

# AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

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## *A Fundraiser with Spirit!*

Mahalo to all of you who have purchased a “ghost ticket.” The Ghost ticket Fundraiser is our branch’s fundraiser for the year and we have made it simple. **Buy a ticket to do nothing** to support our AAUW-Maui Branch scholarships at UH Maui College! Between now and Halloween, write a check to AAUW-Maui Branch for our scholarship fund.



One way to calculate how much to give is to think about all those lunches you didn’t have to buy, as well as the \$3.00 entry fee, when we were unable to hold in-person meetings in the past two years. Or, think about those Whale Watch tickets we used to sell. (We decided to drop the Whale Watch due to the increasing cost of chartering the vessel.) Or, just give as little or as much as you can. Every donation helps. Remember that all donations are 100% tax deductible.

**Please mail your checks to our PO Box – AAUW Maui Branch, PO Box 1352, Puunene HI 96784.**

*Mahalo nui loa for getting behind this unique fundraising effort!*

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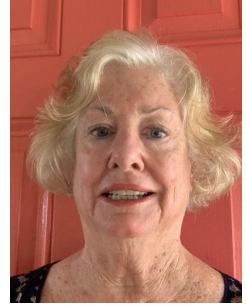
## **Dates To Remember:**

- [Speaker Meeting](#) Saturday, October 22, 10:00 a.m. via (See p. 3)
- [Book Group](#) Saturday, October 8, 12:00 noon (See pg. 4)
- [Tastes and Talk](#) Thursday, October 13, Casanova’s Kahului (See pg. 4)
- [Lunch Bunch](#) Wednesday, October 19, Pā’Ina Market (See pg. 4)
- [Great Decisions](#) Friday, October 28, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom (See pg. 7)

## President's Message

### Aloha mai kākou

As I am writing this, I am attending my 50th high school reunion in San Diego. Time flies! We had a huge class (almost 1,000 students, in the Baby Boomer years) and about 250 are attending the reunion. This has become a time for self-reflection, thinking about all the twists and turns of life and career that eventually resulted in my husband and I moving to Maui, which was one of the best decisions we ever made! The Frank Sinatra song comes to mind: "Regrets, I've had a few, but yet again, too few to mention." One thing I have learned is that mentorship of the younger generation by us "kupuna" is very important, since we have lived through so many changes in women's traditional roles, from the 1950s to today. One regret I will mention is that I never had a strong mentor in my career. So, spread your wisdom!



Our branch had two successful voter outreach efforts in September. Thanks to Gerry McBroom and her husband, Marty-Jean Bender, Heather Mueller, Jan Moore and Joyce Yamada, AAUW-Maui set up a voter registration table at UH Maui College on September 20. Also, a small group including Jean Keating and her husband, and Tammy Milloy, met at my house on September 18 to fill out 120 Postcards to Voters. These (non-partisan) cards will be sent to underrepresented voters in a Texas county, encouraging them to vote in the November general election.

Please mark your calendars for the **October 9 "Chocolate Experience" at Maui Ku'ia Estate Chocolates** in Lahaina. Proceeds from this event will be given to AAUW-Maui. To sign up, go to this [link](#) and then click the button that says "see availability and book." Sign up for the Sunday, October 9 date for AAUW-Maui. We hope to see you there!

**Mahalo and aloha,  
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.***

## AAUW Speaker Meeting, October 22

### Ulalia Woodside Lee - The Nature Conservancy



Caring for our island home in the face of global influences. Hawai'i is on the front line of global environmental influences. We are experiencing warmer days, increased sea surface temperatures, sea level rise, reduced rainfall, longer drought periods, and more wildfires. The urgency of the climate crisis and Hawai'i's culture is motivating innovation and bold interventions to protect our island's unique natural heritage. I'm excited to share my background in a career dedicated to Hawai'i's lands, waters and community resilience, and the joys and challenges of the work we do.

Ulalia Woodside Lee is the Executive Director of the The Nature Conservancy in Hawai'i and brings her expertise to helping protect our "island's unique natural heritage."

**Join us for our Speaker Meeting on Saturday, October 22, 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. The link to join the meeting will be sent prior to the meeting.**

## Member in the News



Lauren Akitake is at Perkins Coie.

