

AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

This is a “midterm” election with no presidential candidates on the ballot, and traditionally this results in low voter turnout. However, every election is important. No matter who is your candidate or your top issues, your vote counts and every voice should be heard in a healthy and participative democracy. If you are registered to vote in Hawai‘i, you should have received your ballot in the mail. You can also vote in-person. Check the County of Maui elections division website for more information:

[Elections Division | Maui County, HI - Official Website](#)

Our mission as AAUW members is to promote gender equity for women and girls. Please talk to your friends and family members and encourage them to vote in support of issues promoting the AAUW mission statement. One such issue is Title IX and there is a fascinating website devoted to the *Untold Story of Patsy Mink and Title IX*. <https://patsyminkuntoldstory.com>, (Note, the website includes the names of some political candidates, but reference to this link is not an endorsement of any candidate.)



So let's all be good role models and vote.

Dates To Remember:

- [Speaker Meeting](#) Saturday, November 26, 10:00 a.m. via Zoom (See p. 3)
- [Book Group](#) Saturday, November 12, 12:00 noon (See pg. 4)
- [Tastes and Talk](#) Thursday, November 10, (See pg. 4)
- [Lunch Bunch](#) Next Lunch Bunch in January (See p. 4)
- [Great Decisions](#) Friday, November 25, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom (See pg. 7)

President's Message



Aloha Mai!

I was pleased that five other AAUW Maui members joined me at the AAUW Hawai'i State Convention at Volcano National Park on the Big Island from September 30 – October 3. Mahalo nui to the Hilo Branch for presenting well-organized and informative sessions on the impacts of climate change upon women and girls, as well as gender-equity topics. It was heartening to see a large contingent of students from O'ahu and the Big Island attending, some of whom presented at the conference. Nurturing and maintaining memberships in a post-COVID environment was a big topic of conversation. The AAUW Honolulu and Windward branches will co-host the 2024 convention. Although not official yet, it's likely that AAUW Maui will be the host of the 2026 convention. It's a long way off but much planning is involved.

Speaking of membership, most of you filled out the Membership Survey we emailed in October (mahalo nui loa!). The results are very informative and are shared in more detail on page 6 of this newsletter. One result – a substantial majority of members are interested in attending in-person Speaker Meetings again, so we are working towards that goal for the January 2023 meeting. More information will be in the December newsletter. We are grateful for the donations given towards scholarships in our "Ghost Fundraiser" event. It's never too late to donate to fund our three UH Maui College scholarships, and remember your donation is tax-deductible.

Please mark your calendars now for the Sunday, December 11 AAUW Holiday Party from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (the date has changed due to the Maui Pops show the previous Sunday). Our branch's great friend Marc Tolliver has offered his Wailuku salon for our party venue. **We need a small committee (2 or 3 people) to manage the party planning.** We just need to coordinate the potluck – pupus and beverages – since Marc always decorates his salon in holiday style.

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, November 26

Penny O. Andrews - Women and Wealth



Penny O. Andrews, Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley will speak on “Women and Wealth.”

Penny is a Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley. She worked for the firm in Florida for 6 years and on Maui for more than a year.

The key to financial success is to teach girls and women about financial matters as early as possible. Generational wealth is not available for most young girls and women, especially minorities. Penny became a financial advisor because as a banker in her twenties she saw how much money was often passed down to families. Unfortunately, this financial security is not always available for most minorities. Also, the gender pay gap is a challenge for most girls and women. The gender pay gap starts at an early age and women are paid significantly less than men. Many women lack financial literacy skills and confidence. Statistically, women outlive men, and it is estimated that 95% of women will be their family’s primary financial decision maker. As a Financial Advisor, Penny’s goal is to educate her clients so that when wealth transfers, they are knowledgeable and understand the processes and challenges of financial management.

Join us for our Speaker Meeting on Saturday, November 26, 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.



Book Group, Saturday November 12

The next AAUW Book Group meeting will be held on **Saturday, November 12, 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. *Please note that the book group is permanently rescheduled to the **SECOND SATURDAY** of the month.*

The book for November is The Doctors Blackwell: How Two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women and Women to Medicine by Janice Nimura.

