

AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

Dates to Remember

Book Group

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Lunch Bunch

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Speaker Meeting

The Speaker Meeting will be held on **Saturday, September 28** 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. See page 3 of the newsletter for more information.

Maui Branch News

Treasures Found In "The Bin"

Former President Janet Walker recently handed off "the bin" of Branch archives to the newsletter editors. This reminded us that the AAUW Maui Branch was formed on August 22, 1962. So, the Branch just had its 57th birthday! We will be pulling some gems from these records to share in subsequent newsletters. Here is one interesting item, pertinent to the month of September:



This article in the October 6, 2002, *Maui News* notes the passing of Title IX hero, Patsy Mink, on September 28, 2002. Mink served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 12 terms. Mink was the first woman of color and the first Asian American woman elected to Congress. We should reflect upon Congresswoman Mink's groundbreaking contributions at our September 28 Speaker Meeting.

And, let's not forget to celebrate the Maui Branch's 60th anniversary in 2022 -- something to look forward to!



President's Letter

Aloha,

Welcome back to a new season of AAUW Maui Branch! Our Board has worked hard to develop interesting and fun ways to accomplish our mission for AAUW this year - to advance equity for women.



VP for Programs Virginia Shaw has lined up a fantastic group of speakers for our monthly Speaker Meetings. **VP for Membership Debbie Priest** has been working with **Joyce Yamada** and others to set up a Membership Mixer in conjunction with an airing of *The Rise of the Wabine* at the University of Hawaii Maui College and other mission-focused membership opportunities. **Finance Officer and Newsletter Co-Editor Pat Gotschalk** has been working all summer keeping our finances in order, as well as editing and producing our monthly newsletter with her co-editor **Barry Solomon**. **Secretary Pam Schulz** has been extremely efficient in recording the minutes of our meetings so that we can keep track of what we have done. **AAUW Funds Chair Terry Rosenstock** has stepped up to lead the Whale Watch fund raiser to alleviate some of the responsibilities from Pat Gotschalk. **Book Group Chair Dorothy Tolliver** has us all set for the first Saturday in September to discuss *Lincoln in the Bardo*. More information on page 4 of the newsletter.

Heather Mueller stepped in as the leader for the **Tastes and Talk** interest group, our evening dinner group, and the first excursion to Kula Bistro in August was quite successful! Although we are currently without a leader for **Lunch Bunch**, the August luncheon at Bar and Grill was tasty and fun! See page 4 for the September plans.

Marty-Jean Bender, our webmaster, has gotten the basic web page up, and she is continuing to build and update it. More information will be available next month.

Our three recipients of the 2019-2020 Shape the Future Membership Campaign gift memberships are **Janet Go, Suzanne Young, and Cathy Weber**. All three women have provided invaluable service to our organization throughout the years. Congratulations!

Our September **Speaker Meeting on Saturday, September 28**, provides an excellent opportunity to invite your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to check out AAUW Maui Branch. We will offer 1/2 off of AAUW National memberships if they join that day. Remember that members pay \$3.00 for Speaker Meetings and guests pay \$5.00. The money is used to defray the cost of leis and lunches for the speakers.

I am looking forward to another great year with our AAUW Maui Branch.

Aloha,
Cathy

Speaker Meeting September 28

The first speaker meeting of the year will be held on **Saturday, September 28 at our usual venue, Moose McGillicuddy's in Kihei. 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 and lunch.**

Our speaker is **Christine Spencer, Regional Coordinator for the Maui County Alzheimer's Association.** Ms. Spencer will discuss a program called "Healthy Living for Your Brain: Tips from the Latest Research" designed by the Alzheimer's Association, which provides current research and practical information on ways to help you age well. Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in our country, and currently there is no prevention or cure to stop the disease. This program is for people of all ages who are interested in learning ways to increase their brain health.



The cost of attending the Speaker Meeting is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members, plus the cost of food. **Please reserve your spot by Wednesday, September 25**, by contacting Virginia Shaw by email at aauwspeakermeeting@yahoo.com. Include your menu choice from the menu that is emailed with this newsletter.

Members Helping Members

After a summer of fire emergencies and extended road closures, the possibility of getting stuck for a period of time away from one's home has become a new reality on Maui. The Maui Branch seeks members who are willing to provide assistance to stranded members in an emergency, such as assistance with communication or a place to stay until the roads open. If you are willing to be an emergency contact in one of the areas listed below, please send an email to Marty-Jean Bender at mjb@unforgettable.com. Mahalo!

