

HIGHLIGHTS



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Patricia Andries
University of Illinois and
George Mason University

Tammy Luther
Moorpark College



JOIN US! AAUW HOLIDAY BRUNCH

December 14, 2016 | 10AM-NOON
Rogue Valley Country Club
2660 Hillcrest Road, Medford, OR 97504

Please make reservations by December 7 by emailing or calling Janet Brougher at jjbrougher@gmail.com or (541)857-2862. The cost is \$20 per person. Pay by check (made out to AAUW Medford) and send it to Janet Brougher at 4755 Cloudcrest Drive, Medford, OR 97504 or make the reservation and pay at the door. Come and enjoy a scrumptious meal, visit, and enjoy some Christmas music. Guests are welcome. Donna Corey will be collecting donations for the Maslow Project by "adopting a family" for the holiday season.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Co-Presidents – Carol Koszyk and Dee Wittenberg

As representatives of our branch, we had opportunities to participate in a few activities last month. Rogue Community College hosted an Oregon Humanities public conversation about "This Place." It was a forum to express how we feel as residents of the Rogue Valley regarding acceptance of others. Rogue Community College's welcoming of new students referred to as "Welcome Back BASH" was also an occasion for meeting new people and acquiring 10 e-student members. The South District meeting for our Oregon AAUW was held at Southern Oregon University where a leadership program was presented as well as opportunities to meet Dr. Linda Schott (SOU President) and Dr. Cathy Kemper-Pelle (RCC President). It was also a good time to exchange ideas and success stories with other District and State leaders.

Furthermore, the state goals were presented: public policy, member leadership, and campus programs.

If you have any questions about these events, please feel free to contact either one of us.



Nothing to report.

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

We will not be meeting in the month of November and December. Great Decisions will reconvene in January 2017.

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 chosen. Happy Bookers will meet at Jackie Baker's home on December 13 at 1:30PM. The book we are reading for November is *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin.

Contact: Jackie Baker (541)772-1478

Murder Most Literary

We will not be meeting in December. The next meeting will be on January 12 at 5:30PM at Mary Gillespie's home (2127 Quail Point Court) for a potluck supper. Theme will be Scandinavian.

Contact
Mary Wright Gillespie
(541)857-6083

Morning Book Group

Our holiday party is on December 7 at 10AM at Jackie Baker's home (2401 Nieto Way, on the Manor campus). Bring a book for the gift exchange. We will be discussing *Japanese Lover*, by Isabel Allende led by Shiena Polehn.

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



COMMUNITY & ART

ACT (AAUW Community Team)

We would like to sponsor a Maslow homeless family with a girl or two. This won't be a tax deductible but will give us a chance to share Christmas cheer with a Maslow family. We would collect items on their wish list or cash to purchase them, and wrap ourselves. More details to follow.

In April we will be doing a Women Veterans drive. This program benefits women veterans coming back into civilian life dealing with their rehab issues.

Contact: Donna Corey
donnacorey6@msn.com, (541)-897-0774

OUT & ABOUT

On Sunday, December 4 we'll join the Soroptomists' Holiday Home Tour. Contact Diane Reiling for details. Early alert: On Friday, January 20 we'll see the musical "Pump Boys and Dinettes" at the Craterian Theater. Contact Camille Korsmo for details.

Antique Studies

Our group will not meet in December but will reconvene in January!
Contact: Diane Reiling (541)499-6622

DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

DINE will not be meeting in November. We will however reconvene on December 15 at 6PM at Porters in downtown Medford. Reservations to Ellen, (541)772-3614, by December 10.



GAMERS

First Wednesday Bridge

The First Wednesday Bridge group met November 2 at the Rogue Valley Country Club for a no-host lunch, followed by bridge.

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

We meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 2PM-4PM. On November 3rd and 17th we will meet at 1501 Siskiyou Blvd (at the corner of Siskiyou and Eastwood). An extensive supply of SCRABBLE reference books is available for check-out. Have a favorite game? Bring it!

Contact:
Hindey Moser (541)772-3492



Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will not have a separate activity in December, but we will support the Branch Brunch at the RVCC on December 14. Contact: Diane Reiling (541)499-6622, reilingd@aol.com

Cheers and Beers

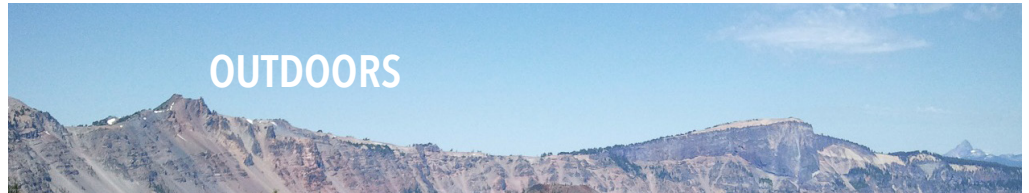
On November 11, Cheers and Beers went to Standing Stone Brewing in Ashland to enjoy delicious food and locally-crafted beer. The December outing has not been scheduled and we likely will skip to January.

