

AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

Dates to Remember

Board Meeting

The Maui Branch board meeting is **Sunday, July 14, at 1:00 p.m.** at Cathy Thompson's house in Kahului. All members are welcome to attend. For directions, see page 3 of the newsletter.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will be on **Tuesday, July 9 at noon** at Three's Bar and Grill in Kihei. See page 4 of the newsletter for more information.

Speaker Meeting

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 28** when we will start our programs for 2019-2020.



Maui Branch News

Aloha to the AAUW-Honolulu Chair

Several members of the Maui Branch were delighted to have the opportunity to meet with Joanna Amberger, the Chair of the Board of Directors of AAUW Honolulu, on June 28. Joanna was in town to make a presentation for AARP on Maui. She is the founder of 3 Financial Group, an independent financial services firm, which was designed to create a space for professional women to develop lifetime financial plans. She has served on the board of the national AAUW, and currently serves on the board of Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and Hawaiian Islands.

There was a lively discussion over lunch at the Mill House in Waikapu about the strategic goals of AAUW.

We also learned that Joanna is a fine art photographer who has had her work exhibited in group and solo shows.



Joanna Amberger, right, meets with members of the Maui Branch

Who is Dorothy Shimer?

Every year the Maui Branch funds a generous scholarship through the University of Hawaii Maui College, named in honor of Dorothy Shimer. Many of us are unaware that Dorothy Shimer is the founder of the AAUW-Maui Branch. Here's some information about this remarkable woman.

Dorothy Blair Shimer earned an AB from Skidmore College, a Master's degree in English and American Literature from Middlebury College, and did graduate study at Columbia, UH and Oxford. At Marietta College (Ohio), she was Dean of Women. She and her husband Dr. William Shimer moved to the islands in 1947 when he became a Professor of Philosophy at UH Manoa. Dorothy and her husband headed an international organization called World Brotherhood and traveled and lived in Asia. Later moving to Maui, they both joined the staff at Maunaloa Community College. Her position was Associate Professor of World and Asian Literature. In 1962 she brought together a group of 45 Maui women to found the Maui Branch of the AAUW, with the purpose of promoting equality and education for girls and women. She was branch president in 1962-63 and again in 1965-66. She became president of AAUW Hawaii in 1967. The following year while teaching at Maunaloa as Associate Professor of English, her first book "The Anthology of Modern Asian Literature" was published. Dorothy Shimer is listed in "Who's Who in American Education" and "Who's Who of American Women". The scholarship named for her was established by the AAUW Maui Branch in 1994.



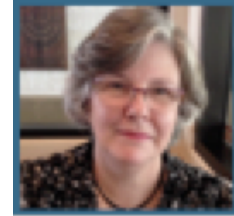
Historical note: Maunaolu College was founded in 1861 by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions as Maunaolu Seminary, teaching Hawaiian girls of grade school age. In 1900 after a fire, Henry Baldwin built the new large building at Sunnyside in Upper Paia. The last commencement was in June 1942. The school was used as a military hospital during WWII. It was reopened in 1950 as Maunaolu Community College, a co-educational junior college run by the Hawaiian Evangelical Association of Congregational Christian Churches, offering the last two years of high school and first two years of college. A four-year college curriculum was developed in 1969 when the school became Maunaolu College (sometimes written Mauna'ola College). In 1971 it merged with the United States International University and later was taken over by the County of Maui. The school it is no longer in existence. The building and surrounding land today is used as a treatment center for Maui youth.

Source: Maui News Hawaiian Mission Sesquicentennial Edition, "From Girls Seminary to Four Year College", April 11, 1970. Thanks to Janet Walker for the research on this article.

President's Letter

Aloha! Welcome to our new AAUW Maui Branch Year – 2019-2020.

As you probably are aware, we suspend many of our activities from June through August. Lunch Bunch is still active, and periodically we have an activity. For example, on June 28 we had a delightful lunch at The Mill House with Joanna Amberger, President of the Honolulu Branch, and a former National Board Member. She shared how and what her branch is doing, and let us know what National AAUW is concentrating on accomplishing.



Our next big project is planning for 2019-2020. We will have a Board Meeting on Sunday, July 14, at 1:00 p.m. at my house to develop our plan for 2019-2020. My address is 22 Huluhulu Place in Kahului.

All our Board Meetings (except Executive Board Meetings) are open to all members, and we invite your participation.

The first draft of the Agenda is sent in the email along with this newsletter. If you would like to add something to the Agenda, please contact me at 808 268-1232 or by email at cathyt808@gmail.com. If you are able to attend the Board Meeting please let me know.

Please note that we are still short on members to lead in several areas, as well as committee members to help with the general flow of the organization. Where can you step up and help us thrive?

