

AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

Title IX/Patsy Mink Bio Celebration a Huge Success!

The June 21 live presentation and webinar celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Title IX and the release of the **Patsy Mink biography “Fierce and Fearless”** provided a great example of laulima - many hands working together to achieve a goal. Due to the dedication of AAUW-Maui members and UH Maui College staff, the presentation by Professor Judy Wu and Dr.



Gwendolyn Mink was very well attended and was highlighted in local and statewide news including The Maui Times, The Maui News and Hawai'i News Now. The speakers were dynamic and the audience was engaged with great questions and further discussions over light pupu after the talk. Professor Wu then flew to Washington, D.C. to attend the unveiling of the Patsy Mink portrait in the U.S. Capitol Building on June 23. She sent the Maui Branch a beautiful photo of her and Gwendolyn Mink with the portrait.

Dates To Remember:

[Board Planning Meeting](#) Sunday, August 7, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

[Book Group](#) The Book Group for July took place on July 2.

[Taste and Talk](#) Thursday July 21, Jawz Tacos in Kihei 6:00 p.m. (See pg. 5).

[Lunch Bunch](#) Tuesday, July 12, Saltwater Deli in Kihei at 12:30 p.m. (See pg. 4).

[Great Decisions](#) Friday, July 22, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom (See pg. 5)

AAUW Maui President's Message

Aloha mai kākou!



Maui Branch T Shirts in the new national colors are here! They are available for a \$20 donation to the branch. We will provide a tax letter for the donation amount that exceeds the wholesale cost of the shirt. Please contact me and we can discuss which size will work best for you. Call/text 808-707-2001 or email me at pagotschalk@gmail.com. Shown is an example of the logo and color scheme.

(Note from Sandi Boll - I purchased a size small and the fit is very comfortable. Comparing to our previous order, the new shirts are roomier.)



The AAUW Hawai'i State Board met on June 29, via Zoom, for the Annual State Meeting. The meeting included a message recorded by Hawai'i's U.S. **Senator Mazie Hirono**. I was elected Treasurer of the State Board. There will be a large turnout for the **AAUW Hawaii State Convention** in September and it is not too late to register. For information, [click "register here."](#)

Congratulations to our Maui Branch member **Lauren Akitake**, who was awarded a Career and Leadership Development Grant from AAUW Honolulu to fund continuing education in her field (Lauren is a newly appointed per diem District Court Judge for Maui County.) These grants are available to any woman who is a resident of the State of Hawai'i. Applications for the next grant cycle are due on October 15, 2022. For more information click this [link](#).

We are now in Fiscal Year 2022-23. Membership renewals are on track but a few of you have not yet renewed and are in what is called the "grace period.". We will process your renewal for you. Now more than ever, supporting AAUW's core mission of promoting gender equity for women and girls is crucial. Your membership adds a voice to AAUW's advocacy and education efforts.

The easiest way to renew is to mail your check for \$93 payable to AAUW-Maui:

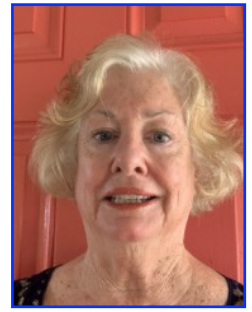
**AAUW-Maui
PO Box 135
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(National dues are \$67; State dues are \$10 and Branch dues are \$16)

Mahalo,
Pat

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July 2022 Newsletter American Association of University Women



AAUW National Statement on *Dobbs* Decision

[This statement is found [here](#) on the AAUW.org website]

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) strongly condemns the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. The decision overturns the landmark *Roe v. Wade* ruling that established abortion as a constitutionally protected right nearly 50 years ago and ignores the will of the American people, 80% of whom support legal abortion.

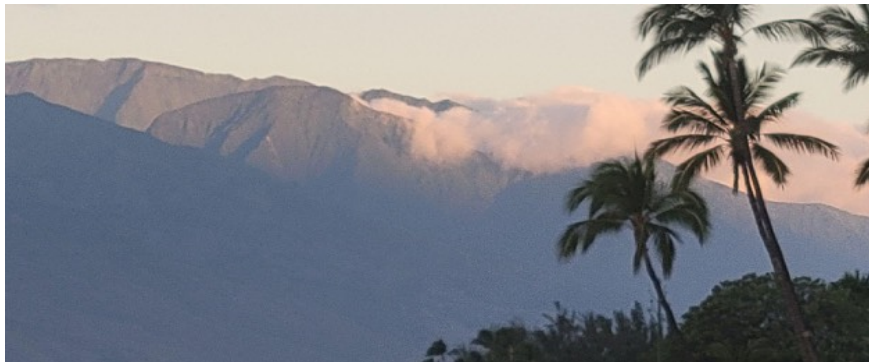
AAUW believes everyone has the right to make decisions about their own reproductive lives without government interference. Abortion access is vital to women's ability to control their lives, bodies and futures. Without reproductive freedom, there can be no equity.

