

NEWSLETTER

The Prez Sez...

Golly gosh, has a year already flashed by?

At our annual meeting and “non-scholarship” lunch, I took up the task of president for a full 2 year term. I had stepped in for one year when our past president stepped down. Judy also took on the Membership Chair duties for another 2 years. Thank you Judy. And Thank You everyone else who has done so much to make this a successful year.

It was a “non-scholarship” lunch because at the time we had no scholarship winners to announce. Our scholarship chair was on an emergency medical leave from her job with unknown whereabouts. Five days before the lunch I was able to locate the applications, form a Scholarship Committee and breath a sign of relief. They have chosen three worthy applicants each with a \$1,000.00 award.

Hilo Branch turns 60 years old this September. A celebration is in order to commemorate the women who have come before us and kept our branch alive and successful and a celebration for us who continue the work. **September 18, 2010 is the date. We will have our Aloha Lunch/Pool Party where we invite new members and have a gala celebration.**

We are planning the 2nd Annual Double Hull Canoe Ride Fundraiser with the Wayfinders the **2nd Sunday in August, the 8th.** We all need to help with this event. Please help on the committee and/or buy tickets.

Again, thanks for making a commitment to helping women and girls by being a member of Hilo Branch AAUW.

Patsy Egan,
May, 2010.



Branch Officers:

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Patsy Egan

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Judy Bevington

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Margaret Drake &
Susan James

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2010 Scholarship Winners! Congratulations to three special women

AAUW Hilo Branch was pleased to provide 3 worthy women with \$1,00.00 each in scholarships this year:

Jamie Lee Cookson, 34, BA Physics/Math minor, 3.6 grade point average. She is pursuing post-grad studies in electronic technology to secure a job at an astronomy center. She has a 14 year old son, is active in the community, and works as a tutor and substitute teacher.

Jenny Lee Ramos, 20, Ka'u HS grad, majoring in Chemistry with plans to pursue Pharmacy, with 3.69 grade point average. She is very active in her church and on campus. She is the first in her family to attend college.

Samantha Hanabaga, 19, Keaau HS grad, majoring in Biology, also pre-Pharmacy, with 3.92 grade point average. She has been a chemistry tutor and is active on campus. She is also the first in her family to attend college.

2010 GARAGE SALE WRAP UP

We are also pleased to announce that the annual Garage Sale was, once again a resounding success, making over **\$1,500.00 for our scholarship fund and over \$150.00 for LAF. WONDERFUL!**

After **seven years** of graciously allowing us to hold the garage sale at her home, Carrie Blankfield is passing on this responsibility to Judy Bevington, who has been kind enough to volunteer.

A **HUGE** Mahalo to Carrie for all of her hard work and energy given to this event over the years! And Mahalo to Judy for taking the baton!

Carrie is not done volunteering for AAUW. She is planning to hold a special auction next year. This members only event will consist of pot luck pupus and drinks. Members will be asked to bring something they would like to "auction" to the other members in attendance. We hope to entice you to bring items that are above and beyond "garage sale" articles. Proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund. Details will follow at a later date.



Personal Services Auction

Margaret Drake reminds us:

If you have not contacted the person who offered the personal service you bought at our Dec. 1 Holiday Party, please do so, as some of us forgot who bought our service. Margaret bought Phyllis Robinson's medication consult, and it was great. Phyllis came up to Volcano and they had lunch.

Then they went through Margaret's medicines and Phyllis told her which things work well together, etc.

AND Phyllis and Margaret got to know one another much better which was the best part of the afternoon.

We get letters:

Aloha,

Thanks so much again for supporting me and PATSY MINK: AHEAD OF THE MAJORITY for The White House Project's EPIC Emerging Artist Award. The awards ceremony was tonight, and we weren't the final winner (the film with the most online votes ended up being "Older than America," a dramatic feature about a woman's haunting visions of atrocities at a Native American boarding school).

But it's been an amazing couple of days here in New York meeting inspiring women and filmmakers. And as they say, it really was an honor just to be nominated :)

To view photos from the festivities go to:

<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=161147&id=743004678&l=266939647b>

Thanks so much for all of your support and well wishes.

Warmest thanks,

Kimberlee Bassford

Producer/Director/Writer, PATSY MINK:
AHEAD OF THE MAJORITY

<http://www.aheadofthemajority.com>

PROGRAM NEWS AND NOTES

May Luncheon and Annual Meeting

More than 30 members enjoyed a wonderful lunch at Judy Bevington's house on Saturday, May 1st. The theme was Mexican and all of the food was South of the Border: enchiladas, tacos, tamales, refried beans and sangria. For dessert we had a choice of Margarita Cake and Triple Chocolate Cake. Everything was delicious!

Much mahalo to both Judy and her husband Malcolm who did much of the cooking for the event.

