

# AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls



George Kahumoku Jr.

Renaissance Man

As part of Hawaiian History Month, our guest speaker will be George Kahumoku. “Uncle George” was born in Kona on the Big Island and has become a preserver of traditional Hawaiian culture. He is a slack key guitar master, vocalist & songwriter, storyteller, artist, sculptor, and agriculturalist and was labeled a Hawaiian “renaissance man” by the Maui Time Weekly. Please join in for what promises to be a very interesting and informative meeting.

The September meeting will be held on **Saturday, September 25, 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/singer at 11:00. The Zoom login information will be emailed to members by Communications Director Sandi Boll prior to the meeting.

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## Dates To Remember:

Speaker Meeting Saturday, September 25th, 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.

Book Group Saturday September 11, at noon, online using Zoom. See page 3.

Tastes and Talk See page 3.

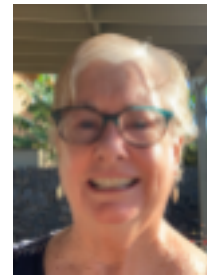
Lunch Bunch: No meeting in September; check back in October!

Great Decisions: Meeting September 24 page 6.

Chocolate Fundraiser: November 7. See page 5.

## President's Message

We welcomed 20 members attending our Speaker Meeting on August 28 on Zoom, and enjoyed an informative talk by Dr. Sheri Daniels on *The Resilience of Success: Weaving and Integrating Hawaiian Values into Health*. Many thanks to Virginia Shaw for continuing to provide excellent speakers for our meetings.



All members are invited to join the September 12 Board Meeting via Zoom.

This is a good opportunity for newer members to learn more about the Maui branch and its ongoing goals and projects. A Zoom link will be emailed to our membership prior to the meeting.

I'm happy to report that Branch and State projects made some excellent progress in August: Joyce Yamada reported that Chancellor Hokoana is pleased to establish UHMC as a partner college with our Branch. This will enhance opportunities to host joint UHMC/AAUW events (such as films and educational programs) and also to create an AAUW Student Organization. We welcome as a new member Shawna Pabingwit, the incoming Title IX Coordinator for Students at UHMC. Also, the State AAUW Title IX legislation project is moving forward on schedule. Moderators and notetakers from the Maui Branch and other branches trained to conduct student focus groups that will be held in September. We will keep you posted on this important effort.

The current plan is for the Maui branch to forge ahead with the November 7 Chocolate Experience fundraiser in Lahaina, which is an outdoor event, described in more detail on page 5 in this newsletter. We will discuss the prospects for our annual Whale Watch fundraiser at the September 12 board meeting.

During the Speaker Meeting we were able to conduct some business, including a motion that the Branch limit in-person activities to vaccinated members. This motion was presented because the COVID-19 Delta numbers on Maui continue to remain high, and passed by majority vote. As we schedule events we will keep this new rule in mind, as well as the CDC and State/County guidance on safe gatherings.

### **This is the recent guidance from AAUW National on AAUW Gatherings: Put Safety First**

*Many members are understandably eager to return to in-person affiliate gatherings. However, due to the recent rise in the COVID-19 delta variant, we strongly advise caution. It's critical to follow all city, state and county guidance and be mindful of the risks. The pandemic isn't over, and many of us regularly engage with young people and others who may be unvaccinated. It's also worth remembering that virtual gatherings can help enable diversity and inclusion by allowing you to expand your reach to new groups.*

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.

## Book Group September 11

The next AAUW Book Group meeting will be held on **Saturday, September 11, 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 September is The Mother-in-Law by Sally Hepworth.

The book for October will be Under Maui Skies, and Other Stories = I lalo o nā lani o Maui a me nā mo'olelo 'ē a'e I lalo o nā lani o Maui a me nā mo'olelo 'ē a'e, by Wayne Moniz. Maui's rich history and culture are the foundation of these new, original short stories by Maui's award-winning author/playwright. Under Maui Skies, and Other Stories presents seven Maui tales in different genres set in a variety of Maui locales ranging in time from pre-contact Hawai'i to the 1960s.

