

AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

Holiday Party on December 11

Won't it be great fun to see everyone at the Holiday Party on Sunday, December 11? We can catch up with old friends and meet our newer members.

Time: 2 – 4 pm

*Place: Loft 145 (Marc Tolliver's Salon)
81 North Church Street, Wailuku.*



This is a potluck so please bring a sweet or savory pupu and/or your beverage of choice to share. We will provide punch and water. RSVPs are not required but are helpful for planning. However, if you are free at the last minute, please come! Also, friends and family are welcome to attend.

Our tradition is to collect donations of gift cards for groceries or gasoline and checks for Women Helping Women at our holiday party. No wrapped gifts or toys please. If you choose to donate gift cards, smaller denominations (such as \$5 or \$10) are preferred over larger denominations, because cards with smaller values can easily be distributed to more families.

Also, AAUW Maui T shirts will be available at the Holiday Party for a \$20 donation. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please contact one of our party committee members, Janet Walker (bjpwalker@comcast.net) or Tammy Malloy (tammymalloy@comcast.net). See you there!

Dates To Remember:

- Speaker Meeting** No Speaker meeting In December
- Book Group** Saturday, November 12, 12:00 noon (See pg. 4)
- Taste and Talk** No Taste and Talk in December
- Lunch Bunch** No Lunch Bunch in December
- Great Decisions** Friday, December 2, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom (See pg. 7)

President's Message



Aloha mai!

2022 was a good year for AAUW Maui Branch. We co-hosted a very successful summer Title IX celebration with UH Maui College in honor of Patsy Mink. I was pleased to see that, in her retirement speech, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi recognized Patsy Mink in a short list of notable House members (which included Abraham Lincoln). Indeed, Patsy Mink's legacy was widely celebrated throughout 2022.

Vice President for Programs Virginia Shaw scheduled a comprehensive group of excellent speakers for our Speaker Meeting programs. We had very good attendance throughout the year even though we were still on Zoom. Good news: we will start meeting in person (with a Zoom option for members only) starting in January.

Membership Vice President Debbie Priest and Finance Officer Jan Moore shepherded our membership renewals and new memberships during a difficult national database transition. We are happy to report that we have several new members, and we are looking forward to meeting them in person at our Holiday Party, Speaker Meetings and other events during 2023.

Our next Board Meeting is on Sunday, January 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. (via Zoom, to make it convenient for our members). All members are invited to attend and I extend a special invitation to our new members. It's a great way to learn more about our branch. Also, we need to recruit some future board members and committee chairs to step into the shoes of current members who have done so much for all of us in 2022.

Best wishes for an inspirational Holiday Season and Happy New Year!

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.

Did you Know?

"Cissy" Marshall Passes

If you don't read *The Maui News* you might have missed this story: "Cissy" Suyat Marshall recently passed away at age 94 in Virginia. She was born in Pu'unene, Maui, in 1928. She moved to New York City to train as a stenographer and eventually took a job at the NAACP in 1948. During her time at the NAACP, she assisted on several famous antidiscrimination cases. She also worked with her future husband, Thurgood Marshall, chief of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, who was later appointed to the United States Supreme Court as the first black justice. Because Cissy Marshall was of Filipino descent, her 1955 marriage to Marshall was interracial, which was illegal in 16 states until the Supreme Court case *Loving v. Virginia* was decided in 1967. Even after Justice Marshall's passing, Cissy Marshall was a "vibrant and engaged member" of the Court family and received praise from Justice Roberts and Justice Kagan, who had been a law clerk to Justice Marshall. Click this link to read an article from the Washington Post which contains additional information about Cissy Marshall and her full, fascinating life: [Cissy Marshall](#)



Book Group, Saturday December 10

The next AAUW Book Group meeting will be held on **Saturday, December 10, 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 December is Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead. For January the book choice is The Guncle by Steven Rowley. Gay Uncle Patrick (GUP for short) has always loved his niece Maise, and nephew, Grant. When Maise and Grant lose their mother and Patrick's brother has a health crisis of his own, Patrick suddenly finds himself taking on the role of primary guardian. Despite having a set of "Guncle Rules" Patrick has no idea what to expect. After years of barely holding on after the loss of his great love, a somewhat stalled acting career, and a lifestyle not-so-suited to a six and nine year old, Patrick's eyes are opened to a new sense of responsibility. Even being larger than life means you're an unfailing human.

Lunch Bunch and Taste and Talk are not scheduled in December due to the busy holiday social season. We will be back in January!

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 restaurant 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.