After the serious business of eating was behind us we participated in our **annual business meeting** electing Patsy Egan, President, and Judy Bevington, Membership Vice President, for another two years.

This was followed by a discussion of the number of scholarship applications we received which are currently being reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. The funds will be released to the winners in August in time for fall registration.

The last item on the agenda was raffling off three free memberships in national AAUW worth \$49 each. These were won by Margaret Elcock, Sheryl Rawson and Judy Bevington. A good time was had by all!

Social Get Together

We are starting a series of evening social events at members homes. They will be BYOB & a pupu to share. The

hostess provides the location & her choice of dinnerware (paper or china, plastic or silverware).

The first get together will be at Margaret Drake's in Volcano on May 28th. Invites will be sent via email.

Think about volunteering to host one of these events. If you are interested, contact Susan James (susan@jaycurlee.com).

Directions: From Hilo go up on Hwy 11 past the 25 mi. marker, past the 3500 foot elevation marker and turn left on Jade St. Got past 13th St. and at the "No Outlet" sign turn left down the hill. The first driveway past the "Dead End" sign is mine. It is 11-3737A Ala Ohia Street. Follow the arrows and sign to her house.

If you get lost call: 967-7295

GROUP NEWS AND NOTES

BOOK GROUP

Those of us who could make it up to Hawi for our retreat had a great time. We stayed at Kohala Village Inn which was a cute, old Hawaii kind of hotel: comfortable for our purposes and very reasonably priced. We had fun shopping. There were good eats, and some raucous partying. We played a hilarious game that Erica got at the garage sale, kind of like Charades, and we even spent a couple of hours talking about books read on the subject of Chinese Women.

We missed those of you who couldn't make it but hope you'll be able to go on a book club retreat next year.

The next meeting is June 13, at Jan Meli's house. **We have changed the order of our books:** we'll read and discuss Loving Frank in JUNE and The Elegance of the Hedgehog in JULY.

Also, we are dropping the October Book which was The Recipe Club..... We will have a substitute book for that month and I'll let you know what it is some time in the near future.

Contact Sheryl Rawson
sherylhilo@yahoo.com

CARD PARTY

The next card party will be held Saturday, June 26 starting at 2PM at the home of Dinnie Kysar in Hakalau. Card games, board games, and a scenic walk are on the menu. For more information contact

Dinnie Kysar at
cldymoon@hawaiiintel.net or

Jan Meli at tookers50@juno.com
345-3581.

HIKING GROUP

On June 19th, our group will hike to Kapapala Ranch, on the slopes of Mauna Loa. An email will be sent out end of this month with details.

Contact Susan Hicks for more information:
butterflysh@hawaiiintel.net

TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Please contact Nina Buchanan
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Division President's Report To Hilo Branch

The Division Convention was held April 16-18 at the invitation of the Honolulu Branch. Many of the events were held at the Honolulu Branch Residence, a gracious former home owned by the Honolulu Branch.

In addition to the Division Board Meeting and Division Annual Meeting, we heard from Patricia Ho, a National Board member. The Keynote for the convention, entitled "Education is Everybody's Business - Not Just Educated Women" was a panel led by Senator Jill Tokuda, who is chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee. Other panelists were Marci Sarsona, Principal, Kamakua Charter School and Kathryn Matayoshi, Interim Superintendent, Hawaii State Department of Education. The panel was tasked with including in their presentations what we as educated women could do to assist the schools of Hawaii. The panel was recorded and each branch received a copy of the DVD to use in local programs.

Other program elements included a visit to the Bishop Museum with emphasis on the newly refurbished Hawaiian Hall, dinner at a member's Kahala residence, and Sunday brunch at the Outrigger Canoe Club.

Quite an exciting weekend!

Branches did receive a task. The new National bylaws state that states or divisions may change their organizational structure, including disbanding. The Windward branch has already voted to disband the division structure. No other branch has really thought about the issue, and each needs to be able to make a recommendation. Because an

annual meeting is only held annually, it won't be until the next annual meeting, held April, 2011, that the issue can be up for a vote. By that time it is hoped that each branch will have a chance to discuss the benefits of a state/division organization, and be able to vote.

There was quite a bit of discussion at the 2010 annual meeting about how to spend our accumulated funds, which tends to address the values we support as an organization. The last real statewide effort was to fund the Hawaii Pacific American Scholarship, which was accomplished in half the allotted time. Ideas at the meeting included increasing our EF or LAF contributions, supporting a student affiliate to attend the National Conference on College Women Student Leaders, held annually near Washington, D.C., and other suggestions. We did vote to develop criteria to send a student affiliate to NCCWSL in June 2011. However, the benefits of a division still need to be addressed by branches.

The next statewide convention will be hosted by Maui in 2012. It may be a little early to make your reservations, but I hope you will include it in your long range planning! We do have a good time!

Aloha - Erica Johnson - Hawaii Pacific
Division President

