

# AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

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## Election of Officers

The election will be held at the Speaker Meeting on Saturday, April 22. Under our Policies and Procedures, nominations may be made from the floor during the meeting when the election takes place with the consent of the nominee and with board approval, or via email or mail to the chair of the nominating committee at least 20 days prior to the day of the election.

So, if anyone wishes to make a nomination, please contact Karen Grafe ([karjog@aol.com](mailto:karjog@aol.com)) or Jean Keating ([jkeating808@gmail.com](mailto:jkeating808@gmail.com)).

### Slate of Nominees:

**Co-President:** Pat Gotschalk and Lauren Akitake

**Vice President Programs:** Sue Goldman

**Co-Vice President Membership:** Penny Andrews and Marsha Lash

**Finance Officer:** Jan Moore

**Secretary:** Pam Schultz

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### Dates To Remember:

[Book Group](#) Saturday, April 1, 12:00 p.m. (See pg. 4)

[Taste and Talk](#) Thursday, April 13, 6:00 p.m. (See pg. 4)

[Lunch Bunch](#) Wednesday, April 19, 12:00 p.m. (See pg. 4)

[Speaker Meeting](#) Saturday, April 22, 10:30 a.m. (See pg. 3)

[Great Decisions](#) Friday, April 28, 1:00 p.m. (See pg. 7)

## President's Message

Aloha mai!

March was a very productive month for AAUW Maui members. We had several brainstorming get-togethers, a showing of the documentary *Equal Means Equal* at UH Maui College, and several of our members attended Lobby Day at the State Capitol. All reports indicate that our members are very enthusiastic about their hands-on experience of advocating for women and girls with our state legislators. I hope this becomes an annual event. Kudos to the state Public Policy committee (including our members Alicia Hetman and Janet Walker) for pulling all this together. There is a report on page 5 of the newsletter.



One suggestion that came out of our brainstorming sessions is to create a Public Policy Interest Group so our members who are very motivated to work on advocacy issues can get together and create an annual plan. If you are interested, please contact Alicia Hetman at [aliciahetman15@gmail.com](mailto:aliciahetman15@gmail.com).

**We will have our first in person speaker meeting in more than 2 years on April 22.** It will be at UH Maui College. More information is on page three of the newsletter. This is our Annual Meeting and we will be voting on a new slate of officers, so I hope everyone will make an effort to attend. We will also meet in person in May, and then over the summer develop a plan for FY 23-24 meetings.

We funded our three \$2,000 scholarships at UH Maui College for next semester. Thanks to everyone who made contributions towards these scholarships. There will be a scholarship reception at UH Maui College on May 2. If you are interested in attending please send our scholarship chair, Dorothy Tolliver, your name. Email [2425047@gmail.com](mailto:2425047@gmail.com).

At the business meeting on March 26, the membership voted to name the Heritage Scholarship for this year (or next year, if it is too late) for Jeannie Duberstein, an AAUW Maui member who recently passed away.

Have a wonderful Spring.

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.***

# April Speaker Meeting – Kara Doles

Saturday, April 22

## Ho‘ōla Nā Pua — New Life for Our Children

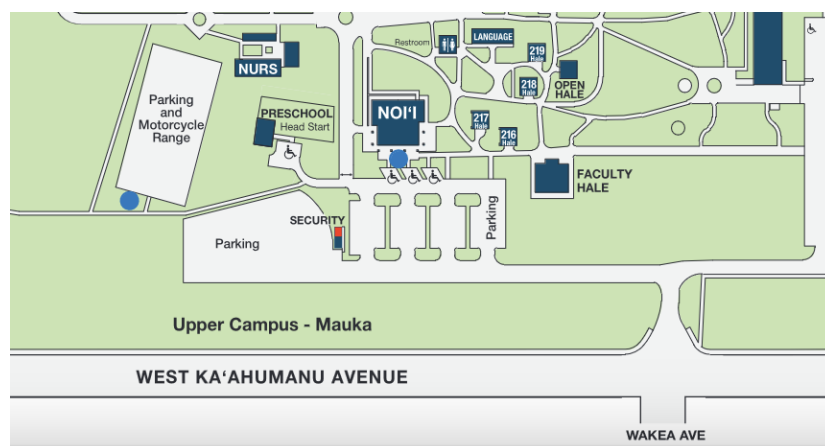
Ho‘ōla Nā Pua (New Life for Our Children) was founded to shine light on the dark criminal enterprise of child sex trafficking, placing the health and healing of Hawaii’s youth at the center of our mission and vision for our community. We are committed to the prevention of sex trafficking while providing care for children who have been exploited. Ho‘ōla Nā Pua (HNP) is dedicated to creating a community where children are safe and empowered to embrace their bright futures. Today, HNP offers integrated programming serving thousands of youth, community members, stakeholders and government throughout the State of Hawaii. With the launch of *The Bromley Family Pearl Haven Campus*, Ho‘ōla Nā Pua is a national advocacy partner and rising standard in the global effort to stop sex trafficking, permanently.

