

AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

Building our Team of Advocates

Submitted by Alicia Hetman, Maui Branch Public Policy Committee Chair

I am pleased to represent the AAUW of Maui Branch as the Public Policy Chair and to also be a member of the AAUW of Hawaii Public Policy Committee. **There is much for us to do this year with the fact that the Title IX 50th Anniversary is June 23, 2022 and we need a team approach to be successful.**

I have been an active member of AAUW for 46 years when I joined a California branch. I have served as an officer at all three levels of AAUW. My most recent was as AAUW Board Vice Chair. I am on the National Public Policy Committee, the AAUW of CA PPC as the Title IX Consultant, and now the Maui Branch and Hawaii PPC. I have been a Title IX/Gender Equity expert because of my work with AAUW since the 1980s. I volunteered to assist these public policy committees to share knowledge gained by my gender equity training and previous work as the CA Department of Education's first Gender Equity Compliance Officer.

Janet Walker (my great assistant chair) and I need your involvement as we work through the current Hawaii Legislative session and prepare for and celebrate Equal Pay Day and Title IX's 50th Anniversary. I live full time in California but became a member of the Maui Branch because I come to Maui at least once a year for a couple of weeks and enjoy being a member of the Branch.

1. We'd like to get at least one member from each Assembly member and Senator Districts who would be willing to write a postcard, letter, email on our bills we support. We need to complete a new list for all of Maui and then I can share it with Younghee Overly, our state chair. If anyone is willing to testify on any of the bills, we will work with you on that project, as well. Legislators count the number of constituents they hear from as they make decisions

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Dates To Remember:

Speaker Meeting Saturday, February 26, 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 p. 3)

Book Group Saturday, February 5, at noon, online using Zoom. (See p. 4)

Taste and Talk Whale Watch on Thursday, February 24. (See p. 4)

Lunch Bunch: No meeting in February

Great Decisions: Friday, February 25th 1:00.p.m. via ZOOM (See p. 8)

... about voting on the bills, so the more the merrier. If you are willing to be part of this activity, which won't take much time at all, please email me at titleix@aauw-ca.org so I have a complete Maui list.

2. The date for the upcoming **Equal Pay Day** has not been finalized. I am checking on the National Committee for Pay Equity website daily. I spoke to a woman and she said it was delayed for a variety of reasons. AAUW of Maui is working on getting a Proclamation from Mayor Victorino and if you'd like to assist with this small project, let branch member Joyce Yamada yamadajo@hawaii.edu and me know. Joyce has agreed to work with the Mayor's office on this project. I will be in Kaanapali from March 23rd-April 6th this year; I will lengthen my trip if Equal Pay Day is just before my arrival. I would like to see us have some type of community presence while I am here and we acknowledge Equal Pay Day as an AAUW Branch. Those of you willing and interested in helping with the planning of an event, please email me. I have some ideas of what we have done in the past here in California.

3. **Title IX 50th Anniversary celebration date is June 23, 2022.** It is especially important for us to really become the voice for Title IX on Maui this year. We owe it to Patsy Mink to do everything we can to reach true gender equity on Maui. Did you know, AAUW was in the front row at the signing of Title IX and we were instrumental in getting it passed and signed? We are working with Younghee on getting proclamations at the state level and from each Mayor. We need some members to work on this project to get the request and text to the Mayor's Office and a few members to assist with any possible public event for the announcement of the Proclamation.

4. I would like to have between 4-8 Maui members work as part of the branch public policy committee this year. I can be reached at titleix@aauw-ca.org and please feel free to talk with Janet Walker bjpwalker@comcast.net while she is on Maui. **Teamwork Makes the Dream Work.**

Honolulu Branch Talk Story Tuesday Programs

The AAUW state board has discussed the idea of being intentional about sharing local branch programming to other state branches if the programming is of general interest. In the spirit of this concept, here is a link to the Honolulu Branch "Talk Story Tuesday" programs that are available on Zoom. Check them out!

<https://www.aauwhonolulu.org/talk-story-tuesday>.

*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 Maui Branch President's Message

Hello Maui Branch members!

First, I want to thank **Alicia Hetman and Janet Walker** who are working so hard to bring us to the next level in terms of the AAUW Maui Branch involvement in public policy supported by AAUW National. There are many exciting projects that will really make a difference to the Maui community. Extra help from our Branch members would be greatly appreciated.

Second, I have a small favor to ask. It would be incredibly helpful if one or more of our members would take ownership of the **Chocolate Laulima program through Maui Kū'ia Chocolate**. This program has been an easy (and delicious) way for our branch to raise additional funds for our UH Maui College Scholarships. We recently received a communication from the Maui Kū'ia CEO, Gunars Valkirs. Last year his company donated more than \$81,000 to local nonprofits, including our branch. The company is expanding the Chocolate Tasting programs so they can be held at any time on Saturday and Sunday (rather than limiting the time to Sundays at 12:30 pm). If the tasting is scheduled for 12:30 pm, however, it can be attended by members of the general public.

