



### *Calendar of February Events*

*Saturday February 3 Book Group*

*No Happy Hour this Month*

*Wednesday February 7 Lunch Bunch*

*Saturday February 25 Speakers Meeting*

## **February 2024 Newsletter**



### ***Co-President Report***

#### ***Aloha***

When you read this newsletter Pat will be in Abu Dhabi tagging along with her husband Barry while he attends a conference. We don't know if there is an AAUW branch in the United Arab Emirates but a Google search indicates that someone received an AAUW Fellowship grant to attend an EU conference there. Pat will bring an AAUW-Maui T-shirt and take some photos. Incidentally, if anyone would like to purchase a branch T-shirt for \$20, please contact Pat when she returns. We have navy blue and light blue in most sizes.

Our board meeting on January 22 was very productive once the Zoom issue was resolved. (Pat apologizes if anyone couldn't log in... the problem has been fixed for future meetings). One piece of news – Pat will step down as Co-President in June, 2024 and Lauren will continue on as President. Since this is in the middle of her term, no elections are required. However, if anyone has a desire to become President of AAUW, of course we would like to hear from you. Please contact Pat or Lauren if you want to discuss this. We always encourage members to take leadership positions in the branch.

We also had a productive conversation about the AAUW branch and national mission statement. Just as a reminder, here is the mission and vision statement of AAUW:

**AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.**  
VISION: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

The board's conversation touched upon how our AAUW-Maui branch can become a more "visible leader in equity and education" for Maui women and girls. We will have a planning meeting in the future to discuss some ideas about this goal. If any of the members have some thoughts, or would like to participate in the discussion, please let us know.

Finally, The board approved funding the branch's three UH Maui scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each. The Heritage Scholarship will be named in honor of Janet Walker, past AAUW-Maui branch president. Mahalo for all that you have done and continue to do for the branch, Janet!

Mahalo nui loa,

Pat and Lauren

## ***AAUW Maui Board Meeting - No meeting in February***

All members are invited to attend our periodic board meetings. The next meeting will be held in March. 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](mailto:pagotschalk@gmail.com) so we can add the items to the agenda. Mahalo!

***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.***

## ***Speakers Meeting - We are going back to ZOOM!***



### ***February 24 Speaker Tricia Morris***

Tricia Morris is a Nationally Certified Mediator and Certified Divorce Financial Analyst. She is passionate about empowering her clients to make life enhancing decisions regarding their futures. Tricia is a believer that conflict prevention is an easier path than waiting until a conflict is full blown. Many people are “Conflict Avoiders” and will tend to delay difficult conversations, making the unavoidable future conversations more challenging. Tricia works with families, divorces, businesses, workplaces, and in end-of-life matters. She promotes lasting resolutions

and happy Futures. She has been extensively trained in conflict resolutions with institutions such as Pepperdine, Harvard, and Northwestern Law School, etc. She also holds an MBA from Boston College. Other certifications include:

Certified Divorce Financial Analyst (CDFA®) – (National)

Co-Parenting Specialist

Parent Coordinator

National Certified Senior Mediator

Heart Centered / Wellness Therapist

Global Collaborative Law Council - Civil Collaborative Law

Designation of Negotiation and Mediation Support for Start-Up Tech Companies

### **Zoom Times for Meeting - Saturday, February 24**

**10:00 - Social time**

**10:30 - Business meeting**

**11:00 - Speaker Meeting**

## ***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. Please refer to the January newsletter for registration details.

## ***AAUW Book Club Saturday - February 3 , Noon***

The book for the February meeting is **Washington Black by Esi Edugyan**. For March the book will be Local: a Memoir by Esi Edugyan. A rich and nuanced exploration of Hawaiian history and traditions, Local is a personal and moving narrative about family, grief, and reconnecting to the land she tried to leave behind.

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

## ***Lunch Bunch is back on a Wednesday!***

***Date:*** Wednesday, February 7 - ***Time:*** 12:30 pm

***Location:*** 62 MarcKet (next door to the lao Theater) 62 Market St Wailuku

*The parking structure is open now in Wailuku, so we don't need to rely on just street parking. **RSVP by to Marty-Jean by Monday, February 5** - final count needs to be given to the restaurant. **email:** [mjb@unforgettable.com](mailto:mjb@unforgettable.com) **text:** 808-385-1807 **phone:** 808-874-1807*

*Menu (breakfast or lunch available):*



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## ***HAPPY HOUR - No Happy Hour in February***

### ***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).

### **Marilyn Lytle Obituary**

Marilyn Marguerite (Stone) Lytle died peacefully on January 24, 2024, at the age of ninety. Marilyn was born August 13, 1933, “the worst year of the Great Depression” in Spokane, Washington.



The youngest of three children, and the only girl, Marilyn sped through school to escape a difficult childhood and never looked back. She began college at sixteen at Ball State University, Indiana and went on to earn a master’s degree in Psychology from Mills College, in California. While attending Mills she met her husband of 48 years, Dean Winton Lytle, who was working on his PhD in Electrical Engineering at Stanford. Dean passed in 2003

Forty years of atrial fibrillation, a pacemaker, numerous skin cancers and stage-four mantle-cell lymphoma did little to slow Marilyn's pace. She remained fiercely independent, following her mantra "if I can do it by myself, I will" including rounds of chemotherapy at age 82. Marilyn's irrepressible spirit will live forever in the traits and values she instilled in her many loved ones. Following her lead, we will always vote, read, travel, enjoy the arts, love, stand up for others, and stand our ground.

Donations in her honor can be made to Seabeck Family or to The Maui Strong Fund.

## February Birthdays

Pat Gotschalk	February 16
Elizabeth Rodgers	February 16
Diane Riley	February 18
Janet Walker	February 20



## Great Decisions

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

Contact Diane Pure - [dpure@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:dpure@hawaii.rr.com) for more information

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**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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**February**  
**Black History Month**  
**Hawaiian Language Month**

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