**Kara Doles will be the speaker at the meeting to be held at UH Maui College, in the Noi‘i Building Room 201. There is convenient parking next to the building. The cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for nonmembers.** Water and iced tea will be provided but bring a brown bag lunch if you want to eat afterwards. It is hoped that all will be able to attend this “first in a long time” Speaker meeting but if you are unable to attend in person, there will be a limited Zoom broadcast. The link will be sent out at a later date.

10:00 a.m. Social time

10:30 a.m. Business meeting

11:00 a.m. Speaker meeting



## Taste and Talk, Thursday, April 13

Taste and Talk will be meeting at Cafe O'Lei at 2439 South Kihei Rd, Kihei at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday April 13. Please RSVP by Monday April 10 to Heather Mueller at [heathermaymueller@yahoo.com](mailto:heathermaymueller@yahoo.com) or 808-430-0120.

## Lunch Bunch, Wednesday, April 19

The Lunch Bunch group will meet Wednesday, April 19 at **11:30 a.m.** at Nutcharee's Authentic Thai Food located at 1280 S Kihei Rd #124 in the Azeka Shopping Center, Makai side. Please RSVP to Pat Gotschalk at [pagotschalk@gmail.com](mailto:pagotschalk@gmail.com) or 808-707-2001 by Monday April 17. Guests are welcome to attend.

## Book Group, Saturday, April 8

The next AAUW Book Group meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 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). The book for April is [\*\*The Dictionary of Lost Words : A Novel by Pip Williams\*\*](#)

The book for May is [Great Circle](#) by Isabel Wilkerson.



The unforgettable story of a daredevil female aviator determined to chart her own course in her own life, at any cost; an epic trip - through Prohibition and World War II, from Montana to London to present-day Hollywood.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO AAUW MAUI MEMBER LAUREN AKITAKE

Lauren Akitake has been selected as one of three individuals whose names are being submitted to Governor Josh Green as a possible member of the Board of Regents [for the Maui seat of the University of Hawai'i system.](#) This is such an honor for a well-deserving member of AAUW Maui Branch. For more information and to read the bios of all the nominees from Maui and the other counties in Hawai'i, please click this [link.](#) Once Governor Green has made his decision, the nominee must receive the consent of the Hawaii Senate for a term commencing on July 1, 2023.

## AAUW Members Lobby the State Legislature

Maui AAUW members Nai`a Newlight, Joyce Yamada and Terry Rosenstock, spent a very interesting and we think successful day (with Shawna Pabingwit joining us at the end for the SB1 SD2 testimony session and last representative meeting) with other AAUW Hawaii members and staff and volunteers from Planned Parenthood lobbying our Hawaii state representatives on two bills under consideration. SB1 SD2 is a bill that primarily will codify protection for abortion providers in our state from prosecution from other states if they provide legal abortion services to residents from states which have outlawed the procedures. To ensure more pay equity in salary negotiations, SB1057 would require companies to advertise their pay rates in job advertisements and allow open discussions of salaries among employees.

Although both Planned Parenthood and to some extent AAUW Honolulu tried to schedule specific groups to meet with State Representatives at specific times, that proved to be challenging since often the legislator had been called out for a meeting or was not available at that time. Our Maui group, which was not all in the same group, decided we would stay together. As it turned out, by going door-to-door, we were able to schedule a meeting for later or speak at that moment with most of our Maui Representatives and even one Senator. Most all were very familiar with SB1SD2 since they would be hearing testimony on the bill that afternoon. They were less familiar with the pay equity bill. All the legislators and their staff expressed appreciation of us traveling from Maui to meet with them.

