



AAUW MAUI BRANCH



NEWSLETTER - February 2015

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

~ AAUW Maui Branch Events* ~

BOOK CLUB

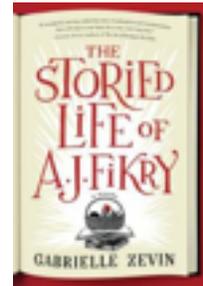
Date: **Saturday, February 7**

Time: **12:00 p.m.**

Location: Cathy Thompson's home, 22 Huluhulu Place, Kahului

cathyt808@gmail.com (808) 268-1232

Book: The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin - *Recently widowed A.J. Fikry has problems: his bookstore is failing, he's drinking too much, and his rare collection of Edgar Allen Poe's poems has been stolen. The arrival of a mysterious package brings A.J. an opportunity to make his life over and see everything with new eyes. This is a delightful story of transformation, second chances and above all the power of love.*



LUNCH BUNCH

Date: **Tuesday, February 10**

Time: **12:00 p.m.**

Location: Seascope Restaurant, inside the Maui Ocean Center at Ma'alaea Harbor.

You DO NOT have to pay admission to the ocean center to get to the restaurant. Take the stairs at the right end of the ocean center which will take you down to the restaurant.

RSVP: **Jillian Ridington (808) 874-9045** or (preferred) jillianbrid@gmail.com

Please RSVP by Sunday, February 8 (earlier is better)

Menu: Please preview the lunch menu at mauiocceancenter.com and indicate your meal selection when you RSVP.

- *The Seascope Restaurant has a diverse lunch menu and gorgeous ocean views. There are interesting shops nearby, and of course the Ocean Center would welcome you after the lunch. (There is an admission fee for the Maui Ocean Center.)*



GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions program provides background information and policy options for the eight most critical issues facing America each year. <http://www.fpa.org>

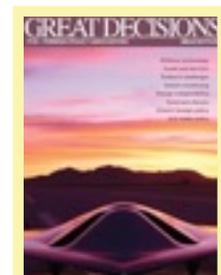
Date: **Friday, February 13**

Time: **12:00 Noon**

Location: Sandy Rogers's home - 1400 Limahana Circle #101, Lahaina

RSVP: Mihaela Stoops at (808) 357-4000, or mihaela_stoops@hotmail.com

Topic: "Privacy in the Digital Age" - *Legislation, both at home and abroad, hasn't kept pace with technological developments, leaving some wondering if privacy as we know it is long dead.*



* *The Special Interest events are open to all AAUW members.*



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SPEAKER MEETING

Date: **Saturday, February 28**

Location: 5 Palms Restaurant, Kihei

Time: 10:30 Business Meeting, Silent Auction & Mystery Gifts - Proceeds for AAUW funds

11:00-12:00 Speaker: Dr. Carol Anne Dickson, Professor, UH Manoa

Lunch: 12:15, Separate checks

RSVP: Janet Walker at (530) 409-0192 or bjpwalker@comcast.net by 12 noon, Wednesday, February 25, and include your menu selection please. (Early RSVP is due to special request by the chef so fresh ingredients can be available.)

Menu: <http://www.5palmsrestaurant.com>

- Our speaker, Carol Anne Dickson, has a PhD in Textiles and Clothing. One of the many classes she taught at UH Manoa was Apparel Product Design and Merchandising. In another class she guided students to develop successful startups using their own design ideas. She is also a consultant and mediator. An expert in the jewelry industry in Hawai'i, she curated a long-running exhibition at the Honolulu Academy of Arts. She will bring jewelry to show us during her talk which is titled, "20th century Hawai'ian jewelry and jewelry designers of note".

If you wish, bring a silent auction item and/or a wrapped mystery gift with extra cash to shop!

AAUW WHALE WATCH FUNDRAISER

Date: **Sunday, March 1**

Time: **4:00 - 6:00 pm**

Check-In: **3:15 pm** at the Pacific Whale Foundation Store, Ma'alaea

Tickets: \$35 per person, Please make checks payable to "AAUW Maui Branch"

Contact: Karen Grafe at (808) 874-5625 or karjog@aol.com



AAUW HAWAII CONVENTION

Kauai will host the AAUW Hawaii State Convention on April 29, 30, and May 1, 2016.

The chairperson for the event is Rose Anne Jones.

AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION

The AAUW National Convention will be held in San Diego, California, on June 18-21, 2015. For information including the agenda, registration, and speakers see: <http://convention.aauw.org/tag/convention-2015>. Join Cheryl Bergman, Janet Walker, and other Maui Branch members who are planning to attend. Register today!

