

HIGHLIGHTS

GARDEN TOUR PARTY

Please join us in a lovely garden setting on Saturday, June 17th from 5 to 7PM at 3927 Fieldstone Dr., Medford, OR. This is a social gathering and fundraiser to support the operating expenses of the AAUW Medford chapter and will also give us the opportunity to come together and celebrate all the hard work and success of the 2017 Garden tour. Please Bring an appetizer to share. Sangria and other drinks will be provided. RSVP to Tammy Luther 541-521-3398 by June 10th. We look forward to seeing you there!

KIDSPREE 2017

Gail Etchie, Chair

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JOIN US!

June 3, 2017
9:30AM to 11:30am
Rogue Credit Union
1330 Poplar Dr., Medford, OR 97504

Celebrate the historic women pioneers of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics through a Reader's Theater, presented by our own members, at this last general meeting of the season. We will also welcome and install the new AAUW officers and continuing officers for the next season from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Please join us on Sept. 2, 2017 for the general meeting, a beginning of the next calendar year.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Co-Presidents – Carol Koszyk and Dee Wittenberg

The weekend of April 20, we Presidents attended the annual AAUW Oregon state convention at Salishan Resort south of Lincoln City. Other attendees were Gayle Clason, Mary Wright Gillespie, and Sherry Schroeder, as well as her husband. The theme was "Turning the Tide for Women and Girls".

On behalf of our branch, we were proud to accept 3 certificates. We were recognized as the number 2 branch in the state for total contributions to LAF Funds; we were recognized as the number 3 branch in the state for total per capita contributions to the AAUW LAF Funds; and we were recognized as the number 6 branch in the state for total contributions to AAUW Funds. Congratulations to our total membership for these accomplishments. We also received a \$50 reward for the highest increase (33%) of branch memberships. For the auction toward AAUW Funds, our wonderful basket brought in \$350.

Oregon has 25 branches and 18 participated with 40 baskets/items. The amount brought in was \$300 more than 2016. A few other tidbits of note: Oregon has more national leaders on AAUW committees than other states. We have 21 community college/university partnerships. The Beaverton branch disbanded, but joined with Hillsboro/Forest Grove. There were 2 members who drove 9 hours from Enterprise representing their 7 member branch. We found out there is only 1 woman CEO in Oregon. She's with Schnitzer Steel. In addition to break-out information sessions, we enjoyed enlightening presentations by Patricia Fae Ho, Nat'l. AAUW President; Oregon's Attorney General, Ellen Rosenblum; Heather Mason, LAF Plaintiff; and others.

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

The Happy Bookers will meet on June 20th at Patty Finch's home for a Pot Luck lunch and book Selection for the 2017-2018 year. Time will be announced to all members.

Contact Patty if you plan to attend

Murder Most Literary

Murder Most Literary meets on Thursday, June 8, at 7PM in the Chetco Room. The topic: to discuss Personal Picks in current mystery reading. Mary Wright Gillespie is the contact.

Contact
Mary Wright Gillespie
(541)857-6083

Morning Book Group

Morning Book Group will meet on Wednesday, June 7, in the Chetco Room at 10AM. The book to be discussed is *Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake* with Mary Wright Gillespie as the leader. Discussion leaders for next year will be assigned.

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



COMMUNITY & ART

ACT (AAUW Community Team)

The last Act function this year is to remind everyone to sign up for judging senior projects at North or South High school. The dates are close to the garden tour so I know everyone is busy but if you can sign up for a 4 hour session on Monday 6/5 or Tuesday 6/6 from 12PM to 4PM they can really use our help.

Please contact Deanna Wilson by email ,
medford@ja-pdx.org or by phone at
541-842-3920

OUT & ABOUT

Summertime outings may include:

June 25 | The American Band College Concert

July 7 | "First Friday" in Grants Pass

July/Early August | Britt classical concert

End of August | A movie (air conditioned theater)

If you are not already on the e-mail list and want to be notified of these activities, contact Ronnie Budge. To help plan our 2016-2017 outings, join us on Porter's patio at 5PM on Friday September 15.

Antique Studies

We will have our annual Potluck lunch at Mae Boren's home, 135 Princeville Drive in Eagle Point, at 11:30AM on Wednesday, June 28th. RSVP's to Mae 541-826-4427.



GAMERS

First Wednesday Bridge

The First Wednesday Bridge Group will meet on June 7 at Larks in Medford, at 11:30AM for a no-host lunch followed by bridge at 12:30PM. Please email Dianne Pickar at dwp008@aol.com if you would like to be included in the substitute list for next year. This will be the last meeting until the fall.

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

The SCRABBLE and Other Board Games Interest Group will not be meeting in June. It's been a fun year. Thanks to those who came!

