

AAUW HILO BRANCH

AAUW Hilo Branch March 5, 2013



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



NEWSLETTER

From your co-president:

Aloha AAUW Hilo

We have a very busy Spring planned for our members!

Our primary goal is providing scholarships to upper class UHH women, so many of our events are aimed at making money. This project supports women through access to higher education.

In addition to scholarships we try to provide programming that jibes with the goals and objectives of National and State AAUW:

supporting women through advocacy, education, research, and philanthropy.

The week of March 4 - 8 AAUW Hilo Branch will coordinate with the United Nations local organization, Zonta, and others for International Women's Day. Hopefully you have read the invitations and are planning to attend some of the sessions or lunch.

New member Christine Copes has provided us an opportunity to meet some STEM goals. She is in charge of the Ambassador's Program for Journey Through the Universe. This program brings world class astronomers into

local classrooms. Ambassadors help the astronomers in the classrooms. Hopefully you have signed up with Christine and are all set to help out!

On March 16th Carrie Blankfield will hold a High Tea and Auction at her home. She did this a couple years ago and over \$800 was raised. Carrie used to hold the garage sale at her home. She noticed that each year some really "good stuff" would be donated that should sell for higher than garage sale prices. The Auction is the outcome of that observation! If you have some "stuff" that could be considered, please let Carrie know, and

bring a friend or two or three, and come see what treasures we can find!

On the State level, the Annual Meeting will be held in Honolulu on April 6th. Both Kristen and I will attend. One of the agenda items will be a statewide program.

Our Board has voted that we would like to promote a program reaching out to high school or college women to promote interest in elective office. We'll see how the rest of the state votes. The other State issue is One Member, One Vote for State offices. I do not know yet how that will work out. However, on the National level each of you will receive by mail your voting password. It is tied to your membership number. You can vote by mail or online. The information as to how to vote will arrive with your password. The candidates bios will be in the aauw.org website.

Our annual garage sale to raise funds for our scholarships will occur on April 20th at Judy Bevington's home. Please begin thinking about what you want to get rid of at home - we all have plenty of extra "stuff" hanging around, I'm sure!

Our fun Spring project - lunch at the Bamboo Hale - we like to characterize as a STEM project! The second semester Culinary Arts program at HCC operates the Bamboo Hale as a fine dining restaurant to give students experience in that kind of setting. By attending lunch we are supporting students in a science related field - and having really good food and good companionship! We are asked to fill out a

review each week of the food, service, etc. Rosemarie Muller has organized this project this year. She has arranged a number of interesting speakers on a variety of subjects following lunch.

We are especially lucky that Jane Panek has agreed to be our UHH Liaison again this year. She is working with our contact to provide an interesting talk this Spring collaborating with UHH and AAUW. You will remember she arranged the program last year on Maternal Health in the plantation camps. She is looking toward a program on pay equity this year - it should be interesting!

The officers we will elect this year are Program Vice President and Secretary. Roberta VanGoethem has agreed to remain as Secretary. Rosemarie Muller has agreed to become Program Vice President. Liz Hansen has agreed to take over Rosemarie's position as Membership Vice President.

These are the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. Members are welcome to make other suggestions.

We will vote at the Annual Meeting, which is held with the Scholarship Announcements - this year it will be May 5th on Sunday, and will again be held at Julie Goettsch's home in Hakalau.

Erica Johnson, Co-President

From your co-president:

From Hilo AAUW Co President
Kristen M Troyer

I've been having a great first year of Co President with Erica Johnson. We've been working on many projects and activities raising scholarship dollars to enhance the status of women at UH-Hilo. We are attending meetings for these events such as the Wine Tasting, and the Holiday Dinner with Personal Service Auction.

AAUW Hilo hosted the annual BI Lunch with the Kona Branch at Parker Ranch Broiler in January. Many AAUW members and guest speakers attend the Bamboo Hale lunches at HCC.

We are looking forward to the High Tea and Auction in March, Garage Sale in April and Scholarship Lunch in May. Hiking is a monthly event with Susan Hicks coordinating the hikes.

On Friday February 1, Rosemarie Muller and I represented AAUW at the United Nations Association (UNA) Leadership Group meeting and lunch at Magic Pan. We were invited by Ruth Larkin. Also attending were representatives of YWCA, Zonta, and UHH Sociology & Women's Studies and Women's Center. The topic was International Women's Day and several events taking place in March. UNA, YWCA, Zonta, UHH and AAUW have the similar focus areas. Visit: UNAUSA.org, zontahilo.org, hilohawaii.edu, and <https://sites.google.com/site/>

hilobranchaauw/.

I enjoyed judging the 2013 Hawai'i District Science & Engineering projects with Barbara Meguro Saturday February 16. We also gave the 10 awards that evening. Some of the projects were: The Energy Conserving and Cost Efficient Light Bulb; Watts of Rain Water; and Two Bees or Not Two Bees ... (Pollinating Invasive Fireweed)?.