For December the book choice is Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead. Harlem Shuffle's ingenious story plays out in a beautifully recreated New York City of the early 1960s. It is a family saga masquerading as a crime novel, a hilarious morality play, a social novel about race and power and ultimately, a love letter to Harlem.

Taste and Talk, Thursday November 10

The November Taste and Talk will be held at Serpico's Restaurant in Pukalani on **Thursday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m.** It is off of Old Haleakala Hwy at 7 Aewa Pl. Click [here](#) for the menu. Please RSVP to Heather Mueller at heathermaymueller@yahoo.com or 808-430-0120 by Monday, November 7.

Guests are welcome!



October's Taste and Talk at Casanova's Bistro

Lunch Bunch Needs A Coordinator - PLEASE HELP!

Mahalo nui loa for **a member to volunteer to be the Lunch Bunch coordinator**. It's very simple. Pick a place for the second Wednesday of the month to be announced in the newsletter. Collect the RSVPs and make a reservation, then attend the Lunch Bunch (or designate a back-up if you can't attend). We do not pre-order so you don't have that to contend with. Please contact Pat at pagotschalk@gmail.com if you are willing to help out. We do not hold Lunch Bunch in December and Pat is unavailable to make plans for November.

Maui Chocolates Laulima Program Update

Order your chocolates for the holidays for your own enjoyment, or as gifts TODAY. Our island's own Maui Ku'ia Estate Chocolates will be discontinuing part of their Laulima program next year. For the past few years, Maui Ku'ia Chocolates have offered Maui AAUW 40% of the proceeds from selected chocolate products when purchased through our own special webpage on [their website](#). You must purchase through this webpage (or purchase in person mentioning AAUW) in order for us to qualify for the funds. Due to the complications of administering this program, the company has decided to discontinue it at the end of this year. But, Maui AAUW will continue to receive contributions from them in two other ways.

First, **our AAUW chapter will continue to receive 100% of the \$35 registration fee paid by attendees to AAUW designated Weekend Laulima Tastings.** We've received proceeds from two very successful tastings this year and will let you know our dates for next year as soon as we have them. If you have not yet attended one of the tastings, I highly recommend it for you, your friends and family. It is a fascinating look into how the company came about and how cacao is grown and processed on our island. And you get to participate in a guided chocolate tasting on their lovely lanai. They have added wines for purchase to accompany the tastings. But at this point, please wait until we have our dates next year so that we get the registration proceeds. You do not have to attend the event yourself on these dates, just send everyone you know. We get the registration proceeds from everyone attending that day, regardless of whether or not they are connected to us.

Also, owner Dr. Gunnar Valkirs has pledged to donate 100% of their net profits to Maui's non-profit community. We will let you know how much we may qualify for when this plan is detailed to us. So please go to [Maui Ku'ia Estate Chocolates](#) now and purchase your chocolates before this program ends.

- Submitted by Terry Rosenstock

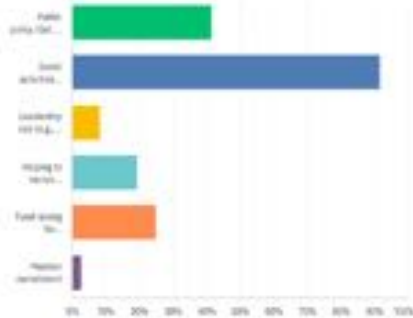


Results from the Membership Survey

Thanks to everyone who responded to our recent membership survey. We had 39 respondents. There is a consensus that we should return to in person meetings so we will make plans to begin this in January 2023. There was some interest in initiating a new fundraiser to substitute for the Whale Watch but nobody expressed interest in chairing a committee. So, for now, we will rely on individual donations to support our UH Maui College scholarships. This was successful last year and hopefully will be again this year.

