

AAUW MAUI BRANCH

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls

Wishing all mothers , in all forms, a very Happy Mother's Day.



This May, Honor a Woman in your Life by making a donation to help empower women and their families through our AAUW Maui scholarship program. (Mail your check, payable to AAUW Maui, to: AAUW Maui Branch, PO Box 1352, Pu'unene HI 96784)

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President's Message

Aloha mai!

With so much depressing news about the erosion of women's rights in the USA, I was happy to see an article about twin teen girls in Alabama who started a nonprofit called "Women in Training." The mission of this group is to provide period products to girls who cannot afford to purchase them, and therefore are missing school. To see an inspiring video about this organization, click this link: <https://www.womenintraining.org/latest-news>. Hawai'i is ahead of the curve on this issue, because former Governor David Ige signed a bill in July 2022 making period products free at Hawaii public schools.

Meanwhile on Maui, we held our Branch election at the April 22 speaker meeting, and the slate of candidates was approved by the members who attended the meeting in person and on Zoom (and I also received a few emails approving the slate from members who could not attend). I am excited to collaborate with Co-President Elect Lauren Akitake, who has been a good friend for years and will be a strong advocate for the mission of AAUW. Mahalo nui loa to all our members who agreed to be nominated (Lauren Akitake, Sue Goldman, Penny Andrews, and Marsha Lash) and the current officers who agreed to serve another two-year term (Jan Moore and Pam Schulz).

Everyone who attended the meeting in person was very pleased with the venue at UH Maui College. The room was comfortable and had great technology for Zoom. We also were able to "pass the whale" again and collected \$21 to support AAUW Funds. After the meeting several of us ate lunch at the picnic tables outside the building and enjoyed chatting. Thanks to Joyce Yamada for sponsoring the meeting for us which gives us access to the UHMC facilities. The last meeting until September will be on May 27. No speaker is scheduled because we will swear in the new and returning officers. We will plan a little extra celebration for the day, so please try to attend in person if you can.

Mahalo nui loa! Pat

Installation of New Officers - Saturday, May 27

The new and returning AAUW officers will be inducted at the business meeting to be held at UH Maui College, in the Noi'i Building Room 201 on Saturday, May 27. There is convenient parking next to the building. The meeting will start at 10:30 a.m. There is no speaker so we will have a celebration after the meeting with light pupu and beverages provided.

For those who do not want to use the stairs, there is a ramp to the second floor at the rear of the building. We will also simulcast on Zoom but we hope to see all of you at the meeting! A reminder and a zoom link will be circulated before the meeting.

Taste and Talk - Thursday, May 11

Taste and Talk will be meeting at the Kula Lodge Restaurant, 15200 Haleakala Hwy, in Kula, at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday May 11. The restaurant is under new management with the former chef from the 5 Palms Restaurant. The menu can be found here:

<https://kulalodge.com/restaurant/>. Please RSVP by Monday, May 8 to Heather Mueller at heathermaymueller@yahoo.com or 808-430-0120

Lunch Bunch, Wednesday, May 17

The Lunch Bunch group will meet Wednesday, May 17 at 11:30 a.m. at **Maui Lemongrass Asian Cuisine**. This is a new restaurant in Kahului. The address is 430 Kele St., which intersects Dairy Road across the street from the old K-Mart (now UHaul).

Please RSVP to Pat Gotschalk at pagotschalk@gmail.com or 808-707-2001 by Monday, May 15. Guests are welcome to attend.



May 13

Book Group, Saturday, ~~May 7~~

May 13

The next AAUW Book Group meeting will be held on **Saturday, May 6, 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 May is Great Circle by Maggie Shipstead.

For June the book is The Sweetness of Water by Nathan Harris. In the waning days of the Civil War, brothers Prentiss and Landry, freed by the Emancipation Proclamation, seek refuge on the homestead of George Walker and his wife, Isabelle. The Walkers, wracked by the loss of their only son to the war, hire the brothers to work their farm, hoping through an unexpected friendship to stanch their grief. Parallel to their story runs a forbidden romance between two Confederate soldiers. When their secret is discovered, the resulting chaos, including a murder, unleashes convulsive repercussions on the entire community. In the aftermath of so much turmoil, it is Isabelle who emerges as an unlikely leader, proffering a healing vision for the land and for the newly free citizens of Old Ox".

Membership Renewal Information

Katrina Breese, AAUW National

To pay online: Visit the AAUW Login page. If you have visited the Community Hub before and have already established an account you can log into your Personal Snapshot. If you have not, click, Forgot Your Password located below the blue login button at the bottom of the page. Enter your email address that we used to send you this message, then click Reset Your Password to receive a login email from infosf@aauw.org. If you don't receive it in 5-10 minutes, email connect@aauw.org.

PLEASE DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT. After you receive the login email, enter your email address and "Create and Confirm your Password" to access your Personal Snapshot.

Once you are in your Personal Snapshot, click RENEW at the bottom of the screen to renew your national, branch and state memberships! Dual members should self-renew ALL memberships at once. College/University representatives whose national membership is covered by the school should email connect@aauw.org to request a special code before renewing.

To pay by check: As always, you have the option of making a check payable to your AAUW branch and mailing it to their preferred address as directed.

\$100, payable to AAUW Maui
Branch, PO Box 1352, Pu'unene, HI 96784

Whichever way you decide to renew your membership, I hope you will take pride in knowing that our work together is making a real difference in the lives of women and girls!