Art is still my craving and am currently taking a drawing and painting class in Keaau. I'm raising milking goats on my developing farm and have made goat milk cheese, ice cream and other delicious dishes.

Thanks goes out to all AAUW Hilo Branch members who support our focus to enhance the status of women in advocacy, education and philanthropy.

Program news & notes

Susan James gives us an update:

We've been busy since last Newsletter – mostly (but not entirely) partying!

In September Election & Polling Consultant Kathy Francovic gave a fascinating presentation Sheryl Rawson's home.

In November, Mary Connie Banser opened her home for our hugely successful wine tasting presented by Ryan Kadota of Kadota Liquors. We had fun, enjoyed some excellent food (prepared by some of our members) & wine and made \$773 for our Scholarship Fund.

December was our always enjoyable Holiday Party hosted by Judy Bevington.

Rosemarie Muller organized a 50-50 that made some Scholarship money and Margaret Drake had another successful Personal Services Auction that she will report on separately.

In January it was the Bi-Branch Lunch at Parker Ranch Broiler. Between the Hilo & Kona Branches we had 45 members in attendance. The Broiler Host, Keola, gave a talk on the history of Parker Ranch. Hilo Branch Co-President, Kristen Troyer, & Kona Branch President, Jamie Pardau, gave reports on Branch activities. We ended with an interesting talk by newly elected District 9 County Councilperson, Margaret Wille.

January also brought the resumption of our weekly Bamboo Hale International lunch program. Lunch is prepared & presented by students in the Community College Culinary Arts Program. Rosemarie Muller has successfully spearheaded this and they have been very well attended. Speakers to date have been: Michelle Carvalho, Partners in Development Foundation/Living Hawaii Values, who gave a short presentation on the foster system for Keiki's and Families in our community; AAUW member Christine Copes from the Gemini Observatory who spoke about the Journey Through The Universe Program & Dr. Sarah Strong, ND from Hilo Natural Health Clinic who gave a basic overview of naturopathic medicine.

Some of our members have signed up to be "ambassadors" for the Journey Through the Universe Program. Mahalo.

By way of a contribution to Girls in Math & Science I want to thank Barbara Meguro & Kristen Troyer for judging & presenting the awards to the young women at The Hawaii District Science & Engineering Fair on Feb 16.

UPCOMING

March 5th: Annual Meeting of the United Nations Association of the USA, Hawaii Island Chapter noon at the Hilo Yacht Club. The featured speaker will be Patrick Madden, Executive Director of the UNA - USA since 2011 addressing the theme of 2013 International Women's Day

March 11th: Opportunity to Join Zonta Club of Hilo for a dinner meeting at the Naniloa 5:30 PM in the Sandalwood Room. AAUW Co-Presidents Erica Johnson & Kristen Troyer will give a brief presentation of how AAUW activities enhance the status of women. The featured speaker of the evening will be Dr. Ninette Hart will share her experiences from a recent medical trip to Rwanda with the International Organization for Women and Development Inc.

March 16th: High Tea & Auction at Carrie Blankfield. Evites have been sent, Let Susan James know if you didn't get one susan@jaycurlee.com

April 20th: Garage Sale at Judy Bevington's. Start saving your "stuff"!

May 5th: Scholarship Lunch at Julie Goettsch's. Cinco de Mayo theme.

Submit any program ideas (as long as you are willing

to work on them) to Susan James susan@jaycurlee.com

LUNCH AT BAMBOO HALE
by Rosemarie Muller

Once again, we will be helping support the Hawaii Community College's second year Culinary Arts Students for lunch at Bamboo Hale. These budding chefs are learning to serve, cook and wait in a fine dining atmosphere cuisine from around the world. Lunches started off in Europe, visiting then the America's, going to Asia and finishing at home in Hawaii.

We have added speakers to some of the lunches, such as topics on the foster care system, naturopathic medicines and on a Tobacco Free Hawaii.

Please join us as large groups are the challenge that the students need to improve speed and service skills.

Susan James, our Program VP, will send out the information to our membership regarding the dates, time and country visiting. We do meet in building 382 at HCC.

If you wish to make a reservation, please email me.

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BON APPETIT!!

Group News & Notes
Book Club

Those interested in the book club please contact:

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Fun and Games

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Holiday Party!



The holiday party was a ton of fun! Thanks to all who came and participated in the festivities!

Scholarship Committee is offering an application writing skills workshop

After tapping a number of networks at the UHH campus, Jane Panek and Phyllis Robinson were delighted to finally partner with Karla Hayashi, director of the Kilohana Academic Success Center. She is more than willing to give our “How to Write a Successful Scholarship Application” workshop a home in her learning center.

