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# AAUW MAUI BRANCH

## NEWSLETTER - July 2016



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*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.*



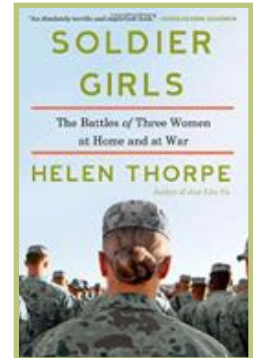
### ~ AAUW News & Information ~

#### **AAUW NATIONAL BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB - ¡ADELANTE!**

The July book of the month selection is titled “Soldier Girls” by Helen Thorpe.

*A sizable percentage of American soldiers sent overseas since 2001 have been women. Surrounded and far outnumbered by men, embedded in a male culture, looked upon as both alien and desirable, women soldiers have a decidedly different experience. In Soldier Girls, Helen Thorpe follows the lives of three women over 12 years on their paths to the military, overseas to combat, and back home. These women, who are quite different in every way, become friends. We*

*see their families, their lovers, their spouses, their children. We see them work extremely hard, deal with the attentions of men on base and in war zones, and struggle to stay connected to their families back home. We see some of them drink too much, have illicit affairs, and react to the deaths of fellow soldiers. And we see what happens when one of them survives driving a truck into an explosive device. Carefully reported, beautifully written, and powerfully moving, Soldier Girls is a groundbreaking work.*



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)

#### **AAUW PUBLIC POLICY**

AAUW Public Policy establishes our organization’s federal action priorities, as well as guidelines for state and local action, and is updated and adopted every two years by AAUW’s One Member One Vote process.

AAUW members are encouraged to propose and discuss revisions to the AAUW Public Policy Program (PPP). <http://www.aauw.org/resource/principles-and-priorities/> Please email your comments to [advocacy@auw.org](mailto:advocacy@auw.org)

by **July 25**. The criteria AAUW uses for all our public policy priorities: they must be based on viability, critical need, strong member support, and potential for distinctive AAUW contribution.



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



Many times we are astounded at the results of what seem to be very small and inconsequential actions. Let's call it the You Just Never Know phenomenon. Here are some examples from our last one and a half years serving as your co-presidents. Maybe you can think of some others that have occurred in our Maui branch.

You just never know when you sign up for a project or an office what other challenges will come your way. A couple of years ago two members signed up to be Vice President Program and Vice President Membership respectively. Now they are co-presidents.

You just never know when a lovely, quiet spoken lady attends a membership recruitment event in Kapalua about three years ago, joins our branch and becomes one of our most ardent supporters.

You just never know when a member spots something about Equal Pay Day on the AAUW web site and soon we are actively supporting county clerical workers in their effort for at least equal pay with county laborers.

You just never know when a friend of one of our members is inspired to donate \$500 to our branch. It will be used to fund the development and maintenance of our web site.

You just never know when a speaker inspires us to action. At their last meeting the board voted to participate in the Maui Walk to End Alzheimer's instead of having a speaker on September 24.

You just never know what will develop when we continue to do the small and not-so-small things; attend the regular ordinary events and enjoy even the most casual personal contact.

On July 4 we will celebrate the beginning of the formation of the United States by a small group of rebels. It took fourteen years and a war until the first president was inaugurated but they endured and accomplished their declared independence. You just never know!



**Happy Fourth of July everyone.**

**Janet and Martha**



**BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club will not be meeting in July and August, but will resume in September. Please start organizing a list of possible book choices for the 2016-2017 meetings.

**LUNCH BUNCH**

Date: **Tuesday, July 12**

Time: **12:00 Noon**

Location: **Fabiani's Pizza, Pasta, & Bakery**

Address: 95 E. Lipoa Street, Kihei - <http://www.fabianis.com/locations/>

Menu: <http://www.fabianis.com/lunch/> 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**. Please RSVP by noon on **Sunday, July 10**.

Join us for a grand 101st birthday celebration in honor of Cornelia Spanier. Shh! Please keep the secret!



**GREAT DECISIONS**

Date: **Friday, August 19**

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

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

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

Discussion: Korean Choices

*At the end of World War II, Korea was divided. The northern half of the Korean peninsula was occupied by the Soviet Union, the southern by the United States. Today, North and South Korea couldn't be further apart. The North is underdeveloped, impoverished and ruled by a corrupt, authoritarian regime, while the South advanced rapidly to become one of the most developed countries in the world. With such a wide gap, some are asking if unification is possible, even desirable, anymore?*



**MAUI THREE MILE WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S**

Date: **Saturday, September 24**

Time: **7:00 am** Registration, 8:00 am Ceremony, 8:15 Walk

Location: **Boys & Girls Club** - Central Clubhouse / Keopuolani Park, Kahului

Register: [http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2016/HI-Aloha?fr\\_id=8935&pg=entry](http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2016/HI-Aloha?fr_id=8935&pg=entry)

In place of a September Speaker Meeting, AAUW members are encouraged to participate or support a team or member in the walk to end Alzheimer's. Please consider helping in this effort to advance Alzheimer's patient care and research.



**AAUW Dates to Remember**

July 12 - Lunch Bunch  
July 24 - Public Policy Input Deadline  
August 19 - Great Decisions  
September 24 - Alzheimer's Walk

**July Birthdays**

- July 14 - Illa Todd
- July 15 - Jane Litt
- July 19 - Cathy Weber
- July 23 - Janet Go
- July 26 - Cornelia Spanier
- July 30 - Wilika Asimont
- July 30 - Susan Bradford



\* Events are open to all AAUW members and guests.



**IN MEMORY OF COLLEEN STARMER**  
Colleen Starmer was a strong supporter of AAUW's mission and was very active in our Maui Branch for many years. Colleen will be greatly missed by our AAUW members. You may want to consider making a special contribution in memory of Colleen to either our [Branch Scholarship Funds](#) or to [National AAUW Funds](#).

**Mail Maui Branch Scholarship Funds to:**

**Ron Bergman**

**47 Nohoana Place, Wailuku HI 96793**

**(Checks payable to "AAUW Maui Branch")**

**Mail AAUW Funds to:**

**Suzanne Young**

**670 Lea Place, Makawao, HI 96768**

**(Checks payable to "AAUW Funds")**



**May AAUW Speaker Meeting**

Speaker Lynsey Capone-Smith,  
Alzheimer's Association  
Aloha Chapter

Mission: Alzheimer's disease research; to support all affected; and to reduce risk through promotion of brain health.

[www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)

**WELCOME**  
*new members*



**New Member!**  
**Pat Gotschalk**



**New Member!**  
**Anne Jenny**

**Please submit newsletter notices by July 20th to: SANDRA BOLL**  
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