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Co-President Report

Aloha kākou!

Aloha Mai Kākou:

Some calendar updates: Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the November Speaker Meeting will be on the 3rd Saturday of the month, Nov 18. We will have three speakers from the Hawaii Women in Engineering organization, so mark your calendars and plan to attend! More information is in the newsletter on page 3.

We also have three events scheduled in the coming months that we hope to see all of you attending. Please mark your calendars:

1. Holiday Party, Sunday, December 3, 2-4 pm at Marc Tolliver's salon, Loft 145, in Wailuku. This is our annual potluck get together and Marc always decorates his salon beautifully, so this is a fun kick-off to the holiday season. There is more information in this newsletter on page 2.
2. Flatbread Pizza Benefit for AAUW-Maui, Tuesday, January 2. From 5 – 9 pm, buy a pizza at Flatbread in Paia (eat-in or carryout) and AAUW-Maui will get a portion of the sale price. This will help support our scholarship fund. We will create some flyers to circulate. Invite all your friends and family!
3. Ocean Vodka Organic Farm and Distillery Benefit for AAUW-Maui, Sunday, March 10. This event will also support our scholarship fund. We can have a memorable al fresco meal while enjoying the amazing view and live music at Ocean Vodka's Kula location. If we do a good job promoting this event, we can hold the event on a quarterly schedule! More details will be provided closer to the event.

The scholarship fundraising events will require some planning to execute, so anyone who wants to help out, please contact Virginia Shaw at mauivirginia@yahoo.com. We also welcome our newest members Carol Agar, Carol Zaitz, and Lura Morgan and welcome back our "snowbirds" who are returning from the mainland.

Aloha!

A HUI HOU!

Pat and Lauren

Mark Your Calendar! Holiday Party, Sunday, December 3

Our “honorary member” Marc Tolliver is again making his salon available for the annual AAUW-Maui Holiday Party on Sunday, December 3, from 2-4 pm. The address is Loft 145, 81 North Church Street in Wailuku. This is always a fun party!

Friends and family are welcome to attend.

No RSVPs required. Please bring a pupu or beverage to share if you are able to, or help set up before the party. Contact Pat Gotschalk at 808-707-2001 or pagotschalk@gmail.com with any questions or if you want to help out. Also, If you wish to bring a gift card or other cash donation for Women Helping Women, we will collect the donations and deliver them to the organization. A hui hou!

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

There shall be no barriers to full participation on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

Speaker Meeting, Saturday, November 18 - Remember, due to Thanksgiving Weekend the meeting will be held the 3rd Saturday of November.

Hawaiian Women in Technology

Hawaii Women in Technology is a grassroots, volunteer-led initiative to build a safe, supportive, and judgment-free space for women who have—or are pursuing—careers in tech.

The group was formed in 2019 as a casual Meet-up group for like-minded professionals to connect and soon expanded to host virtual educational events as well as in-person networking events. Currently the group has more than 350 members with diverse backgrounds ranging from software engineers, designers and analysts to current students, career transitioners, and entrepreneurs.

Bio

1) Jennifer De Rose

Jennifer De Rose is a seasoned global professional with over two decades of leadership, agile project management, and community engagement experience. As a former executive in a non-profit organization serving low-income youth in the US and overseeing educational programs in China, she excels in forging strategic partnerships across diverse cultures. Her professional background encompasses conservation, outdoor recreation, education, manufacturing, start-ups, tech, and international development projects. Jennifer is a dedicated advocate for diversity and inclusion, actively engaged in supporting or leading grassroots initiatives. In her role as a Board member of Hawai'i Women in Tech, she shares expertise on servant leadership, agile project management, and digital transformation to drive lasting, positive change by harnessing data, technology, and community engagement for a

more inclusive and impactful world.

2) Tina Flower

Tina Flower is a software engineer who recently made a career transition into the technology industry following years of professional experience as a classroom teacher. At first glance, one might assume these professions to be as different as night and day. However, Tina has discovered that many of the skills she cultivated during her career as an educator, including problem-solving, creative thinking, collaboration, and effective communication, have prepared her well for the demands of her software engineering role. Tina currently works full time for a large company and part time for a very small startup. In her free time, she enjoys running, swimming, and competitive outrigger canoe paddling.

3) Kyla Chung

Kyla Chung is a program management professional with over seven years of international experience in the tech industry. Her diverse journey spans building a localized service operation for an American brand in Japan, designing and launching of a new food delivery app, and contributing to compliance solutions for a globally-used messaging app with millions of users. Throughout her career, Kyla's unwavering focus has remained on enhancing customer experience through service design, using technology to provide real-world solutions. Kyla is passionate about creating and advocating for opportunities for women in the tech sector, especially for those with non-traditional backgrounds.

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.

***Board and General Membership Meeting, Sunday November 5**
We will have a Zoom Board and General Membership Meeting that everyone is invited to attend on Sunday, November 5 from 2 to 3 pm. A Zoom link and agenda will be circulated a few days before the meeting.
This is a good opportunity for new members to learn more about AAUW-Maui. We will be discussing the fundraising events in January and March 2024, and please feel free to submit any other agenda items that you would like the board and membership to discuss.*

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

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.

