

HIGHLIGHTS



Calendar Girls

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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CALENDAR GIRLS BENEFIT

The Calendar Girls Benefit show will be on February 15, 2017 at 8PM. This wonderful show at the Camelot Theatre will benefit AAUW Funds. Tickets are available from Patty Finch. They may also be purchased at the Holiday Brunch on December 14. The cost is \$30. Make the check out to MUWCF and \$20 is tax deductible.

MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

Tea Party donations for local scholarships are due prior to the 31st of December in order to be eligible for a 2016 tax deduction. Donations after that date will be able to be declared on 2017's tax deductions.

Read more on page 4.



In our Thoughts Sympathy card to the family of Barbara Hanel Get well card to Dee Wittenberg on her back surgery.



JOIN US! AAUW MEETING

January 7, 2017 | 9:30AM-11:30AM
Rogue Credit Union
1330 Poplar Dr., Medford, OR 97504

ATTENTION: New monthly meeting place-Rogue Credit Union. 1330 Poplar Dr., Medford. RCU is at the corner of McAndrews Rd. and Poplar Dr. Parking is available behind the credit union. Program is presented by Dr. Yvette McCulley, retired STEM consultant, Dept. Of Education, Iowa. At our program we will be "fossil hunters." Yvette will set up this hands on activity in small groups so please come prepared to be a paleontologist for one hour.

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

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Co-Presidents – Carol Koszyk and Dee Wittenberg

Happy 2017! We trust that your Holidays were good, and now we look forward to our upcoming year. There are two committees that will help to guide us, and we are asking for volunteers to be part of that process.

We need a Nominating Committee of 5 people to prepare a slate of officers for our annual vote. This committee meets just once for about 2 hours during the month of January. We also need a few people to review our expenses, and come up with a plan to increase our income. Since we are not doing the Children's Festival as a fundraiser—we need another source of income for our operating budget. It could be a different fundraiser or we could raise our local AAUW dues. Would you be willing to help with either of these tasks? Let us know.

Dates to put on your 2017 calendar!

February 15 – Lobby Day in Salem

April 11 – Equal Pay Day

April 21-23 – State Convention, Salishan Resort, Lincoln City
"Turning the Tide For Women & Girls"

June 14-17 – 2017 AAUW National Convention in Washington, D.C.

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 the Inn at the Commons for our annual book swap on January 17 at 12:30PM. Join us for a no-host lunch and bring an unwrapped book to swap.

Be prepared to steal a book! RSVP to Gail Etchie before January 13

Contact: Gail Etchie, (541)664-3744,
gigidesigns007@yahoo.com

Murder Most Literary

We will be meeting 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

We will meet January 4 at 10AM at the Chetco Room to discuss *The 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)

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 Friday January 20 we'll see the musical "Pump Boys and Dinettes" at the Craterian Theater. Contact Camille Korsmo for details.

Antique Studies

We will meet at Dawn Stewart's home (4743 Cloudcrest Drive, Medford) for a presentation on "Costume Jewelry". Please bring examples to share on January 25 at 1:30PM. Please RSVP to Dawn: (541)779-3315.

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 January 5th and January 19th at 1501 Siskiyou Blvd. from 2PM to 4PM. Please call Hindey Moser for more info or to RSVP. Come join us for fun and tea!

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

Join us at Thai Bistro (535 Stevens St., Medford) on January 10 at 11:30AM for our luncheon. Buffet or menu available. Please RSVP to Diane Reiling by January 8 to attend. Contact: Diane Reiling (541)499-6622, reilingd@aol.com

Cheers and Beers

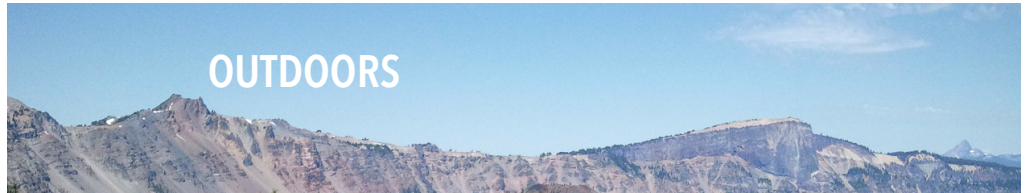
The Cheers and Beers group decided to skip January and go to Caldera Brewing in Ashland in February.

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

Wine & Whine

We will wet our whistle on January 20 at 2PM at Kriselle Cellars (12956 Modoc Rd, White City, OR 97503). 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

Garden Joys will not be meeting in January 2017. The next gathering will be on February 23 at 10AM at 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 plants and samples of containers.

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

AAUW advances the equity of women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

HOW MANY RECENT COLLEGE GRADS DO YOU KNOW?

Carol Bogedain

How Many Recent College Grads Do You Know? Give Them All the Gift of Free AAUW Membership! Last year, colleges and universities in the United States awarded roughly 1 million associate degrees, 2 million bachelor's degrees, 800,000 master's degrees, and 200,000 doctoral degrees. Can you imagine if every one of these graduating students became an AAUW member? We can, and you can help us get there. As an AAUW member, you can gift one year of free AAUW national membership to as many recent graduates as you like. We all know that the future of our organization depends on today's graduates. Give a minute; gain a new community of AAUW leaders. Here's how it works:

- Collect their mailing address, phone number, e-mail, and alma mater for each of these future AAUW members.
- Fill out our handy form! It's a win-win situation—giving a grad the gift of AAUW membership is free for you and free for them.