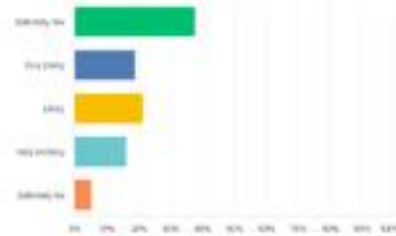
What are your personal interests in being a member of AAUW Maui Branch?
Select all that apply.

Answered: 39 Skipped: 1



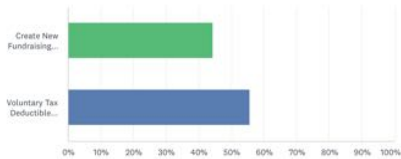
The Board of Directors is considering switching back to in person monthly Speaker Meetings at Moose McGillicuddy's in Kihel starting in January 2023. If we do this, there would no longer be a "Zoom" attendance option. If we make this change, what is the likelihood you would attend the in-person meetings?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 2



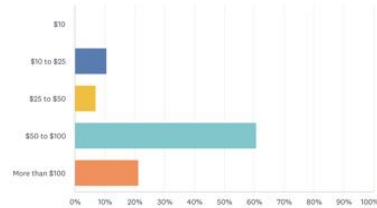
The Maui Branch decided to discontinue the Whale Watch fundraiser due to the increasing cost of the vessel charter. At this time fundraising for our three UH-Maui College scholarships is based on voluntary tax-deductible donations by members, to raise at least \$6,000. Should the board consider developing a new fundraising event or should we rely on voluntary tax-deductible donations?

Answered: 36 Skipped: 1



If your answer to Question 3 is "Voluntary Tax-Deductible Donations" how much do you think is a reasonable amount to expect each member to donate and/or solicit a donation from family/friends? Keep in mind that our goal is to raise approximately \$6,000 per year and at this time we have slightly more than 50 members.

Answered: 28 Skipped: 9



Great Decisions, Friday, December 2

The Great Decisions discussion will be on **Friday, December 2, at 1:00 p.m.** HST via Zoom. This is the November meeting, but the date is changed due to Thanksgiving. The topic is [Biden's Foreign Policy in an Age of Strategic Competition](#). 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 and common concerns.*

Hawai'i Title IX Lawsuit Makes National News

The *New York Times* recently featured [an article](#) about Title IX litigation involving high school sport teams in O'ahu. The article is behind a paywall so if you don't have a subscription to the *Times* here is a brief summary. It started with an investigation by the *Honolulu Civil Beat* newsroom about gender disparities at James Campbell High School, which is the largest public high school in the state. According to the *Civil Beat* investigation, the high school's male athletes had their own locker room and facilities, but the female athletes had no facilities so they were forced to carry their gear all day, use restrooms in a Burger King or even hide behind the bleachers to change into their athletic gear. The girl's water polo team had to practice in the ocean rather than having access to a pool, and the girl's soccer teams were forced to wait for field time until late at night when the boy's teams were finished. Also, no coach was provided for the girl's water polo team despite repeated requests so the father of a player had to step in to volunteer. The plaintiffs also allege retaliation by high school administrators and teachers.

In July 2022 the case was certified as a class action. The suit was filed by ACLU of Hawai'i working with a legal aid nonprofit in San Francisco as well as a pro bono team from a major national law firm. The *Times* article also noted that Patsy Mink's daughter, Gwendolyn Mink, is following the case with great interest.

Photo Gallery

Chocolate Tasting at Maui Ku'ia



AAUW-Maui at State Convention on the Big Island



Lunch Bunch



Roselani Place 20th Anniversary - Congratulations Debbie Priest!

Birthday Wishes for November

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Hau'oli Lā Hānau

Alicia Hetman

November 7

Marty-Jean Bender

November 16

November - Native American History Month

- 8 Tuesday Election Day
- 10 Thursday Taste and Talk
- 11 Friday Veteran's Day
- 12 Saturday Book Group
- 16 Wednesday Lunch Bunch
- 24 Thursday Thanksgiving Day
- 26 Saturday Speaker Meeting
- 28 Sunday AAUW Birthday, founded 1881

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