

AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

Dates to Remember

Speaker Meeting

The Speaker Meeting will be held via Zoom on **Saturday, May 23, 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 3 for more details.

Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held **Sunday, June 14 at 1:00 p.m.** Location or online meeting to be determined later.

Other Events

Unfortunately, we are unable to schedule any social events in May, so Lunch Bunch, Tastes & Talk and the Book Group will not be happening. Stay tuned for June! Fingers crossed.

Maui Branch News

Virginia Shaw Honored

Maui Branch’s VP for Programs Virginia Shaw will be receiving the 2020 Kansas Wesleyan University Alumni Achievement Award for outstanding accomplishment in her chosen field. The award will be presented at Homecoming & Family Weekend on October 24, 2020 in Salina, Kansas.

Virginia received her B.A. (Magna cum laude) from Kansas Wesleyan University in 1973, her M.A. in clinical-community psychology from Wichita State University in 1975, and her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi (APA-approved) in 1984. Her predoctoral clinical psychology internship (APA-approved)



was at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. She also completed a postdoctoral fellowship in clinical neuropsychology at UCLA’s Neuropsychiatric Institute. She has 36 years’ experience as a Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Neuropsychologist and had 19 years as Branch Chief of the Maui Family Guidance Center, Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division, Department of Health, State of Hawaii. Now retired, Virginia is very active in the Maui community, volunteering her service for numerous organizations as well as AAUW.

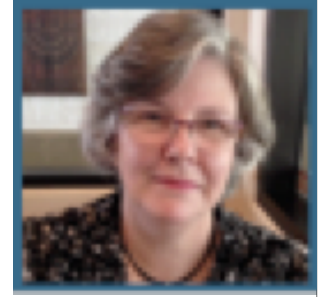
Please congratulate Virginia for this wonderful recognition of her talents and achievements.



President's Letter

Aloha,

In these uncertain times, I am reminded of Marie Curie (1867-1934), a French physicist and two-time winner of the Nobel Prize who was AAUW's 1920 research fellowship winner. She said "As I was taught the way of progress is neither swift nor easy." The way through this pandemic will be neither swift nor easy, but we can persevere and demonstrate courage in the days to come!



Our virtual Speaker Meeting was well attended April 25, with 20 members and 3 guests attending our own Dr. Debra Greene's very informative presentation about 5G technology. We also held our board meeting on Zoom on April 5. Both events afforded us opportunities to socialize and stay informed. The board has decided to continue the Zoom Speaker Meetings throughout the summer. We usually do not meet from June through August, except for board meetings, but Zoom meetings might be a bright spot during these trying times.

In addition to staying connected to one another locally, this might be a good time to explore our national and state initiatives. Our national website is in the process of being updated. Check it out at aauw.org. For example, you can "Explore the Issues" at <https://www.aauw.org/issues/>. You can discover where our Pass the Whale for AAUW Funds money goes by clicking on "AAUW Action Fund" at <https://www.aauwaction.org/>. Or, are you interested in becoming a Two-Minute Activist? <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>. As a reminder, the last date to vote in the national election is May 18. If you haven't voted in the AAUW National Election yet, here is the link: <https://ww2.aauw.org/omov2020/>.

The Hawaii State AAUW Board voted to dispense with state dues for FY 2020-2021, saving members \$10. The three major reasons are: (1) to help those who are struggling financially; (2) the State Convention in Hilo is being put on hold until at least Fall 2021 due to uncertainty; and (3) the NCCWSL student leadership conference in Washington, DC, has been canceled for this year. Thus, a dues reduction should not cripple the treasury.

On the branch level, the board kept our dues the same for FY 2020-2021 (\$16.00 per year) because we already have a provision in our Policies and Procedures to grant dispensation if someone is having financial difficulties. Just contact me or Pat Gotschalk in complete confidence for a dues adjustment should you wish to discuss this.

