AAUW MAUI BRANCH

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Dates to Remember

Maui Branch News

Tastes & Talk

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Lunch Bunch

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Speaker Meeting

Mark your calendar for **Saturday**, **September 28** when we will start our Speaker Meetings for 2019-2020 at Moose McGillycuddy's in Kihei. **Social time before the meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. The business meeting starts at 10:30 a.m.**, followed by a program and then lunch.

Maui Branch Website Upgrade Underway

Marty-Jean Bender is taking the lead on updating and upgrading the Maui Branch website. We are looking forward to the launch when it's scheduled.

All members can be a big help in this project. If you have photos of past Branch activities, meetings, or fun events that would be a good representation of our chapter to the world, please send them to Marty-Jean at mijb@unforgettable.com.

Please include the names of anyone in the picture, as well as the date (can be approximate), location and event name. Keep the website in mind in the future, too. If you take some good photos, send them to Marty-Jean to keep the website fresh. Mahalo for the help!

New Permanent Branch Mailing Address

For convenience and continuity, instead of using an officer's or committee chair's home address for Branch correspondence we now have a permanent mailing address.

The address is PO Box 1352, Pu'unene HI 96784. Please address all correspondence to AAUW Maui Branch. The branch Finance Officer will be responsible for picking up and distributing the mail.



President's Letter

Aloha,

Welcome to all new and returning members! We are so lucky to have such an active and productive board. We met on July 14 to work on the coming year, and we made great progress. We still have some planning to do and some details to work out, but we made a great start!



Our current meeting days and times will remain constant with one exception. For **Speaker Meetings**, we have added a social half-hour before the meeting to allow more kibitzing and to help keep our meetings on schedule. So, instead of beginning at 10:30 a.m. we will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the 4th Saturday of the month at Moose McGillycuddy's in Kihei. The agenda will be: 10:00 a.m. Social Half-hour, 10:30 a.m. Business Meeting, 11:00 a.m. Speaker, and 12 noon Lunch. Speaker Meetings are scheduled for September 28, October 26, November 23, January 25, February 22, March 28, April 25 (Annual Meeting, too), and May 23.

Book Club, chaired by Dorothy Tolliver, will continue to meet in members' homes on the 1st Saturday of the month at 12 noon. Books vary from fiction to non-fiction, and the discussions are lively and informed. Attendees are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. The next meeting will be Saturday, September 7. The book is announced on page five of this Newsletter, if you want to get a head start!

Lunch Bunch will continue through September, but we are awaiting a volunteer to be the new chair. It meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 12 noon, and we explore various types of restaurants located throughout Maui. Guests and significant others are welcome. The chair arranges the date with the restaurants, takes the orders, and turns in the selections to the restaurant. If we don't get a new chair soon, this fun way to socialize and enjoy varied cuisine may be discontinued!

Great Decisions, an unofficial AAUW Interest Group, will continue. Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The briefing book is published by the Foreign Policy Association and highlights eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans today. The group meets at 12 noon, eight times a year, and meeting dates, times, and places are published in this Newsletter.

Our holiday party will be in December, tentatively on Sunday, December 8.

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President's Letter, continued....

Three new interest groups are getting started soon.

Tastes & Talk is a new opportunity to explore a variety of local cuisines at different restaurants for dinner and interesting conversation. Guests and significant others are welcome. Heather Mueller agreed to chair the group, which will probably meet quarterly. The first event will be held on Thursday, August 15 at Kula Bistro at 5:30 p.m. See page 4 in this Newsletter for more information.

Bottles and Bites will meet for sunset at a park or beach to enjoy food and fellowship – quarterly at first. Bring your own "bottle" (beverage of your choice, wine, beer, tea, etc.) and a "bite" (finger-food appetizer) to share. Guests and significant others are welcome. Our coordinator had a medical emergency so the plan to meet at the beach in September next to the 5 Palms has been postponed unless someone else is willing to jump in.

