (Outside, there are three sets of three steps down to the unit and there are handrails. Inside there are three steps down to the living room. Look for the left side path that eliminates one set of stairs).

The Book Club does not meet during the summer. The next Book Club meeting will be September 1, 2019, location TBA. The book will be *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders.

How do we live and love when we know that everything we love must end?

Flash back to February 1862. The Civil War is less than one year old. President Lincoln's beloved eleven-year-old son, Willie, dies and is laid to rest in a Georgetown cemetery. From that seed of historical truth, George Saunders spins an unforgettable story of familial love and loss that breaks free of its realistic, historical framework into a supernatural realm both hilarious and terrifying. Willie Lincoln finds himself in a strange purgatory where ghosts mingle, gripe, commiserate, quarrel, and enact bizarre acts of penance. Within this transitional state—called, in the Tibetan tradition, the bardo—a monumental struggle erupts over young Willie's soul.

#### Lunch Bunch May 14

Lunch Bunch will take place on **Tuesday, May 14, at 12 noon** at Pita Paradise, in the Wailea Gateway Center, 35 Wailea Ike Dr., Kihei.

Please RSVP by noon on Monday, May 13 to Cathy Thompson at <u>aauwlunchbunch@gmail.com</u> with Lunch Bunch in the subject line and your menu choice in the message or call/text Cathy Thompson at (808)-268-1232. As always, if you are unable to attend and must cancel, please call the restaurant directly at (808) 879-7177 to avoid a charge for a prepared meal.



The menu is at: http://www.pitaparadisehawaii.com/LunchMenu.html.

Bring a friend who is interested in joining the AAUW Maui Branch.

While we are on the subject of Lunch Bunch.....the branch needs a new Lunch Bunch coordinator. Sara Green has had to step down. Janet Walker and Cathy Thompson have assisted, but they have many other branch commitments. If you are someone who likes to explore the Maui restaurant scene, this is the opportunity for you! Lunch Bunch is held on the second Tuesday of the month. But, you wouldn't have to attend every month if that is an issue. Sara Green managed Lunch Bunch ably from Alaska for most of the year. Please contact Cathy Thompson if you want more information. Mahalo!

# Speaker Meeting May 25

This is the last monthly meeting before the summer break, so the induction of new officers will take place in lieu of a speaker, and other branch business will be conducted. Please be sure to attend this final meeting of the season.

The meeting starts at **10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 25**, at our usual venue, Moose McGillycuddy's in Kihei. Cost is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members, plus the cost of food. Reserve your spot by Wednesday, May 22, by contacting Virginia Shaw by email at <u>aauwspeakermeeting@yahoo.com</u>. Please include your menu choice from the menu that is emailed along with this newsletter.

#### Great Decisions Group May 24

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

#### Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics, Friday, May 24, 2019

Please come to the home of Sandy Rogers. Her phone is (808)-662-8748. Be sure to confirm with Sandy that you will be 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. Take the LEFT at stop sign (which 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.

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

#### **AAUW Maui Branch Scholarship at UHMC**

An important purpose of the Maui Branch is to provide meaningful scholarships to students at the UH-Maui Campus.

One such scholarship is called the Harriet Haines Scholarship, named for Harriet Hobbs Haines. She was born in 1896 and graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 1918. She and her husband William Howard Haines raised three sons, all engineering graduates of Princeton. Son Frank Haines was a Honolulu architect, William "Bill" Haines was plantation manager for HC&S, Maui water director and assistant to the Maui County mayor, and third son Fred Haines owned a manufacturing plant in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.



Harriet and Willian moved to Kihei in 1956. Active in the community for 43 years, Harriet was a member of the Maui Women's Club, the Maui Historical Society, and she became a founding member in 1962, along with Dorothy Shriver, of the AAUW Maui Branch. When she died in 1999 at age 102, she was the oldest living graduate of the Bryn Mawr class of 1918, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was described by her friends as having been a "grand lady". Because of her many contributions to the community and to AAUW during her 37-year membership, a scholarship was established by the Maui Branch in her name.

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# Corporate and Individual Sponsors Sought for 2020 Whale Watch

The first Sunday in March is the traditional day for the Maui Branch Scholarship Fundraiser. The goal is to raise funds for three substantial scholarships for students at UH-Maui Campus. In the past years we have awarded \$2,000 each to three students, so to avoid dipping into reserve funds we must net at least \$6,000 per year. However, in the last two years we have netted about \$4,000 per year, even with every ticket sold.

