

# AAUW MAUI BRANCH

## Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

### Branch News

#### Dates to Remember

#### Speaker and Annual Branch Meeting

**Saturday, April 24**, 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, April 3, at noon**, online using Zoom. See page 3 of the newsletter.

#### Lunch Bunch

**Tuesday, April 13 at 11 a.m.** at Sixty-Two Marcket in Wailuku. See page 4 of the newsletter.

#### Tastes and Talk

**Thursday, April 22, at 6 p.m.**, at a location Upcountry TBA. See page 4 of the newsletter.

#### Board Planning Meeting

**Sunday, June 27 at 1:00 p.m.** via Zoom. See page 2 of the newsletter.



#### Membership Season Starts

Mahalo to the AAUW-Maui Branch members for staying as active as possible during this COVID time. We currently have 52 members, as well as some new faces who have expressed interest in joining the branch. Hopefully we can return to in-person meetings no later than January 2022, but our Zoom meetings and book club get-togethers have been quite successful.

Current members will soon be receiving an email from AAUW National with a personal link which you can use to renew your membership for a year. Dues will be \$62 for national (\$59 of which are tax deductible), \$16 for branch and \$10 for state (a total of \$88). If you want the Finance Officer to process your membership, please mail your check, payable to AAUW-Maui, to AAUW Maui Branch, PO Box 1352, Pu'unene, HI 96784.

New members can join for a year during a branch event (even one on Zoom) paying a total of \$57 covering national, branch and state dues under the "Shape the Future" program. So if you have friends who are interested, now is the time to invite them to our next Speaker Meeting on Zoom. For additional information, please contact our VP for Membership, Debbie Priest, at [debbie@roselaniplace.com](mailto:debbie@roselaniplace.com).

#### Fundraising Successful!

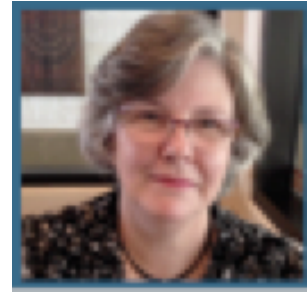
Despite the COVID challenges, we have exceeded our goal of \$6,000 in donations for the UH-Maui scholarships. Thanks to everyone who donated and matched donations. The check is in the mail to the University of Hawai'i Foundation to fully fund our three \$2,000 scholarships. Many thanks to our Fundraising Chair Terry Rosenstock for her hard work.

## President's Message

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Aloha,

March was an outstanding month – we were reminded of and celebrated Women's History and International Women's Day on March 8. I hope that we all took time to celebrate the pioneers who have gone before us, to recognize the achievements of women everywhere, and to develop ways to insure gender equality in the future. Heather Mueller's storytelling activity at Tastes and Talk was a great way to do all three. Thank you, Heather.



Elections for next year's slate of officers is coming up. The list of nominees is:

President – Pat Gotschalk

Vice President Programs – Virginia Shaw

Vice President Membership – Debbie Priest

Finance Officer – Johanna (Jan) Moore

Secretary – Pamela Schulz

You may vote at our Maui Branch Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 24, or you may contact Jean Keating to cast your ballot if you cannot make the meeting. The budget for 2021-22 was approved by the board, and it will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting as well.

Tentatively, the Board Planning Meeting for 2021-2022 will be held on Sunday, June 27. All members are invited to attend. Any members interested in serving on the appointed board or serving on committees are encouraged to get in contact with a current board member and/or attend.

The Chocolate Laulima fundraising initiative has already resulted in a \$98.00 donation from Maui Ku'ia Estate Chocolate after only one month. To make purchases that will provide a donation to the branch, please click [here](#). Keep buying that delicious chocolate for friends and family (and yourself).

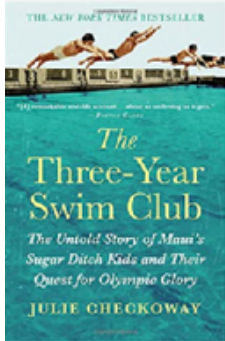
I think many of us are in the process of receiving our Covid 19 vaccinations. With that in mind, we are hopeful that starting next fall we may be able to resume branch meetings in person. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy, and I hope to see you on our Zoom Annual Meeting on April 24!

Aloha, Cathy

## Book Group April 3

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The next AAUW Book Group meeting will be held **on Saturday, April 3, at noon**, via Zoom. Please RSVP to Dorothy Tolliver so you can be included in the Zoom Book Group meeting. Email Dorothy at [2425047@gmail.com](mailto:2425047@gmail.com).



