

# AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

## Maui Branch News

### Dates to Remember

#### Speaker Meeting

**Saturday, August 22**, online using Zoom. **Social time at 10:00 a.m., business meeting at 10:30 a.m., followed by a program at 11:00 a.m.** See page 3 of the newsletter.

#### Book Group

**Saturday, August 1, at noon**, online using Zoom. See page 4 of the newsletter.

#### Lunch Bunch

**Tuesday, August 11, at 11:30 a.m.**, at Lava Rock and Grill in Kihei. See page 5 of the newsletter.

#### Holiday Party

Save the Date! Sunday, **December 13, from 2 to 4 p.m., in Wailuku.** Details to follow in later newsletters.



### Maui Branch Officers



Cathy Thompson, President



Virginia Shaw, Vice President for Programs



Debbie Priest, Vice President for Membership



Pam Schulz, Secretary



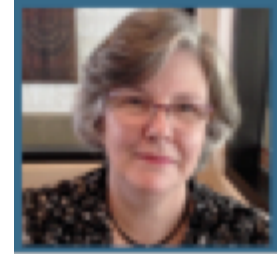
Pat Gotschalk, Finance Officer

## President's Message

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Aloha

As we move onward into this year for AAUW Maui Branch, we are facing both known and unknown challenges – from hurricanes to pandemics! The Board met via Zoom on July 12, and began planning for the year. The Board recognizes that physical distancing and quarantining will impact our usual activities, including our branch meetings and fundraising. The Board is working on ways to hold as many events as possible online (mostly via Zoom) to maintain branch continuity and continue to provide experiences for our members. Our Zoom Book Club meeting in July was quite successful, and the Zoom Speaker Meetings have been wonderful! (I am still singing from Saturday's meeting with Mike Finkiewicz.) We will continue both in August. While it is safe, a few members are trying Lunch Bunch out following state and county guidelines. The Tastes & Talk interest group will be on hold until further notice.



We will also put fundraising for our scholarships on hold until we have a better picture of what Spring 2021 will look like. Meanwhile, if you have any fundraising ideas, don't hesitate to contact Terry Rosenstock or me with suggestions! We will discuss fundraising again at the October Board meeting, which will be open to all members.

Sadly, our suffrage celebration has also been put on hold. If you have any suggestions, please speak up!

If you have not renewed your membership yet, you can contact Debbie Priest, our Membership Vice President, at [debbie@roselaniplace.com](mailto:debbie@roselaniplace.com), or Pat Gotschalk, our Finance Officer, at [pagotschalk@gmail.com](mailto:pagotschalk@gmail.com), for more information about renewing online or mailing a check.

Remember to mail your Primary Election ballot at least 5 days before it is due. Sooner is better.

Life is different now, but I am still very excited about AAUW Maui. I have been using this time to learn more about women in history and the suffrage movement as well developing other interests related to our AAUW mission and issues. I hope that we can meet together in person soon for our speaker meetings and our interest groups, but meanwhile please join us in our Zoom get togethers!

Aloha,

Cathy

## Speaker Meeting August 22

The August Speaker Meeting will be held on **Saturday, August 22, via Zoom. There will be a social half-hour starting at 10 a.m., then the business meeting at 10:30 a.m. followed by our speaker.** The Zoom log-in information will be emailed to members by Cathy Thompson prior to the meeting.

Our speaker will be **Robert Martin** (Linda Martin's husband.) Robert will be giving a presentation on *Stamp Collecting: Famous U.S. Women*, and will discuss distinguished women on U.S. stamps, including women involved with the passage of the 19th Amendment.

Robert began collecting stamps as a child, and now has been collecting for over 62 years. He has a near-complete collection of all major variety U.S. stamps and the world's largest collection of U.S. Railroad perfin. (Robert will explain what a "perfin" is during his talk.) For the past 18 years, Robert has run free stamp collecting clubs for children in grades 1-6 in public elementary schools. He has given to children over 5,000 stamp albums and is approaching having given away over 1 million stamps. Stamp club is held at lunch recess and has always been a huge success.



Robert has presented many speeches on various aspects of stamp collecting, and has written over 100 articles, as well as two books (not yet published). He also maintains a website for youth and beginner stamp collectors at [www.stampcollectingclubsforkids.org](http://www.stampcollectingclubsforkids.org). He is a member of the Royal Philatelic Society London and a Life member of the American Philatelic Society.

## 100 Years of Women's Suffrage



The month has finally arrived. August 26, 2020 is the official Centennial date for Women's Suffrage. Unfortunately the pandemic is preventing us from celebrating this monumental event in person. If you would like to celebrate with a hands-on project, your newsletter editors found this charming "Votes for Women" puzzle on the Uncommon Goods website. Click here for more information: [Votes for Women Puzzle](#) .