Emergency Assistance:

In an emergency if you are stranded and can't get home due to weather or road closures, for assistance call:

South (Kihei/Wailea): TBD

Central (Kahului/Wailuku): TBD

Upcountry (Makawao/Kula/Haiku): TBD

West (Lahaina/Kaanapali): TBD

Lunch Bunch September 10

Lunch Bunch will be held on **Tuesday, September 10, at noon at The Empanada Lady**, located at 2119 Vineyard Street, Wailuku. There is a small parking lot next to the building. You do not have to pre-order your meal. The restaurant features a variety of foods with a Caribbean theme. (If available, the banana empanadas are highly recommended!) The restaurant is al fresco -- no air conditioning but there is a good breeze and ceiling fans in the covered area.

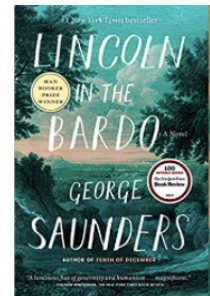


The menu can be viewed at https://the-empanada-lady.business.site/?utm_source=gmb&utm_medium=referral (scroll down the page). Please RSVP by noon on Monday, September 9, to Pat Gotschalk at pagotschalk@gmail.com with Lunch Bunch in the subject line, or text Pat at 808-214-8393. Bring a friend who is interested in joining the AAUW Maui Branch!

Book Group September 7

***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 group will meet 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 2425047@gmail.com.

Save the date for the October Book Group, on October 5, 2019

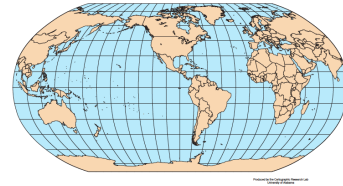
***Where the Past Begins* by Amy Tan**

Amy Tan is at her most intimate in revealing the truths and inspirations that underlie her extraordinary fiction. Supplied with candor and characteristic humor, *Where the Past Begins* takes readers into the idiosyncratic workings of her writer's mind, a journey that explores memory, imagination, and truth, with fiction serving as both her divining rod and link to meaning.

Great Decisions Group September 27

Join the discussion on international affairs topics of the day!

The State of the State Department and American Diplomacy Chapter 8



Friday, Sept. 27, 2019 at the home of Sandy Rogers

Please supply your own lunch or 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.

We welcome reading suggestions from all points of view. That's what makes for good discussion.

Links to subjects related to last month's discussion:

New York Times Magazine:

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/slavery-capitalism.html>

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/republicans-racism-african-americans.html>

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/universal-health-care-racism.html>

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/traffic-atlanta-segregation.html>

Book with two points of view: *Wolf Boy* by Dan Slater, and *Tortilla Curtain* by T.C. Boyle.

Documentary on Netflix, a must see: American Factory https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/american_factory

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

Title IX In The News

Dartmouth Settles Title IX Class Action Case for \$14M

By Colleen Flaherty, August 7, 2019 (InsideHigherEducation.com)

Dartmouth College settled with nine former and current students who sued it, alleging violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The sexual harassment settlement, announced in a joint statement, is subject to approval by the court. It includes \$14 million for all students who endured a hostile environment created by three now-banished professors of psychological and brain sciences. All resigned or retired last year.

“Together with Dartmouth, we plan to continue addressing the systemic roots of power-based personal violence and gender-based discrimination across all levels of severity so that our experiences -- and those of the class we represent -- are never repeated,” the plaintiffs said.

President Philip J. Hanlon said the nine women “courageously came forward alongside other students to bring to my administration’s attention a toxic environment created by three former tenured professors, who will never set foot on this campus again.” Through this process, he said, “we have learned lessons that we believe will enable us to root out this behavior immediately if it ever threatens our campus community again.”

Dartmouth cracks down on sexual misconduct after \$14M settlement

“A week after agreeing to pay nine women \$14 million to settle a lawsuit alleging college officials did not do enough to stop the sexual harassment and assault of students by professors, Dartmouth College formally unveiled its new sexual misconduct policy. The policy applies the same set of rules to students, faculty, and staff in a major change from the previous rules.”

https://www.unionleader.com/news/education/dartmouth-cracks-down-on-sexual-misconduct-after-m-settlement/article_2b435bbb-b3df-5ea4-a10b-9801ccf76464.html

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.

Et Cetera



Maui Branch members and friends enjoy Tastes and Talk at the Kula Bistro



September Birthdays

<i>September 8</i>	<i>Martha Martin</i>
<i>September 10</i>	<i>Martha Dean</i>
<i>September 15</i>	<i>Karen Hecht</i>
<i>September 17</i>	<i>Roberta North</i>
<i>September 23</i>	<i>Karin Camilli</i>



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

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