We raised more than \$1,200 at our November tasting, including the entry fees and a percentage of sales. It's really not difficult or time consuming to set up one of these events, and we should definitely sponsor at least one per year. Also, these tastings are held on a breezy, outdoor, handicapped-accessible lanai, and the company follows the County COVID regulations. If you are willing to help out our branch and UH Maui College students through the scholarships, please contact me at pagotschalk@gmail.com or phone/text 808-707-2001.

Mahalo nui loa!

Pat



“Taste and Talk” Whale Watch Update, February 24

Don't forget our February Taste and Talk Whale Watch event! Already several of our members have made reservations, so please join in. All members and their guests are invited to make reservations for the **Whale Watch at Pacific Whale Foundation on Thursday, February 24, departing at 4:30 p.m. from Ma'alaea Harbor.**

REMINDER: If you have a Hawai'i driver's license or state ID, you can get the special kama'aina rate, but you must make your reservation by PHONE and bring your driver's license to the event. The reservation line number is 808-201-4014. Regular adult price is \$69.95. Frankly, the online reservation system is hard to navigate so even for regular tickets, we suggest you call Pacific Whale Foundation's reservation line at 808-201-4014 and make your reservation for the Thursday, February 24 Whale Watch, departing at 4:30 p.m. from Ma'alaea Harbor.

Pacific Whale Foundation will email waivers and more information about check-in time as the date gets closer.

For more information or if you need help making a reservation, please contact Pat Gotschalk at 808-707-2001 or pagotschalk@gmail.com.

Good
Friends
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Good Food
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Good Times



AAUW Speaker Meeting, February 26

Please join us on **Saturday, January 22 online using Zoom for a presentation by our own Carol Hogard in celebration of Black History Month.** Social time at 10:00 a.m., business meeting at 10:30 a.m., followed by the program at 11:00 a.m. A Zoom link will be sent to all members a few days before the meeting.



Carol's talk will honor three valiant women of color in the struggle against racism and sexism: Mary Church Terrell (1863-1954); Ida B. Wells-Barnett (1862-1931) and Ella Baker (1903-1986). She will give a brief lecture about these sterling, but often ignored, leaders. What did they do? What were their major actions? What new strategies were developed? What are their enduring contributions? What is the major work remaining to fulfill each of their dreams for a just world?

The Biographies:

Unceasing Militant: The Life of Mary Church Terrell, by Alison M Parker

Ida: A Sword among Lions: Ida B. Wells and the Campaign Against Lynching, by Paula J. Giddings

Ella Baker and the Black Freedom Movement: A Radical Democratic Vision, by Barbara Ransby

AAUW Book Group, February 5

The next AAUW Book Group meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 5th, 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. The book for February is *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*, by Isabell Wilkerson.

For March the book will be *The Water Dancer*, by Ta-Nehisi. An original vision of the world of slavery, written with the narrativew force of a great adventure. The story of America's oldest struggle—the struggle to tell the truth. A spellbinding look at the impact of slavery that uses meticulously researched history and hard-won magic. The story's bracing realism is periodically overcome by the mist of fantasy. The result is a budding superhero discovering the dimensions of his power within the confines of a historical novel that critiques the function of racial oppression.

Diversity and Inclusion: February is Black History Month - Part 1



A few reading suggestions to enlighten one's celebration of Black History Month:

A. *"When and Where I Enter: The Impact of Black Women on Race and Sex in America,"* by Paula Gidding. One of the best short histories of the contribution and struggles of African-American women by one of our best historians. The Hawaii State Public Library System has one copy at the Wailuku Branch - code number 301.412. Amazon has the new edition in paperback.

B. *"Black Women in White America: A Documentary History,"* by Gerda Lerner. (Lerner was Professor Emeritus of Women's History at the University of Wisconsin.) This is the best compilation of Black women speaking for themselves. It covers Ellen Craft's daring escape from slavery – one of the earliest examples we have - all the way to Shirley Chisholm's writings from the US House of Representatives. Only 1 copy is in the public library system, but many used ones in paperback are available on the web.

C. *"The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story,"* by Nikole Hannah-Jones. This is the new, very rich, history project that is currently #1 on the New York Times hardcover fiction best seller list. Outstanding, many voices. There are 19 copies in the public library system. Perhaps a future Book Club selection?

D. A little something from the arts: my favorite Black male poet, Terrance Hayes. Some of his early work is so tender to women's point of view it is a joy to read. The public library system has most of his work. I highly recommend his latest book: *"American Sonnets for my Past and Future Assassin."*

Submitted by AAUW Member, Carol Hogard

Diversity and Inclusion: February is Black History Month - Part 2

Some of the first protectors of the National parks were African American soldiers. In 1886, Congress established six Black regiments to help rebuild the country after the Civil War. One of these regiments, the 10th Cavalry, earned the nickname Buffalo Soldier. The African Americans who enlisted received more respect than in their civilian lives. The Buffalo Soldiers oversaw the public lands and served to protect the parks, serving as the first park rangers. They prevented poaching, illegal grazing and they constructed roads and trails in many of the National Parks, including Haleakala National Park.

