

AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

Chocolate Laulima Tastings Supporting AAUW, August 14

Our good friends at Maui Ku'ia Chocolate in Lahaina are continuing to schedule Chocolate Laulima tastings that support AAUW- Maui Branch. AAUW-Maui will receive all proceeds from tastings scheduled on **Sunday, August 14** and **Sunday, October 9**, 2022 starting at 11:00 a.m. The event consists of a 9-piece chocolate tasting at the Maui Ku'ia Estate Chocolate Factory in Lahaina that lasts approximately 1 hour.

When you sign up, the \$35 fee will be donated back to AAUW-Maui by Maui Ku'ia. This is a fun and easy way for you to make a donation to our branch while enjoying delicious Maui chocolate.

Please sign up and attend. Encourage friends, family and colleagues to sign up for one or both of these dates. Remember – the holidays are coming and Maui Ku'ia chocolates make a great gift while supporting local businesses as well as AAUW-Maui.

For online reservations: <https://www.mauichocolatetour.com/weekend-tastings-chocolate-laulima/> Be sure to select the correct date(s), either August 14 and/or October 9. You can call Maui Ku'ia for assistance at 808- 793-6651. The website also has a live chat option for questions.

Mahalo for supporting AAUW-Maui through this program!

Dates To Remember:

No AAUW Speaker Meeting in August

Board Planning Meeting Sunday, August 7, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

Book Group Saturday, August 6, 12:00 noon (See pg. 4)

Taste and Talk Thursday, August 16, Koho's Bar and Grill in the Queen Ka'ahumanu Mall at 6:00 p.m. (See pg. 4).

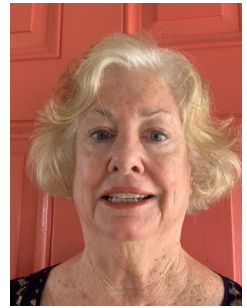
Lunch Bunch Tuesday, August 9, Pukalani Club House at 12:30 p.m. (See pg. 4).

Great Decisions Friday, August 26 1:00 p.m. via Zoom (See pg. 5)

President's Message

Aloha – It's already August and the Hawaii primary election will take place on August 13. You have probably received your mail-in ballot. If you haven't filled it out yet, click the following link for a handy, nonpartisan guide to the election and the candidates from Civil Beat.

[Hawaii Election 2022 Guide - Civil Beat](#)



I also want to thank everyone who RSVPd for the "Reclaim Our Vote" postcard event. Unfortunately, I had to cancel due to a possible COVID exposure. I will reschedule before the General Election in November.

Our AAUW-Branch had a few social events in July at small local establishments.

We had a great Lunch Bunch get-together at the Saltwater Deli in Kihei. (I forgot to take a picture (again :-)). The turkey pot pie special was the hit of the lunch. Heather Mueller



organized a Taste and Talk at Jawz Mexican Grill in Kihei. This time, I took a picture! In other restaurant news, iconic Tiffany's on Lower Main Street in Wailuku is under new local management. Chief Sheldon Simeon and his wife Janice (of Tin Roof fame) have purchased the restaurant and are keeping old favorites while also refreshing the menu. Sounds like an option for a Taste and Talk get together at some point.

The AAUW Maui Branch Board Planning Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 7 at 1:00 via Zoom. All members are encouraged to attend, particularly our newer members so they can learn more about our branch. This is the meeting where we approve our annual calendar and initiatives for FY 2022-23. If you can't attend but have some ideas to share, please call me (808-707-2001) or send me an email pagotschalk@gmail.com

Mahalo nui loa!

Pat

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.

Special Free Screening of Rise of the Wahine/AAUW Membership Event

UH Hawai'i Manoa's Richardson School of Law is sponsoring a free screening of Rise of the Wahine under its "Think Like Mink" ongoing celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Title IX. The date is August 4, at the McCoy Studio Theater, with the film starting at 7:00. The organizers are graciously allowing AAUW Maui Branch to set up a membership drive table. We will be offering "Shape the Future" memberships to new member sign-ups at the event. "Shape the Future" is a half-priced national membership along with the usual dues for state and branch. Therefore, new members will pay only \$59.50 for an annual state, branch and national membership. What a deal! If you have friends who have been thinking about joining our branch, this is a great opportunity. The table will be set up in the courtyard next to the McCoy Theater.



RISE OF THE WAHINE
CHAMPIONS OF TITLE IX

Behind the rise of women in America are the stories of Title IX.

FREE SPECIAL SCREENING

August 4, 2022
7:00 p.m.
McCoy Studio Theater
Maui Arts & Cultural Center

In the years following the Civil Rights movement and the passage of Title IX in 1972, Patsy Mink (the first woman of color in Congress), Dr. Donnis Thompson (a headstrong African-American female coach), and Beth McLachlin (fisty team captain of the first Rainbow Wahine volleyball team), battle discrimination from the halls of Washington D.C. to the dusty volleyball courts of the University of Hawai'i, fighting for the rights of young women to play sports.

The film reveals how change-makers overcome injustice with wisdom, an innovative spirit, and without becoming victims to their circumstances.

This special screening is sponsored by the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law. All proceeds from this event will support the establishment of an endowment in honor of Maui's own Patsy Takemoto Mink.

More information can be found at thinklikemink.com.



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mink**

HONORING PATSY MINK
THE 1st WOMAN OF
COLOR IN CONGRESS &
CHAMPION OF TITLE IX

CELEBRATING
50
YEARS OF TITLE IX



Book Group, August 6

The next AAUW Book Group meeting will be held on **Saturday, August 6th, 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 August is The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn.

