

HIGHLIGHTS



Calendar Girls

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CALENDAR GIRLS BENEFIT

We are very close to the date for the Calendar Girls show at the Camelot Theatre in Talent. The show time is Wednesday night, February 15, at 8:00 pm. Have you purchased your ticket(s)? Patty Finch has some to sell you. Please call her at 541.857.6207 to purchase. Your check is made out to MUWCF and \$20 is tax deductible.

AAUW SURVEY

State planners are asking for each AAUW member in Oregon to answer questions about state conventions. This survey will be announced via OR NEWS and e-blast. It's safe, easy and anonymous. Watch for it! Gayle Clason, Co-district director.



No reports for this month



JOIN US! AAUW MEETING

February 4, 2017 | 9:30AM–11:30AM

Rogue Credit Union

1330 Poplar Dr., Medford, OR 97504

Our February speaker program will be presented by Hala Schepmann, Professor of Bioorganic Chemistry at SOU. Let's all come out in force to support this remarkable woman who has done so much to advance STEM careers for women at SOU and through other STEM/Chemistry related community service activities. Dr. Schepmann is the current Chair of the Department of Chemistry at SOU. She has won multiple awards, honors, grants, has patent protected ideas and inventions, and is published in science and chemistry journals. Professor Schepmann will be speaking to us about the SOU X-Factor committee/program which she initiated at SOU to advance, support, advocate and mentor the careers of SOU's female faculty.

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

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Co-Presidents – Carol Koszyk and Dee Wittenberg

As we jump into the new year with exciting projects and programs, we need to consider planning even further into the next fiscal/leadership year (2017/18). We need a few people to agree to a couple of one-time meetings for nominating replacement officers and budget committee members.

Another new endeavor for a short term committee is to come up with replacement funds (either fundraiser or proposal for slight increase in dues) to replace the income we had from the snow cone making endeavors at the Childrens Festival. Those funds are earmarked for our operating budget. Unfortunately, those monies can't be taken from our MUWCF 501 (c) (3) account. Hopefully, we can come out of our winter "hibernation" and get back into the organizational swing of activities.

Please contact either of us.

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 pre-chosen. Happy Bookers will meet at Marlene Olson's home, February 21 at 1:30PM. We will discuss the book *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor; discussion lead by Gail Etchie.

Contact: Marlene Olson,
marlene.olson9@gmail.com

Murder Most Literary

We will be meeting on February 9 at 7PM at the Chetco Room. Theme will be Murder by Poison with Anne Newins leading the discussion.

Contact
Mary Wright Gillespie
(541)857-6083

Morning Book Group

We will meet February 1 at 10AM at the Chetco Room to discuss *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin, led by Jackie Baker.

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



COMMUNITY & ART

ACT (AAUW Community Team)

ACT Thanks to the five members who filled bags for the Providence Festival of Trees. We filled hundreds of sacks with caps, gloves, dental products and stuffed toys. Thanks to everyone who helped make the Maslow Adopted Family Drive successful. We adopted four sisters, ages 5, 7, 14, & 16. With the help of shoppers, wrappers, and donations we were able to fill their wish lists including Mom's wish for boots and jackets so they can walk to school from where ever they are staying. Maslow was most appreciative.

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

OUT & ABOUT

On February 15 at 8PM we'll attend Calendar Girls at the Camelot Theatre. Tickets are \$30 and available from Patty Finch.

Antique Studies

We met last month at Dawn Stewart's home for a presentation on "Costume Jewelry".

Contact: Diane Reiling (541)499-6622



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 will meet the first and third Thursdays of February (February 2nd and February 16th) at 1501 Siskiyou Boulevard by Bear Creek Park in Medford.

Contact:
Hindey Moser (541)772-3492



DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

DINE will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, January 26, at Elements Tapas Bar, 101 E. Main St. in downtown Medford. We will decide then where to go in February.

