

AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

Dates to Remember

Speaker Meeting

Saturday, July 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 4 of the newsletter.

Book Group

Saturday, July 10, at noon, online using Zoom. See page 4 of the newsletter.

Tastes and Talk

Thursday, July 15 at 6 p.m., at in Wailea. See page 7 of the newsletter.



A Time for Transitions

The AAUW-Maui Branch held its Board Planning Meeting on Sunday, June 27, via Zoom. One discussion related to when the branch will be able to resume in-person meetings. Of course, this is dependent upon the COVID rules of Maui County and the State of Hawai'i. But, tentatively, the branch hopes to have live meetings by January 2022. We have scheduled a Chocolate Experience at Maui Ku'ia in Lahaina for November 7. (More on that next month.) We are also tentatively planning an in-person Holiday Party for December 5. The Fundraising Committee will be making a recommendation in September about whether we can schedule the 2022 Whale Watch Fundraiser. It will be so good to get back to a normal schedule, although the membership is to be applauded for keeping up the momentum during these difficult months. We have 55 membership renewals and new members signed up already.

The Board reviewed open positions listed in the branch Policies and Procedures. One position that has not been filled for some time is the "College/University Relations Chair." This position acts as a formal link between AAUW-Maui and the local higher education community. We are excited that branch member Joyce Yamada, Associate Professor and Faculty & Staff Development Coordinator at UH-Maui College has agreed to take on this role. There will be more on this in next month's newsletter. We also have a new President (Pat Gotschalk), a new Finance Chair (Jan Moore), and, starting in August, a new Newsletter Editor (Janice Tietz).

The Board reviewed a calendar for next year's activities which is sent along with this newsletter. Of course, it is subject to change but be sure to note the important dates and events.

President's Message

Aloha mai Maui Branch members!

This is my first newsletter report as President of the AAUW-Maui Branch. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.



I was invited to join the Maui Branch shortly after my husband Barry and I moved here in December 2015. We didn't know anyone, but retired to Maui as a leap of faith that this was the right place for us. There were some rough early months of figuring out our lives in retirement. But thankfully I met Dorothy Tolliver. She invited me to join AAUW-Maui. When I worked at a university in Michigan, I thought AAUW was only for professors. At my first meeting I found a connection to the membership and the mission of AAUW that continues today.

Thanks to the leadership of our past President, Cathy Thompson, our Branch survived and in many ways thrived during the pandemic. The Speaker Meetings were held on Zoom through the summer months, too. Kudos, Virginia Shaw, for finding those speakers! As soon as possible, our branch restarted Lunch Bunch and Tastes and Talks get-togethers to support local restaurants and retain our connections. The Book Group also successfully continued throughout the pandemic on Zoom.

Although we couldn't hold our annual Whale Watch fundraiser in 2021, we were still able to fund three \$2,000 scholarships at UH-Maui due to the generosity of our members. Our past Fundraising Chair, Terry Rosenstock, with assistance of other members, expanded our fundraising efforts to what has become a very successful relationship with Maui Kui'i Chocolate's "Chocolate Laulima" program. The Board and Committee Chairs have performed in an exemplary way during these times. I am looking forward, with fingers crossed, to an in-person Holiday Party in December to celebrate what is -- hopefully -- the beginning of the end of a very challenging time.

Mahalo nui loa to our membership, new and old, for continuing to support AAUW's mission. I encourage all members to attend our quarterly board meetings and find a committee or task that is of interest to you. Share your talents!

I'm taking Hawaiian language lessons and the teacher (kumu) encourages us to use Hawaiian in our everyday lives, so I'm going to make a habit of ending my report with a phrase or statement in my (not so great) 'Ōlelo Hawai'i. This month it is very short:

“I mua!” “Go forward!”

Let's keep the momentum going!

Pat

Public Policy Update

Younghee Overly, Chair of the AAUW Hawaii Public Policy Committee (“PPC”) was our speaker at the June 26 meeting. Much of the work of the state PPC members is providing Hawaii legislators with input regarding our issues.