Being able to choose whether and when to become a parent improves women's well-being and fosters economic security—a crucial component of AAUW's mission. This is particularly important in a country that lacks accessible maternal health care, paid caregiving leave and workplace protections for pregnant workers.

The Court's decision hurts all of us, but it will do the most harm to low-income people, women of color, immigrants, people with disabilities and LGBTQ+ people, because these groups already face substantial barriers to accessing reproductive services and health care.

While the Court's decision is a major setback for all Americans, AAUW remains steadfast in our commitment to protecting reproductive rights, a vital component of gender equity.

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.



Lunch Bunch, July 12

The July Lunch Bunch will be held at **The Saltwater Deli** in Kihei on **Tuesday, July 12 at 12:30 p.m.** The address is 1993 S. Kihei Rd. Click [here](#) to see the menu. This is a small diner, so please contact Pat Gotschalk at pagotschalk@gmail.com or 808-707-2001 to RSVP by Sunday, July 10 so she can contact the restaurant and set up the seating. Hope to see you there!



Taste and Talk, July 21



The July Taste and Talk will be held at **Jawz Tacos**, located in the **Dolphin Plaza** in Kihei on **Thursday July 21, at 6:00 p.m.**, <https://jawztacosmaui.com/>

Please RSVP to Heather Mueller by Monday, July 18, by calling/texting Heather Mueller at 808-430-0120 or email heathermaymueller@yahoo.com.

Reclaim the Vote Event, July 24

Mark your calendars and please RSVP. Pat Gotschalk is inviting Maui Branch members and their friends to her home to fill out Reclaim the Vote postcards on Sunday, July 24 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Light pupu and beverages will be provided. **Reclaim the Vote** is a nonpartisan “get out the vote” outreach to encourage underrepresented voters to register and vote. Pat will supply the postcards and instructions for filling out the information, and will mail the postcards. Our target will be a Florida primary election. This nonpartisan outreach has been approved by the AAUW State Public Policy Committee.

Please RSVP to Pat at pagotschalk@gmail.com before Friday, July 22, or text/call 808-707-2001. Feel free to include friends in your RSVP. Pat’s address is 1391 Ho’olako Street, Waikapu. Contact Pat if you have questions.

Great Decisions, July 22

Myanmar's Never Ending Crisis

Just northwest of Thailand and known in colonial times as Burma, Myanmar has been plunged in chaos for decades, with the latest coup in February 2021.

The discussion will be on Friday, July 22th, at 1:00 p.m. HST via Zoom. Please confirm attendance with Diane Pure by emailing dpure@hawaii.rr.com.

Note: Great Decisions is not an official AAUW Maui Branch interest group but there is a substantial overlap of membership.

20 Years Ago

Mink took time out to show compassion

I am deeply saddened by Rep. Patsy Mink's death. I know the people of Hawai'i will miss her.

I remember meeting Rep. Mink several years ago at the Maui Disability Alliance Legislative Forum. We were all excited that a woman of her stature would come to our legislative forum. She was concerned about the needs of people who had disabilities. In subsequent years, Rep. Mink would respond to our invitations to attend the forum if her schedule permitted.

My deceased mother, Carmen Oliveira, who was the same age as Rep. Mink, often spoke very highly of her. Rep. Mink was a wonderful role model. She cared about the people of this state. We will miss her at this year's seventh annual Maui Disability Alliance Legislative Forum.

She was truly an inspirational and remarkable woman. We bid a fond aloha to her. May God comfort her family and friends during this most difficult time.

Dr. Charmaine R. Bissen
Wailuku, Maui

Dr Charmaine Bissen on Patsy Mink's death



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Birthday Wishes for July



Janet Rymsha	July 10
Nancy Oldham	July 11
Jane Chenoweth	July 15
Jane Litt	July 15
Pam Schulz	July 19
Janet Go	July 23

**** Happy Belated Birthday to Tammy Malloy - June 27 ****

Get Well Soon to our Newsletter Editor, Janice Tietz!



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