## Book Group August 1

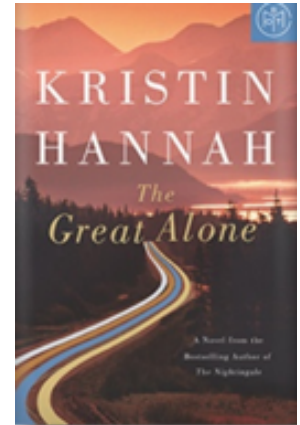
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The AAUW Book Group meeting will be held on **Saturday, August 1, at noon, via Zoom.**

BE SURE TO RSVP TO DOROTHY TOLLIVER SO YOU CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE ZOOM BOOK CLUB MEETING  
(email: [2425047@gmail.com](mailto:2425047@gmail.com))

The book for August is ***The Great Alone*, by Christine Hannah**

Alaska, 1974. Ernt Allbright came home from the Vietnam War a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes the impulsive decision to move his wife and daughter north where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier. But as winter approaches and darkness descends, Ernt's fragile mental state deteriorates. Soon the perils outside pale in comparison to threats from within. In their small cabin, covered in snow, blanketed in 18 hours of night, Leni and her mother learn the terrible truth: they are on their own.



September's book will be ***The Goldfinch: A Novel*, by Donna Tartt.**

Theo Decker, a 13 year-old New Yorker, miraculously survives an accident that kills his mother. Abandoned by his father, Theo is taken in by the family of a wealthy friend. Bewildered by his strange new home on Park Avenue, disturbed by schoolmates who don't know how to talk to him, and tormented above all by a longing for his mother, he clings to the one thing that reminds him of her: a small, mysteriously captivating painting that ultimately draws Theo into a wealthy and insular art community. As an adult, Theo moves between the drawing rooms of the rich and the dusty labyrinth of an antiques store where he works. He is at the center of a narrowing, ever more dangerous circle.

## WordPress Assistance Requested

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AAUW-Maui Branch's webmaster, Marty-Jean Bender, is looking for assistance with WordPress in connection with the branch website. If you have WordPress experience and can consult with Marty-Jean, please contact her at [mjb@unforgettable.com](mailto:mjb@unforgettable.com).

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.

## Lunch Bunch August 11

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We will once again be able to meet and socialize for our Lunch Bunch in August!

**Lava Rock and Grill , 1945 S. Kihei Road at 11:30 a.m. , booked under “AAUW.”**

(Former location of Lulu’s in central Kihei, behind the Kihei Café.) Outside, on the large patio, we will have a table for 10. **Due to the limited number able to attend, we must limit attendance to members only at this point.**



For this event please RSVP to Marty-Jean Bender at [mjb@unforgettable.com](mailto:mjb@unforgettable.com) or 808-874-1807 (land line) or 808-385-1807 (text/cell) by Friday, August 7. When you confirm, leave your name and either email or text number. Marty-Jean will send out a reminder the day before. If you need to cancel please advise Marty-Jean 24 hours prior so we can allow another person to attend. Mahalo!

(When you RSVP, let Marty-Jean know if you have a last-minute guest you’d like to bring, just in case we have space.)

We do NOT need to pre-order. Here is a link to their menu for your early deciding and ‘drooling’.

[https://menus.menupoint.net/Lava+Rock+Bar+%26+Grill+\(3165\)/index.html](https://menus.menupoint.net/Lava+Rock+Bar+%26+Grill+(3165)/index.html)

## Preserving Branch Records

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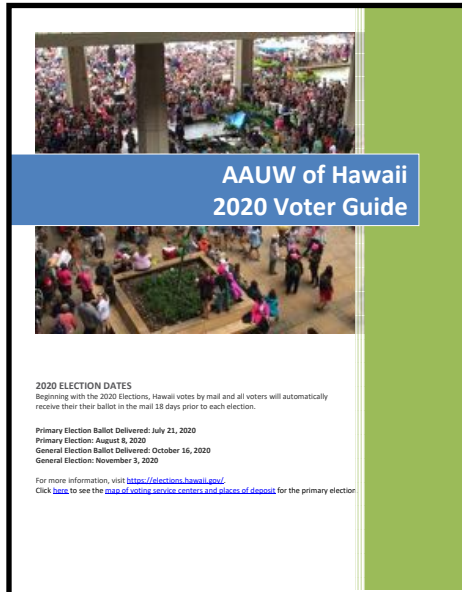


The branch has a small collection of records, including old photos, newspaper clippings and documents. We must preserve these records for posterity, but without a branch office the plastic bin containing these records is a rolling stone moving from garage to garage. With a scanner and a little bit of time, some intrepid members could digitize and create an index of these records so they can be preserved and accessed. Is anyone interested in spending some time doing this while we all quarantine? Please contact Pat Gotschalk at [pagotschalk@gmail.com](mailto:pagotschalk@gmail.com) if you are interested. Mahalo nui loa!



