



Calendar of December Events

Saturday Dec 2 Book Group

Sunday Dec 4 Holiday Party

No Happy Hour this Month

No Speaker Meeting or Board Meeting month

December 2023 Newsletter



Co-President Report

Happy Holidays to everyone!!

We are thankful for our members and their commitment to AAUW's goals.

2023 presented Maui with many unexpected challenges which truly tested the Aloha spirit of our state. The outpouring of volunteerism that arose in our community from the horror of Lahaina's destruction is truly inspiring, and we are all doing what we can do to help recover from this tragedy, although it will take many years to do so.

On a happier note, our branch is doing well with several new members joining and becoming active in our organization. We are looking forward to 2024! It will be a national election year which adds its own set of challenges both locally and nationally. Hawaii State AAUW will be sponsoring a Day of Action on March 7 on 'Oahu, and will pay for 5 members' airfare and transportation costs. More information will be in our January newsletter.

Please let us know if you have ideas about projects or initiatives that our branch can take that are consistent with the overarching AAUW mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Aloha,
Pat and Lauren



The annual **AAUW-Maui Holiday Party** is on **Sunday, December 3, from 2-4 pm.**

The address is Loft 145, 81 North Church Street in Wailuku.

Friends and family are welcome to attend.

For extra fun, there will be a jazz band providing entertainment.

No RSVPs required.

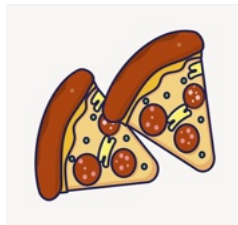
Please bring a pupu or beverage to share if you are able to, or help set up before the party. Contact Pat Gotschalk at 808-707-2001 or pagotschalk@gmail.com with any questions or if you want to help out.

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.

January 2, 2024 Paia Flatbread Pizza Fundraiser



We are holding this fundraiser for our Scholarship Fund. We Maui Branch members believe that funding scholarships for students at UH Maui College is one of the most important aspects of our local AAUW group.

We are asking our members (if you can) to donate an item or items, valued at \$25 or more, even if you will not be attending the Paia Flatbread Pizza event on January 2, 2024. Please contact Virginia Shaw at aauspeakermeeting@yahoo.com with the

description of your donation and the estimated value. Additionally, please let her know if you could bring it to our Holiday Party on December 3, if you need it to be picked up, or if you can mail it.

Items can be purchased at our Silent Auction with cash, check or Paypal/Venmo. Our future scholarship recipients appreciate your efforts!

Here are a few ideas:

Wine tasting

Made to Order Dessert

Luncheon

Food Basket

Basket of Favorite Books

Gift Certificates

Small Appliances

Holiday Decorations

Services like Gardening, Flower Arranging

Flower Vase

Tea Party

Plants/Trees

Vacation Rental Weekend

Quilts

Art Work

Jewelry

Stationary

AAUW Book Club Saturday, December 2, Noon

To get the zoom link, please email Dorothy Tolliver at 2425047@gmail.com

The book for the December meeting is The Maid by Nita Prose.

In January, the book of the month is My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrick Backman. Elsa is seven years old and different. Her grandmother is seventy-seven years old and crazy, as in standing-on-the-balcony-firing-paintball-guns-at-strangers crazy. She is also Elsa's best, and only, friend. When Elsa's grandmother dies and leaves behind a series of letters apologizing to people she has wronged, Elsa's greatest adventure begins.

A Note of Thanks to AAUW Members

AAUW Members/Friends,

Thank you so very much for the gorgeous floral arrangement in honor of my husband, Douglas Boll, who passed away peacefully at home with wonderful care from Hospice Maui. Doug was proud to be a veteran having served in the army stationed in Japan. He would often fly our American flag on special occasions. Amazingly, he died around 11:00 p.m. on Veterans Day, November 11th. 11:00 - 11/11.

Sandi Boll



December Birthdays

Carol Lynn December 2
Virginia Shaw December 10
Lynn Austin December 22
Barry Solomon December 26
Debbie Priest December 30
Joyce Yamada December 30

Great Decisions

Meetings are the 1st Friday Friday of the month at 1:00 p.m. HST

Contact Diane Pure - dpure@hawaii.rr.com for more information

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(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.

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