Be Safe,

Cathy

Speaker Meeting May 23

The next Speaker Meeting will be on **Saturday, May 23, on Zoom starting at 10:00 AM.**



Our speaker will be **Lorrin W. Pang, M.D., M.P.H., the Maui District Health Officer, Hawaii State Department of Health.** Born and raised in Honolulu, Dr. Pang is a 1971 graduate of Punahou School, and an Honors graduate from Princeton University with a Bachelors in Chemistry. He received an M.D. and Master in Public Health (M.P.H.) degree from Tulane University (New Orleans). He worked for 20 years with the U.S. Army's Walter Reed Overseas Research Laboratories, assigned to Bangkok, Rio de Janeiro and Geneva, developing drugs and diagnostics for tropical diseases. He was a consultant to the World Health Organization (WHO) from 1985-2005 for tropical diseases. Dr. Pang will provide an update on the COVID-19 pandemic on Maui and be available to answer questions.

To join the Zoom Meeting :

- **click on this on your computer or tablet:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82475242716?pwd=TXRJMXhRdlRdmwXQmQvWStkUFJvUTo9>

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+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown); +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago); +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

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Find your local number: [https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdaRFsvU2T](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82475242716?pwd=TXRJMXhRdlRdmwXQmQvWStkUFJvUTo9)

New Member Profiles

Thanks to some of our newest members for sharing!

Gerry McBroom and her husband, L.A. Bannowsky, have lived full-time on Maui for six years. Prior to that, she served in a variety of faculty and administrative positions at universities in New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, and Montana. The last 24 years of her professional career, Gerry was both a faculty member and a dean at Central New Mexico Community College. Her academic work includes a B.S. and an M.A. in English from Kent State University and a Ph. D. in teacher training, women's studies, and linguistics from Ohio State University. During her career, Gerry was active in many professional organizations. She was president of the National Association for Developmental Education, recently renamed the National Association for Student Success. Since her retirement, Gerry enjoys life with friends and family including three grandchildren who live on Maui.



Nadine (Nai`a) Newlight, a native New Yorker, started performing at age three. After her studies (CUNY Brooklyn, undergraduate; Pace U., graduate), she taught science, managed tri-lingual international tour groups, and helmed successful entrepreneurial ventures in fashion (Paris), performing (19 countries) food (Hong Kong) and academia (Maui). She took early retirement in 2008, and actively sought an avenue to utilize her many diverse talents for maximum beneficial effect. Drawing upon her many years of volunteer work as a political (Voter-owned Elections), environmental (Al Gore's Climate Project, GMO-free Maui) and women's (chair, Maui County Committee on the Status of Women) activist, she envisioned a global solution, which would offer a unified approach to the many problems that mark the current unsustainable trajectory of our civilization, eventually developing her seminal thesis, and the basis for her forthcoming book, "FEMALING OUR FUTURE: How to Restore Women's Voice." She is currently pursuing her doctorate in women's studies at U.H. Manoa.

New Member Profiles (continued)

Janice Tietz is a 4th generation Californian who graduated from UC Riverside with a BA in Geography and a Teaching Credential. She worked for Social Services before heading out to Edwards AFB in the Mojave Desert where she earned a BS in Computer Sciences and worked both as a data analyst and a systems analyst. Upon adopting a son, she went into teaching and taught for 29 years in grades 5 to 8, with 6th grade and 8th grade math her two favorite assignments. She also earned an MS in Educational Administration. After her husband Mike died in 2019, she retired from the Tehachapi Unified School District and came to Maui to teach for a year. She and her husband had been coming to Maui for 16 years and wanted to try full time living on Maui but after one semester at Kalama Intermediate she decided to retire again and enjoy what Maui had to offer, including the Pink Paddlers and of course, AAUW. She joined AAUW around 1978 for the intellectual stimulation and in Tehachapi she served AAUW as newspaper editor, treasurer, and President. She plans to split her time between Tehachapi and Maui.



Chris Wooding attended Radcliffe on the Five-Year Plan, graduating in 1967. She worked at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution as a technician for 37 years (during which time she had 41 bosses). She and her late husband gradually moved to Maui, becoming full-time in 2010. Chris is a Master Gardener.



