

## HIGHLIGHTS

### SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Scholarship Luncheon on Saturday, May 20. We will honor and celebrate our local scholarship recipients at the annual luncheon on May 20th, in the Rogue Room of Skyline Plaza. The meal will be served at 12PM and the committee will be there to greet you starting at 11:30AM. Write your check for \$18 when you make your reservation. The check is to Medford AAUW and you can do this at the April 1st meeting or send it to me, Mary Wright Gillespie, 2127 Quail Point Circle, Medford, OR 97504. These reservations are due by May 13. In the past members, who we call angels, have made an extra donation to help defray the cost of the family members who come with the scholarship winners. This is also a wonderful time to bring a guest who would enjoy learning about AAUW.

### GARDEN TOUR

We are looking for some volunteers to either help sell Garden Tour Tickets to prospective attendees at the Manor and help with KidSpree on August 12th. If interested in either opportunity, Contact Gail Etchie at [gigidesigns007@yahoo.com](mailto:gigidesigns007@yahoo.com).



Carol Rugg-recent shoulder surgery

Carol James-surgery

Ronnie Budge-sympathy on the death of her husband

Condolences to Sharon Shatswell for the passing of her Dad



## JOIN US! AAUW MEETING

April 1, 2017 | 9:30AM-11:30AM

Rogue Credit Union

1330 Poplar Dr., Medford, OR 97504

Women Warriors and Returning Vets. This months program will be presented by several women veterans who will talk about the challenges they have experienced during active duty and readjustment to civilian life.

*Social at 9:30AM/Program at 10:00AM*

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

*Co-Presidents – Carol Koszyk and Dee Wittenberg*

Get ready for our Annual Branch Meeting on April 1, 2017! *This is not an April Fool's joke!* This is the meeting that you get to vote for our 2017-2018 Budget and our 2017-2019 Elected Officers.

We are also voting on additions to our Bylaws to give our Branch increased flexibility to fill elected positions.

### 1. Proposed Changes to Bylaws for vote:

Article VIII Nominations and Elections, Section 2. Nominations.

After the words "The following officers shall be elected in even years: president, membership vice president, and secretaries. The following officers shall be elected in odd years: program vice president and finance vice president."

Add the sentence "In the case of Co-Officers, one Co-Officer may be elected in the "off" year for a full 2 year term."

2. The Nominating Committee consisting of Dee Wittenberg, Carol Koszyk and Yvette McCulley present the **Slate of Officers for the term July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2019 for vote:**

Finance VP - Regula Pepi

Membership Co-VP - Sharon Shatswell

Program VP - Yvette McCulley

3. **The Proposed 2017/18 Budget will be voted upon.** It has been emailed and/or mailed to all members on February 22, 2017. Also, hard copies were handed out at the March 4, 2017, General Meeting.

We look forward to you being a part of our Medford Branch decisions and to seeing you!

## ABOUT SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

These small groups provide opportunities for members to meet others who share a similar interest. All groups are free of charge. Members may contact one of the group contacts at any time and/or contact Diane Reiling, Interest Group Coordinator, at reilingd@aol.com for more information.



### BOOK LOVERS

#### Great Decisions

Contact: Janice Williams  
(541)857-6300

#### Happy Bookers

We meet once a month at a member's home for discussion of a book which has been pre-chosen. Happy Bookers will meet at Marcia Simons' s home, April 18th at 1:30PM. We will discuss the book *A Light in the Wilderness* by Jane Kirkpatrick. Contact Marcia Simon

#### Murder Most Literary

We will be meeting on Thursday, April 13 at 7PM at the Chetco Room. Theme will be Yorkshire mysteries. Mary Wright Gillespie is the coordinator. The topic for May will be mysteries about immigration.

Contact

Mary Wright Gillespie  
(541)857-6083

#### Morning Book Group

We will meet April 5 at 10AM at the Chetco Room to discuss *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson, led by Janice Williams.

Contact

Mary Wright Gillespie (541)857-6083 or  
Sharon Purkerson (541)857-6513



### COMMUNITY & ART

#### ACT (AAUW Community Team)

This is the ACT drive for this year. Last year we did toiletries and they were much appreciated. So if you would like to participate in this voluntary function this year please bring baby items to the April meeting.

Onesies—size 6 months, two piece boys or girls outfits (6months), socks 3 to 6 month size, baby wash and shampoo, small toys especially for teething. They have plenty of diapers from a large donation.

Contact: Donna Corey  
donna Corey6@msn.com, (541)-897-0774

#### OUT & ABOUT

We will attend a matinee performance of "Shakespeare in Love" at OSF on Friday, April 28.

Then on Sunday April 30 at 3PM we'll enjoy "The Golden Age of Operetta" performed by the Rogue Valley Chorale at the Craterian Theater downtown.