AAUW ON FACEBOOK

AAUW-Hawaii and AAUW Maui Branch each have a Facebook page to help raise public awareness of our mission and to announce our events. Be sure to visit our page and "Like" us on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com>





Co-Presidents' Message Martha Dean & Janet Walker

The AAUW Maui Branch Scholarship Program

Do you know what STEM stands for? Well, it is an acronym for SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING and MATH education. AAUW National has included STEM in its areas of focus promoting equity for women in education. So our Board agreed at its meeting on January 13 that one of our \$2000 Maui Scholarships will be awarded to a female student pursuing studies in one or more of the STEM areas. This year the scholarship will be named in memory of Thelma Kocivar and Eloise Feigal Bliss. Thelma and Ellie were very active members of long standing in our Branch.

The scholarship committee, chaired by Dorothy Tolliver and working in cooperation with UH Maui College, reviews applications and recommends recipients for three scholarships of \$2000 each. Committee members are invited by UHMC to attend the awards ceremony and dinner at the college.

There are open positions on the committee. Contact Dorothy Tolliver at (808) 242-5047.

You don't have to be on the scholarship committee to support the fund. The WHALE WATCH is our primary scholarship fund raiser effort this year. By promoting the sale of tickets for this event you can have a direct impact on our ability to help students achieve their goals.

We appreciate all the help and support we have received. Mahalo. Still looking forward we are...



Janet and Martha



P.S. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!



AAUW Dates to Remember

- February 7 - Book Club
- February 10 - Lunch Bunch
- February 13 - Great Decisions
- February 28 - Speaker Meeting
- March 1 - AAUW Whale Watch
- June 18-21 - AAUW National Convention



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

We are happy to report that the Special Interest Groups are active. More members are attending the Book Club and Great Decisions. The Needlework group started 2015 with a meeting at Sandi Boll's home, and the Lunch Bunch was a smashing success at Kono's on the Green in Kihei in January. Jillian Ridington and Jane Litt have stepped forward to help Barbara Cohen-Schweizer to coordinate this group. Don't miss out on the fun! Attending special Interest events provides opportunities to get to know our Branch members. The Special Interest events are open to all AAUW members.



Have an idea for an additional interest group? Theatre, movies, music????? Contact co-presidents Martha Dean or Janet Walker.

AAUW MAUI BRANCH BOARD NEWS

A Board meeting was held immediately following Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, January 13. After a very favorable finance report and some discussion, the Board came to a consensus that our Branch will not need to have a Jewelry and Antique Faire this spring. Silent Auctions and Mystery Gift Raffles at the speaker meetings will help to fund our contributions to the AAUW Funds and our Branch General Fund. The WHALE WATCH will be our only major fund raiser this spring. If you are unable to attend the Whale Watch, please consider making a donation to help fund our scholarship program for UHMC students.

The annual Membership Drive event will be postponed until next year. We are very pleased to have welcomed several new members recently and have received a number of other inquiries from island newcomers about our Branch.

Complete minutes from the Board meetings will be available to members after they are reviewed and approved.



AAUW MAUI BRANCH OFFICERS NOMINATIONS

Our nomination committee members, Bonnie King, Marsha Palmer, and Wendy Radimer, will continue to contact prospective officers in February.

At the general meeting in March, the slate of nominees will be presented to the membership with voting taking place in April, and installation in May.

In addition, the board will be reviewing the appointed positions open and contacting members regarding serving as the chairperson or co-chairperson. Co-chairmanships are especially good for those of us who are on island only part of the year.

Please consider helping in some way!

AAUW SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Dorothy Tolliver, our AAUW Scholarship Committee Chairperson, is looking for volunteers to help serve on the committee. Contact Dorothy at tolliver@hawaii.edu or (808) 242-5047.





January Speaker Meeting

Stacey Moniz, Executive Director of Women Helping Women, was the guest speaker at our meeting held at the Kahili Golf Club Restaurant. Stacey described the programs offered through the agency and the needs of the emergency shelter which is available for victims of domestic violence. For more information about the program, see www.whwmaui.net.

Here are a few ways for members to help support Women Helping Women services.

- Donate clothing and household items or make purchases at the ReVive Store located in the middle of the Old Kahului Shopping center parking lot
<http://www.womenhelpingwomenmaui.com/revive-boutique2/>
- Attend the showing of “The Vagina Monoloues” at the Iao Theater on February 8
<http://www.womenhelpingwomenmaui.com/events/vday-2015/>
- Attend the WHW Annual Fundraiser Event, “SuperHeroes,” on March 8
<http://www.womenhelpingwomenmaui.com/events/18th-annual-event/>



Cathy Thompson



WELCOME
new members



Sheryl Fries

Please submit newsletter notices by **February 20th** to: **SANDRA BOLL**
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February Birthdays
20 - Janet Walker
26 - Mihaela Stoops