More of this history can be seen at Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument in Wilberforce, Ohio.

A bit of wisdom.....

Diversity.....is having a seat at the table.

Inclusion.....is having a voice.

Belonging.....is having that voice be heard.

Submitted by AAUW Member, Heather Mueller

The American Women Quarters Program

Maya Angelou will be the first Black woman featured on a U.S. quarter.

Starting January 17, a select batch of Maya Angelou quarters began shipping to locations across the U.S., the first time a black woman has been depicted on the quarter. The design features the esteemed poet as a young woman with her arms outstretched in front of a bird and a sunrise, in a reference to the author's famous memoir *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.



As part of the American Women Quarters (AWQ) program, additional quarters will be released later this year featuring Sally Ride (the first American woman in space), Wilma Mankiller (the first female Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation), Nina Otero-Warren (a New Mexico superintendent who fought for women's right to vote), and Anna May Wong (the Chinese American actress who made cinematic history as the first internationally successful Asian American movie star in movies such as *The Thief of Bagdad*, *Shanghai Express*, *Piccadilly* and *Peter Pan*). Five additional AWQs will be released in each of the next three years. It is unclear when the Maya Angelou quarters will become available in Maui.

Celebrate Hawaiian Language Month

In 2012, an amendment of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes provided that the **month of February be designated as “Mahina ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i”, or Hawaiian Language Month.** This measure was the first act to be codified in Hawaiian and English, and it states:

“Mahina “Ōlelo Hawai‘i. E ike mau a e kapa ia ana ae ka mahina o Pepeluāli o ia ka ‘Mahina ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i i mea e ho‘omaikai a e paipai aku ai i ka ‘Ōlelo ana o ua ‘Ōlelo makuahine nei la.”

(Translation: ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Month. The month of February shall be known and designated as ‘Ōlelo Hawai‘i Month’ to celebrate and encourage the use of Hawaiian language.)

There are many great free resources available for language learners through the Hawai‘i State Public Library System. Remember, too, that learning a language is great “brain exercise.” **One incredible resource is free access to Mango Languages if you have a state library card.** So take some time and work on your language skills, Hawaiian or another language!

Mahalo to the Hawai‘i State Public Library System for this information:

<https://www.librarieshawaii.org/2021/02/18/hawaiian-language-month/>

Great Decisions, February 25

The topic for February is Russia and the US.

Russia and the United States have many areas of conflict and some possible areas of mutual interest. Arms control, Russian interference in U.S. elections and support of cyberattacks, the status of Ukraine, the fate of opposition politicians in Russia — all continue to be concerning. How will the new administration in Washington approach these issues?

The February Great Decisions meeting will be on Friday, February 25, 1:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

Please note: This is the third article in the book, not the first.

For more information on upcoming topics: https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_topics

To join the Great Decisions group and order your book for 2022, please contact:

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AAUW Funds – WHAT are they and WHY should you donate?

Back in the day....it feels so long ago ...the AAUW Maui branch held monthly in-person Speaker Meetings at Moose McGillycuddy's in Kihei. At the meetings we would "Pass the Whale" – a plush whale toy with a little pouch sewed on where money or checks could be tucked. The purpose of "Pass the Whale" was to provide donations to the AAUW National Funds. Our branch voted to support two of the four national funds: the Education and Training Fund and the Economic Security Fund. **The Economic Security Fund ensures livelihoods for women through achieving pay equity for women, providing training in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life. The Education and Training Fund addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder advancement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination.**

Since we are not meeting together and don't have an opportunity to "Pass the Whale," we have not been actively collecting money to support our two chosen national funds. Donations at the branch meeting were usually in the range of \$1.00 to \$20.00, just whatever extra cash was in the wallet that day. Any member who would like to donate to the Economic Security and Education and Training funds can send a check, payable to AAUW Funds, to our branch PO Box, and Jan Moore, our finance officer, can process the donation. **The complete address is AAUW Maui Branch, PO Box 1352, Pu'unene HI 96784.** Some members have made direct on-line donations through AAUW National to the AAUW Greatest Need Fund, which is an open-ended fund for National to quickly respond to urgent needs. It is also possible to make online donations to the Economic Security Fund and the Education and Training Fund. For more information, please go to aauw.org and click the red "Donate" button. The fund names are in boxes on the donation page. Mahalo nui loa for supporting the mission of AAUW National.

February Birthdays

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....

February 16th..... Pat Gotschalk

February 16th..... Elizabeth Rodgers

February 18th..... Diane Riley

February 20th..... Janet Walker



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