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## AAUW MAUI BRANCH

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## Introducing AAUW's New CEO, Kimberly Churches



Kimberly Churches

AAUW is excited to announce that Kimberly Churches will be our chief executive officer starting June 1, 2017. Kimberly comes to AAUW from the **Brookings Institution**, where she strategically guided the public policy organization, providing vision and problem-solving skills, expansive partnerships and external relations, and fundraising as the managing director. Before joining Brookings, Kimberly was an associate vice chancellor at the University of Denver, a director of development at the University of North Florida, and a division director at the American Heart Association. She has extensive experience working collaboratively on education (K-12 and higher education) as well as capacity building among grassroots groups and national and international nonprofits. Churches earned her BA at Florida State University in English Education and the Certified Fund Raising Executive affiliation in 2002.

**VOTE IN THE AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION. UNTIL JUNE 15TH.**

**TO VOTE IN THE NATIONAL ELECTION:** If your membership is current, just log on to <http://www.aauw.org/resource/nationalelection/>. You may need you 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.

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 above your photo on the AAUW Maui Directory. Please refer to the AAUW Maui Branch May Newsletter for detailed instructions on renewing your membership.



**AAUW MAUI BRANCH NEWS AND EVENTS:**

*Co-Presidents' Message: Janet Walker and Martha Dean*

We're almost at the close of our Fiscal Year 2017; elections for our branch officers have been held, and they were duly installed on May 27. In addition to the elected officers, the new and continuing committee appointees were announced. On May 2 at the UHCC Campus our four scholarship recipients were announced. A write-up on each of them is elsewhere in this newsletter.

We tend to focus on local branch organization and activities, but we also need to actively participate in the elections at the national level of AAUW. As of June 1, AAUW has a new CEO. Kimberly Churches, (see page one) who was previously an executive with the Brookings Institute and a former Univ. of Denver Associate Vice-Chancellor.

She is highly qualified to lead AAUW. The new board will support Kimberly as she takes the helm of our organization. You may select 10 of the 13 candidates running for the Board; however, just as with any ballot, you may select only a few or even only one if you wish, and still have a valid ballot. The current members have all been successful and productive and will bring their proven experience and focus back to the Board. Online voting ends June 15 at 9 pm. Election results will be announced online and at the convention on June 16.

Have a wonderful summer, everyone wherever you may be. Mahalo to everyone for a great year! Janet and Martha

### AAUW SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

Thanks to members who donated to our Scholarship Fund, and to all those who attended the Whale Watch in March, AAUW Maui Branch was again able to assist worthy young women to complete their education at University of Hawaii Maui College. At a recent ceremony, our oldest member, Cornelia Spanier, presented a \$2000 scholarship to Marnie Meuser, who is completing her sophomore year in accounting. Marnie works as a Student Pathways Intern at the Maui National Wildlife Refuge at Kealia Pond for the Department of US Fish and Wildlife. She provides administrative support, working with staff and volunteers to educate visitors about the conservation efforts at the refuge, to promote outreach programs for school children and in collaboration with other conservation agencies. Her main focus however, is managing the budget and facilitating contracts for work on the Pacific Remote Island Marine National Monuments, including the recently expanded Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. These contracts include important work for the studies of coral reefs and the effect of climate change. Marnie has a long-time interest in research and ocean sustainability. She maintains a 4.0 GPA. Her degree will prepare her for advancement at Kealia. Marnie is also a dancer; you may have seen her in “Spamalot.

The recipient of the \$2000 Dorothy Shimer Scholarship is Lingli Arakaki who is pursuing her AA degree in Liberal Arts. She had outstanding recommendations for this scholarship from her current instructors. Lingli expects to graduate in the Spring of 2018, and will then transfer into the Bachelor of Applied Science in Sustainable Sciences Management program. Her primary interests and career goals center around environmental protection, pollution control and renewable energy. Lingli is a first generation immigrant from China, with a husband and young child. She is also a dancer with an interest in the arts.



### **AAUW Maui Branch Scholarships 2017**

*from left: co-president Janet Walker, Cornelia Spanier, Marnie Meuser, Anna Comly, members Janet Go and Dorothy Tolliver.  
Photo by Marnie Meuser*

Our \$2000 Heritage Scholarship is named this year for long-time AAUW member and art patron Leslie Granat, who died in December of 2016. The scholarship recipient is Anna Comly. Anna is studying fashion technology and design with a focus on the environment. She wants to utilize our native soil to grow hemp and bamboo, in order to incorporate these materials in her designs. Anna comes from a family of musicians and writes and performs music. Her Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Business and Information Technology will support her goals; to create and manage businesses involving art and design and to assist others in doing so. Anna currently works at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center. Leslie was a great patron of the arts, and we're sure she would have been proud to see Anna receive this scholarship in her name.

The recipient of the 2000 Harriet Haines Scholarship will be announced soon. It will be awarded to a student who will continue her education at University of Hawaii Maui College.

**BOOK CLUB:** No information on the June meeting of the book group was available at press time. The group usually meets on the first Saturday of the month at the home of a member. We hope that group members can share any information they have on the title of the book, and place of the meeting prior to June 3rd. ”

**GREAT DECISIONS :** This group will next meet on June 2 at noon, at Sandi Rogers's house at Opukea D101. The topic is South China Sea. PLEASE RSVP to Mihaela Stoops [mihaela\\_stoops@hotmail.com](mailto:mihaela_stoops@hotmail.com) or at (808) 357-4000. Please contact Mihaela with your questions or for a copy of the Great Decisions book - the price is \$26. Please bring your lunch and be ready for an interesting discussion

**SPEAKER & MEMBERSHIP MEETING: There will be no Speaker meetings in June or July**

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**LUNCH BUNCH: WEDNESDAY JUNE 14TH AT NOON:** Lunch Bunch will meet at Rock 'n Brews located at 120 Hana Highway, in, Paia. Please RSVP to Sara Green at [aaowlunchbunch@gmail.com](mailto:aaowlunchbunch@gmail.com) or 907-350-4700 with Lunch Bunch in the subject line .Please RSVP and preorder with your menu choice by Saturday, June 10th. There will be FREE soft drinks & ice tea included with your lunch purchase. Please see the menu attached to this e-mail.

**AAUW T-SHIRT ORDERS:** **Our T-shirts are still available!** They are light blue and made with a 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. Buy yours at branch get-togethers or you may order yours from Janet Walker at (808) 874-9435 or [bjpwalker@comcast.net](mailto:bjpwalker@comcast.net).

PLEASE NOTE: AS JILLIAN IS MOVING AT THE END OF JUNE, SANDI BOLL HAS OFFERED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE JULY NEWS-LETTER. PLEASE SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION AND NOTICES BEFORE JUNE 20TH TO [bolld001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:bolld001@hawaii.rr.com)