She reported that the main issues the state PPC is focusing upon for 2021-22 are Equal Pay and Title IX Implementation. AAUW partners with the Hawaii Women's Legislative Caucus to advocate for bills on behalf of women and with the Working Family Coalition, a diversified group of non-profits focused upon the needs of women and children. Younghee stated that achieving equal pay remains essential, as 80% of single mothers in Hawaii are barely making it financially. A renewed focus on Title IX is also necessary due to setbacks during the last federal administration. June 23, 2022 will be the 50th anniversary of Title IX. At present, the Hawaii Department of Education and the University of Hawai'i are in charge of enforcing Title IX in the schools, while the PPC prefers third party enforcement to avoid conflicts of interest. They are also working toward changing state law to make it easier to report sexual assault and suggests we add to the data by talking to Maui students about what the reporting experience is like here.

She had three "asks" for Maui Branch: 1) Participate, as we did last year, in creating a Voter Guide for the next set of elections; 2) Obtain an Equal Pay Day Proclamation with Gov. Ige, to keep this issue before the public and 3) Write Op Eds and Letters to the Editor of the Maui News about AAUW concerns.

Younghee noted reasons to be happy: We now have automatic voter registration in Hawaii; Hawaii is the only state to extend Title IX protections to LGBTQ students; a new Patsy Mink documentary is planned; and Senator Mazie Hirono and California Congresswoman Doris Matsui have introduced new federal legislation to boost funding for Title IX.

[Submitted by Janet Walker]

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.

Speaker Meeting July 24

The July Speaker Meeting will be held on **Saturday, July 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. The Zoom log-in information will be emailed to members by Communications Director Sandi Boll prior to the meeting.

Our speaker will be **Flo Wiger**. Her presentation will cover historical information regarding the status of American Indian communities from the inception of the invasion and tracing developments through contemporary events. It will be analyzed through the viewpoint of an American Indian woman who was raised within the framework of the larger Western European experience. Dr. Wiger holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education, a Master's in Counseling and Guidance from North Dakota State University and a Ph.D. in Social, Philosophical and Psychological Foundations from the University of Minnesota. She has served in a variety of educational institutions both as a faculty member and in administrative positions. Of particular interest was her position as Chair of American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota. Most recently until her retirement she served as Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Acting Chancellor at the University of Hawaii - Maui College.



Book Group July 10

The next AAUW Book Group meeting will be held **on Saturday, July 10, at noon, via Zoom.** (It is not on July 3 due to the 4th of July weekend). Please RSVP to Dorothy Tolliver so you can be included in the Zoom Book Group meeting. Email Dorothy at 2425047@gmail.com.

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.



The book for August is *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles.

A chance encounter with a handsome banker in a jazz bar on New Year's Eve 1938 catapults Wall Street secretary Katey Kontent into the upper echelons of New York society, where she befriends a shy multi-millionaire, an Upper East Side ne'er-do-well, and a single-minded widow.

Culture and Diversity



It's summer and it would usually be **Obon Season**, when Hawaii's Buddhist and Shinto temples honor the departed with prayers, family gatherings, and festivals from June thru August, [Bon Festival - Wikipedia](#). All are welcome, regardless of religion and ethnicity. Hallmarks of the celebrations are the homemade dishes and treats, craft fairs, plants and flowers, and local produce. Offerings include traditional Japanese

dishes like nishime (a kind of stew), makisushi (rice with filling rolled in nori), and andagi (Okinawan donuts). [The Season of Obon Without Obon: My Favorite Obon Recipes | San Jose Public Library \(sjpl.org\)](#), [How to Make Okinawan Andagi - 'Ono Hawaiian Recipes](#)

The Bon Dance is a favorite, both entertaining to watch and fun to join in. Just try to follow along with the lead dancers or be prepared by practicing with online tutorials. [Tanko Bushi -- Bon Dance instructional video - YouTube](#), [The Do's and Don'ts of Hawaii Obon Festivals - Hawaii Magazine](#). Enjoy performances of singing and taiko drumming, while admiring the dancers' colorful yukatas (summer kimonos) and sometimes elaborate kanzashis (hair ornaments).



