



AAUW MAUI BRANCH



NEWSLETTER - March 2014

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

March Calendar Events

BOOK CLUB

Date: **Saturday, March 1**

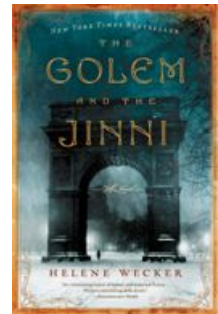
Time: 12:00 pm. Drinks provided. Bring a bag lunch if desired.

Location: Ellen Sway's Home: 11 Hoolalei Way, Kihei

Phone: (808) 879-7645

Directions: From Kihei Road – turn mauka at the stop light at Foodland (Keala Place), go 3 blocks, at Hoolalei turn left – first house on left, downstairs.

Book: The Golem and the Jinni by Helene Wecker



WHALE WATCH 2014

Date: **Sunday, March 2**

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 pm, check in at 3:15

Location: Pacific Whale Foundation Store, Ma'alea

Tickets: \$35 per person

Checks payable to "AAUW Maui Branch"

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

This whale watch is a major fundraiser for our Branch to help fund scholarships which will be awarded to deserving University of Hawaii Maui College students. **TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.**



Please remember to bring lots of finger foods to share. If you are unable to join us for the Whale Watch on Sunday, March 2, you can still help by selling more tickets and by donating food.

Thank You!

LUNCH BUNCH

Date: **Tuesday, March 11**

Time: 12:00 pm Noon

Location: Dragon Dragon Chinese Restaurant at the Maui Mall

RSVP: Call **Suzanne Young** at (808) 573-8319

or email suzyyoung@hawaiiantel.net

Please reply no later than Monday morning, March 10th.



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NEEDLEWORK GROUP

Date: **Tuesday, March 18**

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Cheryl Bergman's home

47 Noho'ana Pl, Wailuku Gate # 033

RSVP: Call Cheryl at (808) 244-1850 or email mauicheryl@gmail.com



GREAT DECISIONS

Date: **Friday, March 21**

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: Sandy Rogers' home, 1400 Limahana Circle, Lahaina

RSVP: Call Mihaela Stoops at (808) 357-4000

or email mihaela_stoops@hotmail.com

TOPIC: Israel and the U.S. – The Arab Spring, Iran's nuclear ambitions, failed peace talks, and Israel's own decision to give Washington the cold shoulder have put new strains on the 65-year-old "special relationship."



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

SPEAKER MEETING

Date: **Saturday, March 22**

Time: 10:00 Business Meeting

11:00 Speaker – Dr. Scott Fisher, Director of Conservation
for the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust

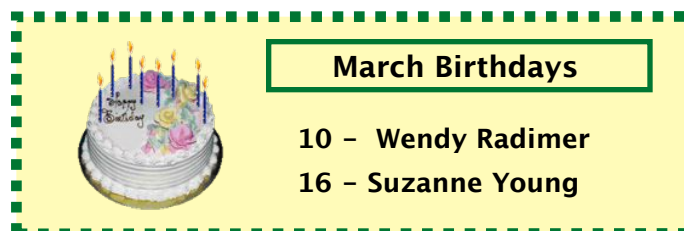
12:00 Luncheon

Restaurant: TBA

RSVP: Preferably email **Janet Walker** at bjpwalker@comcast.net or (808) 874-9435



Dr. Scott Fisher will use the Waihee Coastal Dunes & Wetlands Refuge as a focal point to tell us about the archeological and natural history studies which reveal 1000 years of human habitation on Maui. He will share photos of the site, and information about where the ecological restoration going on at Waihee will lead us in the future. Scott was a 2012 winner of Sunset Magazine's Environmental Award, "Hero, 40 & Under". Born and raised on Maui, he is fluent in Hawaiian and is a gifted teacher of Hawaiian history.



Future Calendar Events

HAWAII STATE AAUW CONVENTION “Half the Rainbow”

Dates: April 26–27, 2014

Location: Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu

Registration Fee: \$175 (After April 4, fee will be \$190)



All members are encouraged to attend the annual state meetings and conventions to share with and learn from attendees from other branches.

Convention Highlights Include:

Session One: Domestic Violence: Dr. Susan Wurtzburg, UH Manoa Annual Meeting

Session Two: Pay Equity: Council of Status of Women

Session Three: Leadership Training with Janet Morse

Installation Brunch with special guest speaker on Human Trafficking: Hawaii's First Lady, Dr. Nancie Caraway

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DUES BARGAIN FOR NEW MEMBERS! – Report from Martha Dean

Know someone interested in joining AAUW? At this time of year, January 1 through March 15 membership dues for National AAUW are half price for new memberships to June 30, 2014. This means that National dues are \$24.50. So the total dues package including state and branch dues is \$47.50 rather than the full year price of \$73. This is a good time to recruit new members with this enticing offer. Membership forms are available from Martha Dean, (503) 890–9878 or mdean5@hawaii.rr.com.



AAUW SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The AAUW Scholarship Committee will be assessing the 2014–15 University of Hawaii Maui College scholarship applicants during the month of March. The scholarship awards reception will be held on Thursday, May 1.



If you are interested in joining the committee or for more information, please contact Dorothy Tolliver: 808–242–5047 or tolliver@hawaii.edu

WALKING GROUP

If you are interested in joining a small walking group, contact our AAUW member Jean Keating at (808) 280–9024 or jkeating808@gmail.com.



AAUW WEB PAGE – HELP NEEDED



AAUW Maui Branch News, con't.

Our branch is in need of someone to set up a web page on the Hawaii State AAUW Website. <http://aauw-hi.aauw.net/news/>
National AAUW has a format which is available for easy set-up.

Please contact Cheryl Bergman if you or someone you know can help our Branch create a web page.



President's Message



March, already? Where is the time going?

For AAUW, it is time to take a look, again, at our national bylaws. "One member, one vote" was passed at our national convention last spring in New Orleans. Since we no longer have delegates, it is up to our membership to get more educated and involved. The Hawaiian branches recently reviewed the paperwork. Copies of the proposed changes were emailed to our members recently. Voting will be by email in the next few days.

The "master" directory for the Hawaii State website is now being compiled. It will only have the basic information with your name and email included.

More to follow on this issue.

"Alcoa" has donated \$250,000 for a grant named for STEM education. Be sure to read the publications mailed to you, for more details.

I'm looking forward to seeing YOU at the Whale Watch and luncheons this month! Thank you to our committee members that help make these events "happen" here on Maui!

Mahalo – Cheryl Bergman

Please submit newsletter notices by **March 20th** to: **Sandra Boll**
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