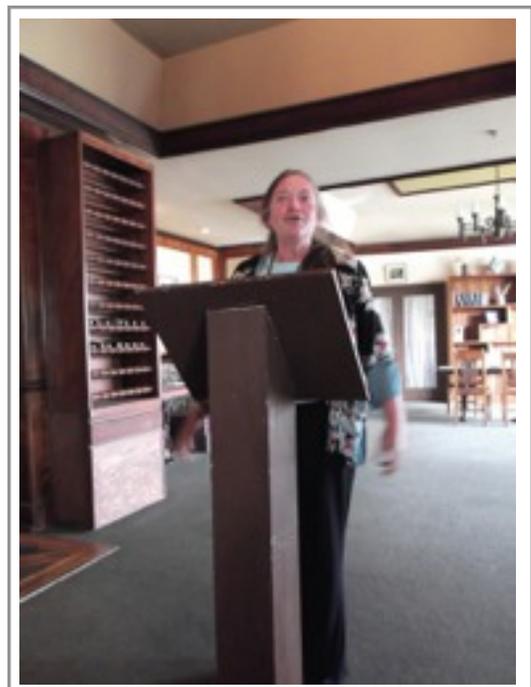
We are planning to have our first workshop on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 from 5:00-6:00pm at the Kilohana Learning Center, an informal and inviting venue on the first floor of Mo`okini Library on the UHH campus. All students are invited, since this workshop has general application for any scholarship. In fact, we suspect that improved skills in creating a personal statement could have broad applications throughout one’s career!

We have offered this workshop several times in past years, but found attendance continuing to diminish. This year we have focused some effort on updating our methods of advertising the workshop and reaching the students. Gone are the days of regular school newspapers and single centrally-located bulletin boards. (Am I dating myself?!) We are hoping that by using direct professor-to-student e-mail notices and appearance in the weekly student e-mail blast, we will receive more attention.

Thanks to Emily Tarring, financial aid counselor, Dr. Norman Stahl, director of the Career Center, Hannah Wu, director of the Women’s Center, and Karla Hayashi for assisting us in networking and getting the word out! If this initial offering is well received, we may try to make it an annual event. We will continue experimenting with novel ways to reach the students. Having multiple sessions at varied times of day may also make our efforts more accessible. We’ll keep you posted!



The bi branch lunch was wonderful as always. Here are photos of our illustrious greeters and our speaker Margaret Wille



There was more to wine tasting than wine tasting!

ATTENDEES AT WINE TASTE CONTRIBUTE TO SANDY VICTIMS

"Long Beach, New York's West Beech Street, a busy business strip near the sand and surf, remains a landscape of tattered shops that symbolizes the community's long road to recovery from super storm Sandy" (Newsday, Feb 2013) Nearly four months after the horrific storm ravaged many communities along the east coast, many of those communities are still suffering.

At the AAUW's Wine-Taste Fundraiser in November, attendees responded generously to a request posed by Jane Panek, a former resident of Long Island. Three hundred dollars was contributed and sent off to the Knights of Columbus in Long Beach where a soup kitchen was/is offering meals to hundreds of misplaced residents. Schools were closed for weeks and hundreds of families remain out of their homes. There has been a delay in receiving insurance checks from private companies and from FEMA. A warm meal and time out of the cold is welcome. Our contribution assisted in that effort. Thanks to all who helped.

Personal services auction is a hit!

Our Personal Services Auction held at the Holiday Party at Judy Bevington's on December 12, 2012 earned us approximately \$1500 for our scholarship fund.

We had such a variety of service offerings; hike leadership, airport transportation, personal or grocery shopping, cooking, hosting, plant care, pet care, caretaker respite, music lessons, weeding a garden, and closet cleaning.

With the guidance of Susan James and Lucy Maloney, we doubled several offerings, for example, when bidding became fierce on a service, the provider of the service was asked if they would be willing to sell their service to more than one purchaser for the same price, thus doubling the profit for AAUW.

It was not Sotheby's Auction House but it was great fun!
Thanks to all who participated!

Margaret Drake

Lucy Maloney reminds us:

Don't forget to visit our website at www.aauwhilobranh.org
the new name of the website is a lot easier to remember.

Dear AAUW Leaders:

Most of you are already aware that the AAUW Hawaii State Conference for this year will take place on April 6, 2013 at the AAUW Laulima House, Honolulu. We are requesting that you - as soon as possible - kindly inform your membership of this very important conference - to mark the calendars.

This year, the AAUW Diamond Head/Koko Head Branch has been asked to help coordinate the event. All participants arriving at Honolulu airport should forward their arrival and departure time to Ulrike Siddiqi, for pick up and drop off services by our volunteers.

Tentative Program:

10-10:45 Arrivals/ Light refreshments Auction set-up
 10:45-12:15 Annual Meeting
 12:15-1:45 Lunch with speaker, Kathy Hanson
 12:45 Silent Auction
 1:45-2:15 Programs/Resources Session led by Erica Johnson
 2:15-2:30 Break
 2:30-3:30 Leadership Session led by Janet Morse with guest Kathleen Cha from the Leadership Corps.
 3:30-4:00 Question and Answer Period.

There will be a charge of \$30.00 per participant. Invitations and payment advice will be forwarded to you, soon. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the AAUW Hawaii State Board members if you have any questions.

Aloha,

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