Sadly, the pandemic will likely result in the cancellation of most if not all of Maui's 13 obon festivals, though some may be celebrated virtually. For a flavor of one of the more popular local festivals, see the Lahaina Jodo Mission's lovely lantern ceremony: [Maui Obon Festival at the Lahaina Jodo Mission - YouTube](#) and other videos from Oahu: [Moiliili Hongwanji Mission Virtual Bon Dance - July 4, 2020 - YouTube](#). To prepare for next year or to see what Maui temples are offering, here's a list of the local sites and a few subjective memories of past obons from the perspective of a born-on-Oahu and reared-on-the mainland, relatively recent Maui transplant, who also danced in San Jose's and LA's obons:

- Kahului Hongwanji Mission: hot dogs and pineapples
- Kahului Jodo Mission: very local crowd and tasty food
- Kula Shofukuji Mission: most Japanese setting among the pines, Komoda Bakery pastries
- Lahaina Hongwanji Mission: distinctive architecture
- Lahaina Jodo Mission: lantern ceremony on the beach and the best nishime
- Lahaina Shingon Mission: farm produce and tasty baked goods
- Makawao Hongwanji Mission: larger crowds, plants and produce

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Culture and Diversity, continued



- Mantokuji Mission of Paia: picturesque seashore setting, good bentos
- Puunene Nichiren Mission: small, intimate setting on a dead-end residential street, interesting history of original plantation donors
- Rinzai Zen Mission: the only Okinawan temple with different costumes and dance traditions, andagi and Okinawan pork
- Wailuku Hongwanji Mission: largest in Central Maui, good chow fun
- Wailuku Jodo Mission: in the heart of Old Wailuku, tasty coconut chips
- Wailuku Shingon Mission: small and intimate, in an old residential district

[submitted by Estelle Chun]

Great Decisions Discussion July 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 July is **The Two Koreas**, an exploration of the relationship between South and North Korea and the implications of an increasing Sino-US rivalry. The Zoom meeting will be on Friday, July 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.

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.

Tastes and Talk July 15

Tastes and Talk will continue with conversation and great food on **Thursday, July 15, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Marco's Grill & Deli in Kahului.** The restaurant is on the corner of Hana Highway and Dairy Road (444 Hana Hwy). Please RSVP to Heather Mueller as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, July 12 at 808-430-0120, or heathermaymueller@yahoo.com. The phone number for the restaurant is 808-877-4446. You do not have to order in advance. Here is a link to the menu. <https://marcosgrillanddeli.com/menu/>



Webinar on Native Hawaiian Mental Health July 9

Mental Health America Maui Brown Bag luncheon, **Friday, July 9, from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.**



“A Perspective on Native Hawaiian Mental Health with Dr. Charmaine Bissen.” This “Talk Story” discussion will examine a perspective on native Hawaiian mental health, which is impacted by the effects of cultural historical trauma, and its relation to cultural identity and mental health within the Hawaiian thought process. The resiliency of native Hawaiians to adapt to a western perspective of life will be addressed.

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 while advocating for persons with disabilities. As a native Hawaiian, Dr. Bissen promotes native Hawaiian mental health, culture, and history through hosting webinars on the Waipukua Foundation facebook page while volunteering her services through several community organizations.

For registration to this free webinar event, contact danielle.bergan@mentalhealthhawaii.org or call her at 242-6461. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81234567890>

New Member Profile

A note from our new member:

“Aloha, my name is Rich Serbin, and I am a retired computer scientist. I worked at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore California as a scientist, mentor of new employees, Ombudsman, and guided college interns. (Also involved with Alu Like, 2003). I graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 1980 with a BS in Applied Mathematics and specialized in Numerical Analysis. Since I am retired, my professional goals are to have fun, set up scholarships with Maui College ECET, Business, and Food Innovation. My current areas of expertise are building computers, riding motorcycle, investing in the stock market and being the world’s oldest slacker. - Rich.”



Welcome to the AAUW-Maui Branch, Rich!

Keep Buying the Chocolate!!

Did you know that eating chocolate is not only good for you, but good for your Maui AAUW branch? Yes, we have partnered with Maui Ku’ia Estate Chocolate, Inc. (MKEC), Maui’s first farm-to-bar chocolate factory and the largest chocolate factory in Hawai’i. As members of their Chocolate Laulima program, AAUW Maui Branch is offered a select number of their products, and the total amount for each sold is split 60/40 – 60% is retained by MKEC and the difference of 40% is returned to our chapter.

