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AAUW MAUI BRANCH

NEWSLETTER - September 2015



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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.

~ AAUW News & Information ~



AAUW FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

At its August 16 meeting, the Board voted to distribute our AAUW Fund contributions to two specific funds rather than the general AAUW Fund. Suzanne Young will, on a rotating basis, send our contributions to:

(1) **The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)** provides financial and institutional support for a select number of legal cases in the workplace and academia that have the potential to provide significant protection for women. It also provides for campus outreach grants to educate students about the reality of unfair pay, sexual harassment and assaults, pregnancy discrimination and Title IX violations on campus.

(2) **The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award** honors an individual, project, organization or institution for outstanding contributions to equality and education for women and girls. Watch the speech of this year's awardee Dr. Johnson-Bailey at the national convention on line at <http://convention.aauw.org/speakers/awardees/>: Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award.

AAUW MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

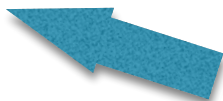
As we continue to open our Branch to new members, all current members are encouraged to invite potential members to various events. Please share the following information with your friends. AAUW is a national organization founded in 1881 and now has over 170,000 members worldwide. It is open to women 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.

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 MAUI BRANCH SURVEY

If you have not submitted the Maui Branch Survey for our 2015-2016 year, you can [fill it out in Google Forms](#). All online surveys are anonymous. Your viewpoints are important!



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

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all enjoyed your summer hiatus and are ready to plunge into AAUW activities once again. We look forward to seeing in person all who are returning from the mainland and/or other points east, west, north or south.

The members of the Board came roaring back on August 16 with a full agenda of reports and ideas for projects, events and galas. Officers and chairpersons are already hard at work on the nitty gritty that makes things happen. When called on to help by one of them we hope you can lend a hand.

Three of the four AAUW National Convention attendees reported on their experiences there and urged us all to go to AAUW.org where the workshops are available in Powerpoint format and speeches in video. Thanks to Cheryl and Ron Bergman, Karen Grafe and Janet Walker for representing our Maui Branch.

One of the ideas from the convention is the Branch Survey you have all received and some have returned. If you have not returned a completed survey please do so. Your responses will be read, compiled, reported back and carefully considered.

Now, here are some dates to put on your calendar:

September 26	Installation, Scholar's Luncheon
October 17	Speaker Meeting/Training Session on Prevention of Human Trafficking
November 21	Speaker Meeting
December 17	Holiday Potluck Party
January 23	Speaker Meeting
February 27	Speaker Meeting
March 6	WHALE WATCH
March 26	Speaker Meeting, Women's History Month
April 14	Equal Pay Day
April 29- May 1	Hawaii State Conference, Kauai
May 28	Last Business Meeting, Election results



With Aloha,
Janet and Martha

~ **AAUW Maui Branch Events*** ~



LUNCH BUNCH

Date: **Tuesday, September 8**

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

Location: **Giovanni of Bistro Casanova**, 33 Lono Avenue, Kahului

Cost: \$20 per person plus 4% tax and 18% gratuity

Menu: Lunch will be served "*alla famiglia*"...family style for a new twist and to try new entrées. Includes: Caesar Salad, Platter of calamari with homemade aioli sauce, followed by platters of "all you can eat": Rigatoni carbonara, Fettuccine with homemade meat sauce and Italian meatballs, and Linguine with wild mushrooms in a creamy garlic sauce. Sodas, teas, and coffee included, additional cost for other drinks.

Menu Entrée Descriptions: <http://bistrocasanova.com/menu.php>

RSVP: **Bobbi Carlson** at (928) 821-0792 or bobbicarlson@hotmail.com. Please RSVP your name and potential members or guests by noon on Sunday, September 6.



BOOK CLUB

Date: **Saturday, September 12** (Date change due to Labor Day weekend)

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

Location: **Cathy Thompson's** home, 22 Huluhulu Place, Kahului
cathyt808@gmail.com (808) 268-1232

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

Summary: *In this epic work of historical fiction, author Anthony Doerr weaves together the stories of a French girl named Marie-Laure who has lost her eyesight and a German orphan named Werner. As Hitler's occupied territory grows, Marie-Laure and Werner's lives and families are torn apart by the war, yet this gorgeous novel is the story of people who, against the odds, find good in one another.*

October Book: Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns



GREAT DECISIONS

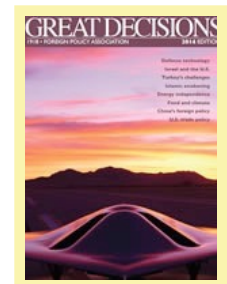
Date: **Saturday, September ?** - To be Announced

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

Location: To Be Announced

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

Topic: Syria's Refugee Crisis



INSTALLATION AND MEET THE SCHOLARS LUNCHEON

Date: **Saturday, September 26**

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

Time: **11:00** Welcome and Introductions

11:15 Installation of New Officers by Dorothy Tolliver

11:45 UHMC Scholarship Recipients will speak about their aspirations

12:00 Lunch - Separate checks

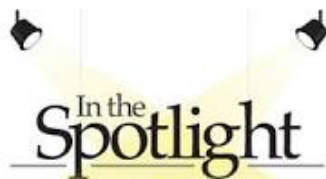
Menu Preview: http://www.tantes-restaurant.com/menu/lunch_menu

RSVP: Janet Walker at (530) 409-0192 or bjwalker@comcast.net by 12 noon Friday, Sept. 25.
Please include your menu selection when you reply.

