



Calendar of January Events

Saturday January 6 Book Group

Thursday January 11 Happy Hour

Saturday January 13 Lunch Bunch

January 2024 Newsletter



Co-President Report

Aloha – Happy 2024!

This promises to be a busy and consequential year with a significant presidential election as well as other federal and state elections that could have a tremendous impact on the mission and goals of AAUW. The AAUW national website, aauw.org, has a wealth of information about the issues and actions that members can take to make their voices heard. There will also be an opportunity for interested members to go to Honolulu for a day of action on March 7 to meet with members of the legislature.

We are delighted to report that in 2023 AAUW-Maui gained several new members and we now have 55 members. The branch has had many very successful social events such as the happy hour, lunch bunch, holiday party and book group. Thank you to Marty Jean Bender, Dorothy Tolliver, Marc Tolliver and others for pulling these together and hosting. Also thank you to Virginia Shaw for taking on the role of Fundraising Chair. Be sure to mark your calendars for the Flatbread Pizza fundraiser on Jan 2.

Co-President's Message (cont.)

Organizing speaker meetings has been an ongoing challenge. Traditionally, pre-COVID, the speaker meeting on the 4th Saturday of the month consisted of a business meeting, a speaker and a lunch. Post-COVID we lost our longtime venue Moose McGillycuddy's, and we can't find a restaurant location that is free of charge and/or does not have a minimum meal cost to be paid by attendees. UH Maui College has not turned out to be a popular location for meeting in person, and many of our members still prefer Zoom. So we are recommending to the Board that the branch return to Zoom speaker meetings and then we can make some decisions for FY 2024-25.

Mahalo nui loa,

Pat and Lauren

AAUW Maui Board Meeting

All members are invited to attend our periodic board meetings. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, Jan 22, from 9 to 10 am on Zoom**. A zoom link and agenda will be sent out before the meeting. If any members have items that they would like the board to address, please send an email to pagotschalk@gmail.com so we can add the items to the agenda. Mahalo!

No Speakers Meeting in January

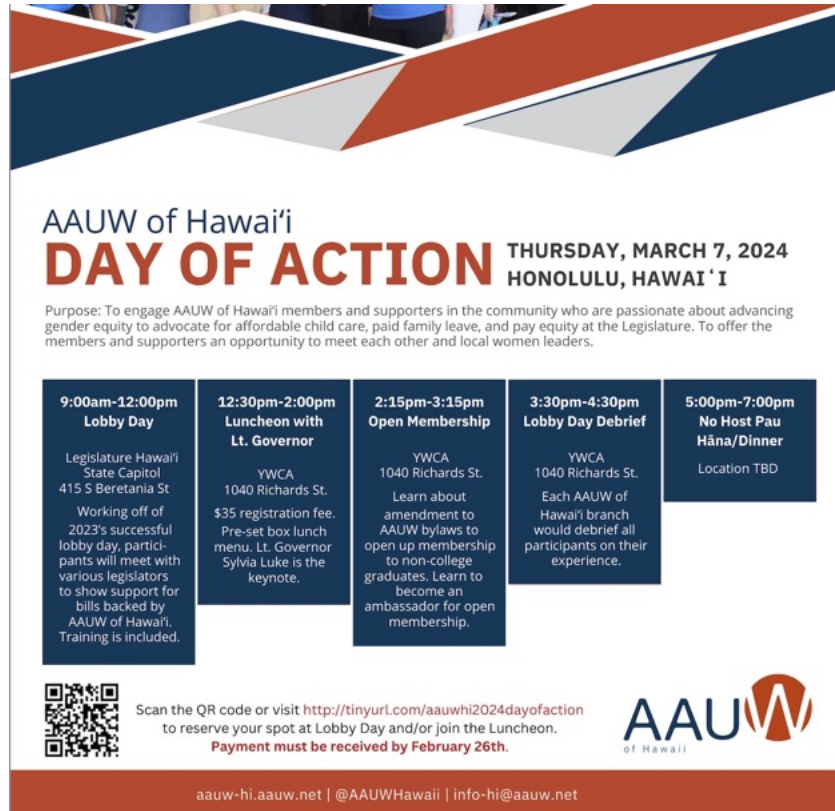
We are not holding a Speaker's Meeting in January, but stay tuned for February. We have an exciting meeting and activity in the planning stages, more information to come soon.

***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.***

AAUW Day of Action — March 7th, 2024

Mark your calendars!! AAUW Hawaii is once again sponsoring a Legislative Day of Action in Honolulu. We can send up to five Maui Branch members to the event with airfare and ground transportation paid by AAUW Hawai'i. It is hoped that Maui Branch AAUW will be represented at this event to have our voices heard on important matters of Public Policy.

