

AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

SAVE THE DATE!
JUNE 21, 2022 @ 10:30 am
UH Maui Campus

AAUW-Maui Branch is sponsoring a talk on the first biography of Maui-born and raised Congresswoman Patsy Mink, the champion of Title IX legislation which gave equal rights to women in educational programs. The new book is *Fierce and Fearless*, co-authored by Judy Wu and Patsy Mink's daughter Gwendolyn Mink. Judy Wu will make a live presentation and Gwendolyn Mink will appear remotely. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Title IX. Mark your calendars, more information will be coming soon! The book will be available for purchase at the event.

"Every girl in Little League, every woman playing college sports, and every parent—including Michelle and myself—who watches their daughter on a field or in the classroom is forever grateful to the late Patsy Takemoto Mink." — President Barack Obama, on posthumously awarding Mink the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2014.

FIERCE AND FEARLESS

Patsy Takemoto Mink, First Woman of Color in Congress
By Judy Tzu-Chun Wu and Gwendolyn Mink

Dates To Remember:

Speaker Meeting Saturday, May 28, 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 pg. 3)

Book Group Saturday, May 7 at noon, online using Zoom. (See pg. 5)

Taste and Talk To be announced later.

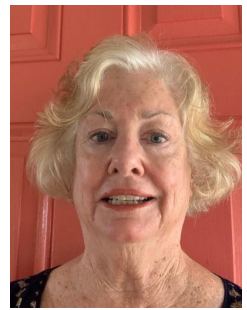
Lunch Bunch Tuesday, May 10, 1:00 p.m. Roasted Chilies in Kihei. (See pg. 5)

Great Decisions No meeting in May, next meeting June 24.

President's Message

Aloha mai e Kākou!

I hope everyone is enjoying Springtime and getting out and about on Maui or wherever you are now. Some of our snowbirds have flown back to the Mainland and we eagerly await their return in the fall.



Some Maui Branch news: **First, we are not holding Speaker Meetings in June, July or August.** This takes us back to our pre-COVID schedule. We've scheduled summer meetings in the past two years to counteract COVID isolation. Our first Speaker Meeting after May will be on September 24, 2022. And, most likely, we will hold the meeting in person with a hybrid Zoom option. More to come on this.

However, we have many activities planned for the summer! As you saw on the front page of this newsletter, **we are sponsoring an exciting celebration of Title IX and Patsy Mink on June 21.** Please come, and share the information with interested friends. We would love to see young women and girls at the event. Our branch will be receiving 25 hardcover books from the publisher of *Fierce and Fearless* that we can sell at a discount to our members for \$21.00. The list price is \$35.00. If you want me to hold a book for you, please send me an email or text. (pagotschalk@gmail.com; 808-707-2001). Come to the presentation with your book, and co-author Judy Wu will sign it!

We are also organizing a **Reclaim Our Vote event.** This will be a get-together to write postcards (non-partisan) to encourage underrepresented voters to register to vote and go to the polls in the upcoming primary and general elections of 2022. This event will be in July, the date TBA, in lieu of our monthly Lunch Bunch. I hope many of you will take part in this important Get Out The Vote project. We will email our members more information in June.

We will soon be unveiling a **new AAUW-Maui T-shirt** in the approved national AAUW colors of blue, white and red. Here is a mock-up of the design: I am hopeful that we will have T-shirts available before our June 21 event so we can wear them and show our pride in AAUW-Maui.



Finally, please take a look at the information in this newsletter about the **AAUW-Hawai'i State convention** from Friday, September 30, 2022 thru Sunday, October 2, 2022. The AAUW-Hilo Branch is doing a great job organizing the convention and it looks like a lot of fun! It's a unique opportunity to stay at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's historic Kilauea Military Camp housing, which is usually limited to veterans and their families. Let's have a strong turnout from AAUW-Maui.

So, we hope to see many of you at our planned events. We will distribute monthly branch newsletters during the summer as well.

A hui hou! - Pat

Speaker Meeting, May 28

Aileen Rizo: The Progress Made by "Good Trouble"

Aileen Rizo was born in Phoenix, Arizona and embraces both her Native American and Mexican heritages. As the first in her family to finish college, she has since earned dual masters degrees in Educational Technology and Mathematics Education. Aileen has spent 25 years working in mathematics education at all levels striving to close academic achievement gaps, empowering communities to disrupt math anxiety, and promoting groups underrepresented in STEM fields. In 2012, Aileen began a fight for pay equity and became an advocate for the economic security of women in our state and throughout the country, working with legislators and advocates to pass some of the strongest pay equity bills in the nation. She has been a passionate voice for equity, inclusiveness, and promoting diversity in education. Currently she works as the Associate Director of The AIMS Center for Math and Science in Fresno, CA as a graduate math/science education adjunct professor and is also pursuing a PhD in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Education.



Join us for our Speaker Meeting on **Saturday, May 28, 2022** online using **Zoom**. The social time starts at **10:00 a.m.**, followed by a business meeting at **10:30 a.m** and the speaker at **11:00 a.m.**

Register Now for the 2022 AAUW Hawai'i State Convention



The convention this year is on the Big Island and is organized by AAUW-Hilo Branch. It will be held from Friday evening September 30, 2022 to Sunday morning October 2, 2022 at the Kilauea Military Camp (31 miles from Hilo International Airport, about 1 hour drive). KMC is located within Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park on Hawai'i Island. The registration fee is \$175 and information on how to reserve lodging at KMC is found here: <https://hilo-hi.aauw.net/housing-and-meals/>. Please note that the registration fee includes Friday night light dinner (heavy pupus), Saturday morning continental breakfast, Saturday lunch, Saturday full dinner, and Sunday morning full breakfast.