Lunch Bunch

We will celebrate St. Valentine's Day on February 14 at 11:30AM Cicily's Pasteria and Grill (1251 E. McAndrews). Please RSVP to Diane Reiling by Sunday the 12th to join us. Contact: Diane Reiling (541)499-6622, reilingd@aol.com

Cheers and Beers

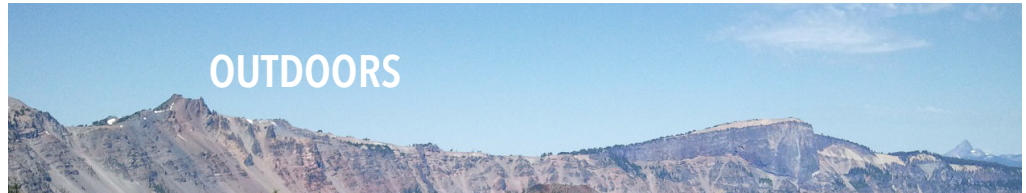
The Cheers and Beers group decided to skip January and go to Caldera Brewing in Ashland in February.

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

Wine & Whine

We will wet our whistle on February 10 at Weisinger Winery (3150 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland). 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

We will meet on Thursday, February 23 at 10AM in the Adams Room of the Medford library. Sharon Farwell from Forever Green Interiors will present a program on the selection and care of indoor plants. Sharon will bring examples of recommended indoor plants and samples of containers. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

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

Outdoor Adventure Group

There is plenty of snow in the mountains. I will put a group together, if there is enough interest in either cross country skiing or snowshoeing. Please let me know if you are interested in either one of these adventures and I will put an outing together.

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

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AAUW FUNDS

Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds Chair

AAUW Funds Here is an update on some of the Funds codes and descriptions:

#9110 = AAUW Funds - Unrestricted Fund

This is the most important Fund as it helps complete all other Funds each year.

#3999 = Legal Advocacy

Fund/LAF/Protection Programs Fund Supports the work to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the work place.

#4336 = Educational Opportunities Fund/EF/Education Programs

Fund Supports educational and lifelong learning opportunities.

#9170 = Eleanor Roosevelt Fund/Research Programs Fund Supports

AAUW research to provide analysis, data, and accurate information about issues crucial to women and girls, and publishes the results.

MAD HATTER TEA PARTY: ONLY A FEW MORE WEEKS!

Gail Etchie, *Scholarship Fundraising Chair*

Only a few more weeks before this year's tax deductions can be garnered. As of November 23rd our total for Scholarships was \$4,275. For those of you wanting an early 2016 deduction, the party will end the end of March, so there is still plenty of time to budget.

You can make your donation payable to MUWCF for a full tax deduction and mail it to MUWCF, PO Box 8201, Medford, Or 97501. Be sure to put the name of the school you would like your gift to go (SOU and or RCC) in the check's memo line.

WANTED: SPRING GARDEN TOUR ADS

Gail Etchie, *Spring Garden Tour Chair of Advertising and Publicity*

The Garden Tour Executive Committee has been debriefing since the end of the last tour in June and we are gearing up for our Spring Tour on June 10, 2017. We have our 6 beautiful, unique, gardens selected and now are working out many numerous details. Many important decisions are being made and one is maintaining or increasing the ads we use in our brochure (Garden Tour Booklet). Our only proceeds from this fundraiser is through ticket sales and ads. If we up our ads, we have less overhead and greater profits that make the task of giving out our scholarships easier.

A sub-committee has been formed, with a new plan to sell our ads competitively. If you are still working, have a business of your own, or know someone who might want to advertise in our Garden Tour Booklet, please consider letting Carol Koszyk, Dee Wittenberg or myself know.

If you have a contact you can give their name to any one just mentioned. If you would like to contact them for us, here is the price list for those who interested:

Full Page Color: \$275 / Full Page Dimension: 5.5"x 8.5"

Half Page Color: \$200 / Half Page Dimension: 5.5"x 4.25"

Color Business Card \$85 /Business Card: Submit a copy. It will become approximately one third of a page.