Contact:
Hindey Moser (541)772-3492



DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

DINE expects to take the summer off, beginning in June. We will resume our dining adventures in late September.

Contact: Virginia McGraw by the Monday before.

Lunch Bunch

We will enjoy lunch at the Centennial Grille at the Centennial Golf Club located at 1900 N. Phoenix Rd., Medford, OR at 11:30AM on Tuesday, June 13th. We will hope for nice weather in order to eat outside. Please RSVP to Diane Reiling by Monday morning June 12th to join us.

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

Cheers and Beers

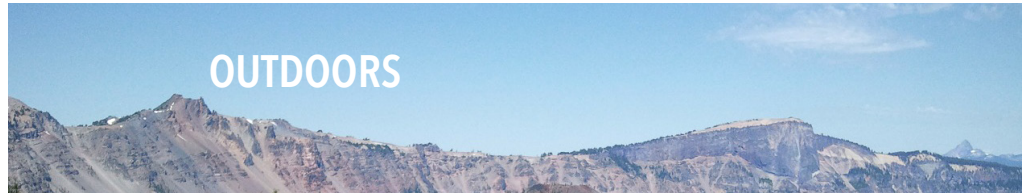
Due to a lack of participation, Beers & Cheers will close up shop. We will continue to get together periodically to share a beer and snacks. If you would like to join us, call either Joan or Ellen for dates.

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

Wine & Whine

We will wet our whistle on June 16th at Pebblestone Winery located at 1670 Pioneer Rd, Talent, OR 97540. 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 had such a good time last year at the Lavender Festival in the Applegate Valley we are returning in 2017. Our group will do the Lavender Tour on Friday, June 23, meeting to carpool at the Jacksonville Library parking lot at 9:30AM. Please bring something to share for a lunch in the Applegate following our visit to the farms. All branch members welcome to join us.

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

Outdoor Adventure Group

I am watching the fields for the appearance of wildflowers. When I see that they are blooming and the weather is good I will send out an email to those of you on my list. We will hit the trails to see some spring wildflowers.

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



Mary Wright Gillespie, Gayle Clason, Carol Koszyk, Sherry Schroeder, Dee Wittenberg at State Convention held at Salishan Lodge near Newport.

AAUW FUNDS

Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds Chair

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NATIONAL DUES INCREASE

Dee Wittenberg and Carol Koszyk, *Co-Presidents*

In 2018, at the outset of the new cycle for paying membership dues, there will be a \$10.00 increase imposed by national. There has not been an increase in 9 years. Different factors came into consideration by our national leadership. The cost of doing business and the wages in Washington, D.C. which is a high cost-of-living area are contributing factors. National provides value for our overall operations.

READER'S THEATER

We'll be rolling in the beginning of summer at our June Branch gathering with STEAM. Actually, the program will be our Reader's Theater production of "Celebrating the Unsung Heroines of STEAM". During last year's state convention held in Medford, the Salem Branch performed an original production written by Gloria Holland involving STEM. With extensive revisions by our member, Judy Van Zile, a few of us are prepared to include the Arts, as well. Your performers will be Carol Bogedain, Hindey Moser, Monica Weyhe, Tricia Wood, Judy Van Zile and both of us.

JUNE BRANCH MEETING

Mary Wright Gillespie, *AAUW Funds Chair*

A special part of the June meeting will be honoring the 2017 Named Gift Honorees. Donna Corey and Sharon Fox will be presented and recognized. Their names were revealed at the State Convention. Gayle Clason and Sharon Purkerson will do the honors. The privilege of this naming ritual comes because of the contributions the branch makes to AAUW Funds.

WANTED: NEW ENTHUSIASM

By Gayle Clason, *Co-South District Director*

Are you an active AAUW member? Have you served your branch? Have you attended AAUW of OR meetings or conventions? Bored with same old things? Are you looking for a new challenge? Now is your chance to influence AAUW at the state level as district director serving as a liaison for five South district branches. A two-year commitment, which may be shared with another, involves communication with state and branches and district meeting coordination. You will have help and mentoring as needed. Your rewards will include: expanding leadership skills, making friends around the state, and some reimbursement for expenses involved. AAUW needs fresh ideas and input from different personnel! The current directors have served for two years! Please contact one of the South district directors for more information and check the AAUW Oregon website for more information:

Gayle Clason, sew2day2013@gmail.com,
Phyllis Fernlund, pfernlund@csuchico.edu
Barbara Paulson, barbarapaulson@msn.com



12 of us from Garden Joys & Outdoor Adventure Group enjoying Sanctuary One Tour with guide

KidSpree



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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.



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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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www.aauw.org

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