The book for April is *The Three-Year Swim Club: The Untold Story of Maui's Sugar Ditch Kids and Their Quest For Olympic Glory*, by Julie Checkoway. This is the tale of impoverished sugar plantation children on Maui who were challenged by an elementary school teacher to swim literally and figuratively against the current of their circumstances and to become Olympic champions.

The book for June is *The Immortalists*, by Chloe Benjamin.

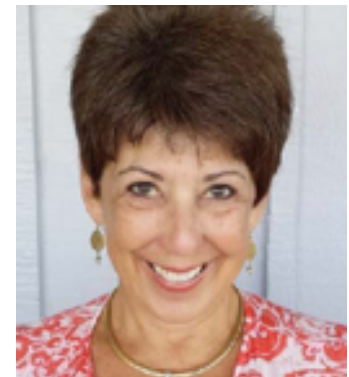
If you knew the date of your death, how would you live your life? It's 1969 in New York City's Lower East Side, and word has spread of the arrival of a mystical woman, a traveling psychic who claims to be able to tell anyone the day they will die. The Gold children sneak out to hear their fortunes. The prophecies inform the next five decades. *The Immortalists* probes the line between destiny and choice, reality and illusion, this world and the next. It is a deeply moving testament to the power of story, the nature of belief, and the unrelenting pull of familial bonds.

## Speaker Meeting/Annual Branch Meeting April 24

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The April Speaker Meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 24, 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.** This is also the branch's Annual Meeting. The Zoom log-in information will be emailed to members by Communications Director Sandi Boll prior to the meeting.

Our speaker will be **Dr. Bridget Bongaard, the President, Founder and Medical Director of Maui Cancer Wellness Retreats (MCWR)**. The concept of the MCWR was born from the understanding that cancer survivors need time and space away from all duties and routines of their lives to be able to focus on themselves with deep reflection, to gain insight. MCWR is dedicated to empowering cancer patients through education, self-exploration, and experiential learning; including Genetics of Cancer, Psycho-Oncology, and the science behind healing and shutting off the disease process.



## Lunch Bunch April 13

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A very special Lunch Bunch is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 13 at 11:00 a.m. at SixtyTwo MarcKet in Wailuku.** We will be saying Aloha to our great Lunch Bunch coordinator Linda Martin and her husband, Robert, who are moving to Pennsylvania.

We have reserved 20 seats (4 tables of 5) at Sixty-TwoMarcKet in Wailuku, next to the Iao Theater. **Note the 11:00 start time.**

**They can only hold the seats for 15 minutes.** Parking is on the street or behind the restaurant. No need to pre-order. The menu is at <https://www.sixtytwomarket.com/menu>. Seating will be outside or next to the open doors downstairs.



Please call or text Linda Martin at 408-725-8558 by noon on Monday, April 12, to reserve your seat. Please leave your name and phone number in case she needs to call you. Don't forget your mask.

## Tastes and Talk April 22

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Tastes and Talk will continue with conversation and great food on **Thursday, April 22, starting at 6:00 p.m.** The location is to be announced, but the plan is to meet at an Upcountry restaurant to enjoy the beautiful blooming jacaranda trees. An announcement will be sent to the membership by email once plans are firmed up. Please hold the date!



## Culture and Diversity

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Maui’s museums offer a wealth of information on the ethnic values and traditions that continue to shape island culture. Most are still closed due to the pandemic, but once they reopen, visitors can educate themselves on everything from pre-contact Hawaiian warfare and the significance of Chinese associations to the contributions of plantation laborers and early missionary families.

[Alexander and Baldwin Sugar Museum Sugar Museum](#). Explore Maui's Sugar History. Open now with reservations, Pu’unene.

[Hale Hō‘ike‘ike /Bailey House Museum](#), Wailuku.

[Hana Cultural Center and Museum](#), Hana.

[Lahaina Heritage Museum](#), Lahaina.

[Maui Okinawa Cultural Center](#), Wailuku.

[Nisei Veterans Memorial Center](#). Open now with reservations, Wailuku.

[Wo Hing Museum](#), Lahaina.

For more information about schedules for the museums in Lahaina, visit [“What’s Open in Lahaina.”](#)



Nationally, April is Arab American Heritage Month. For information, see [National Arab American Heritage Month | INSIGHT Into Diversity](#).