You can purchase individually wrapped bags of either 25 count or 50 count chocolates to enjoy yourself or have shipped to friends and family, with purchases over \$100 shipped for free. In addition to the bags, you can now enjoy a curated private tasting experience in the comfort of your own home with chocolates provided for up to 3 people.

To order your chocolates or a video tasting experience, you must order them through the AAUW webpage on the MKEC site, or, if visiting the Lahaina factory store, mention AAUW. To get to the MKEC AAUW page, go first to our own website <https://maui-hi.aauw.net/> and click on the Maui Chocolate link <https://mauichocolate.com/collections/american-association-of-university-women>.

Also, stay tuned to hear about our plans for a “Chocolate Experience” on the rooftop lanai of Maui Ku’ia on the afternoon of November 7.

Et Cetera.....

Note: Sorry, no Lunch Bunch in July. We still need a new coordinator (hint hint). Think about taking it on, it's not hard and others will help with suggestions for venues. Contact Pat Gotschalk at pagotschalk@gmail.com or 808-707-2001 to discuss. Mahalo nui loa!!!

A fun lunch bunch at 'Ula 'Ula Food Truck!

Tastes and Talk at La Catrina Cantita



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 15 - Jane Litt

July 15 - Rebecca Chenoweth

July 19 - Pam Schulz

July 23 - Janet Go

Belated:

June 19 - Charmaine Bissen



Happy 4th of July!



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AAUW Maui Branch Calendar 2021-22

JULY 2021- SOCIAL HEALTH MONTH

1	Thursday	AAUW Fiscal Year begins
4	Sunday	Independence Day
10	Saturday	Book Group
15	Thursday	Tastes and Talk
24	Saturday	Speaker Meeting

AUGUST- NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH

7	Saturday	Book Group
10	Tuesday	Lunch Bunch
18	Wednesday	Anniversary of 19 th Amendment
19	Thursday	Tastes and Talk
22	Sunday	Maui Branch Inaugural Day (Aug 22, 1962)
28	Saturday	Speaker Meeting

SEPTEMBER - WOMEN'S HEALTH MONTH, HAWAIIAN HISTORY MONTH, NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

4	Saturday	Book Group
6	Monday	Labor Day/Patriot Day
7	Tuesday	Rosh-ha-Shona (begins at sundown)
7	Tuesday	Lunch Bunch
8	Wednesday	Rosh-ha-Shona (ends at sundown)
11?	Sunday	Board/Fundraising Committee Meeting (Whale Watch Planning)
15	Wednesday	Yom Kippur (begins at sundown)
16	Wednesday	Yom Kippur (ends at sundown)
16	Thursday	Tastes and Talk
24	Friday	Islam Day (Hawaii)
25	Saturday	Speaker Meeting

OCTOBER – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

2	Saturday	Book Group
11	Monday	Columbus Day/Discoverer's Day/Indigenous People's Day
12	Tuesday	Lunch Bunch
21	Thursday	Tastes and Talk
23	Saturday	Speaker Meeting
31	Sunday	Halloween

NOVEMBER – NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

6	Saturday	Book Group
7	Sunday	Chocolate Experience Membership Mixer
9?	Tuesday	Lunch Bunch. (skip in light of Nov 7 event?)
11	Thursday	Veterans Day
18	Thursday	Tastes and Talk
25	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
27	Saturday	Speaker Meeting
28	Sunday	AAUW birthday, founded in 1881
28	Sunday	Hanukkah (begins at sundown)

DECEMBER - UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH

4	Saturday	Book Group
5	Sunday	Holiday Party/Membership Mixer
6	Monday	Hanukkah (ends at sundown)
14	Tuesday	Lunch Bunch
23	Thursday	Tastes and Talk
24	Friday	Christmas Eve
25	Saturday	Christmas Day
26	Sunday	Kwanzaa begins
31	Friday	New Year's Eve

JANUARY 2022 – SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

1	Saturday	New Year's Day
1	Saturday	Kwanzaa ends
8	Saturday	Book Group
9	Sunday	Board Meeting
11	Tuesday	Lunch Bunch
17	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. birthday
20	Thursday	Tastes and Talk
22	Saturday	Speaker Meeting

FEBRUARY – BLACK HISTORY MONTH

5	Saturday	Book Group
8	Tuesday	Lunch Bunch
17	Thursday	Tastes and Talk
21	Monday	Presidents' Day
26	Saturday	Speaker Meeting