Contact Ronnie Budge if interested in going to either or both.

#### Antique Studies

Field Trip Time! On Thursday, April 6th at 10:30AM (carpool from Harry & David at 10), we will meet at Pickety Place Antiques at 130 4th St in Jacksonville. Pat Montellano will share her vintage Fiesta Ware collection. Then lunch at the Jacksonville Inn. For car pool and lunch reservations, please call Dawn Stewart 541-779-3315. Thanks to Carole Chumbler for organizing.



### GAMERS

#### First Wednesday Bridge

We met at Carole Chumbler's house for a no-host lunch followed by bridge. If you would like to become a substitute, please contact Dianne Pickar.

Contact:

Dianne Pickar  
(541)219-6067, dwp008@aol.com

#### Mah Jong

The Mah Jong group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month to play. Our group plays a version of American-Far East style Mah Jong. We take turns as hostess, we meet at 1:30PM. Everyone is welcome.

Contact:

Jackie Baker (541)857-6849

#### SCRABBLE & Other Fun Games

Games interest group will meet April 6th and 20th at 1501 Siskiyou Blvd. at the corner of Eastwood from 2 to 4PM. Everyone is welcome to come join the fun.

Contact:

Hindey Moser (541)772-3492



**DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)**

DINE's next dinner will be at Lark's, inside the Inn at the Commons in downtown Medford at 6PM, Thursday, April 27.

Contact: Virginia McGraw by the Monday before.

**Lunch Bunch**

Hoping for a nice day and a patio lunch at Cafe Dejeuner (they do have heaters), 1108 E. Main St (parking on Vancouver and Willamette). We will meet at 11:30AM on Tuesday, April 11th. RSVP's to Diane Reiling.

Contact: Diane Reiling  
(541)499-6622, reilingd@aol.com

**Cheers and Beers**

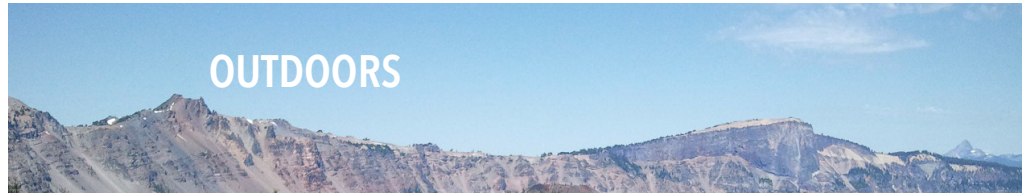
We will visit the Common Block Brewery Co. (315 E. Fifth St., Medford) on Friday, March 31 at 3:30PM. It is the newest brewery in Medford and has received rave reviews.

Contact:  
Joan Rycraft, jrycraft@charter.net  
Ellen Wakefield elwake@jeffnet.org

**Wine & Whine**

We will wet our whistle on April 28th at 4477 S Stage Rd, Medford, OR 97501. If you plan to join us, please RSVP!

Contacts:  
Jan Purkeypile, (541)621-4916,  
janpurkeypile@yahoo.com  
Gail Etchie, (541)664-3744,  
gigidesigns007@yahoo.com



**Garden Joys**

On Thursday, April 27, at 10AM Garden Joys will have a guided walking field trip of the Peter Britt Gardens and a talk about their history and current restoration efforts. With their 300 different plants, the gardens were a regional attraction a quarter of a century before Lithia Park. The Jacksonville Library parking lot will be the meeting place at 9:45 AM. Following our visit to Britt Gardens we shall have lunch at Onyx Restaurant at Nunan Estate in Jacksonville.

Contact: Marlene Olson (541)245-1117,  
Barbara Basden (541)772-0579

**Outdoor Adventure Group**

A group of us will be participating in the Pear Blossom 2 Mile Walk, It is held Saturday, April 8th starting at 8:30am next to the Justice Building on 8th Street in Medford. If you don't want to do 2 miles there are other distances that you can select. Come out and have a good time in an event that has been going on for 40 years!

Contact: Jan Purkeypile (541)621-4916



How about a new group? Suggestions have included Light Gourmet, Genealogy, 3rd Sunday Culture Culture (attend a play, event), or Euchre (card game). With enough numbers signed up we can get a group up and running!

If you have a suggestion please contact Diane Reiling at (541)499-6622 or reilingd@aol.com



## AAUW Scholarship Winners 2016

### AAUW FUNDS

Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds Chair

A cast of ten stellar speakers highlighted the March 4th branch meeting. Telling their stories were Virginia McGraw, Carolyn Schenler, Patty Finch, Marlene Olson, Joan Rycraft, Cathy deWolfe, Joyce Ellis, Carole Chumbler, Gayle Clason and Sherry Schroeder. Each one shared a unique piece of the AAUW Funds puzzle. Virginia McGraw and Joan Enloe were honored for their 24 years of faithful contributions to the funds and presented with orchid plants. The history of the endowments in honor of Kenneth McGraw, Peggyann Hutchinson and Sharon Purkerson was told. Thank you to all of the advocates.