## Tastes and Talk September 30

Heather Mueller has graciously offered to hold the next Tastes and Talk dinner outdoors, on her deck at her home in Keokea (near Grandma's on Kula Road.) **Please note that due to the COVID situation this event is dependent on state and county mandates that can change at any time. *The best idea is to RSVP early to be first on the list if we have to limit the number of people.***

The outdoor dinner will be held on **Thursday, September 30, at 6:00 PM.**

Attendees are required to be fully vaccinated for the safety of all.

### Location:

155 Cross Road, Kula, 96790

RSVP:

808. 446-3545 Main phone

808. 430-0120 Cell phone

Or email Heather at [heathermaymueller@yahoo.com](mailto:heathermaymueller@yahoo.com). She asks that if you have a Fall recipe you would like to share please call her, but bringing a dish is not required!

She will send you specific travel instructions. Since it is a longish drive up Haleakala to Keokea/Kula she will gladly arrange car pooling if requested. Remember it is cooler up at 3,000 ft. altitude so bring your sweater....if you down country folks don't own a sweater, she has plenty to lend!

## CULTURE AND DIVERSITY

**Hispanic Heritage Month** begins on September 15 and ends on October 15, with this year's theme: "Esperanza: A celebration of Hispanic heritage and hope". [Hispanic Heritage Month Theme 2021 - Hispanic Month](#) There are many ways to celebrate the contributions from the Spanish-speaking world, including Latin America, the Caribbean, South and Central America, and Spain. Learn to dance salsa, binge on Latin music, and of course dine on the delicious cuisine. [12 Hispanic Heritage Month Activities to Celebrate in 2021 \(oprahdaily.com\)](#)

Unfortunately, like last year, Hawaii's 2021 Hispanic Heritage Festival has been cancelled, but look forward to it in October 2022 in Honolulu. [19 Popular Festivals In O'ahu, Hawaii - Updated 2021 | Trip101](#) In the meantime, read up on "The difference between Latinos and Hispanics and how they are not interchangeable" [Hispanic vs. Latinos vs. Latinx Explained | featured \(yesprep.org\)](#), [Latina, Latino, Latinx vs. Hispanic: What the words mean \(usatoday.com\)](#)

As for dining, besides the Latin fusion restaurants listed in past columns, e.g., Wailuku's The Empanada Lady, Lahaina's Frida's, and Mexican chains, here're a couple of small family-owned ones: Alba's Cuban Coladas in Makawao, Acevedo's Hawaiicano Café in Kahului, and Fiesta Time in Wailuku. The Spanish influence on the cuisine of Spain's former colonies is also evident in local Filipino cuisine, including flan and adobo. Try both at Wailuku's Golden Coin Restaurant.

Two important Jewish holidays will also be celebrated in September. **Rosh Hashanah**, "the Jewish new year celebration marking the creation of the world" is from sundown on September 6 to sundown on the 8<sup>th</sup>. **Yom Kippur**, "the holiest day on the Jewish calendar, a day of atonement marked by fasting and ceremonial repentance" is from sundown to sundown September 15 to the 16<sup>th</sup>. [2021 Diversity Holiday Calendar | Diversity Best Practices](#)

The Hawaii United Okinawa Association's annual **Okinawan Festival** has also been cancelled, but you can join in "sharing Uchinanchu Aloha" on September 4 and 5 on Youtube or Facebook, [2021 Virtual Okinawan Festival](#).

Submitted by Estelle Chun

## Chocolate Fundraiser Update!!

Save the Date – Sunday, Nov 7, 2021

### AAUW Maui Chapter Fundraiser at Maui's own Ku'ia Estates Chocolate Factory

Enjoy a signature, guided chocolate tasting with the entire registration fee (\$35) and 40% of the proceeds from selected chocolate purchases going to our AAUW Maui Branch to fund our scholarships we award each year to deserving UH Maui students. Join us for a 9-piece chocolate tasting at the Maui Ku'ia Estate Chocolate Factory in Lahaina on **Sunday, November 7, 2021 from 12:30 to 1:30 PM**. Discover how their cacao is locally grown in Lahaina and why the chocolate produced in their factory is of such high quality. Every guest will sample at least nine varieties of chocolate!