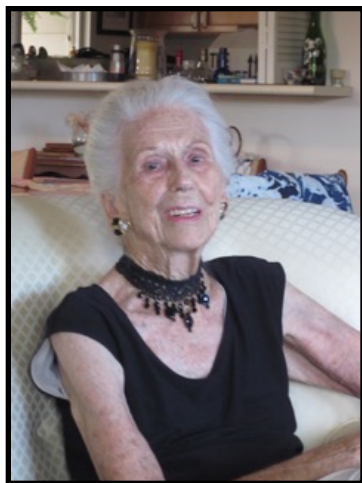
Silent auction items and wrapped mystery gifts are appreciated. Proceeds to AAUW Funds.



* **Events are open to all AAUW members and guests.**



AAUW Maui Branch Member
Cornelia Spanier



On July 26, 1915 in Ferndale, California, Cornelia was welcomed into a fine old house in the green flatland by the river. Father, Ernest Clausen, sold the ranch in 1920 and moved the family to Southwestern Oregon. They settled in a ranch area of Broadbent, which had one general store, a post office and cheese factory. It was rough going in the post WWI depression. Cornelia was a ranch girl and loved horses and animals.

At the age of 6, Cornelia joined 20 kids in a two room grade school where reading, arithmetic and Palmer Method writing was stressed, followed by high school in Myrtle Point, a town of 2500 people. She chose Oregon State University and pledged the Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority in 1935, graduating in 1938, making her an active member for 80 years.

With the urge to work in the city, she secured a position as private secretary to the boss of a large wholesale firm for \$50.00 a month (depression wages) in Portland. Pearl Harbor hastened romance. In 1941 Cornelia married a soldier on Valentines Day. The groom shipped out with thousands of GI's, no destination revealed. He returned in 1945 and a son, Barry was born in 1946 in Visalia, California.

Transferring to San Francisco in 1952 was the greatest move. Cornelia was back in the corporate world as Manager of the Unemployment Claims Department for the Emporium Capwell Company where she remained for 30 years. After retiring, she served as a Consultant and Appeals Hearing Specialist for other companies; and wrote and published a manual for employers.

It was during this time she became serious about traveling. Before there was not enough time for visits to out of the way places such as the Turkish Coast, Sardinia, Corsica, Tahiti and Cocos Island, so she was able to enjoy sailing, including going twice on a 3 masted schooner in the Caribbean.

Cornelia lived in a wonderful apartment in the San Francisco Marina near the Bay. It was walking distance to the Fort Mason Community Garden, where she grew vegetables, herbs and flowers. As well, she was a long time docent at the San Francisco Academy of Sciences.

Perhaps the most rewarding activity was playing hostess in her home to distinguished guests sponsored by the State Department where she prepared an evening of beautifully prepared dinners. The organization was called the Institute of International Education. She did this for many years. After traveling for two weeks in our country, a home cooked meal was greatly appreciated by the international guests.

At 96, Cornelia was in need of daily help in the house and finally agreed to relocate to Maui to live with her son and daughter-in-law. She has two grandsons on Maui and a granddaughter in Oregon who visits regularly.



Cornelia is still living life to the fullest and celebrated her 100th birthday on July 26th. Her life has been full of adventure, long time friends and lots of laughter.



IN MEMORY OF SHIRLEY HARTLEY

Shirley Hartley was a strong supporter of AAUW's mission and is credited with starting a Great Decisions group in our Maui Branch. Shirley will be greatly missed by our AAUW members.

You may want to consider making a special contribution in memory of Shirley to either our [Branch Scholarship Funds](#) or to [National AAUW Funds](#).

Mail Maui Branch Scholarship Funds to:

Ron Bergman

47 Nohoana Place, Wailuku HI 96793

(Checks payable to "AAUW Maui Branch")

Mail AAUW Funds checks to:

Suzanne Young

670 Lea Place, Makawao, HI 96768

(Checks payable to "AAUW Funds")

AAUW Scholarships Awarded 2015

On May 17, our AAUW Maui Branch awarded \$2000 scholarships to three women students - Emily Graham, Kate M. Hamre, and Cheska Rhose Liwag - studying in STEM fields at UHMC. Come and meet the scholars at our AAUW luncheon on September 26.



July, August, & September

Birthdays

- July 14 - Illa Todd
- July 15 - Jane Litt
- July 19 - Cathy Weber
- July 23 - Janet Go
- July 26 - Cornelia Spanier's 100th
- July 30 - Wilika Asimont
- July 30 - Susan Bradford
- August 13 - Marilyn Lytle
- August 22 - Sandra Boll
- August 28 - Bonnie King
- August 28 - Marsha Palmer
- September 8 - Janine Asuncion
- September 8 - Martha Martin
- September 10 - Martha Dean
- September 15 - Karen Hecht
- September 23 - Karin Camilli
- September 30 - Sandra Hooper



AAUW Dates to Remember

September 8 - Lunch Bunch

September 12 - Book Club

September 26 - Installation, and Meet the Scholars Luncheon

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