Maui Ku'ia Chocolate Laulima Program

Save the Date - Sunday, March 12, 2023

Begin celebrating Equal Pay Day (Wednesday, March 15, 2023) early **by joining us at Maui Ku'ia Estate Chocolates on SUNDAY, MARCH 12 for our first 2023 AAUW Maui Fundraiser.** Enjoy breathtaking 360-degree views from their second story open-air pavilion while being led through three flights of chocolate (a minimum of nine pieces) by Founder and CEO, Gunars Valkirs, or VP of Everything Chocolate, Dan O'Doherty. The Chocolate Bar is open in the pavilion and offers wines, spirits and beer that are paired with the chocolate flights. They can recommend pairings or you can make your own choices from their menu. Their experienced chocolate sommeliers will help you make your decision.

Our AAUW chapter receives 100% of the \$35 registration fee paid by all attendees to the March 12 Laulima {translation: "many hands", tied to the idea of cooperation, of the power of people working together) Tastings. If you have not yet attended one of the tastings, I highly recommend it to 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. If you've attended one of the tastings in the past, come again, since no one can taste chocolate too many times. And if you cannot attend the event yourself on this date, just send everyone you know. We get the registration proceeds from everyone attending that day, regardless of whether or not they are members of AAUW.

[Submitted by Terry Rosenstock]



Public Policy Plans for 2023

Plans for a 2023 AAUW Hawaii Lobby Day have begun! There will be up to 4 bills for our members to lobby during our upcoming Legislative Days. We will be participating in a Planned Parenthood Training Day, probably in January. We are in discussion with the idea of introducing an AAUW HI Equal Pay Bill for 2024.

January 2023 Planned Activities: Legislative forum and submitting testimony training and writing letters to legislators.

February 2023: Lobby Day in Honolulu and we will be encouraging Maui members to travel to Honolulu to participate.

March 2023: Along with UH Maui College we plan to screen the documentary “Equal Means Equal” to bring awareness to Equal Pay Day. For a preview of this film, see equalmeansequal.com. It is available now to those with Amazon Prime subscriptions.

Anything else you'd like to recommend to the AAUW HI Public Policy Committee for 2023, please email Alicia Hetman at aliciahetman15@gmail.com. We'd like to encourage a few more members to join our Maui PPC so we can make a stronger connection to the women of Maui. Alicia Hetman is planning on having some member gatherings in a variety of locations on Maui in early 2023. Please let her know if you'd be willing to offer your home for one of these gatherings. She is looking to open up a public policy dialog with our membership as we plan to move forward to creating a better and more equitable life for the women and girls of Maui and Hawaii.

The AAUW 2023 Priority Bills will be on the following topics: Reproductive Rights, Childcare, Equal Pay and Campus Safety. The AAUW HI Public Policy Committee recently welcomed new members: Elizabeth Fujiwara, Amy Monk, Laurie Temple Field and past National President, Nancy Rustad.

[Submitted by Alicia Hetman]

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.

Mahalo for Your Kokua

“Thank you for your help.” Thank you to all of our board members and committee chairs for their dedication to our branch in 2022. The list is long (and in no particular order): Immediate Past President Cathy Thompson; VP for Programs Virginia Shaw; Membership VP Debbie Priest; Finance Officer Jan Moore; Secretary Pam Schultz; Communications Chair Sandi Boll; Newsletter Editor Janice Tietz; Public Policy Co-Chairs Alicia Hetman and Janet Walker; Taste and Talk Coordinator Heather Mueller; Publicity Chair Janet Go; Book Group Coordinator and Scholarship Chair Dorothy Tolliver; “De Facto” Fundraising Chair Terry Rosenstock (it’s not official but she does so much!); Webmaster Marty-Jean Bender; College/University Relations Chair Joyce Yamada and Diversity/Inclusion Chair Penny Andrews.

As a membership organization we rely on volunteers from the membership for our branch to be an interesting and vibrant experience for ourselves and to attract the interest of the community. However, some members have held leadership roles for a very long time and they need to pass the responsibility to other members. **Before the end of the fiscal year in June, 2023, we will need to fill the crucial roles of Vice President for Programs, Communications Chair and Webmaster.** Please consider that if we do not fill these positions we may not have speakers at our monthly meetings, we won’t be consistent with email communications to members and we won’t have a viable website. Keep in mind that most of these roles can be shared with co-chairs. The Webmaster position requires special technical skills so we may need to seek a volunteer from the community to fill this role. Please give some thought to how you might help out our branch with your skills.

[Submitted by Pat Gotschalk]

Birthday Wishes for December Hau'oli Lā Hānau

Carol Allen	December 2	Karen Bret-Harris	December 3
Virginia Shaw	December 10	Austin Lynn	December 22
Barry Solomon	December 26	Debbie Priest	December 30
Joyce Yamada	December 30		



December Dates to Remember

6	Monday	Hanukkah (begins at sunset)
11	Sunday	Holiday Party
18	Sunday	Hanukkah (ends at sunset)
24	Saturday	Christmas Eve
25	Sunday	Christmas Day
26	Monday	Kawanza begins
31	Saturday	New Year's Eve

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