## AAUW Hawai'i State Public Policy Committee

The AAUW State Public Policy committee has been very active during this election year. Our branch member representative is Janet Walker.



The online AAUW Hawai'i Candidate Forum can be viewed by going to:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/AAUW-Hawaii-665948813462586/videos/>.

A Voter Guide prepared from questionnaires to candidates for selected seats can be seen at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dEOxs7ymQ6j9Jta74wOsOkigqSY9rUXs/view>

The Guide also includes Hawaii voter registration information and deadlines.

The AAUW state organization asked each branch to prioritize three top issues for the state. Those chosen by the Maui branch were:

- 1) Wage Discrimination: clarifying and prohibiting, including requiring employers to disclose wage ranges to employees;
- 2) Workplace Sexual Harassment: prohibiting non-disclosure agreements as employment requirements and prohibiting retaliation for reporting harassment; and
- 3) Gender Parity: parity of representation on state boards and commissions.

AAUW's National Priorities for 2020-2021 are:

- 1) Removing Bias from Education;
- 2) Fighting for Fair Play and Economic Equity; and
- 3) Advancing Women in Leadership.

If you have questions, please contact Janet Walker at [bjpwalker@comcast.net](mailto:bjpwalker@comcast.net) or Cathy Thompson at [cathyt808@gmail.com](mailto:cathyt808@gmail.com).

## August Cultural Events

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The monthly Cultural Events column has been on hiatus due to the pandemic-caused cancellation/postponement of Maui's many cultural and ethnic offerings. In the interim, we can continue to learn about our island's diverse peoples thru these articles, books, and ethnic-specific websites.

### **10 Books That Will Help You Understand Hawaii**

<https://lithub.com/10-books-that-will-help-you-understand-hawaii/>

### **50 Essential Hawaii Books You Should read in Your Lifetime**

<http://www.honolulumagazine.com/Honolulu-Magazine/May-2018/50-Hawaii-Books-You-Should-Read-in-Your-Lifetime/>

### **How each major group of plantation laborers arrived**

<https://www.hawaiimagazine.com/content/hawaiis-rainbow-cultures-and-how-they-got-islands>

### **Chinatown's Beginnings**

[www.hawaiihistory.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=ig.page&PageID=543](http://www.hawaiihistory.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=ig.page&PageID=543)

### **A Brief History of Filipinos in Hawaii**

<http://www.hawaii.edu/cps/hawaii-filipinos.html>

### **Hawaiian History: Short articles on various aspects of native culture:**

<http://www.hawaiihistory.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=ig.page&CategoryID=305>

### **Korean Immigration to America**

<http://sites.bu.edu/koreandiaspora/issues/history-of-korean-immigration-to-america-from-1903-to-present/>

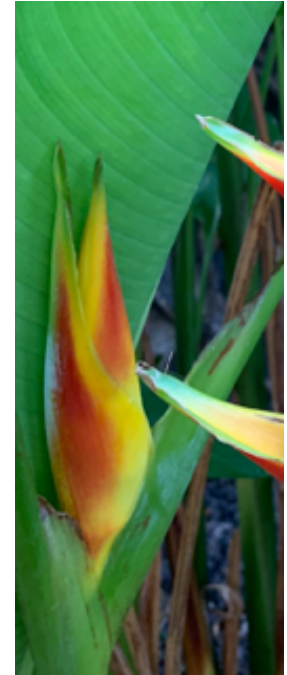
### **Portuguese and Puerto Rican Cultural Centers at Heritage Hall Maui**

<https://www.mauheritagehall.org/>

### **Japanese Summer Festivals**

Because all of Maui's 13 summer obons have been cancelled, here's a short video from last year's Lahaina Jodo Mission's Obon: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bEnQewnV8A#](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bEnQewnV8A#)

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## Et Cetera

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**Musician Mike Finkewicz entertained the branch at the July Speaker Meeting held via Zoom.**



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### August Birthdays

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- Natalie Gates*     *August 9*
- Marilyn Lytle*    *August 12*
- Sandi Boll*        *August 22*
- Janice Tietz*      *August 24*
- Adah Askerw*     *August 25*
- Marsha Palmer*   *August 28*
- Bonnie King*     *August 28*

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