### PUBLIC POLICY

Dee Wittenberg, *Public Policy*

PUBLIC POLICY AAUW of OR has come together and scored great success recently according to Pat Garner, our State Public Policy representative. On February 22nd, the House Committee on Business and Labor and the Senate Workforce Committee held hearings on Fair Pay (HB 2005; SB 752). In response to a 2-Minute Activist Action Alert about supporting the Fair Pay bills, over 200 AAUW of OR members hit the "submit" button. Many added their own personal stories and comments to the emails, which made them even more special.

In order to get an idea of our national focus toward the political road ahead, refer to the national AAUW website and click on "Advocacy" on the left side. There is a 12 step program for how AAUW will continue its nonpartisan work under the current administration. By the way, Equal Pay Day is April 4.

### FEBRUARY 2017 FINANCE VP'S REPORT

Income during the month was \$505, of which \$500 was from the Storytelling Guild for our Children's Festival food booth inventory. This fundraiser has been discontinued. The amount will be posted to general income for the 2017/18 fiscal year. Expenses were \$34.67 for a gift for a speaker and the newsletter. The checking account balance was \$3,666.37 and the savings account was \$9,095.03 with the CD balance unchanged. Please be aware that we are starting to collect the 2017/18 dues right now.

### MUWCF *Medford University Women Charitable Fund*

Marlene Olson, *MUWCF Liaison*

Due to the generosity and hard work of our branch we are awarding \$12,220 in scholarships this year. We are giving five \$1500 scholarships (4 Traditional and 1 Technical) to Rogue Community College and two \$1500 scholarships to Southern Oregon University. For middle-school age girls we are contributing two \$800 scholarships to ACADEMY (a week-long residence program for gifted and talented girls) and three \$40 scholarships to AWSEM (the Advocates for Women in Science, Engineering & Math symposium). Thank you for your support of these young girls and women.

### 2017 AAUW OR CONVENTION SURVEY RESULTS

Gayle Clason, *South co-District Director*

2017 AAUW of OR Convention Survey results available! Gayle Clason, Co South District Director A total of 109 members participated in the AAUW of OR Convention Survey of 2017 with Ashland Branch returning the most responses (22) followed closely by Medford with (20). 17 branches were represented and one MAL (member-at-large). Thanks to all who shared their opinions for planners to use. All members may use the link to view the total results in bar graph and as percentages, as well as the comments made by individuals (see comments at the bottom of % ratings). The link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-ZYJPBCJG/>



## AAUW provides funds to education & research.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT FOR APRIL 2017

Donna Corey

In conjunction with our April program on helping women veterans adjust back to civilian society, this year their department has suggested that we help with their Maternity Support Program for women who are in need of assistance as they find themselves pregnant. They are on their own with few resources physically and mentally.

The following items are suggested to bring to the April meeting: Onesies-size 6 months, two piece boys or girls outfits( 6months), socks 3 to 6 month size, baby wash and shampoo, small toys especially for teething. They have plenty of diapers from a large donation.

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### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

AAUW advances the equity of women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive society change.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

In principle and practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

### MISSION BASED PROGRAMMING AT ITS BEST!

By Sherry Schroeder

If ever you wondered, "Just what is Mission Based Programming?" you had to look no farther than the March Branch meeting on AAUW FUNDS. Mary Gillespie took to heart the core reason of AAUW, our mission and our vision statements. The Medford Strategic Plan mentions that programming will be mission based. It was on full display March 4th when many members took part in a program to educate all members on AAUW Funds. How, why, and to whom do we make our donations and what effect do our Branch contributions make to the national stage. From Madam Currie's first gram of uranium at a cost of \$100,000.00 to our own Sharon Purkerson's endowment, from Virginia McGraw's family's initial contributions that enable women from all walks of life to benefit by monetary support for education, to the current "win" of \$1,000,000.00 as just part of the recent settlement for LAF Plaintiff, Heather Mason and her colleagues at the University of Tennessee, we heard the stories told by our own members. It was made clear that monies we collect at the Branch level and make as our annual contribution to numerous funds make a substantial difference in the lives of women and girls. Being able to specify the fund whose work you support and make your monetary contribution is just icing on the cake. Mission Based Programming: Thank you Program Committee. Let's do more of this type of gathering and all of us get behind the work our donations support, no matter the amount we want to give!



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# MEDFORD Musings

For questions or to submit articles for the next Medford Musings Newsletter, contact Amanda Denbeck at [denbeckdesigns@gmail.com](mailto:denbeckdesigns@gmail.com)

**Send articles by the 15th of each month no later than 5PM.**

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