Looking forward to another great year with you,

Cathy



*Images of
our beautiful Maui.*



Lunch Bunch July 9

Lunch Bunch will be held on **Tuesday, July 9, at noon** at Three's Bar and Grill in Kihei. The address is Kihei Kalama Village, 1945 S. Kihei Road, Suite G, Kihei, HI 96753. We will get Kamaaina rates. The reservation is under AAUW Lunch Bunch, Cathy Thompson.



Please RSVP by noon on Monday, July 8 to Cathy Thompson at aauwlunchbunch@gmail.com 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 808-879-3133 to avoid a charge for a prepared meal. If you need a ride, contact Cathy Thompson.

The menu can be viewed at <https://threesbarandgrill.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/threes-lunch-dec-2018.pdf>

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

Celebration of Hawaiian Culture Workshop Opportunity for AAUW Maui Members



Halau Hula I Kona Maui Lima is offering to hold a workshop for up to eight AAUW Maui members to learn the art of lei making and coconut frond weaving.

The cost is \$35 per person. The date is flexible. A Saturday for 2 hours is the best time. If more than eight members are interested, we can schedule more than one workshop. This is a fundraiser for the hula halau. Perhaps it is also an opportunity for AAUW to recruit some new

members from the halau? We need four members to commit in order to reserve a date. One possible date is Saturday, July 20. Please email Pat Gotschalk at pagotschalk@gmail.com if you are interested in participating. Mahalo nui loa.

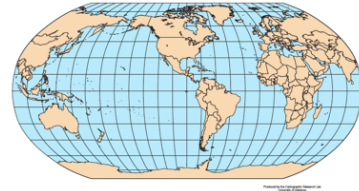


Great Decisions Group July 26

Join the discussion on international affairs topics of the day!

Decoding US-China Trade Chapter 5

Friday, July 26, 2019, at 12:00 noon, at the home of Sandy Rogers. Please supply your own lunch and bring something to share.



Help your hostesses by confirming that you are attending the meeting. Contact Sandy at (808)662-8748. They make it look easy....it's not!

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 the top 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 building with tables and chairs, and lattice screen doors.

Great Decisions is not an official AAUW Maui Branch group, but members who are interested in international affairs are welcome to attend.

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!



Public Policy Update

Hirono, Matsui Reintroduce Bicameral Legislation to Promote Title IX, Gender Equity in Education

Senator Mazie Hirono and Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-Calif.) reintroduced legislation on June 25 to provide more resources, training and technical assistance to address discrimination in education throughout the U.S. The Patsy T. Mink and Louise M. Slaughter Gender Equity in Education Act would provide these resources through Title IX. “Patsy Mink and Louise Slaughter were fierce advocates for strengthening educational opportunities for all Americans, regardless of their gender,” Senator Hirono said. “Since the enactment of Title IX in 1972, their support has reaffirmed the fundamental principal that sex-based discrimination has no place in our nation’s schools; they broke down barriers, opened countless doors for women and girls, and created safer learning environments for all students. This legislation builds on their important legacy and provides more resources needed to address bias and discrimination in schools, further advancing Title IX’s important mandate.”

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.

Membership Dues for 2019-2020

Just a friendly reminder that the new fiscal year starts July 1, 2019 and annual membership dues should be paid before then. However, it’s not too late. The national, state and local dues are \$85. You can log into your account at aauw.org and pay online, or if you prefer you can send a check our branch Finance Officer, Pat Gotschalk, and she will process your membership. Send your check made out to AAUW-Maui Branch to Pat at 1391 Ho’olako Street, Wailuku HI 96793. If you have any questions, please call Pat at 808-868-0418 or email pagotschalk@gmail.com. Mahalo!

Et Cetera



For a donation of \$20, you will receive an official Maui Branch T-Shirt. Contact Debbie Priest at dpriest29@gmail.com.



July Birthdays

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| <i>July 14</i> | <i>Illa Todd</i> |
| <i>July 15</i> | <i>Rebecca Jane Chenoweth</i> |
| <i>July 15</i> | <i>Jane Litt</i> |
| <i>July 19</i> | <i>Pam Schulz</i> |
| <i>July 23</i> | <i>Janet Go</i> |
| <i>July 30</i> | <i>Wilika Asimont</i> |

REMINDERThe Maui Branch is recruiting a new Lunch Bunch coordinator. 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. The coordinator does not need to attend every month if that is an issue. Please send a note to aauwlunchbunch@gmail.com if you are interested in taking this on or would like more information. Mahalo!

Your newsletter editors are Pat Gotschalk and Barry Solomon. Questions, comments or suggestions for context may be sent to pagotschalk@gmail.com or call 808-868-0418.