Contact:
Gail Etchie, gigidesigns007@yahoo.com
Joan Rycraft, jrycraft@charter.net
Ellen Wakefield elwake@jeffnet.org

Wine & Whine

We will wet our whistle on December 16 at 2PM at Agate Ridge Winery (1098 Nick Young Rd., Eagle Point, OR 97524). 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

In November, we visited the Ashland Greenhouses and lunched at the Breadboard Restaurant.

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

Outdoor Adventure Group

Watching the weather for winter activities. Any suggestions for outings appreciated.

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

SAVE THE DATE! Calendar Girls Benefit

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Dee Wittenberg, *Public Policy Chair*

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Questions: talk to Patty Finch, Mary Wright Gillespie, Anne Newins, or Marlene Olson. Remember we bought out the house at the Camelot Theatre for that performance so invite your friends and let us fill all of those seats.

AAUW FUNDS

Mary Wright Gillespie, *Chair*

AAUW Funds Each year we are asked to donate to AAUW Funds and comments are made about not liking to send money back to Washington DC and not have it come back to us. Actually, our money does come back to us. There are 20 Oregon based endowments, all stipend-producing. Fellows and grant recipients are awarded monies from these funds regularly. Some of the young women come to Oregon to study, some are in Oregon already, some go elsewhere in the Northwest and a few are international.

In 2016-2017, there are 11 recipients of Oregon-based funds. These women are attending Portland State University and the University of Oregon, and some are working in the city of Portland. Although we do not know them personally women in Oregon do benefit from the gifts we make to AAUW Funds.

PUT A FENCE AROUND IT!

Sherry Schroeder

Do you ever wonder what is behind the fences you see popping up everywhere? Well, wonder no more. NO, it is not that GREEN WEED when it comes to the “fenced funds” of AAUW. But, now that I have your attention. Using that as a visual, imagine a fence around the AAUW funds collected each year by our dedicated leader, Mary Gillespie. This next year’s activity of Calendar Girls at the Camelot Theatre in February, annual donations to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, Legal Advocacy Fund, and Kenneth McGraw Fellowship by AAUW Medford Branch members, and like donations go to fund advancing research for women and girls, to enhance the lives of women who do not have a voice, and to assist professionals to pursue advanced education. Grants awarded to Oregon women last year came from those “fenced funds”. The money raised at our AAUW Garden Tour (Diane Reiling, Chair) and Phantom Tea Party (Gail Etchie, Chair) is used locally for scholarships to Rogue Community College, Southern Oregon University, AWESOME Academy, possibly Science Works projects, Parks and Recreation Program: Girls in Lab Coats, and local programs for women and girls here in our valley. No operating expenses are funded by “fenced funds” intended for either of the above categories. Our Branch must fund operating expenses separately.

Since it carries the 501(c)(3) non-profit designation (IRS), it is important to make checks out to the appropriate name in order for your donation to be tax deductible. The funds collected can only be spent for those designated activities. In the future, we may develop other worthwhile sponsorships to send girls/women to leadership training conferences, State and National programs for deserving girls, and other projects currently in development. So, next time you see “ONE OF THOSE FENCES”, just think how smart you now are to understand what is going on.



Help us
archive our history!

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Gail Etchie, *Scholarship Fundraising Chair*

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FINANCE REPORT

Regula Pepi

October 2016 Finance VP's Report We had income of \$15 from dues. Our expenses were \$51.74 (\$6.98 general exp., \$44.76 for the newsletter). We donated \$1,000 to AAUW Funds, in accordance with our budget. Account balances were: Checking \$3,342.77, Savings \$9,094.13. The CD will not change until it comes due next year.

ARCHIVING PROJECT ON THE MOVE

Jackie Baker

The women of the archiving project, Gayle Clason, Mariane Key, Monica Weyhe and Jackie Baker would like to thank all of you who have collected and stored, pasted and posted the history in print and pictures of the Medford Branch's long history. We have been going through minutes, newsletters, pictures and awards from our beginnings in 1936 to the present time. We have some gaps, but we have a remarkable picture of our history. This article is a call to those of you who may have stored in an attic, or on a computer any minutes, award certificates, pictures or notable articles of our Branch history. You may be surprised at what you have saved, and it could fill a gap for us. Thank you for checking. We look forward to being surprised by what turns up!



MUWCF *Medford University Women Charitable Fund*
Marlene Olson, *MUWCF Liaison*

MUWCF is happily accepting your donations from now to March 2017 for the Phantom Mad Hatter Tea Party given to provide local college scholarships for women in the valley. The Board is also planning events for 2017. Important 2017 dates to remember are Wednesday, February 15, 2017 with the Camelot production of "Calendar Girls"; Saturday, June 10, 2017 our 9th Annual Garden Tour; and Saturday, September 23, the "Gambling for Good" event. All checks for these activities need to be made out to MUWCF for the donation to be considered tax deductible.



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.



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For questions or to submit articles for the next Medford Musings Newsletter, contact Amanda Denbeck at denbeckdesigns@gmail.com

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

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