There will be an optional luncheon with Lt. Governor Sylvia Luke as the speaker, with a \$35 registration fee for a pre-set box lunch that must be paid by February 26, 2024 to reserve a spot. If you are interested in attending the Day of Action with or without the luncheon, please email pagotschalk@gmail.com so we can put your name on the list for transportation cost reimbursement. Registration for the Day of Action without the luncheon closes on March 4, 2024. Registration information is on this flyer:



The flyer features a decorative header with overlapping geometric shapes in shades of blue, red, and white. Below the header, the event title 'AAUW of Hawai'i DAY OF ACTION' is prominently displayed in a mix of blue and red fonts, followed by the date and location 'THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024 HONOLULU, HAWAI'I'. A paragraph of text explains the purpose of the event. The main content is organized into five vertical columns, each representing a different activity with its time, location, and details. A QR code and a URL are provided for registration, along with a payment deadline. The AAUW of Hawaii logo is positioned in the bottom right corner. The footer contains contact information for the organization.

AAUW of Hawai'i
DAY OF ACTION THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024
HONOLULU, HAWAI'I

Purpose: To engage AAUW of Hawai'i members and supporters in the community who are passionate about advancing gender equity to advocate for affordable child care, paid family leave, and pay equity at the Legislature. To offer the members and supporters an opportunity to meet each other and local women leaders.

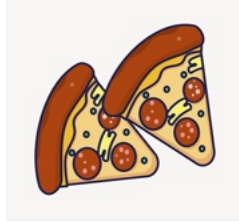
9:00am-12:00pm Lobby Day Legislature Hawai'i State Capitol 415 S Beretania St Working off of 2023's successful lobby day, partici- pants will meet with various legislators to show support for bills backed by AAUW of Hawai'i. Training is included.	12:30pm-2:00pm Luncheon with Lt. Governor YWCA 1040 Richards St. \$35 registration fee. Pre-set box lunch menu. Lt. Governor Sylvia Luke is the keynote.	2:15pm-3:15pm Open Membership YWCA 1040 Richards St. Learn about amendment to AAUW bylaws to open up membership to non-college graduates. Learn to become an ambassador for open membership.	3:30pm-4:30pm Lobby Day Debrief YWCA 1040 Richards St. Each AAUW of Hawai'i branch would debrief all participants on their experience.	5:00pm-7:00pm No Host Pau Hāna/Dinner Location TBD
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Scan the QR code or visit <http://tinyurl.com/aauhi2024dayofaction> to reserve your spot at Lobby Day and/or join the Luncheon.
Payment must be received by February 26th.

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January 2, 2024 AAUW Maui Scholarship Fundraiser



Come join us at Flatbread Pizza for a fun evening; silent auction and great pizza! Bring friends and family along, the more the merrier!

Dine in or order online Tuesday, January 2nd, from 5 - 9pm Location: 89 Hana Highway, Paia. <https://tinyurl.com/flatbread-on-line-ordering> (808) 579-8989

AAUW Book Club Saturday, January 6, Noon

The book for the January meeting is My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrick Backman. For February, the book of the month will be **Washington Black** by **Esi Edugyan**. Young, enslaved George Washington Black is chosen to assist a gentleman scientist, kicking off a series of adventures that takes Black from Barbados to the Arctic and beyond.

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

Lunch Bunch - New Day, New Time!

New Day - New Time - New Place!

This month Lunch Bunch will be meeting at Tiffany's Bar & Grill, located at the top of Lower Main (1424 Lower Main St) in Wailuku..Menu: <https://tiffanysmaui.com/menu>

Since they only serve lunch on the weekends, the **new date will be:**

SATURDAY, January 13, at the earlier time of 11 am - when they first open.

Please be on time as the group cannot be seated until all are present.

RSVP to Marty-Jean at mjb@unforgettable.com by Friday, January 12.

Note: an 18% gratuity will be automatically added.

HAPPY HOUR in HAIKU!

The January Happy Hour will be hosted by Chris Wooding, Thursday, January 11th from 4 to 6 pm in Haiku and should be a great gathering! Please bring pupu or beverage to share if you are able. No RSVP required. If anyone wants to carpool, we can meet in the Target lot. (Contact Pat Gotschalk if you want to carpool.) The driving directions: the street address is **460 Kekoanui Place**, but the easiest way to approach the house is to turn on to Hookili Road, uphill, from Hana Highway at about mile 15.5. Chris's house is the brown one on the left with a cement driveway. Folks can back onto the grass from the driveway or turn in the driveway and park beside the road.

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.

January Birthdays

Patricia McCain January 7



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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