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AAUW MAUI BRANCH



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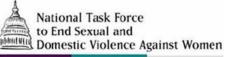
NEWSLETTER - November 2015

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.



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THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)



In 1994 Congress recognized the importance of creating legislation to support women who were victims of violence. Under the leadership of then Senator Joe Biden, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was enacted which helps to hold offenders accountable and provides services for the victims of such acts.

Unfortunately, this legislation only helps survivors in the United States. You can take action to support a world wide effort by asking your members of Congress to pass the International Violence Against Women Act, known as I-VAWA. Our National AAUW makes this easy through Two-Minute Activist. Just go to AAUW.org > What We Do. Click the **Take Action** symbol on the left. On the page under Civil Rights you will find instructions under the title, "Help End Violence Against Women Worldwide."



AAUW - ADVOCACY - POLL - RESULTS ARE IN!



Were you wondering about the results from the recent AAUW poll for which woman our AAUW members chose to place on the \$10 bill? Well, the number one answer was Barbara McClintock who received 27.67 percent of the votes. Second choice was Eleanor Roosevelt with 22.82%.

Barbara McClintock (June 16, 1902 – September 2, 1992) was an American scientist and cytogeneticist who was awarded the 1983 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. McClintock received her PhD in botany from Cornell University in 1927. There she started her career as the leader in the development of maize cytogenetics, the focus of her research for the rest of her life. Barbara McClintock was noted for her discovery of mobile genetic elements in plants.









Co-Presidents' Message Martha Dean & Janet Walker

Hope everyone had a fun Halloween. Now it is November and the holiday season is here. Our AAUW activities continue with a successful collaboration with the Committee on the Status of Women, Women Helping Women and Soroptimist International of Maui in sponsoring a Conference on the Prevention of Human Trafficking. About nine of our members attended the conference for Kathy Xian's presentation. Even though she has spoken to our branch before, her presentation at the conference was much more detailed and yes, sometimes depressing. Following her presentation and lunch there was a brainstorming session which gave attendees a chance to contribute ideas for further action. We are hoping to get a compilation of those ideas from Women Helping Women.

For your information, the AAUW website has an opportunity for you to participate in advocating members of Congress regarding violence against women. You can find the steps you can take on the first page of this newsletter under the heading for VAWA.

To continue our Branch activities, there will be a Board Meeting on Sunday, November 15, at Dorothy Tolliver's home. We hope to see all Board members in attendance, and please note that all members are welcome, too. November 21st is the date of our next speaker meeting. Yes, it is again the third Saturday instead of the fourth because of the Thanksgiving weekend. For details see the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving everyone!

With Aloha, Martha and Janet







BOOK CLUB

Date: Saturday, November 7 Time: 12:00 p.m. Location: Cathy Thompson's home, 22 Huluhulu Place, Kahului cathyt808@gmail.com or (808) 268-1232 November Book: The Tender Bar by J. R. Moehringer Summary: A raucous, poignant, luminously written memoir about a boy striving to become a man, and his romance with a bar. J.R. Moehringer grew up captivated by the voice of his father on the radio, a New York City disc jockey who vanished. Suddenly unable to find The Voice on the radio, J.R. turned in desperation to the bar on the corner, where he found his Uncle Charlie, Colt,; and Joey D. who provided a kind of fathering-by-committee. The Tender Bar is

suspenseful, wrenching, and achingly funny. It is a moving portrait of one boy's struggle to become a man and an unforgettable depiction of how men remain, at heart, lost boys.

December Book: Where'd You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple

LUNCH BUNCH

Date: Tuesday, November 10

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: Saeng's Thai Cuisine, 2119 W Vineyard Street, Wailuku Menu: Order at the restaurant. Separate checks will be provided. RSVP: Sara Green at (808) 891-8020 or alaskagal515@gmail.com

Please reserve your space by Thursday, November 5th, at the latest!

AAUW BOARD MEETING

Date: Saturday, November 15 Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Location: Dorothy Tolliver's home, 705 Pio Drive, Wailuku For Directions: Dorothy (808) 242-5047

All members are welcome to attend the board meeting!

SPEAKER MEETING

Date: Saturday, November 21 (please note date change due to Thanksgiving)

- Time: 10:30 Business Meeting, Silent Auction & Mystery Gifts Proceeds for AAUW Funds
 - 11:00 Speaker Topic: Mediation Services of Maui
 - 12:00 Lunch Separate checks

Menu Preview: http://www.tantes-restaurant.com/menu/lunch menu

Location: Tante's Island Cuisine Restaurant, 100 W. Ka'ahumanu Ave., Kahului (Maui Seaside Hotel)

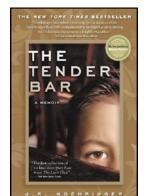
RSVP: Catherine Thompson at cathyt808@gmail.com or (808) 268-1232 Please respond by Wednesday, November 18, and include your menu choice.

Silent auction items and wrapped mystery gifts are appreciated. Proceeds to AAUW Funds.









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HUMAN TRAFFICKING CONFERENCE

Dorothy Tolliver and Martha Dean (pictured on right) were among some of our AAUW members who attended the Human Trafficking Conference (which was the AAUW October program meeting) in conjunction with Women Helping Women, the Soroptimist International of Maui, and the County Committee on the Status of Women.

GREAT DECISIONS 2016 BOOKS and TOPICS

To order the 2016 Great Decisions booklet, please contact AAUW member Mihaela Stoops at <u>mihaela_stoops@hotmail.com</u> or (808) 357-4000

Topics include:

Middle East Alliances The Rise of ISIS The Future of Kurdistan Migration The Koreas The United Nations Climate Change Cuba and the U.S.



We need your input!

Do you have a bright idea for a Speaker Meeting???

Do you have a suggestion to share with the board???

Contact our Co-Presidents

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AAUW Dates to Remember

November 7 - Book Club November 10 - Lunch Bunch November 15 - Board Meeting November 21 - Speaker Meeting <u>November Birthdays</u> November 3 - Melitta Rosen November 5 - Colleen Starmer November 27 - Denah Burnham



<u>Please</u> submit newsletter notices by <u>November 20th</u> to: SANDRA BOLL Communications Chairperson, AAUW Maui Branch Home: 808-879-7655 Cell: 808-205-6329 <u>aauwmauibranch@gmail.com</u>