[NOTE: if needed, nominating committee]

MARCH – WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

3	Thursday	Girl’s Day (Hawaii)
5	Saturday	Book Group
6	Sunday	Whale Watch Fundraiser (if held)
8	Tuesday	Lunch Bunch
17	Thursday	Tastes and Talk
20	Sunday	Board Meeting [Budget to be adopted at this meeting]
26	Saturday	Speaker Meeting - Officer Candidates presented if needed
26	Saturday	Prince Kuhio Day

APRIL – SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

TBA	Plan for Voter Registration Project at UH-Maui	
2	Saturday	Ramadan (begins)
2	Saturday	Book Group
2	Saturday	Equal Pay Day
12	Tuesday	Lunch Bunch
21	Thursday	Tastes and Talk
22	Friday	Earth Day
23	Saturday	Annual Meeting/Speaker Meeting/ Election of Officers if needed

[State Conference? Speaker Meeting may be changed?]

MAY – ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

[Scholarship Awards Ceremony, UH/MC?]

TBA	Finance Officer Audit Complete by May 30	
1	Sunday	Ramadan (ends)
1	Sunday	Lei Day in Hawaii
3	Wednesday	National Teacher’s Day
5	Thursday	Boy’s Day in Hawaii and Cinco de Mayo
7	Saturday	Book Group
8	Sunday	Mother’s Day
10	Tuesday	Lunch Bunch
19	Thursday	Tastes and Talk
21	Saturday	Armed Forces Day
28	Saturday	Speaker Meeting/Installation of Officers if needed
30	Monday	Memorial Day

JUNE - TECH MONTH, LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH

4	Saturday	Book Group
11	Saturday	King Kamehameha Day
12	Sunday	Board Planning Meeting (or schedule in July?)
14	Tuesday	Lunch Bunch
14	Tuesday	Flag Day
19	Sunday	Father's Day
19	Sunday	Juneteenth
23	Thursday	Tastes and Talk
23	Thursday	46 th Anniversary Passage of Title IX
25	Saturday	Speaker Meeting
30	Thursday	Deadline for Membership Dues
30	Thursday	Fiscal Year ends



AAUW - Dorothy Shimer Scholarship



J. Kalula Chrupalyk

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Permanent Resident: Hawaii

High School:

Central High School of
Philadelphia, 1995

UH Campus: Maui

Class Level: Senior

Major: Business; Hawaiian
Language; Pacific & Asian Studies

Fun Facts

As a deep observer of all things, I enjoy advocating for the preservation of history as well as using what I've learned there to shape our future. Today I use that passion to work with and do all that I can for Maui Historical Society. To preserve and restore the Hawaiian Language, I enjoy volunteering with Duolingo Language app helping others to feel confident in their journey learning the endemic language that was once spoken and still is an official language, here in Hawaii.

Outside of the general academic setting of school, it is my civic duty to inspire others to continue education, no matter what their current situation is. As a fresh graduate from high school I did not have that opportunity. Through personal achievement, I was able to climb the corporate ladder until my traumatic brain injury caused a decade of disability where doctors did not think I would walk or talk again, let alone attend college, or continue to achieve. Today, I am a graduate of Hawaiian Studies and starting the ABIT program to put myself in a better position to help others overcome barriers that prevent their success. Serving the community makes me happy. I hope to do more one day.

Letter of Gratitude

See attached



Your generosity
transforms lives
and is helping to
shape the future
of Hawai'i.

THANK YOU
for your support



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RE: Letter of Gratitude

J Kahala, Chrupalyk: AAUW Dorothy Shimer Scholarship

I am deeply humbled and honored to receive this academic award from you. I cannot express how grateful I am that you would find me worthy of your investment, or how far reaching this scholarship will ultimately go. It is because of these opportunities that I, a single parent, am able to continue education toward my goal of creating a strong foundation for both my family as well as our community. Through these generous contributions, my goal is to create a foundation that is strong enough to uplift and inspire others to live to their potential. Mahalo nui loa for empowering me to achieve the goal of setting examples for those around me. A better future is available. All we need is a little determination and some good old fashioned elbow grease. Together, the possibilities are endless. Let's make the best of what we have.