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AAUW MAUI BRANCH

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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!

Hispanic Heritage Month: Join AAUW for an **on-line book discussion** with journalist Joan Biskupic, author of *Breaking In: The Rise of Sonia Sotomayor and the Politics of Justice*.

Register today 

online at <http://www.aauw.org/event/2017/09/adelantes-breaking-in/>

Date: September 6 at 7:30 pm ET (1:30 in Hawaii)

“How did Sonia Sotomayor become the first Hispanic justice on the Supreme Court of the United States? Joan Biskupic takes readers inside the Supreme Court nomination process, revealing how Sotomayor’s connections and skills enabled her to achieve great success.”

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 2017, see:

www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-list



EXPLORING THE AAUW NATIONAL WEBSITE

Have you taken time to explore the [AAUW.org](http://www.aauw.org) website? There is a wealth of information including in-depth research and articles, empowering videos, blogs, and many sources for exploring issues and barriers facing women and girls such as gender pay inequities, sexual discrimination, and bias in the workplace. Below is an excerpt from the Leadership section of the AAUW website concerning barriers and bias.

“One key obstacle to women’s leadership is unconscious or implicit bias, which can cloud judgment in ways people are not fully aware of. To help better understand the power of hidden bias and how to mitigate its effects, AAUW created an online test in collaboration with Harvard University and Project Implicit.”

Do you think you could possibly be biased against your own gender? **TAKE THE TEST** to find out more at [Project Implicit](http://www.aauw.org/research/barriers-and-bias/) or find the article on the AAUW webpage at <http://www.aauw.org/research/barriers-and-bias/> under the heading “Where is the Gap?”.





Co-Presidents' Message
Cathy Thompson & Janet Walker



Spring sprung, and Fall will be felled soon. We are ready!

Virginia Shaw, our new **Vice-President for Programs**, has been busy, and we have a great line-up of speakers for the next few months. To kick off the year, our September speaker will be Isla Young from the Maui Economic Development Board. (See the Speaker Meeting information on page 5 of this Newsletter for more details.)

Pat Gotschalk, our new **Financial Officer**, in consultation with Karen Grafe, has developed a very clear budget for this fiscal year, and she will be presenting it at the September meeting.

Rachel Miyoshi and the **Whale Watch Fund Raiser Committee** have been busy getting the Whale Watch set up for March 4, 2018.

The Board has met twice - on July 16 and on August 20 - and the calendar is prepared for this year. We still need an AAUW Funds Chair (handles Mystery Gifts, Auction items, etc., at Speaker Meetings), and Committee Members for several committees. We welcome your participation, and we will ask for volunteers at the September meeting!

Plus, our **AAUW Maui Branch Survey** through Survey Monkey was quite successful - 29 of 51 active members responded!

The collected data supported our current structure for Program/Speaker Meetings - of those reporting,

- 63% were highly satisfied with the meeting on the 4th Saturday morning of the month, and 33% were somewhat satisfied
- 56% were highly satisfied with meeting at the same location, and 30% were somewhat satisfied
- 37% were highly satisfied with Moose's as the usual location, and 33% were somewhat satisfied

Comments/suggestions included - meetings on the West side periodically, which the Board is working on for March Madness week next year. Other comments related to food choices, noise, and parking difficulties at Moose's. Some members wanted more day and time changes, but the majority were satisfied with what we are doing.

The collected data also support our current Interest Group structure.

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For the **Book Club**, 18 people responded - 13 said that the 1st Saturday at noon works for them, and 16 said that they would not rather meet at a different time on Saturdays. In the follow-up **Other Interest Groups** questions, no one was highly interested in another Book Club at a different day and time, and 14 reported no interest in another Book Club.

For the **Lunch Bunch**, 24 to 25 people responded.

- Lunch Bunch 2nd Tuesday of the month - 14 were highly satisfied with the current Lunch Bunch date, 8 were somewhat satisfied, and 3 were not satisfied at all.
- Current Lunch Bunch time - 16 were highly satisfied, and 8 were somewhat satisfied.
- Selection of restaurants and locations - 13 were highly satisfied, 7 were somewhat satisfied, 3 were slightly satisfied, and 1 was not satisfied at all.
- Comments varied - some wanted more local food and fewer chain restaurants, some wanted cheaper venues, some wanted different day and time, and some gave high praise to Sara and her committee!

The final topic dealt with developing more **Interest Groups**, and the results were quite mixed. Overall, it appears that we are happy with what we have, and that we might consider some ideas. We aggregated the data for the various topics as for and against - with “for” defined as highly interested or somewhat interested, and “against” defined as slightly interested or not interested at all.

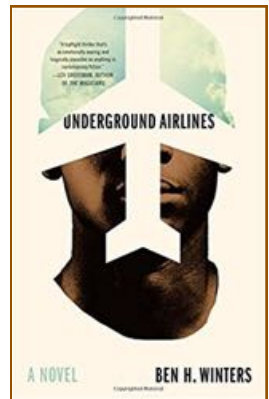
- Happy Hour Get-Together to recruit new members - 13 for and 12 against
- Movie Group - 11 for and 14 against
- Additional Book Club - 5 for and 17 against
- STEM Group - 9 for and 13 against
- Dinner Group - 10 for and 13 against
- Theater/Musical Programs at the MACC - 16 for and 7 against
- Tabling to recruit new members - 8 for and 15 against
- Card Group - 6 for and 19 against
- Discussion Group for Current Events - 13 for and 11 against

Fall means back to school memories, especially for all you retired teachers, and the chance to create new beginnings - hope to see you in September!



