



***Calendar of October Events***

*Saturday Oct 7 Book Group*

*Wednesday Oct 18 Lunch Bunch*

*Saturday Oct 24 Speaker Meeting*

*No Happy Hour in October*

## **October 2023 Newsletter**



### ***Co-President Report*** ***Aloha kākou!***

First, we are delighted to share this email from the AAUW Texas branch:

Greetings Pat and Lauren,

Just to give you a heads up that a check from AAUW Texas in the amount of \$1,600 is being mailed today to University of Hawaii Foundation. "Help Students" was selected as the category for the memo line on the check.

AAUW Texas sends our best wishes as you continue to recover from the devastating wildfires.

In AAUW Sisterhood,

Margaret Carlson  
AAUW Texas Finance Chair

What a special show of support! We immediately sent a thank you on behalf of the branch.

## Co- Presidents' Message (cont.)

September was an active month for AAUW Maui Branch. We had two successful social events –Happy Hour at Dorothy Tolliver's house and Lunch Bunch at Yak and Yeti in Kihei. Our next Happy Hour will be in November as this is an "every other month" event. Also, a group of members and guests met at Jean Keating's house to write nonpartisan Postcards to Voters, encouraging turnout at an important election on the mainland. Over the course of two meetings the group wrote 250 postcards.

We also had an informative Speaker Meeting with guest speaker Younghee Overly, who discussed the successful advocacy meetings with legislators last year and the importance of AAUW's public policy advocacy. Mark your calendars for March 7, 2024, when another Day of Action sponsored by AAUW Hawaii will be held in Honolulu.

In the aftermath of the Lahaina disaster, our valued sponsor Maui Kū'ia Estate Chocolates will not be holding chocolate tastings in the immediate future. Our branch's two tastings scheduled for November have been canceled, which means that we will need to make up the shortfall in scholarship funding. A board/general membership meeting will be held via Zoom on Sunday, November 5, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. where this will be discussed, as well as the plans for our December holiday party. All members are welcome to attend these meetings.

A hui hou and aloha,  
Pat and Lauren

***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.***

## ***Speaker Meeting, Saturday, October 24***

### **David Litman   Hale Pono Youth Sanctuary**

#### **Director of Training and Programs**

David Litman (MA, LMFT ) has spent the past quarter of a century applying his knowledge and skills in Nonviolent Communication toward the fields of counseling, personal coaching, mediation, human resources management, and organizational development. David's greatest passion is helping others to learn and grow. He dedicates his time to serving in our community, both as a therapist and by serving as the Director for the Hale Pono Teen Shelter and Teen programs, being a mediator for Maluhia Mediation Services, and leading Games for Lifeskills programs for youth.

David holds a B.B. A in Operations Management from the University of Massachusetts, a Masters in Psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute, and is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Originally hailing from Boston, Massachusetts, he lived on both coasts of the Continental U.S. for a time before moving to Maui with his wife, son, and daughter in 2010. When he isn't hard at work promoting the development of others, David enjoys spending time with his family, singing, and playing his guitar.



**The Speaker Meetings will be held at UH Maui College Noi'i Building Room 201.** The Noi'i Building is on the mauka side of campus near the main entrance at the corner of West Ka'ahumanu Ave. and South Wakea Ave. Go into the entrance, turn left, and park in the parking lot under the trees. There is a ramp to the second floor so it's easy to access. The traditional schedule has changed because we are no longer including a business meeting. So, we will start at 10:30 a.m. with a social half hour and 11:00 a.m. for the speaker and question/answer period. *Bring a brown bag lunch and talk story afterwards! Water and iced tea will be provided.* We will provide a Zoom option but we strongly encourage our members to attend and socialize. The Zoom link will be emailed in the week before the meeting.

## **AAUW Maui Facebook Page**

If you have a Facebook account, be sure to like and follow the new [AAUW Maui Branch facebook page](#). If you and other Maui Branch members are participating in an event together, please take a photo and send a brief explanation by email to co-President Lauren Akitake so she can post it on the Facebook page. [Lauren@akitakelaw.com](mailto:Lauren@akitakelaw.com).

## **AAUW Book Club Saturday, October 8, Noon**

The book for October is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray



*Belle de Costa Greene worked as J.P. Morgan's personal librarian and curator of his private library housed in a townhouse off of East 36<sup>th</sup> Street before the collection became the Morgan Library and Museum. While she became an influential individual in the art world and one of the country's most prominent librarians, she hid a devastating secret – she was a Black woman “passing” as a white woman.*

To get the zoom link, please email Dorothy Tolliver at [2425047@gmail.com](mailto:2425047@gmail.com)

The book for the November meeting is **Heart of Fire: An immigrant Daughter's Story** by **Mazie Hirono**

The intimate and inspiring life story of Mazie Hirono, the first Asian-American woman and the only immigrant serving in the U.S. Senate Mazie Hirono is one of the most fiercely outspoken Democrats in Congress, but her journey to the U.S. Senate was far from likely.