The theme of the convention is *Climate Change and Its Impact on Women*. Topics will include the nexus between plastics and climate change, agroforestry as a solution, fisheries and ocean farming adaptations, social equity and indigenous perspectives. The speakers come from the state legislature, University of Hawai'i (Manoa and Hilo) and represent disciplines from environmental science, aquaculture, public policy, and urban and regional planning.

To register for the conference, please go to this page on the AAUW-Hilo website and click "register here.": https://hilo-hi.aauw.net/state_convention/upcoming-events/. Registration ends on June 30.

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, May 7

The next AAUW Book Group meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 7th, 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 May is *Cutting for Stone*, by Abraham Verghese.

For June the book is *The Bluest Eye*, by Toni Morrison A powerful examination of our obsession with beauty and conformity that asks questions about race, class, and gender with characteristic subtlety and grace, Pecola Breedlove-an 11-year-old Black girl in an America whose love for its blond, blue-eyed children can devastate all others-prays for her eyes to turn blue so that she will be beautiful, so people will look at her, so that her world will be different. This is the story of the nightmare at the heart of her yearning, and the tragedy of its fulfillment.

Lunch Bunch, May 10

Please join us for Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, May 10 starting at 1:00 p.m. at Roasted Chili's in the Azeka (Mauka) Shopping Center in Kihei. The address is 1279 S Kihei Rd #122, Kihei, HI 96753. PH:(808)868-4357. The menu can be found at: <https://roastedchileshawaii.com/menu/#lunch>.

Please RSVP by calling/texting Pat Gotschalk at 808-707-2001 or email pagotschalk@gmail.com by Sunday May 8.

Taste and Talk

There is nothing currently planned for May; however, we will send a notice if we have a plan later in the month. The usual date is the 3rd Thursday of the month. Stay tuned.



Aloha to Our New Member - Penny Andrews

Penny was born and raised in Southern California and attended Palisades High School and UCLA. She moved to Kihei, Maui in 1986 where her maternal side of the family resided.

Before becoming a Financial Advisor in 2003, Penny worked at Aloha Airlines and opened the Grand Hyatt Wailea in 1981 as a server in Humuhumunukunukuapua'a for 1 year and then became a Food & Beverage Manager. She was also a flight attendant, bartender, and more importantly a mother and wife. Her daughter Summer Kealani is an associate Math Professor at Cal State University Fullerton and tutors young bright girls who come from less advantaged homes. Her daughter Summer attended Florida State University on an Engineering Scholarship and we both realized how few girls get into STEM and stay. It is extremely competitive and usually girls are in the minority.



Penny is married to David who was a PGA Tour Caddie for 30 years, which is why she moved to Florida for 10 years but has been back on Maui for 6 years and plans to retire here and make this her permanent home. David now works for Makena Golf.

Penny has been a Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley in Florida for 6 years and here on Maui for one year. Her previous firm was Edward Jones in Wailuku on Main Street.

Her hobbies are traveling, reading, taking long walks and sports. She is a die-hard Raider, Lakers, and Dodger fan.

She has been on the Board for Alzheimer's for 6 years and helps organize "The Annual Walk to End Alzheimer's".

She is looking forward to being involved with the AAUW on Maui and assisting girls and women as we all strive to have a seat at the table, which includes diversity & inclusion, pay equality, and a level playing field for everyone.

Public Policy

The Hawai'i State Office of Elections is looking for volunteer observers to support its Counting Center Operations in all counties for the 2022 Elections for the primary and general elections. If you are interested in knowing how ballots are opened and counted, this is a great opportunity to learn! The County Office of Elections is only asking for as much volunteer time as you can give. **The deadline to sign up to volunteer is May 6th.** Here is the link for Official Observers for Maui County: [Official Observers \(Maui\)](#)

Incidentally, Maui County has instituted an online service called BallotTrax. As the name suggests, the BallotTrax system tracks the status of your voter-by-mail ballot and sends a series of proactive alerts notifying you the status of your ballot. This way, you will know that your mailed ballot was received by the County. It is easy to sign up. Here are links to FAQs and the sign up link:

<https://ballottrax.net/voter/faq>

<https://mauicounty.ballottrax.net/voter/>

If you have any questions regarding the system, please contact the Hawai'i State Office of Elections at (808) 453-VOTE (808-453-8683).

Chocolate Laulima Continues to Give Back

Thanks to your support of the Chocolate Laulima Program, AAUW-Maui just received a check for nearly \$1,000 from Maui Ku'ia of Lahaina. Keep up the good work and keep buying that delicious chocolate. This will result in simple and sweet fundraising for our next scholarship fund drive!

Reminder: You must purchase your chocolates through our webpage {below} or mention AAUW if you call in your order or stop by their Lahaina store in person.

<https://mauichocolate.com/collections/american-association-of-university-women>. Only products shown on the AAUW link qualify for the 40% donation.

Fun Times at Moose MacGillicuddy's

We had a big turnout when we returned to Moose's for a nostalgic Lunch Bunch in April. Our newer members probably don't know that our pre-COVID Speaker Meetings were held for years at Moose's in Kihei.

They have invited us back when our in-person Speaker Meetings resume. More on this later in the summer. The May meeting will be on Zoom.



Birthday Wishes



- May 5.....Karen Grafe
- May 11.....Christine Wooding
- May 15.....Sara Green
- May 17.....Gerry McBroom
- May 17.....Karen Kramer
- May 29.....Carol Hogard

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