AAUW Book Club Saturday, November 4, Noon

To get the zoom link, please email Dorothy Tolliver at 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.

The book for December is The Maid by Nita Prose. A charmingly eccentric hotel maid discovers a guest murdered in his bed, turning her once orderly world upside down—and inspiring a motley crew of unexpected allies to band together to solve the mystery. A Clue-like, locked-room mystery and a heartwarming journey of the spirit, The Maid explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet totally different.

Lunch Bunch, Wednesday, November 15

November's Lunch Bunch will be meeting at the Kahului Ale House on Wednesday, November 15 at 12:30pm. Beer lovers rejoice - they say they have 36 beers on tap! Address is 355 E Kamehameha Ave., Kahului.

<https://kahuluialehouse.com/>

The Ale House has a diverse menu with lots of pupus and salads. Here is the menu: <https://kahuluialehouse.com/complete-menu>

RSVP to Marty-Jean by Sunday, November 12. Marty-Jean will assess responses by Monday the 13th to decide if there is enough interest to hold this lunch.

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Happy Hour

Happy Hour will be held at the home of Dorothy Tolliver, 705 Pio Drive, Wailuku from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Thursday, November 9th. Coffee, tea and water provided. Please bring your own snacks or pupu to share.

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." If anyone is interested in spearheading the Public Policy Interest Group, please contact our communications director, Tammy Malloy at aauwmauibranch@gmail.com with your name and contact information. We will send more information by email to our membership to get the ball rolling. The branch Public Policy Interest Group can also coordinate with the AAUW [state level Public Policy Network](#).

Great Decisions

Iran at a Crossroad, chapter 7, is the topic for December's meeting of Great Decisions. Friday, December 1st at 1PM HST on ZOOM....adjust for your time zone. Please confirm your attendance with Diane Pure -

dpure@hawaii.rr.com.

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.*

*In the spirit of Aloha, and with a heavy heart, we extend our sincere condolences to all the families in Hawaii, in Israel and Gaza affected by the conflict in Israel and Gaza. We send our condolences to the families of the victims. We pray for a swift resolution to this conflict, the speedy return of the hostages, and full recovery for the wounded. Let our prayers be for an enduring peace, security, and a brighter, more compassionate future for all peoples of the region and our world.
Mahalo nui loa, Dorothy Tolliver*

The Jewish and Muslim History in the Hawaiian Kingdom Written by Dr. Charmaine Kinoike Bissen

Foreigners' fascination with the beauty and allure of the Hawaiian Kingdom brought many interesting notable figures into Hawaiian History.

The Hawaiian monarchs accepted different ethnic groups and religions into their Kingdom freely. In 1798, a sailor on the whaling ship Neptune recorded in the ship's log that, "the Hawaiian king had come aboard and brought a "Jew cook" with him" (<https://www.shaloha.com/>). During the period of 1850-1900 the arrival of Jews from California and other countries increased as they became suppliers to sugar plantations. In 1865, in a Jewish newspaper in Germany printed an interesting article on the first report of the islands. Paul Neumann who emigrated from San Francisco became King Kālakaua's personal attorney. Prior to December 1886, Elias Abraham Rosenberg arrived and became well acquainted with King Kalākaua who ruled from 1874 to 1891. Rosenberg presented Kalākaua with a sefer Torah and a silver Yad (pointer). Kalākaua gave Rosenberg a gold medal, silver cup, and \$260.00. Rosenberg had a colorful history with the King. The King gave Rosenberg the title kahuna kilokilo (royal soothsayer) (<https://en.wikipedia.org/>). There were many other Jewish merchants and advisors who also played a significant role in Hawaiian history. There is extensive literature on the Jewish contributions in Hawaiian history. Today there are about 10,000 Jews living in Hawai'i.

As Hawai'i became more noticeable in world affairs, the arrival of Muslim immigrants in the early 1900s added to the diverse religious cultures of Hawai'i. The immigrants were mainly from South Asia and the Middle East. The early Muslim settlers were traders and laborers who migrated for economic reasons. They integrated into the local culture while maintaining a low profile .

(<https://medium.com/@americanmuslimhistory>). The first mosque, known as the Manoa mosque, was established in 1972 on Oahu. Today, there are about 5,000 Muslims living in Hawai'i.

In May of 2009, the Hawai'i State Senate approved a bill to celebrate "Islam Day on September 24 every year." The bill recognizes "the rich religious, scientific, cultural and artistic contributions" that Islam and the Islamic world have made. (<https://www.arabnews.com/islam>).

In summary, there is much more to appreciate about the Jews and Muslims who have chosen to make Hawai'i their homes. Their valuable contributions bring people

together as an integral part of Hawaii's social fabric.

November Birthdays

Alicia Hetman November 7
Marty-Jean Bender November 16
Anne Keck November 28

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