



AAUW MAUI BRANCH



NEWSLETTER - June 2015

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 TWO MINUTE ACTIVIST

Make Your Voice Heard in Congress! Take Action! Go to AAUW.org > What We Do > Public Policy > Two Minute Activist and choose a category you wish to support. For example, under Education, click "Create STEM Gateway Today". Add your name to those who are urging their members of Congress to provide program grants for women and minorities in STEM.

AAUW NATIONAL ELECTION - Ballot Features Significant Member-Proposed Changes

Last fall, members submitted proposals on AAUW's membership degree requirement, our support of the Equal Rights Amendment, and other key issues. Please cast your vote in the 2015 AAUW National Election by June 19 to make your voice heard!



Patricia Fae Ho is running for AAUW President, and Alicia Hetman is a candidate for AAUW Vice President. To see photos, profiles, and other details about the candidates for the AAUW National Board of Directors, go to <http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election>.

Your vote counts! One Member, One Vote!

~ AAUW Maui Branch Events* ~

BOOK CLUB

Date: **Saturday, June 6**

Time: **12:00 p.m.**

Location: **Cathy Weber's home, 86 Kulipu'u Street, Kihei**

jcweber86@hawaii.rr.com (808) 298-0855

Book: Then She Found Me by Elinor Lipman

Imagine being a quiet introvert who discovers that the mom who gave you up for adoption 30-plus years earlier is the world's most famous television talk show host. That's the tender, funny premise of this novel. As they begin to forge a relationship, a rocky gap is bridged as they find in each other a piece that was missing from their own personalities.

July & August: No book club meetings

September book: All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr



* **The Special Interest events are open to all AAUW members and guests.**

~ [AAUW Maui Branch Events,* con't.](#) ~



LUNCH BUNCH

Date: Tuesday, June 9

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: **Brigit & Bernard's**

Garden Cafe, 335 Hoohana Street, Kahului

Menu Preview: <http://www.brigitandbernards.net>

(No pre-orders necessary. Order off the menu, separate checks provided.)

RSVP: **Leslie Granat** at **(808) 891-8020**. RSVP your name and potential members or guests by noon on Monday, June 8.



Welcome back, Leslie!
Thank you for arranging Lunch Bunch!

GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions program provides background information and policy options for the eight most critical issues facing America each year. <http://www.fpa.org>

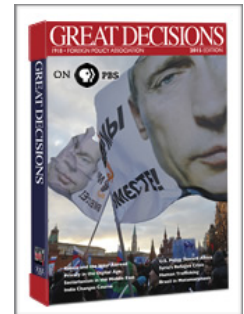
Date: **Friday, June 12**

Time: **12:00 Noon**

Location: Sandy Roger's home, Opukea Condos
1400 Limahana Circle #D101, Lahaina

RSVP: **Mihaela Stoops** at **(808) 357-4000** or mihaela_stoops@hotmail.com

Topic: "U.S. Policy Toward Africa"



Africa is in the midst of an unprecedented transformation. The continent is home to some of the fastest growing economies in the world, and it's become a draw for foreign investors from across the globe. After the "Obamamania" of 2008 died down, though, the realization that Obama wasn't going to overturn, or even prioritize, U.S. Africa policy kicked in. Still, the U.S. has promised to promote "strong institutions, not strong men," and to favor good governance and healthy economies over profit. How can U.S. policy live up to its promise and values while securing its interests in the region?



~ [AAUW Maui Branch News](#) ~

AAUW DUES COLLECTION

REMINDER – AAUW DUES FOR 2015-2016 ARE DUE AND PAYABLE.

The deadline is June 15. Anyone not renewing by July 1 will be removed from AAUW National's roster. Please call Suzanne Young if you will not be able to rejoin.

Dues are \$72, of which \$46 is tax deductible. Please send your check, payable to "AAUW Maui Branch," by June 15 to Suzanne Young.

Suzanne Young

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After June 30 when the new officers are installed, late checks should be sent to Ron Bergman, our new Finance Officer for 2015-2016. His address is 47 Nohoana Place, Wailuku 96793.

AAUW Scholarships Awarded 2015

The American Association of University Women Maui Branch has awarded three \$2000.00 scholarships to local women students who are studying full time in preparation for careers in STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) at University of Hawaii Maui College.



Thelma Kocivar

The **AAUW Maui Branch Scholarship**, this year named for Thelma Kocivar, has been awarded to **Cheska Rhose Liwag**. Cheska is currently working toward a Bachelor of Applied Science and Information Technology degree. Four years on the Robotics Club team at Maui High turned Cheska’s focus to engineering. With a 3.77 GPA, she is a star STEM student at the Maui Economic Development Board’s Women In Technology (WIT) program. Cheska is described by her instructors as having notable leadership skills and is involved in many extra-curricular community activities. Thelma Kocivar was a long-time active and valued member of AAUW Maui Branch.