We first met with Kyle Yamashita (District 12 Some Upcountry and Kahalui) along with a Planned Parenthood representative. He professed support of SB1 SD2 even before we gave him our talking points. Next we had a meeting ourselves with new Representative Elle Cochran (District 14 Lahaina). She of course very strongly supported SB1 SD2 and expressed surprise that Representative Yamashita told us he was in support since he had been so vocal about not supporting a bill which would have allowed non-medical practitioners such as midwives and doulas to continue to practice after July of this year. She sensed the bill was in jeopardy as she had been getting negative comments from leaders of the House. She also seemed very frustrated by the state legislative process compared to how the county government works. I felt like we may have caught her on a bad day. (cont. on the next page)



## AAUW Members Lobby the State Legislature (cont.)

At noon, we attended the daily session of the entire House of Representatives. It's traditional to recognize those in the gallery, such as groups like ours, but also everyone's parents, spouse, office manager, etc. We left after 25 minutes as the recognition was still going on!

We rushed through a great catered deli lunch (sandwiches and salads) since we "thought" we had a meeting in 10 minutes with Representative Amato (see below).

We had a meeting set up with Terez Amato (District 11 South Maui) but she was (literally) scooting away to a meeting (she uses a scooter to get around since her stroke). Her charming Chief of Staff (and husband) spent at least 15 minutes chatting with us and giving us his very informed take on the bills. He felt the bill would pass, but perhaps without the provision to all women as young as 14 to have the procedure without parental knowledge or consent. We fortunately then ran into both Representative Amato and her Chief of Staff as we were leaving a meeting later that day and got to talk to the Representative herself. She was very warm, gracious and for me, inspiring.

After that we popped into Troy Hashimoto's office (District 10 West Maui, Maalaea, North Kihei). He was still at the House session, but his staff was warm and promised to let him know of our visit.

We then stopped in to see Senator Lynn Decoite (Some Upcountry, Lanai, Moloka'i) who gave us some time. At 2pm, we attended the testimony session for the SB1 SD2 Abortion Provider Bill. Many groups and individuals (Nai'a and myself included) had submitted written testimony and had agreed to give verbal testimony. In the interest of time, most just said "I/we stand on our written testimony". Some spoke in more detail. Nai'a bravely went to the speaker podium and told her personal story. The most contentious part of the bill concerned the ability of providers to give abortions to those 14 – 18 without parental consent. Many of those opposed to the bill spoke passionately in support of pro-life and wanted to end all abortions. Again, the bill is about protecting providers, not questioning the already legal access to abortion in Hawaii. Jill Takuda, our US Senator from Hawaii happened to be in town and spoke in support of the bill.

Since so many we spoke to were not familiar with SB1057, the pay equality bill, I would have suggested our chapter email each of our representatives to educate them on the bill and urge their support, but since testimony is tomorrow (all of a sudden), Nancy Rustad from the Honolulu chapter has done this.

An exhausting but exhilarating day.

[Submitted by Terry Rosenstock}



## The Life of Mary Kawena Pukui



By Dr. Charmaine Bissen, AAUW Maui member

Mary Kawena‘ulaokalaniaHiiakaikapolioPelekawahine‘aihonuaNaleihuaa-PeleWiggin Pukui was a Hawaiian scholar, author, composer, kumu hula, translator, and educator. Kawena was born on April 20, 1895 and died on May 21, 1986 at the age of 91 years. She published over 50 scholarly works. In addition, she wrote lyrics and music to more than 150 Hawaiian songs. Her knowledge was preserved in her oral histories, audiotape recordings from the 1950’s and 1960’s, and some film clips that were all collected by the Bishop Museum.

In 1977, Kawena was named a “Living Treasure of Hawai‘i” by the Hongwanji Mission of Hawai‘i. In 1995, the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame inducted her. In March of 2017, she was ranked among a list of the most influential women in Hawaiian history by the Hawai‘i Magazine.