New Member Profiles (continued)

Debby Harding Takahashi has lived on Maui since 1968. While teaching at Glens Falls, NY Junior High for five years, she was vice president of the Adirondack branch of AAUW. She then taught at Baldwin High School for 40 years. While there, she was the Site Planner for Sue Loudon's Performing Arts Learning Center. She also was a member of the Academy of Travel and Tourism. After retiring in 2001, she taught at Maui Community College for four semesters. For 14 years, she was the treasurer of the Hawaii State Teachers -Retired. Currently she is treasurer of the Gamma chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society. She volunteers for AARP tax preparation at Kaunoa Senior Center and for Cup of Cold Water, an outreach of the Episcopal Church. Kaunoa is her "fun" place where she dances (tap and jazz and hula), exercises, sews, and plays mah jongg. Bob and she celebrated their 50th anniversary last year. They are parents of two sons, Barry and Geoff, and grandparents of Tyton, Shaye, Taylor Rose , and Jordyn Lily.



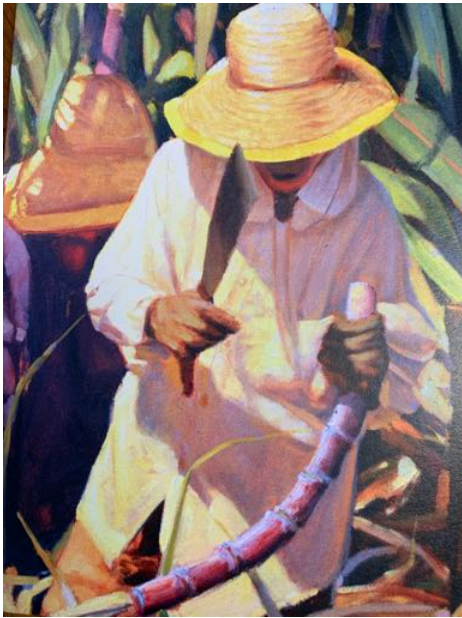
Membership Season is Upon Us

The AAUW 2020-2021 fiscal year starts on July 1. This year the Hawaii state branch is waiving membership dues, so annual dues to the National and Maui branch will cost only \$75.00.

Each member will be receiving a personalized email from AAUW with a link for renewing online. If you would rather have the branch Finance Officer handle the renewal, please mail a check to AAUW-Maui Branch, PO Box 1352, Pu'unene HI 96784. The check should be made out to AAUW-Maui. If you have questions please contact Pat Gotschalk at pagotschalk@gmail.com or 808-868-0418. Mahalo!

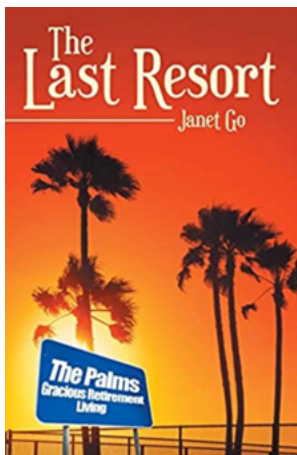
In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

Thank You Note from UH Foundation



April 2020
Dear Members of our
esteemed AAUW on Maui,
Makalo for your hard work
and generosity in supporting
Maui's students. This
year these 3 scholarships
are especially meaningful
as so many students - and
their households - have lost
their jobs. Thank you for
being a part of The
solution on Maui.
Aloha no,
Jouly
UH Foundation
Maui Nui

Congratulations to Janet Go



We have so many talented members in our midst. Maui Branch Historian and prolific author Janet Go's new book ***The Last Resort*** is now available. It's a sequel to *Menu For Murder* — another spoof of retirement living. In the new book, the narrator Grace and her Clue Crew of three friends help a Hawaiian police detective solve six mysterious deaths among the residents. One review on Amazon suggested that Janet should write an autobiography!

Janet's book is available on xlibris.com and amazon.com.

Et Cetera



Alumni Achievement Award
 Winner Virginia Shaw
 “Back in the Day”



May Birthdays

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| <i>Karen Grafe</i> | <i>May 5</i> |
| <i>Kathleen Mumford</i> | <i>May 7</i> |
| <i>Sara Green</i> | <i>May 15</i> |
| <i>Jesse Cooper</i> | <i>May 19</i> |
| <i>Carol Hogard</i> | <i>May 29</i> |

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