I am looking forward to hearing from you! Thanks in advance for your consideration. Questions, please do not hesitate to call us. Your help will be greatly appreciated!



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FINANCE REPORT

Regula Pepi

Finance VP's Report for December 2016. The checkbook balance at the end of the month was \$3,039.55. Income was \$1,104.66, expenses were \$ 905. All the transactions are a part of the holiday luncheon as well as our ACT project to give toys to a Maslow family. The project will be finalized in January. A complete 6 month financial report will be available at the February meeting as well as the upcoming board meeting, You can also email me and I will send you the report.

MERCY FLIGHTS RENEWAL

Diane Reiling

This is a reminder that your Mercy Flights annual membership is up for renewal on March 31st. If none of your information has changed, you may just get a check made out to "Mercy Flights" for \$64 to Diane Reiling. For new members, Diane has enrollment forms available.

Questions to Diane at reilingd@aol.com or 541-499-6622.

MUWCF *Medford University Women Charitable Fund*

Marlene Olson, *MUWCF Liaison*

MUWCF 2017 will be a busy year for MUWCF. Major events include the Camelot production of "Calendar Girls" on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, the 9th Annual Garden Tour on Saturday, June 10, 2017, and "Gambling for Good" scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2017. Remember to make your checks to MUWCF to receive a tax deduction.

ANNIVERSARY PINS NATIONAL

Dee Wittenberg and Carol Koszyk

Anniversary Pins National has initiated a new program to commemorate and celebrate members who have reached 5, 10, 20, 30 or 40 years in AAUW as of 2016. The pins are a way of saying thank you for their years of membership in AAUW and for their dedication to our shared mission on behalf of women and girls. We were planning to distribute these during the January Branch meeting, which was cancelled due to weather.

Please contact if you haven't received your pin!

5 YEARS

Cydne Jensen, Donna Anderson-Betteridge, Tricia Wood, Carole Heath

10 YEARS

Barbara Basden and Barbara Hagen

20 YEARS

Charlotte Henry, Kay Fawver, Naurine McCormick, Joyce Ellis

30 YEARS

Anne Billeter

40 YEARS

Jan Purkeypil

There shall be no barriers to full participation in AAUW

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Sherry Schroeder

Last month I brought to your attention the Women's Foundation of Oregon and their recent report entitled, *Count Her In*. I highlighted the sobering and troublesome findings Eight That Can't Wait. As difficult as it is to comprehend the sweeping challenges faced by Oregon women and girls, this research is not without optimism. Oregon's 2 million women and girls make extraordinary contributions to the well-being of the state in which we live. Here are eight areas to celebrate where they lead the way.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Oregon women vote at higher rates than Oregon men and at higher rates than women in most other states.

CAREGIVING

Oregon women and girls perform nearly one-half a billion hours of unpaid caregiving each year for children, relatives, neighbors, and friends.

MINIMAL VIOLENT CRIME

Fewer than 5% of the violent crimes in Oregon are committed by women and girls.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Oregon women and girls engage in more daily physical activity than women and girls in any other state.

EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE

Women comprise 70% of Oregon's public school teachers and over 80% of the state's health care workers.

GENEROSITY WITH MONEY AND TIME

Oregon women give charitably and volunteer their time at higher rates than Oregon men, and than women in most other states.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Oregon women serve in statewide elected office at some of the highest rates in the Country. Oregon women also serve in the U.S. military at higher rates than women in many other states.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Oregon girls met the state's 2025 goal for college graduation rates in 2014, eleven years ahead of schedule.

I now encourage each of you to read, share, and act! Please go online www.womensfoundationoforegon.org and read the Executive Summary of *Count Her In*. It is full of research findings and plans of action that will inspire each of you to do what you can for women and girls in our state. Their slogan, "FORWARD TOGETHER" aligns well with our own mission statement and strategic plan.



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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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