Mary Kawena Pukui’s early life begins on the island of Hawai‘i where she was the only child born to Heny Nathaniel Wiggin of Salem, Massachusetts, and Mary Pa‘ahana Kanak‘ole of Ka‘ū, Hawai‘i. In the Hawaiian tradition of hānai, Pukui was raised by her maternal grandmother, Nali‘ipo‘aimoku (Po‘ai). At six years old, Kawena’s grandmother died and she returned to live with her parents. She attended a Catholic School in Wai‘ōhinu which would be her first classroom experience. Her mother spoke to her in Hawaiian only. Kawena was educated in both English and Hawaiian. Kawena’s mother Pa‘ahana continued to educate her in the Hawaiian ways of culture and tradition.

In 1902, the family moved to Hilo where classes were only taught in English and speaking Hawaiian was forbidden. The family later moved to Honolulu where Kawena attended Kawaiahao Seminary (now Mid-Pacific Institute) in Manoa Valley. Kawena was punished at school for speaking Hawaiian. The next term she did not return to the school.

In 1910, at age 15 years, she began her life’s work of collecting Hawaiian proverbs and sayings while also writing stories and recollections of her mother and grandmother’s teachings. Three years later Kawena married Kaloli‘i Pukui. She returned later to high school at the Seventh-Day Adventist Hawaiian Mission Academy. The Academy was the only school

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that accepted married students. Kawena received her diploma in 1923 after she had been married for ten years and was now twenty-eight years of age. Kawena and Kaloli'i adopted two children of Japanese ancestry. In 1931, Asenath Henrietta Pelehonuamea NapuaalaoNu'uanu (Pele) was born to Kawena and Kaloli'i.

In 1928, Kawena became acquainted with the Bishop Museum when she assisted Martha Beckwith with translations of Hawaiian manuscripts and newspapers. Her scholarly work and skill in her translations enhanced her career. In 1937, she was officially assigned as a staff member of the Bishop Museum in the capacity as a translator, researcher of Hawaiian culture, teacher, and consultant for special projects. In 1939, she was employed by Punahou School and is an instructor and continued her work with the Bishop Museum.

During the 1940's, she worked part of the time with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a Hawaiian culture expert. In 1943, she was left to raise her three daughters alone after her husband died suddenly. During that same year, she helped to publish *Introduction to the Hawaiian Language with English-Hawaiian, Hawaiian-English Dictionary*. It was revised thereafter and became one of the most important text in keeping the Hawaiian language alive. In the 1950's, she concentrated on collecting oral histories of native Hawaiians, specifically senior citizens.

Kawena later taught classes at the Bishop Museum, Kamehameha Schools, YWCA and other local organizations. Her knowledge of traditional practices were shared and demonstrated in her dancing hula and teaching Hawaiian language and cultural classes.

A Hawaiian cultural renaissance emerged during the 1960's and 1970's. More people became interested in Hawaiian culture and language. Generations of Hawaiian speaking individuals and families was lost as a result of the law banning Hawaiian language being taught and spoken in the educational system of Hawai'i. Decades of Americanization were being questioned. It was Kawena's life long work and expertise that helped preserve the Hawaiian language and customs that were once forbidden.

Throughout her life Kawena was recognized as the *kumu* (or source) of traditional Hawaiian language. Her reputation continues to flourish today as one of the most respected Hawaiian culture kumu. Kawena shared her knowledge throughout her lifetime by giving back to her community. Kawena's legacy is truly remarkable.

Mary Abigail Kawena Pukui exemplified her gift of the lei of knowledge in the saying, "Knowledge to me is life."

"Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono." The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness.



# Great Decisions - Friday, April 28

## CHINA and AMERICA: back to the future

Friday, April 28th at 1:00 pm HST on ZOOM. Please adjust for your time zone and put the date on your calendar. In the meantime, we welcome any research, articles, etc. you'd like to share with the group. Always nice to exchange ideas with friends. Your opinions are always welcome. There is no right or wrong answer. It's your welcomed opinion.

We meet on the 4th Friday of the month. See you next month if not before. 😎

Mahalo!

Mihaela Stoops, Facilitator

Diane Pure, Admin. (808)793-2661

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

## Birthday Wishes for April

### “Hau’oli Lā Hānau”

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| April 10 | Dorothy Tolliver   |
| April 14 | Marsha Lash        |
| April 24 | Catherine Thompson |
| April 28 | Heather Mueller    |
| April 29 | Laura Shulman      |



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