## **Lunch Bunch, Wednesday, October 18**

**Lunch Bunch will be at the Island Fresh Cafe in Paia on**

**Wed Oct 18 at 1pm.**

**Breakfast and Lunch will be available. This restaurant is on the mauka side of Paia on Baldwin Ave., and there is free parking on premises.**

**The address is 381 Baldwin Ave. The website includes the menu.**

**<http://islandfreshmaui.com/>**

**Please RSVP to Marty - Jean Bender by text: 808-385-1807 or email: [mjb@unforgettable.com](mailto:mjb@unforgettable.com) or phone 808-874-1807) by Sunday night, Oct 15.**

## **Lunch Bunch Survey**

Marty-Jean Bender has pulled together a survey to get some feedback about Lunch Bunch, including a couple of suggestions for future Lunch Bunch get-togethers. Please take a moment to complete the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YD97J9W>

Mahalo!

## **Public Policy Interest Group**

Many of our members have a strong interest in advocating for AAUW's goals and mission. To facilitate this goal, the Board voted to create a "Public Policy Interest Group." The national AAUW website provides [many ideas for how to take action](#) including the Two Minute Activist. Our September speaker, Younghee Overly will discuss ways that members can advocate at the Hawaii state and local level including meeting with elected officials, writing Op Eds or letters to the editor, speaking to other groups on Maui, and similar activities.

If anyone is interested in spearheading the Public Policy Interest Group, please contact our communications director, Tammy Malloy at [aaumuauibranch@gmail.com](mailto:aaumuauibranch@gmail.com) and her know the name of the contact person for joining this interest group. We can send the information by email to all of our membership to get the ball rolling. The branch Public Policy Interest Group can also coordinate with the AAUW [state level Public Policy Network](#).

## **October Birthdays**

**Bobbi Carlson**      **October 20**  
**Robert Walker**    **October 30**



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## **Mo'olelo 'o Mō'i wahine mma Emma**

Written by Dr. Charmaine Kinoike Bissen

Beautiful Queen Emma Kalanikaumaka'amano Kaleleonālani Na'ea Rooke's tenure as Queen of Hawai'i was from 1856 through November 30, 1863. Mō'i wahine was the daughter of High Chief George Na'ea and High Chiefess Fanny Kekelaokalani Young. Mō'i wahine Emma was married to the King of Hawai'i, Alexander Liholiho, Kamehameha IV on June 19, 1856. They had one child, Prince Albert' who died on August 27, 1862 of a respiratory illness. Queen Emma died on April 25, 1885.



Mō'i wahine Emma's many accomplishments in her lifetime may be summarized in this brief mo'olelo as a kind, compassionate Queen who deeply cared about the health and well being of her people and their religious education. She expanded the palace library and represented the palace affairs with dignity and grace of a talented musician, vocalist, pianist, and dancer who was also a skilled equestrian. Queen Emma traveled to Europe and the United States between the years of 1865 through 1866. She met with European royalty, Anglican clergy, American President Andrew Johnson, and Indian delegations of Chickasaw and Cherokee.

**Mo'olelo (cont.)** State dinners were held in her honor and she was the first "Queen" to visit the White House. Queen Emma and Queen Victoria became close friends.

In October of 1862, Queen Emma and King Lunalilo were baptized in the Anglican Church and confirmed in November, 1862. Queen Emma founded St. Andrew's Cathedral. Queen Emma also founded St. Andrew's Priory for Girls in 1867. She was instrumental in establishing the need for an Episcopal secondary school for boys which later became known as 'Iolani School in memory of her husband. In Hawai'i, the Feast of the Holy Sovereigns recognizes and honors Kamehameha IV and Queen Emma on November 28 in the Episcopal Church. After King Lunalilo's death, in 1874, Queen Emma ran unsuccessfully against David Kālakaua for the throne. However, her followers remained steadfast and loyal to her. Queen Emma will always be remembered for her humanitarianism in her establishment of the Queen's Hospital founded in 1859. She was deeply concerned as native Hawaiians were dying massively from the foreign introduced diseases like smallpox.

In summary, Queen Emma will be remembered for a legacy of caring for the physical and spiritual health of her people while providing equal opportunity in education, religion and medical access. On October 7, 2023 the Daughters of Hawai'i will honor Queen Emma at her Summer Palace, Hānaiakamalama in Nu'uano and all are invited. As a member of Daughters of Hawai'i, Queen Emma is fondly cherished.

Oil on canvas by William F. Cogswell, 1890



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