Stepping Out (formerly Movie Night) is another new monthly gathering to enjoy Maui's performing arts, including movies, plays, and concerts. Guests and significant others are welcome. Dorothy Tolliver and Terry Rosenstock agreed to chair the group, with Marty-Jean Bender assisting with reservations. No event is planned yet, but we are shooting to start this fall.

We still need committee chairs for Social Media, and for Diversity and Inclusion. The Social Media Chair would help us get established on Facebook and other social media, and the Diversity and Inclusion Chair would work with Vice President for Programs, Virginia Shaw, and myself to diversify our programs and events.

Plus, we need committee members for Membership and Programs – do you want to jump in and test the waters?

Looking forward to a great year,

Cathy

Lunch Bunch August 13

Lunch Bunch will be held on **Tuesday, August 13, at noon** at Sunsets Bar & Grill, located at the Maui Nui Golf Club, 470 Lipoa Parkway, Kihei. We will get the kama'aina discount and free iced tea.

The menu can be viewed at https://sunsetsbarandgrill.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Sunsets-Menu-November-2018.pdf.



Please RSVP by noon on Monday, August 12, 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) 633-4220 to avoid a charge for a prepared meal. If you need a ride, contact Cathy Thompson.

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

Tastes & Talk Dinner August 15 **NEW**

The Branch is initiating a new dinner event called "Taste & Talk." The first festive evening will be held on **Thursday, August 15, at 5:30 p.m.** at the Kula Bistro, 4566 Lower Kula Road, in Kula.

Meet at the Kula Bistro at 5:30 p.m. sharp! You do not have to pre-order a meal, but BYOB. The menu and directions to the restaurant can be found on the website www.kulabistro.com.



Car pooling is encouraged as parking can be limited.

Please send RSVPs directly to Heather Mueller ASAP but no later than Monday, August 12. Her email is heathermaymueller@yahoo.com and her phone numbers are (808) 430-0120 (cell) or (808) 446-3545 (landline).

Book Group September 7

There will be no Book Group in August, but get ready for September's read!

Lincoln in the Bardo, by George Saunders.

How do we live and love when we know that everything we love must end? It is February, 1862 and 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 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.

The meeting will be at the home of Dorothy Tolliver, 705 Pio Drive, Wailuku, on Saturday, September 7, starting at 12 noon. Brown bag lunch optional. For more information, contact Dorothy Tolliver at <u>2425047@gmail.com</u>.

Great Decisions Group August 23

Join the discussion on international affairs topics of the day!

The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested Chapter 7

Friday, Aug 23, 2019, at the home of Sandy Rogers. 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.

Public Policy Update

'Equal Pay' Chant Erupts After USA Wins World Cup

From AAUW "In the Statehouse* July 17, 2019:

The U.S. Women's National Soccer Team captivated the country's attention with their prowess in the World Cup. But the conversation around this group of athletes extended beyond the playing field and into their pocketbooks as the players called out their unequal paychecks.



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Earlier this year, members of the team brought their case to court alleging discrimination in pay and treatment by their employer, the U.S. Soccer Federation. Currently the two sides are engaging in mediation to seek a resolution. As this case winds its way through the judicial process, efforts to close holes and strengthen existing law continue at the state and federal levels. Seizing on the team's ticker tape parade celebration in New York City, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D) signed two state pay equity bills into law.

AAUW applauds the team and hopes their courage will inspire more policymakers to embrace legislative change for equal pay.

Kate Nielson State Policy Counsel

> 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.

Welcome To Our Newest Members!

We look forward to getting to know these new members and tapping into their expertise and energy.

Clockwise from the top: Karen Dorrance, Leslee Matthews, Jill Uehara, Maureen Van Denburgh, Nancy Oldham, Jan Moore.

Not photographed: Jessica Cooper, Karin Olson and Natalie Gates.



Et Cetera



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



August Birthdays		
Aug 13	Marilyn Lytle	
Aug 22	Sandi Boll	
Aug 25	Adah Askew	
Aug 26	Charlotte Smith	
Aug 28	Bonnie King	
Aug 28	Marsha Palmer	
Aug 29	Jana Hayden	

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