

# AAUW MAUI BRANCH

## Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

### Dates to Remember

#### Speaker Meeting

**Saturday, June 26**, 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, June 5, at noon**, online using Zoom. See page 4 of the newsletter.

#### Tastes and Talk

**Thursday, June 17 at 6 p.m.**, at La Catrina Cantina Y Pizzeria in Wailea. See page 7 of the newsletter.

#### Lunch Bunch

**Tuesday, June 8 at 12:30 p.m.** at the 'Ula 'Ula Cafe Food Truck in Waihe'e. See pages 7 and 9 of the newsletter.

#### Board Planning Meeting

**Sunday, June 27 at 1:00 p.m.** via Zoom. See page 7 of the newsletter.



### Texas Enacts Unique Anti-Choice Law

AAUW supports choice in the determination of one's reproductive life, so a new statute signed into law on May 19, 2021, by the Governor of Texas is newsworthy. This law contains first-of-its-kind legal provisions that allow **private citizens to file civil suits for monetary damages** against abortion providers over alleged violations, instead of relying on the state to enforce the ban. Called a "heartbeat law," it would prohibit most abortions as early as six weeks — before some women know they are pregnant — and opens the door for almost any private citizen to sue abortion providers and others (although the woman may not be sued or prosecuted.)

As explained in Yahoo News: "Unlike in other states, the Texas law does not let state officials enforce the ban. Anyone inside or outside the state instead now has the power to sue abortion providers - or anyone who could have helped a person to get the procedure - after the [six week] limit. They can seek up to \$10,000 in damages per defendant." The law allows abortions in the case of a "medical emergency," but not for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest.

The law also includes record-keeping requirements for medical doctors to document the basis for a decision that a procedure is a "medical emergency." These medical records will be evidence in civil litigation brought against a doctor or clinic for damages. Suits can be brought up to six years from the date of the medical procedure.

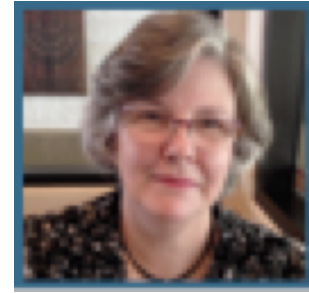
For the full text of this new law, which becomes effective on September 1, 2021, click [this link](#). Despite Texas's view that this new law cannot be challenged because state and county employees are prohibited from taking enforcement action, pro-choice organizations are expected to bring litigation in an effort to strike down the law before its effective date.

## President's Message

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Aloha,

My fellow AAUW members, I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your branch co-president with Janet Walker and then as president the last couple of years. I have met so many outstanding people and learned so much – thank you all! Although this past year has been more challenging due to the pandemic, our branch has done well. Special cudos go to all the those who make it happen:



\*Pat Gotschalk, our new President for 2021-2023, is a great choice to lead you forward. Pat has worked tirelessly these past few years as our Financial Officer, Whale Watch leader, and our Newsletter editor, along with her husband Barry Solomon. I am leaving the office in the hands of a super qualified and professional leader.

\*Virginia Shaw, our Program Vice President, has provided us with excellent programs, and Zoom seemed to work quite well. I am sure we will enjoy getting back together in person as soon as possible, but at least we stayed connected and got to learn new things!

\*Debbie Priest, our Membership Vice President, has kept up with membership and has plans for recruiting new members in the future. Her energy, her smiling, friendly face and her willingness to help has been a real plus for our branch.

\*Pamela Schulz, our dedicated Secretary, has been on top of the minutes for every meeting with her pleasant demeanor and get it done attitude. After every meeting, she got the minutes out within a couple of days. In addition, she has participated in many events and helped plan and execute our Holiday Party year in 2019.

\*Johanna (Jan) Moore is coming on board as our Finance Officer. Jan has been the finance officer in several organizations, and she has a background in accounting. Welcome aboard, Jan!

Although these were our executive board members, the branch has also had excellent participation from both appointed board members and members. Book Club, Lunch Bunch, Tastes & Talk, Scholarship Donation Program, Chocolate Project – we have been busy during the pandemic, and with Terry Rosenstock's leadership, we met our goal of funding three \$2,000 scholarships at UHMC. Quite a feat in these trying times

Starting the new year with our celebration of the 19th amendment's passage 100 years ago, seeing all your brilliant faces at each branch meeting, listening to each of our outstanding speakers, and working with your most excellent board has been a pleasure. (Continued on next page.)

## President's Message, continued

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Then, the Going Away Party was wonderful – so relaxing and enjoyable – good food and good fellowship! Thank you to Janet and Bob Walker, Pat Gotschalk and Barry Solomon, and Sandi Boll for sponsoring it – I felt so special and I will enjoy my memories and my lovely necklace, as well as my coffee pad embroidered by Sandi.