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National Institute for Trial Advocacy Women in Trial training led by The Honorable Amy J. Hanley, District Court Judge, Douglas County, Lawrence, Kansas. Day 2 of 4 done. ❤️ Seattle 🍷🍷🍷



AAUW Maui branch member Lauren Akitake (left) at the National Institute of Trial Advocacy Training, funded through an AAUW Career and Leadership Development Grant.

## Book Group, October 8

The next AAUW Book Group meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 8, 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). *Please note that the book group is permanently rescheduled to the SECOND SATURDAY of the month.*

The book for October is Waimea Summer by John Dominis Holt..

For November the book choice is Doctors Blackwell: How Two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women and Women to Medicine by Janice P. Nimura. The vivid biography of two pioneering sisters who, together, became America's first female doctors and transformed New York's medical establishment by creating a hospital by and for women. Together the sisters founded the New York Infirmary for Indigent Women and Children, the first hospital staffed entirely by women.

## Taste and Talk, October 13

The October Taste and Talk will be held at Bistro **Casanova in Kahului on Thursday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m.** Click [this](#) for the menu. Please RSVP to Heather Mueller at [heathermaymueller@yahoo.com](mailto:heathermaymueller@yahoo.com) or 808-430-0120 by Monday October 10.

In September we had ten members and guests attend the Taste and Talk dinner. Hope to see you there! Guests are welcome to attend. *Taste and Talk is now scheduled on the SECOND THURSDAY of each month.*

## Lunch Bunch, October 19



Lunch Bunch will be held at the **Pā'ina Market on UH Maui Campus at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 19.**

Every week there is a different

World Plate Menu prepared by students in the UH Maui College Culinary Arts Program. Prices are very reasonable and the food is great! The Market is in the Pā'ina Building, which is conveniently located next to the large parking lot that is used for overflow parking for the MACC and the Swap Meet. This is a cafeteria, so we will provide assistance to anyone attending who needs their meals delivered to the table. The Market manager suggests that we arrive by 11:30 to avoid the rush. We will hold a table starting at 11:15.

Please RSVP to Pat Gotschalk at [pagotschalk@gmail.com](mailto:pagotschalk@gmail.com) or 808-707-2001 by Monday October 17. Feel free to bring a friend or two! *Lunch Bunch is now scheduled on the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month.*

## Pele's Travels - by Charmaine Kinoike Bissen, AAUW Maui Branch Member

*This article was submitted to fulfill GG/ERTH 103 term project at Windward Community College, Hawaii*



The cultural footprint of ancient Hawaiians can be found in their oral history with their many mo'olelo passed down from generations to generations retelling the journey of one of their most revered Akua (god) Pele to the Hawaiian islands. These mo'olelo and chants recorded the eruptions of the islands. There are many other mo'olelo or myths and stories with legends that enhance the cultural backdrop of the Hawaiian islands. Mo'o is defined as a succession

or series, and 'olelo defined as words. These mo'olelo add to the historical significance of the formation of the Hawaiian islands. One such mo'olelo is that of the journey of Pele to the Hawaiian islands.

In 1778, contact with Europeans in the Hawaiian islands occurred. With their arrival, the oral history of Hawaiians was forever altered. Pelehonuamea (Pele of the red earth and Pele'aihonua, Pele eater of the land) who is known as the Hawaiian volcano deity and creator of volcanic landscapes is believed to have come to Hawaii between 850 and 1250 A.D.. Pele is also respected as an 'aumakua (family or deified ancestor) for some families.

Pele came from her homeland of Kahiki and traveled southeast through the islands. Different versions of mo'olelo relate that Pele left Kahiki due to the wrath and anger from her sister, Namakaokahai. In one version, Pele accidentally burns down her homeland in Kahiki with her Pa'oa, digging stick. Pele's journey to the Hawaiian islands and the geological formations of the Hawaiian islands are often connected.

Pele brought with her to Kaua'i her digging stick, Pa'oa. Kaua'i, the farthest island in the Hawaiian chain, was 6 million years old at the time of her visit. Pele started a fire to keep warm. She did not like the other smaller islands. Pele left Kaua'i after being attacked by her angry sister Namakaokahai, deity of the sea, who followed her from Kahiki. Pele then moves onto southeast Oahu. Oahu was 4 Million year old. The many fire pits that she dug on Oahu were not suitable, as there was water in the pits. Some of these cones were Puowaino (Punchbowl Crater), Leahi (Diamond Head Crater) and Koko Head. Pele then travels to Moloka'i which was 2 Million years old, then Lana'i at 1,500,000 Million years old, and Kaho'olawe at 1 Million years old. When she reaches Maui which was 1 Million years old, she feels she has found a home.