For September the book is Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr. This is a soaring story about children on the cusp of adulthood in worlds of peril, who find resilience, hope and a book. In Cloud Cuckoo Land, Doerr has created a magnificent tapestry of times and places that reflects our vast interconnectedness—with other species, with each other, with those who lived before us, and with those who will be here after we are gone.

Lunch Bunch, August 9



The August Lunch Bunch will be held at **The Pukalani Country Club Restaurant on Tuesday, August 9 at 12:30 p.m.** We have been told that the burgers are *'ono loa!*

Click the following link for the menu:

https://www.pukalanigolf.com/images/21-08-02_Daytime_Menu.pdf

The address is 360 Pukalani Street in Pukalani. Please RSVP to Pat Gotschalk at pagotschalk@gmail.com or 808-707-2001 by Monday August 8.

Hope to see you there! Feel free to bring a friend.

Taste and Talk, August 18



Taste and Talk will be held at **Koho's** in the Queen Ka'ahumanu Mall in Kahului on **Thursday August 18, at 6:00 p.m.**

Please RSVP by text to Jean Keating at 808-280-9024 or email jkeating808@gmail.com by Tuesday, August 16.

Click the following link for the menu:

<https://kohosrestaurant.com/kohos-menu-dinner/>

[A Gentle Reminder to Renew Your Membership](#)

Don't forget to renew! The easiest way to renew is to mail your check for \$93 to **AAUW-Maui, PO Box 1352, Puunene HI 96784**. (National dues are \$67; State dues are \$10 and Branch dues are \$16). 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.

[T-Shirts are a Hit!](#)

Our members are snapping up the Maui Branch Tee Shirts in the new national colors. 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 Pat Gotschalk to discuss which size will work best for you. Call/text 808-707-2001 or email Pat at pagotschalk@gmail.com.



[Great Decisions, July 22](#)

Changing Demographics in the World

The topic for discussion will be “Changing Demographics in the World.” Unprecedented rapid rate of world population growth as well as population distribution adjustments are just two factors faced in the 21st Century. What will be the impacts on women's equality as well as other issues?

The discussion will be on **Friday, August 26, 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.

Birthday Wishes for August

Hau'oli Lā Hānua



Lauren Akitake	August 12
Marilyn Lytle	August 13
Sandra Boll	August 22
Janice Tietz	August 24
Adah Askew	August 25
Bonnie King	August 28
Marsha Palmer	August 28

AAUW Maui Branch Inaugural Day - August 22, 1962

“No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

**With these 37 words, Hawaii’s own Patsy T. Mink changed America,
50 years ago.**

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Public Policy Comments - Submitted by Alicia Hetman

The AAUW Hawaii Public Policy Committee is pleased to announce that seven of the bills we supported this year have been signed into law. The bills support the AAUW Mission and Vision for all women and girls. HB 1775 Title IX Data Collection; HB2495 Ban Workplace NDAs Regarding Sexual Harassment or Assault; SB 2700 Childcare Registry; SB 2821 Menstrual Equity in Schools; HB 2253 Housing Assistance, HB 2510 Minimum Wage Increase and SB 3113 Kupuna Caregiving.

We should not “rest on our laurels” as we move forward in our AAUW Maui 2022-2023 year. Hawai‘i laws and statutes are fair and equitable for all, for most issues, and the legislature will continue to improve the lives for all in Hawai‘i. It is great for all of us to live in a state that protects women and girls from any and all discrimination. I live in California, but make annual visits to Maui and plan on spending even more time in Hawai‘i. I know that we, as AAUW Maui members, can and should do more to support women and girls in the states where human rights are being denied and where new laws are being signed to further make “women second class citizens” again.

This is not the United States that any of us foresaw 10 or 20 years ago, and it is frightening to see what is happening with the current political situation. AAUW members have always been on the front lines and speaking out for women’s issues. In 1881 a group of women (the beginning of AAUW) fought to get women the right to a college education equal to what white men had been afforded. Throughout history, AAUW members fought for equal pay, women’s right to vote, women’s rights to bodily autonomy and we marched and spoke out then celebrated with the passage of Roe v. Wade. AAUW Hawai‘i member, Representative Patsy Mink, was our spokesperson 50 years ago as we supported our Title IX bill. AAUW was represented at the signing of Title IX.

Now, 50 years after the passage of Title IX, a gender equity bill for all students and employees in schools that receive any financial dollars, we are once again trying to correct the changes made by the last Administration. If we don’t get this accomplished before January 2023 and we see the people elected in other states who are eager to take away even more of our rights to equality....we will be hurting all of our younger generations of women and girls. They deserve to be provided with full equity in their education. I don’t know of any other federal law that is 50 years old and not even close to seeing the law fully embraced with enforcement of all of the provisions of Title IX. If you don’t know all that Title IX mandates, please get a full copy of the legislation and see how it covers every aspect of the educational environment. It is not just athletics and sexual harassment. I am always available to provide education about Title IX --- titleix@aauw-ca.org

The overturning of Roe v. Wade is a major display of a decision that was made outside of the Constitution and was made due to personal beliefs by a group of people who were specifically chosen to sit on the Supreme Court to overturn this long standing human rights law. We all deserve to have bodily autonomy, not just the men. We should not and must not stay silent on these two topics that are discriminatory towards only one gender! These facts remind me about how much work there is for us moving forward.

When one woman is denied her human rights, then all of us are at risk of losing our human rights! We must step outside of our comfort zone and do everything we can to regain what other women have lost and elect only those who support the civil rights for all. Please pay attention and do something every day to help other women and girls protect their human rights. Although we live in a state where our rights are protected, as AAUW members it is our time to stand up for all women and girls living in America. We owe it to those 17 women who met in 1887 to make the first stand of our legacy.