I wish you continued success as a branch, and thank you, again, for your friendship and your support.

Aloha,

Cathy



## Speaker Meeting June 26

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The May Speaker Meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 26, 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 Communications Director Sandi Boll prior to the meeting.

Our speaker will be Younghee Overly, Public Policy Chair for AAUW of Hawai'i. Ms. Overly will discuss how we can achieve equal opportunity for all. Through research, education and advocacy, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) advances gender equity for women and girls. She will review AAUW strategy and public policy priorities; review AAUW of Hawaii Public Policy Committee's proposed priorities and update you on its accomplishments; seek your input on challenges and potential solutions on achieving economic security; and share ideas on how you can get involved.



## Book Group June 5

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The next AAUW Book Group meeting will be held on Saturday, June 5, 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 June is ***A Spark of Light*, by Jodi Picoult**

The warm fall day starts like any other at the Center, a women's reproductive health services clinic, its staff offering care to anyone who passes through its doors. Then a desperate and distraught gunman bursts in and opens fire, taking all inside hostage. Told in a daring and enthralling narrative structure that counts backward through the hours of the standoff, this is a story that traces its way back to what brought each of these very different individuals to the same place on this fateful day.

The book for July is ***The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue**

In an Ireland doubly ravaged by war and disease, Nurse Julia Power works at an understaffed hospital in the city center, where expectant mothers who have fallen sick are quarantined into a separate ward to keep the plague of the Spanish Flu at bay. Into Julia's regimented world step two outsiders, a woman doctor who is a rumored Rebel, and a teenage girl, Bridie, procured by the nuns from their orphanage as an extra set of hands. an engrossing examination of life under a pandemic and the resilience of the human spirit.

## Meet our New Member, Charmaine Bissen

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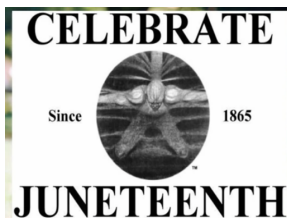
Charmaine Bissen, Psy.D., M.S., is a native Hawaiian who was born and raised in Honolulu. Dr. Bissen received a Psy.D. with Honors from Forest Institute of Professional Psychology, a M.S. in MFCC degree from Ca. State University Dominguez Hills, and a B.S. in Psychology from Notre Dame De Namur University. Dr. Bissen also holds the California College Instructor and Counselor Credentials. Dr. Bissen and has co-authored several psychological journal articles.

In 2014, Dr. Bissen retired from the Department of Education as the Maui District School Psychologist with over 30 years of public service in special education and community mental health services in various capacities working with the seriously mentally ill in the state hospital, prisons, mental health centers, and administrative services. During her career, she received awards and recognition for her volunteerism and advocacy of mental health and school counseling services, while advocating for persons with disabilities. She is a member of several professional organizations while hosting webinars on native Hawaiian culture and history with the Waipukua Foundation.

## Culture and Diversity

Warrior and statesman **King Kamehameha I**, who united the islands of Hawai'i, Kaua'i, Lana'i, Maui, Moloka'i, Kaho'olawe, Ni'ihau, and O'ahu into one nation as the Kingdom of Hawai'i, is honored on June 11, 2021. Past events have included block parties and parades, the latter with floral displays, colorfully-dressed island representatives, and depictions of the royal courts. However, due to the pandemic, all such events have been cancelled island-wide. For prior images and other relevant articles, see [King Kamehameha Day | Hawaii.com](#), [Kamehameha I - Wikipedia](#), [11 Things You May Not Know About Hawai'i and Native Hawaiians - WanderWisdom](#). To feed your Hawaiian cuisine cravings, Poi By the Pound in Kahului has reopened.

On June 3, 2021, in Los Angeles, the United States Postal Service will issue nationwide the '**Go For Broke Stamp**', which honors the heroism of Nisei soldiers in WWII, [Stamp Our Story \(niseistamp.org\)](#). Two-thirds of the members of the famed 442<sup>nd</sup> regimental combat team were Nisei from Hawaii. Maui's Nisei Veterans Memorial Center reports that "The official Hawaii launch will be on Friday, June 4 at 11am", which will be live-streamed on its Facebook page, [Nisei Veterans Memorial Center - Home | Facebook](#)



June 19, 1865, or **Juneteenth**, has long been celebrated by the African-American community as "Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, and Emancipation Day", commemorating the end of slavery, [Juneteenth - Wikipedia](#) [Juneteenth | History, Meaning, Flag, Importance, & Facts | Britannica](#). Hawaii is one of only a few states that has not yet recognized the date as a ceremonial or state holiday. However, that may soon change,

because a bill has been forwarded to Governor Ige acknowledging Juneteenth's significance, [Hawaii is close to honoring Juneteenth, leaving 1 state holdout \(khon2.com\)](#).

