

AAUW HILO BRANCH



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



NEWSLETTER the prez sez:

We began this year with a great line-up of programs; the Aloha Lunch, Kimberly Dark Fundraiser, New Member Orientation and for Oct. 27, Anna Ciao, an American Fellowship recipient at UH Manoa discussed writing her thesis in psychology on women's/girls body issues. Those of us who were fortunate to attend these events judged them to be very successful.

In this issue, please find our ambitious program schedule for the year presented by Susan James, our Program

V.P. Enter the dates on your calendar.

Please be aware it takes more than just a few of us to make these events successful....check out a program which interests you and HELP with it. Email Susan James at susan@jaycurlee.com. Not only are you keeping your Hilo Branch interesting, you are getting to know fellow members and having a good time doing it.

A big MAHALO to those of you who are presenting a program. You make Hilo Branch vital.

Attention New Members: have you received your New Member Guide from AAUW National? If not, contact our Membership Chair, Judy Bevington, bevingtom001@hawaii.rr.com 935-4595.



Program news & notes

Programs so far this year have included the following:

Aug. 28th - Aloha Lunch & Pool Party at Linda Levine's

Sept. 10th - Performance of "Complicated Courtesies" at UHH Campus Center By Kimberly Dark.

Oct 15th – New Member Orientation

Oct. 27th – talk & get-together with AAUW American Fellow Anna Ciao at Prez Patsy's.

Upcoming Programs for 2011 – 2012:

Nov. 8th – 6:00pm Wine tasting (with talk by Randy Nunokawa of GRAPES) & pupus at Virginia Stein's. RSVP on Evite. Attendance limited.

Dec. 7th – Holiday Party at Mary Connie Banser's. Evites will be sent

Jan. date TBD - Karen Ledger and Cheryl Rawson will host a health care presentation.

Jan. 28th – Bi-Branch lunch hosted by Kona Branch. Location to be announced.

Feb. Visit to Hawaiian Charter School & Hot Pond Swim. Organized by Nina Buchanan. Date to be announced.

March: Women's History Month. Jane Panek is working

on an event for us that will include Marilyn Brown, Professor of Sociology and newly appointed Director of Women's Studies at UH. Date & details TBA.

Mid-March: County of Hawaii Science Fair. High School & Jr. High School Barbara Meguro will be seeking volunteers for Judging & Awards.

April 14th: GARAGE SALE at Judy Bevington's. We will be seeking donations & volunteers for April 11th – 14th.

April 28th or 29th (to be determined). Scholarship Lunch. Susan is seeking someone to volunteer the use of her home for this event (contact Susan at 982-9815 or susan@jaycurlee.com).

May 4th – 6th State Convention in Maui

Late May (date TBA): Tea & Scholarship Auction at Carrie Blankfield's home.

Spring Semester at UHH – Erica Johnson will be hosting luncheon outings to Bamboo Hale, the restaurant staffed by the Community College Culinary Arts students. Sometimes there will be speakers. Always good food representing a different country every week.



Group News & Notes

Hiking Group

For information regarding upcoming hikes, contact Susan Hicks.

Book Club

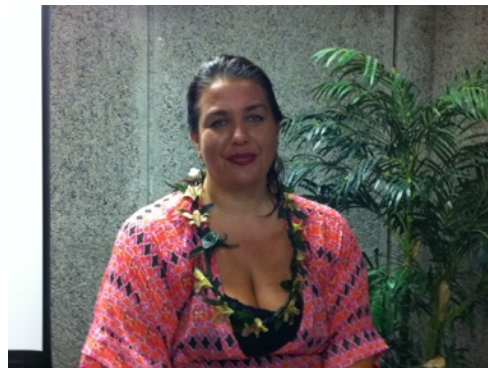
For Book Club information please contact Sheryl Rawson sherylhilo@yahoo.com or 934-0552.

Great Discussions

Interested persons contact Helen Hemmes at 935-6214 or via e-mail at hemmesh@hawaiiantel.net.

Technology Group

Interested persons contact Nina Buchanan: ninab@hawaii.edu



Kimberly Dark performed

"Complicated Courtesies"

More AAUW news

Legal Advocacy Fund News

Since 1981, LAF has disbursed nearly two million dollars to more than 100 plaintiffs to help offset their legal fees in sex discrimination cases. Prior to 2009, LAF only supported cases in academia, but now LAF supports select cases in any workplace. In late September, the AAUW Board of Directors voted to contribute a total of \$33,000 to seven ongoing AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund cases based on their current needs.

CURRENT LAF-SUPPORTED CASES

[Cioca et al v. Rumsfeld et al](#)
[Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores Inc.](#)
[Jaureguito v. Feather River Community College \(CA\)](#)
[Lulu Sun v. University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth Mansourian, et al. v. Regents of the University of California, et al.](#)
[Parker v. IN High School Athletic Assoc.](#)
[Thein v. Feather River Community College \(CA\)](#)
[Wartluft. v. Feather River Community College \(CA\)](#)

Branch Officers:

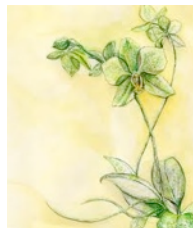
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Margaret Drake &
Susan James

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AAUW Partners with AARP on Long-Term Care Planning Campaign

Decide.Create.Share.sm is a national campaign dedicated to increasing awareness of, and planning behaviors among, boomer (ages 45-64) women about long-term care planning. Facilitators recruited from three women's organizations: American Association of University Women (AAUW), a National Latina Organization called MANA, and the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) were trained to offer a four-session program (or intervention) in their local communities. The program is designed to:

- increase awareness and understanding among women of the scope of long-term care,
- motivate women to assess their own and their family's long-term care needs options,
- empower women to take action and create a plan.

For those with internet access, a booklet, entitled Planning for Long-Term Care, prepared by AARP, can be downloaded at http://www.aauw.org/upload/ltc_resource_guide.pdf

Lucy Maloney reminds us:

You should all have received your new 2011-12 Directory in the mail by now. If you would like to make updates to your personal information send an email to Lucy at cyberlu@pobox.com for next year's Directory.

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