April is also [Scottish-American Heritage Month](#) and [Tartan Day](#). Celebrate with less-than-authentic, but still tasty shortbread cookies from TJ’s Warehouse in Wailuku or Honolulu Cookie Company in Wailea, or make your own with [this recipe](#).

Compiled by Estelle Chun.





## Great Decisions Discussion April 23

The Great Decisions discussion group is not an “official” Maui Branch interest group but we share many members. The monthly discussions, held on the fourth Friday of the month, cover important foreign policy topics of the day. The Great Decisions discussions are taking place on Zoom. Maui Branch members are welcome to join. In-person discussions will resume as soon as it’s safe to do so.

The discussion for April is **Brexit: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead**. Click [here](#) for some background material. The Zoom meeting will be on Friday, April 23, at 1:00 p.m. Discussions typically take a bit more than one hour. If you wish to attend, please contact Diane Pure so she can send you the login information. Her email is [dpure@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:dpure@hawaii.rr.com).



You are encouraged to do any research you think will be enriching before the meeting. There is also a [briefing book available for purchase here](#). Importantly, this is a nonpartisan group and politics are kept out of the discussion as much as possible.

## Help Needed! Second Call!

Here are some opportunities for newer members to get involved.

We need a new **Lunch Bunch Coordinator** since we are losing our wonderful Linda Martin to the Mainland. This does not take a large amount of time and it’s fun to find restaurants to enjoy. For information please contact Linda at 408-725-8558.

We need a new **Fundraising Chair**. Our prior chair, Terry Rosenstock, has done a terrific job, so our Chocolate Laulima fundraiser is on auto-pilot now, and we all can pitch in to help with the Whale Watch next year. So, it’s not that daunting a role to take on. Please contact Pat Gotschalk at [pagotschalk@gmail.com](mailto:pagotschalk@gmail.com) or 808-707-2001 if you are interested.

Mary-Jean Bender has done a wonderful job of getting the Maui Branch website up and running. However, she would like to turn this over her **Webmaster** duties to someone who is experienced in editing websites. For more information, please contact Marty-Jean 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.

## AAUW Hawaii State Annual Meeting April 21

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The AAUW Hawaii Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 starting at 5:30 p.m. **You must pre-register.**

The meeting will be held via Zoom this year. You and your friends or interested people can attend at no cost - no travel, no hotel reservations, and no meals! Set up Zoom in your office, living room, kitchen, or wherever. The agenda includes:

- \*Meet State Board and Branch Presidents
- \*Get information about the upcoming State Board Election
- \*Get an Update on State budget, public policies, & 2022 State convention
- \*Join breakout groups to provide your input on economic challenges women in Hawaii face and what AAUW of Hawaii can do.

Plus, a couple of lucky participants will receive Senator Hirono's new book, Heart of Fire: An Immigrant Daughter's Story.

**Please [click here](#) to receive your unique Zoom link.**



## Et Cetera

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### Happy Birthday

Dorothy Tolliver April 10

Cathy Thompson April 24

Heather Mueller April 28

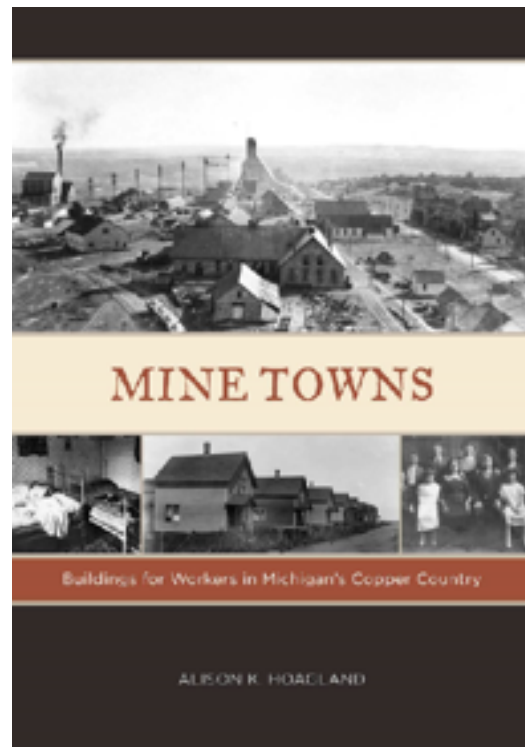
### Other Birthdays

Maya Angelou April 4

Queen Elizabeth II April 21

Coretta Scott King April 27

*Our March Speaker, Kim Hoagland, spoke on working class housing and its impact on domestic lives, which brought to mind some parallels with the plantation lives of early Maui sugar cane workers.*



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