Since 2006, June has been commemorated as **Caribbean-American Month**, [Official Site - Caribbean American Heritage Month \(caribbeanamericanmonth.com\)](#). For a taste of our sister islands: [Home - AbiKi's Caribbean Flavas in Maui, HI \(abikiscaribbeanflavas.com\)](#) and [The Empanada Lady Maui - Authentic Caribbean Restaurant in Maui, Hawaii \(business.site\)](#). For some locally-infused reggae music: [About Marty Dread - Maui's Reggae Ambassador](#); [Meet Kanekoa – Kala Brand Music Co., kanekoa | ukulele powered Hawaiian reggae folk rock \(kanekoaband.com\)](#).

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## Great Decisions Discussion June 25

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 June is **China and Africa**, how the two regions are growing closer and the public policy impacts of the relationship. The Zoom meeting will be on Friday, June 25, 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.

## Membership Updates

Just a reminder that AAUW offers Lifetime Memberships. As a lifetime member, you only have to pay state fees. Your national and branch fees are covered. Currently the dues for a lifetime membership would be \$1,180.00. So, do the math and see if this option works for you! We currently have two lifetime members in the Maui Branch.

As of the date of this newsletter, 31 of our members have renewed. Mahalo nui loa for your retention during COVID when many of our usual events have been online or limited. We are looking forward to our current members renewing and also recruiting new members to join us. Shape the Future memberships through June 2022 are currently available for new members with 1/2 price National fees, plus state and branch, for a total of \$57.00. Invite a friend to our next Zoom Speaker Meeting so they can join at this reduced rate.

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 June 8

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We are planning an outdoor (but under shade) lunch at the **'Ula 'Ula Cafe Food Truck in Waihe'e on Tuesday, June 8 at 12:30 p.m.** The address is 1765 Kahekili Highway (a few blocks before the turnoff to the Waihe'e Public Golf Course and before the road gets curvy.) There are big flags on the mauka side of the highway and lots of parking. It is next to a farm, from where many of their ingredients come. **SHORT NOTICE - PLEASE RESERVE BY 5 PM ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6.** The owners suggest pre-ordering. Go to Page 9 of this newsletter to view the menu. Send your orders to Pat at 808-707-2001 (call or text) or [pagotschalk@gmail.com](mailto:pagotschalk@gmail.com). The seating will be picnic tables in shade, but it's probably a good idea to bring a sunhat. Rain or shine, see you there! We will have a couple of chairs to sit at the end of the tables as well.



## Tastes and Talk June 17

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Tastes and Talk will continue with conversation and great food on **Thursday, June 17 starting at 6:00 p.m. at La Catrina Cantina Y Pizzeria** in the Wailea Gateway Mall, 34 Wailea Gateway Place. Please RSVP to Heather Mueller as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, June 14 at 808-430-0120, or [heathermaymueller@yahoo.com](mailto:heathermaymueller@yahoo.com). The phone number for the restaurant is 808-874-1234



You do not have to order in advance. Here is a link to the menu. <https://lacatrinamaui.com/>

## Board Planning Meeting June 27

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The annual Board Planning Meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 27 from 1 to 3 p.m.** The meeting will be available on Zoom, but depending on the COVID rules it may be possible to also meet in person at Pat Gotschalk's house. All members are invited, not just Board members. We will put out a notice with further details as we get closer to the date. If anyone is interested in participating in or chairing a committee, or taking over the Newsletter duties, please be sure to attend. For information in the meanwhile, please contact Pat Gotschalk at 808-707-2001 (phone or text) or [pagotschalk@gmail.com](mailto:pagotschalk@gmail.com).

## Et Cetera

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### Happy Birthday!

**June 6 Karin Carlson**

**June 29 Andrea Rubio**

**June 30 Jean Keating**



*Thanks to Kevin J. Block, Esq., of Maui Immigration Law, our May Speaker, for his highly informative talk on developments in immigration law under the new federal administration. His contact number is 808-244-5858.*



*Let's all have an amazing summer!!*

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## Lunch Bunch Menu for 'Ula 'Ula Cafe Food Truck

The photos are from their menu board. The smoothies are \$7.95. They take credit cards but you get a discount for cash. Please contact Pat with your selection: [pagotschalk@gmail.com](mailto:pagotschalk@gmail.com) or 808-707-2001 (text or phone). This is a small family business so there may be some menu items unavailable.