Queen Keakeālaniwahine of Hawai'i

By Dr. Charmaine Bissen, AAUW Maui Branch Member



Queen Keakeālaniwahine was the mother of Keawe, King of Hawai'i and the great great grandmother of Kamehameha I. Queen Keakeālaniwahine was born in 1640 and died in 1695. Queen Keakeālaniwahine's mother was Queen Keakamahana, the monarch of Hawai'i (Kamakau, 1992:61,63). Chief Iwikau-ikaua of O'ahu was her father. Chiefs of Kona respected Keakamahana, a woman and left the government to her while she was exalted (Kamakau 1992:61). Chief Iwikauikaua's of Hawai'i's rank was lower than Keakamahana. Keakamahana was of pi'o rank because her parents were brother and sister (Kamakau 1993:62). Her family included the sacred chiefs of Kauai.

Upon the death of Keakeālaniwahine's mother in 1665, she became the ruler of the island as the 20th Ali'i Aimoku. Queen Keakeālaniwahine ruled over the people of Kona and Kohala (Kamakau 1992:63). Meanwhile, the Hilo chiefs were a powerful force and often won battles that they fought. A battle ensued between the Hilo and Kona chiefs because of the cruel treatment of Kua'ana, chief of Hilo by the chiefs of Kona. Kua'ana was the son of 'I by Ho'o-lei-ali'i, a chiefess of Hana. Ku'ana escaped from his captors and then the battle began between the Hilo and Kona chiefs. (Kamakau 1992:62). When the Hilo chiefs appeared to be victorious, the Kona chiefs fled to their fortresses. The Mahi clan were the war leaders of Kona. At the famous Battle of Kuahu'ia, the ali'i of Hilo were against Keakeālaniwahine. All of Waimea joined in this battle (Desha 2000:193). Unfortunately, Keakeālaniwahine and others were captured. Keakeālaniwahine and her retinue were sent to Maui and Molokai as prisoners. During the reigns of Kua'ana, Kuahu'ia, Kalanikukaula'ala'a, and Moku, the Hilo chiefs always held the victory. The reign of the Hilo chiefs ended after Moku (Kamakau 1992:63).

Keakeālaniwahine had Keawe as well as other children. Keawe's father was Kanaloakapulehu and his half sister, Kalanikauleleiaiwi (Kamakau 1992:64). Keakeālaniwahine leaves behind the legacy of her son, Keawe who was a "famous ruler of Hawai'i and was the ancestor of chiefs and commoners on that island." Keawe was the father of many children through chiefesses and commoners (Kamakau 1992:64). (cont. on page 6)

Queen Keakeālaniwahine of Hawai'i cont.

In 1965 of The Honolulu Advertiser, Historian Sammy Amalu writes of the elaborate wedding of Prince Keawe. The royal complex built at Holualoa Bay on the west side of the island is associated with Keakealaniwahine and her mother. Queen Keakeālaniwahine and the House of Keawe is indeed a strong legacy. She ruled the people of Kona and Kohala with the best of intentions given the obstacles she confronted.

In conclusion, there were only two women who ruled Hawai'i. They were Queen Keakeālaniwahine and her mother Queen Keakeamahana. The importance of their reigns are most significant.



Queen Keakeālaniwahine

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Reminder – Chocolate Laulima Fundraiser Summer Dates

Chocolate Tasting

at Maui Ku'ia Estate Chocolates in Lahaina



Sunday June 4

Please support the scholarship fundraiser
of the

American Association Of University Women (AAUW Maui)
for University of Hawaii Maui College students.



Enjoy breathtaking 360-degree views from Maui Ku'ia's 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

A 60 minute tasting experience is only \$35

Taste international and national award-winning chocolate made from cacao grown on Maui Ku'ia's Lahaina farm.

Experience the chocolate making process from farm to factory.

Mahalo Nui Loa!
American Association of University Women - Maui Branch

All proceeds collected from the Maui Ku'ia Chocolate Laulima program on these dates will be donated to AAUW Maui's scholarship fund .

For more information, go to Maui Ku'ia's website to sign up
<https://tinyurl.com/27vcpxh>

For more information, go to Maui Ku'ia's website and sign up for a chocolate tastings on **June 4 and/or July 8**. <https://www.mauichocolatetour.com/weekend-tastings-chocolate-laulima/>
Tell friends and family!

Great Decisions - Friday, June 2

Economic Warfare and U.S. Policy

Friday, June 2nd at 1PM HST on ZOOM....adjust for your time zone. Please confirm your attendance with Diane Pure - dpure@hawaii.rr.com. Meeting moved from May 26th because of Memorial Day Weekend.

In the meantime, we welcome any research, articles, etc. you'd like to share with the group. Always nice to exchange ideas with new friends. So, if you know of anyone who would like to join us as an active member, please make contact and let Diane know. New ideas and opinions are always welcomed. We meet on the 4th Friday of each month.

Diane Pure
(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 May

“Hau’oli Lā Hānau”



May 5 - Karen Grafe
May 11 - Chris Wooding
May 15 - Sara Green
May 17 - Gerry McBroom
May 17 - Karen Kramer
May 29 - Carol Hogard

A happy Lunch Bunch! (The intrepid attendees battled a kona storm to get to Kihei!)



Dorothy Tolliver, our resident jazz singer, belts it out at the Kula Lodge.



April AAUW Speaker Meeting

The April meeting was the first since the Covid shutdown and both those attending in person and those on ZOOM learned a lot concerning sex trafficking.

(Photos: 1. Pat Gotschalk, 2. Zoom Attendees, 3. Co-President Elect Lauren Akitake 2023-'24)