- The event takes place on the outdoor rooftop pavilion with breathtaking 360-degree views.
- Seating will be at individual tables accommodating 2-6 people.
- Capacity will be limited to number of people allowed under state and county rules to attend outdoor events in place at the time of the tasting.
- Tickets can be purchased online only directly from the Maui Ku'ia Estate Chocolate website:
  - <https://www.mauichocolatetour.com/weekend-tastings-chocolate-laulima/>
- There is a 24 hour cancellation policy.
- We request that all Maui Branch attendees be fully vaccinated (however, there may be members of the public attending whose status we cannot confirm. Masks are required by Maui Ku'ia.)

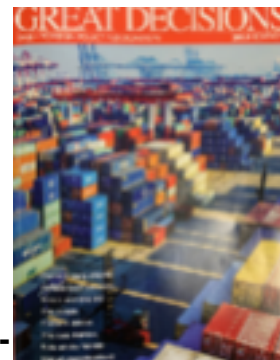
Not able to join us on November 7? Here are some other ways you can contribute to our scholarship fund:

- Purchase chocolates for yourself or your friends by going to our AAUW page on the Maui Ku'ia Estate Chocolate website: <https://mauichocolate.com/collections/american-association-of-university-women>. Remember, we receive 40% of the proceeds from your purchase only if purchased on this page.
- Send a donation by check for any amount made payable to **AAUW MAUI BRANCH** and mail to **PO Box 1352, Pu'unene HI 96784**. Please make a note on the check that this contribution is for scholarship funds.

Questions? Contact Terry Rosentock 415-816-2671 (text) or [terryrosenstock@gmail.com](mailto:terryrosenstock@gmail.com). Terry is currently on the East Coast so please be aware of the time difference (6 hours.)

## Great Decisions Discussion September 24

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 meeting in September will be held on September 24 from 1-2.** The discussion topic in September is **The World Health Organization's Response to Covid 19.** This is the same topic scheduled for August, which was cancelled due to scheduling issues.

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. Importantly, this is a nonpartisan group and politics are kept out of the discussion as much as possible.



September 8 - Martha Martin

September 10 - Martha Dean

September 17 - Roberta North

September 23 - Karin Camilli

September 23 - Rita Forsythe

September 28 - Maureen Van Denburgh

Et cetera.....

A noteworthy letter from a Maui resident to local governmental officials. Mahalo to Barbara G. Long for allowing us to share this in our newsletter.

September 1, 2021

TO: Brandis Sarich, Chair, and Commissioners  
Maui County Cultural Resources Commission  
Department of Planning  
2200 Main Street - Suite 315  
Wailuku, HI 96793  
via FAX: 808-270-7634

SUBJECT Items C-1, 2, and 3 on CRC Agenda for September 2, 2021

Aloha Chair Sarich and Commissioners:

It has become evident that the County's procedures and standards for the renaming of County-owned parks and facilities has resulted in an obvious bias in favor of male honorees. The attached list shows fifteen County facilities and parks currently named for men, and only two named for women.

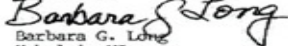
This unfair imbalance does not do justice to the many Maui women leaders, coaches, volunteers and noteworthy citizens whose civic contributions have inspired and enhanced our Island.

The current ordinances, policies and standards must be reviewed and improved, to better reflect the positive impact and enduring example that Maui's amazing women have demonstrated. Girls, as well as boys, need to know their role models!

I ask you to please defer action on the three agenda items -- C-1, 2 and 3 -- to ensure a comprehensive review and improvement of the ordinances, policies and standards for renaming County parks and facilities, to ensure unbiased representation of honorees. Please urge County officials, administration and County Council to correct the imbalance, and establish a balanced and accurate renaming procedure.

Mahalo for your consideration of this important issue!

Sincerely,

  
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