To meet this challenge, the Board has approved the concept of corporate and individual sponsorships of the



Whale Watch Scholarship Fundraiser, on top of the ticket sales. A sponsorship plan is part of the fundraising toolbox used by many nonprofits on Maui. As a "thank you", the sponsors' logos will be displayed on our tickets, marketing materials and the Maui Branch website, and we will give them a "shout out" during the whale watch. The initial goal is relatively modest: to raise enough to cover the boat charter cost (last year, \$1,800). We already have one sponsor lined up! The Mama Kuleana sunscreen company has pledged \$350.

The Whale Watch committee needs the membership's help to locate additional sponsors. Only five more sponsors giving \$350 each will be more than enough to cover the charter's cost. Can you think of a local business that would help support our whale watch (lawyers, accountants, dentists, stores, restaurants)? We would also be delighted to receive support from individual donors, to whom we would also give recognition.

All sponsorship funds will support our UH-Maui Campus scholarships. The branch can provide donors a letter for tax purposes. If you recruit a sponsor, please contact either of the Whale Watch committee co-chairs, Terry Rosenstock or Pat Gotschalk. Also, mahalo nui loa to the members who worked hard to sell all the tickets for 2019!

> Oops — In the Whale Watch update in the April Newsletter, Linda Martin was identified as "Linda Evans." Your editors must have been channeling old episodes of Dynasty (younger members, please Google.) Thank you, Linda Martin for your invaluable assistance with the 2019 Whale Watch.

# **AAUW National News**

## AAUW Elections for Public Policy Priorities and the New Board of Directors:

You can participate in the direction of AAUW at the national level and meet the candidates for Board Chair, Vice-Chair and Board of Directors and review the Public Policy priorities by visiting the website for AAUW National Election – Vote 2019 at https://www.aauw.org/ resource/national-election/. The 3-week voting period ends on Tuesday, May 14. Cast your votes by utilizing the PIN number sent via email to you — or call the Connect contact at (800)-326-2289 to receive your PIN. You may also ask for a paper ballot. It doesn't take long to review the candidates and proposals, and you will learn much about the AAUW in the process.

**AAUW Washington Update:** Keeping up with what is happening at AAUW is easy if you subscribe to AAUW Washington Update online (go to <u>https://www.aauw.org/resource/washington-update/</u>. You will receive concise weekly information on current important topics including the top stories in public policy news, US House of Representatives and Senate Committee hearings and votes, resources, programming ideas and recent AAUW actions. For example, did you know that AAUW signed on to an amicus brief in *Commonwealth of Pennsylvania vs. Trump et al.*, a case that seeks to challenge the administration's rollback of contraceptive coverage under the US Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act?

**Virtual Convening:** In other national news, the AAUW National Convening Task Force for 2020 announced that there will not be a national convention or major convening in 2020. The AAUW will instead begin "Virtual Convening" through livestreams, webinars, social media chats and other communications. This will achieve the goal of bringing women together while ensuring that more members can participate (less than 1% of the national membership attended last two conventions) and to enable financial sustainability (both prior conventions experienced substantial deficits). If you have not done so, try out a webinar — they are educational, interactive and pertinent <u>https://www.aauw.org/event/</u> 2018/06/skill-training-webinars/. Copy and paste the following web address instead:

https://www.aauw.org/event/2018/06/skill-training-webinars/

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, cree, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

# Our Membership Mixer at Kahili Golf Course



Many thanks to Debbie Priest, Membership Chair, for helping to make the Membership Mixer a great success.



#### New Members (Left to Right):

Karen Dorrance, Maureen Van Denburgh, Leslee Matthews, Jill Uehara, Nancy Oldham. Not Pictured: Jesse Cooper, Jan Moore

#### May Birthdays

- May 5 Jessica Cooper
- May 5 Karen Grafe
- May 7 Kathleen Mumford
- May 15 Sara Green
- May 27 Janice Roberts-Sussman
- Ma<sub>7</sub> 29 Carol Hogard





Mahalo to our April speaker, Dr. Natalie Gates, Superintendent of Haleakala National Park.