The **Harriet Haines Scholarship** has been awarded to **Emily Graham** who is studying toward an Associates degreeP in Natural Sciences with plans to continue for a Bachelor’s degree in Biological Science. Her long-term goals include a Ph.D in Biomedical Research or Genetics, or both! Described by her professors as “brilliant and compassionate”, she has a 3.81 GPA, works as a laboratory technician on campus and does lots of volunteer work in the community. Harriet Haines was a founding member in 1962 of AAUW Maui Branch.

The **Dorothy Shimer Scholarship** has been awarded to **Kate M. Hamre** who is studying for a degree in Engineering Technology. A returning student, Kate describes herself as “good at math” and hopes to become a role model for girls entering engineering. She has a 3.58 GPA, is a Kaho’olawe volunteer, and works on preservation projects on Maui. Kate is interested in women’s empowerment. Dorothy Shimer was also a founding member of AAUW Maui Branch.

AAUW is a national organization which was founded in 1881 and now has over 170,000 members worldwide. It is open to women and men who have a two-year associate’s degree or higher from an accredited college or university. AAUW advances equity for women through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW Membership information may be obtained from Maui Branch Membership Chair Wendy Radimer at wendymayr@hotmail.com.



Women In Technology



May Speaker Meeting - Isla Young is the Director for K-12 STEM Education for the Women in Technology (WIT) Project. The organization partners with educators and businesses to provide Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education opportunities for students in Hawaii.



Co-Presidents' Message *Martha Dean & Janet Walker*

By the time you read this, the May 23 Speaker Meeting will have been held and we are confident that all enjoyed our speaker. It is our loss that we were unable to be there due to commitments on the mainland. In the next three months there will be a limited number of activities planned. Time to take a breath.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for these future events:

June 19 - Deadline for voting on-line in the [AAUW National Election](#). Your ballot includes the candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors, amendments to the AAUW Bylaws, and proposed changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program. Be sure to vote!

June 27 - Speaker Meeting postponed. Installation of Officers will be held on September 26. Officers will take up their duties on July 1 as specified in our by-laws but because so many members, including officers, are not on island in June the formal installation has been postponed until there are more members available.

July - No board or general membership meetings.

August 16 - Board Meeting. Includes elected officers, committee and Interest group chairpersons, and is open to ALL members. A major agenda item at this meeting will be planning of the calendar for 2015-16. Suggestions are gratefully accepted.

September 26 - Formal Installation of Officers at Tantes Restaurant. Invited guests will be our scholarship winners. AAUW members are encouraged to bring potential members and guests to any of our meetings. Our experience this year has been that guests that visit our various functions tend to become members.



In June we wish a Happy
Father's Day to all Dads

Janet and Martha





**AAUW Maui
Branch Member
Shirley Hartley**

Shirley (Foster) Hartley married Dave two days after receiving her BS degree in Business Administration at UC Berkeley in 1950. Numerous volunteer activities and two children later (and with a supportive husband), she returned to the University for her Ph.D in Sociology.

As an early woman Ph.D, Shirley considered herself fortunate to be hired at Cal State Hayward in the East Bay. She taught there for 25 years carrying a heavy teaching load and creating many of the department's 25 different courses. She served for a while as Department Chair, spent several years on a research panel for NIH, was on the board of the Population Association of America and received numerous professional honors. Shirley is the author of 3 books, some chapters in edited books, and about 20 journal articles.

The Hartleys have traveled to over 130 countries, including some adventure travels "in the rough", though Shirley adds they have slowed down in the last two years. Their trips included scuba diving and foreign ski adventures.

On Maui Shirley and Dave volunteered as Mediators for over 10 years. She was on the Maui County Commission on the Status of Women. Have you seen Shirley and Dave in the television advertisement for PBS Hawaii?

A new career as an artist resulted in Shirley being elected as a "Living Treasure" of the Lahaina Art Society. She has sold over 300 oil paintings. Shirley has been a member of AAUW Maui Branch since 2005 and has been especially active as a discussion leader for Great Decisions.

Meet Our Members

**WELCOME
BACK**



Leslie Granat



June Birthdays

27 - Jillian Ridington
30 - Jean Keating

AAUW Dates to Remember

June 6 - Book Club
June 9 - Lunch Bunch
June 12 - Great Decisions
June 18-21 - AAUW National Convention
Now thru June 19 - AAUW National Election

Please submit newsletter notices by **June 20th** to: **SANDRA BOLL**
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