BOOK CLUB* **Events are open to all AAUW members and guests.**Date: **Saturday, September 9**Time: **12:00 Noon**Location: **Dorothy Tolliver's home, 705 Pio Drive, Wailuku**RSVP: **(808) 242-5047** or 2425047@gmail.comSeptember Book: ***Underground Airlines* by Ben H. Winters**

It is the present-day, and the world is as we know it: smartphones, social networking and Happy Meals. Save for one thing: the Civil War never occurred. A gifted young black man calling himself Victor has struck a bargain with federal law enforcement, working as a bounty hunter for the US Marshall Service. On the trail of a runaway slave known as Jackdaw, Victor arrives in Indianapolis knowing that something isn't right--with the case file, with his work, and with the country itself.



October Book: To Be Announced

LUNCH BUNCHDate: **Tuesday, September 12**Time: **12:00 Noon**Location: **Makawao Garden Cafe at Paniolo Courtyard, 3669 Baldwin Avenue**
Next door to the Sherri Reeve Gallery.RSVP: **Sara Green** - aauwlunchbunch@gmail.com Type "Lunch Bunch" in the subject line.
or call (907) 350-4700

Please RSVP and preorder with your menu choice by Saturday, September 9th.

Menu Preview: <http://makawaogardencafe.letseat.at/menu> (or See AAUW Email Attachment)

FREE ice tea or lemonade included with your lunch purchase.

Please indicate if you would like to carpool or can offer a ride. Arrangements will be made.

**GREAT DECISIONS**Date: **Friday, September 22**Time: **12:00 Noon** Bring a bag lunch, drinks will be provided.Location: **Sandy Rogers' home, 1400 Limahama Circle Apt D-101, Lahaina**Directions: **Honoapiilani Hwy. - Turn at Pizza Hut and take a left at the stop sign on Limahama. Follow road to D building. Park in guest spaces.**Contact **Mihaela Stoops** at mihaela_stoops@hotmail.com or at (808) 357-4000 for questions or for a copy of the Great Decisions book - the price is \$26.Topic: **U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum.** All Opinions are welcome.

What is the effect of U.S. petroleum security on foreign policy? For 45 years, the country has alternated between periods of energy security and insecurity, sometimes able to wield petroleum as a useful instrument of foreign policy, sometimes not. Despite the so-called "energy revolution," the U.S. today is by no means disentangled from foreign dependence and global trends. In order to be successful, policymakers must recognize both petroleum security circumstances and patterns in the relationship between petroleum and foreign policy.





SPEAKER MEETING

Date: Saturday, September 23

Time: 10:30 a.m. Business Meeting

11:00 a.m. Speaker

12 noon Lunch

Location: Moose McGillicuddy's, 2511 So. Kihei Road, Kihei

- Located on the 2nd floor (Fred's below).
- Rear parking lot and easy access ramp to the left of the building as you face it from the rear.



Preview Menu: (See AAUW Email Attachment) *Please indicate your meal selection with RSVP.*

Complimentary water, coffee & iced tea provided before lunch.

RSVP: Cathy Thompson cathyt808@gmail.com or call/text **(808) 268-1232.**

Please type Speaker Meeting in the Subject Line.

Please RSVP by noon on Wednesday, September 20.

Topic: STEM Education & Workforce Development in Hawaii

Speaker: Isla Young

Biographical Information: Isla Young is the Director of the K-12 STEM Education and workforce development programs for MEDB's Women In Technology. Created by the Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB), this state-wide project works in partnership with businesses and educators to inspire, educate and motivate girls, women and minorities toward STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) related careers.

Isla provides the leadership to develop the statewide project and place based, interdisciplinary learning programs reaching over 50,000 students and teachers in K-12 STEM education. Isla builds partnerships and collaborates with local and national leaders in technology and industry, institutions of higher education, and STEM-centered professional organizations. She serves on the Board of the Hawaii Geographic Information Coordinating Council (HIGICC), Board member of Pacific Center for Advanced Technical Training (PCATT), Board member of the Hawaii Science Teachers Association (HaSTA), and serves on the Board of the Patsy T. Mink Center for Business & Leadership – MCBL.

~ **AAUW Maui Branch Business** ~

AAUW T-SHIRT ORDERS

Our T-shirts are here! They are light blue 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. They will be available at branch get-togethers or you may order yours from Janet Walker at (808) 874-9435 or bjpwalker@comcast.net.



2017 UHMC Scholarship Recipients

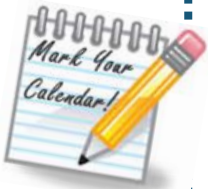


Left to Right: **Vanessa Patao** (Harriet Haines Scholarship), **Lingli Arakaki** (Dorothy Shimer Scholarship), AAUW Co-President **Janet Walker**, **Anna Comly** (Leslie Granat Scholarship), **Dorothy Tolliver** (AAUW Maui Scholarship Chair), and **Marnie Meuser** (Cornelia Spanier Scholarship).
Seated: **Cornelia Spanier**.

AAUW Dates to Remember

~ Hispanic Heritage Month ~

- September 4 - Labor Day
- September 6 - Online Book Discussion
- September 9 - Book Club
- September 12 - Lunch Bunch
- September 22 - Great Decisions
- September 23 - AAUW Speaker Meeting



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- September 8 - Janine Asuncion
- September 8 - Martha Martin
- September 10 - Martha Dean
- September 14 - Laurrie Zimmerman
- September 15 - Karen Hecht
- September 23 - Karin Camilli
- September 30 - Sandra Hooper



Please submit newsletter notices by **September 20th** to:

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