## *Pele's Travels (continued)*

However, in one version, the large size of Haleakala proves unsustainable for her to keep her fires burning. Pele then moves onto the island of Hawai'i which was 500,000 years old. In some mo'olelo, Pele is thought to have established her home in Mokuaweweo, at the summit of Mauna Loa. In another legend retold by Emerson, Mokuaweoweo is believed to be the summit of Kilauea and not the current location of Mokuaweoweo. Pele reaches her final destination in Halema'uma'u Crater at the top of Kilauea on the Big Island of Hawai'i.

In mo'olelo, ancient Hawaiians describe the islands of Maui and Hawaii as younger than Kaua'i and less eroded. Scientists using their own theories attempt to explain the formation of the Hawaiian islands. James Dana, a well known scientist, discovers in 1838, that the northwestern islands of Kauai and Oahu are in fact older than the islands of Maui and Hawaii located in the southeast. His theory was premised on the erosion level of the respective islands. Furthermore, his findings included that those volcanoes who had not erupted for a while consisted of more erosion. For more than a century, Dana's theory of the Hawaiian islands being formed along a fissure zone that ran across the Pacific Ocean were supported by most scientists.

However, the "hotspot" theory developed by scientist J. Tuzo Wilson in 1963 became more widely accepted by other scientists. Wilson's theory proposed that the earth's surface or crust are large, flat plates of rock. The mantle is softer rock. These plates float on this mantle. Wilson further believed that magma or hot liquid rock which came from the mantle in regions under the crust bursted through to the surface. These "hot spots" remain stationary for the Hawaiian islands which sit upon them but the plates are slowly moving over these "hot spots." As a result, volcanoes are formed. While the plate continued to move over the hotspot millions of years ago, on the seafloor there was an eruption resulting from the magma coming from the hotspot which pushed itself through the earth. The eruptions continued and under the water a volcano formed. The volcano continued to become larger and consequently rose above sea level creating Kaua'i. The plate continued to move over the hotspot following the same pattern and forming the other islands.

As the islands move farther away from the hot spot, they become older and increase in erosion. The rocks on Kauai are about 5.5 million years old while Hawaii rocks are less than 0.7 million years old. New rocks continue to be formed over Hawaii island as Hawaii island sits on the hot spot. Lava continues to flow from the Kilauea volcano. Pele's home of Kilauea is the most active volcano on earth. With numerous eruptions it adds many square miles of new land to the island. As the cycle of destruction and creation continues on the Big Island, the plant colonization over the cooled lava flows giving a snapshot of this most fascinating island and Pele.

The richness of Hawaiian culture is manifested in the people's love of the land with Pele leading the way.

## Great Decisions, October 28

**Foreign Policy, Economic Power and U.S. Industrial Policy** is the topic for October. The discussion will be on **Friday, October 28, at 1:00 p.m.** HST via Zoom. Please confirm attendance with Diane Pure by emailing [dpure@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:dpure@hawaii.rr.com).

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

## September Speaker Revisit

Click this [link](#) if you missed the Speaker Meeting in September and/or are interested in viewing Dr. Loretta Chen's powerful presentation again.

**Copy and paste this passcode:** s=qZ0wZ%

*NOTE: The video of Dr. Chen starts at around the 7:00 minute mark on the scroll bar. The video takes some time to load, so click the link, enter the passcode, make yourself a cup of coffee and by the time you are done the video will start.*

## Photo Gallery



**Taste and Talk**



**Postcards to Voters**



**Voter Registration UH Maui College**

## Birthday Wishes for October

### Hau'oli Lā Hānua



Christine Spencer	October 12
Kathleen Deknis	October 15
Bobbi Carlson	October 20
MaryMargaret Baker	October 26
Bob Walker	October 30
Deborah Takahashi	October 31

### October - Domestic Violence Awareness Month

4	Tuesday	Yom Kippur begins at sundown
8	Saturday	Book Group
9	Sunday	“Chocolate Experience” at Maui Ku’ia Estate Chocolates
10	Monday	Columbus Day/Discoverer’s Day/ Indigenous People’s Day
13	Thursday	Taste and Talk
22	Saturday	AAUW Speaker Meeting
31	Monday	Halloween

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