With a gift of a free, one-year AAUW membership, recent graduates will

- Join an empowering community of more than 170,000 AAUW members and supporters who are committed to fostering women's leadership and equity
 - Expand their careers through leadership trainings, salary negotiation workshops, and fellowships and grants programs
 - Enjoy access to resources, research, and programming to advocate for women and girls locally, nationally, and online
 - Stay current on issues affecting women and girls as they receive Mission & Action, AAUW Outlook magazine, Action Network alerts, and more
 - Increase their buying power with access to member-only discounts
- Welcome New Members: Patricia Andries—University of Illinois and George Mason University Tammy Luther—Moorpark College

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 totals for Scholarships total \$4,275. Some people like the tax deduction early and some of you may be waiting for 2017 to arrive. 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.

STEM STRATEGIC PLAN

Dr. Yvette McCulley

"One of the things that I really strongly believe in is that we need to have more girls interested in math, science, and engineering. We've got half the population that is way underrepresented in those fields and that means that we've got a whole bunch of talent...not being encouraged the way they need to." —President Barack Obama, February 2013. The Medford Branch of AAUW will continue with the implementation of the STEM Strategic Plan. Please contact Dr. Yvette McCulley at (971) 282-3499 or Yvette@abie.us if you are interested in working with other AAUW women on this initiative

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.



Bridge group members at the December 2016 meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

Regula Pepi

November 2016 Finance VP's Report Income was \$45 from dues for the month. Expenses amounted to \$121.56 (\$46.56 for a AAUW table banner and \$75 for programs). The checking account balance was \$3,232.21 on the 30th. Savings and CD balances were \$9,094 and \$2,402.78 respectively.

MERCY FLIGHTS RENEWAL

Diane Reiling

For those of you already enrolled in Mercy Flights, this is a reminder that your annual membership will be due at the end of March, 2017 and will be \$64. This is a special AAUW group rate and adds your spouse/significant other/life partner to your membership at no additional fee, including those living in a care facility. If you do not receive any services for any year, the cost of your membership is a tax deductible donation! If your information is unchanged, I just need a check from you to renew. Mercy Flights is a local non-profit that provides air and ground ambulance service to our community: ground, airplane and helicopter services for medical transportation. How membership works:

- After your one-time 30-day waiting period, if you have a transport... • Mercy Flights will bill your insurance and will accept what your insurance pays as payment in full.
- If no insurance payment is received, you will only be responsible for 50% of the bill.

I will have new annual enrollment forms mid to late January for those wanting to join. You may also join now and pay a pro-rated amount for the balance of this period, if you wish. My husband was airlifted to Portland last year on Mercy Flights, and we paid "zero" on a \$26,000 bill. To say that I recommend this membership is an understatement!

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!



Medford Presbyterian Carolers at Holiday Brunch

BE AWARE, SHARE, AND CARE!

Sherry Schroeder

On November 4th the Women's Foundation of Oregon, YWCA, and AAUW OREGON facilitated a 2016 Summit on Women and Girls. Kathi Dew, AAUW OREGON President, highlighted segments from that event in the Winter Issue of AAUW OREGON NEWS. She detailed 8 That Can't Wait* It still amazes me that OREGON falls so short on the curve when it comes to these issues.

I wanted to highlight them here so that as we begin the New Year, we can focus on issues where we can make a difference in our community.

1. Violence Against Women-An estimated 1 million Oregon women and girls-over half of the state's female population-have experienced some form of sexual or domestic violence. This is one of the highest rates in the country.
2. Systemic Racism-Women and girls of color in Oregon experience disproportionate barriers to success, including poverty rates that are nearly twice as high as those of white women and girls.
3. Cost of Caregiving-Childcare costs in Oregon are among the least affordable in the nation. A year of daycare is now more expensive than annual tuition at a state university in Oregon.
4. Barriers To Reproductive Health-Hundreds of thousands of women lack access to the information and services they need to decide if, when, and how they become pregnant. Almost half of Oregon pregnancies are unintended, a rate that has barely dropped in 20 years.

5. Wage and Wealth Gap-Oregon women earn between 53 and 83 cents (depending on race or ethnicity) for every dollar men in Oregon earn. The gender wealth gap, based on the sum of a person's assets, is even larger: approximately 35 cents on the dollar. Oregon's gender wealth gap is among the largest in the nation.

6. Economic Fragility-Nearly a third of Oregon's women and girls are struggling to make ends meet. As a result, most cannot cover an unexpected expense of even \$100 without having to sell something or borrow money.

7. Mental Health-Oregon women report the highest incidence of reported depression in the country, as well as the highest rate of alcohol use. Women are almost twice as likely to attempt suicide as men, and Oregon women have higher rates of childhood trauma than the national average.

8. Public/Private Glass Ceiling-In 2016, only one of Oregon's 39 publicly traded companies is led by a woman CEO. Several Oregon counties do not have a single woman serving in county-wide office. *In case you don't know about the 8 That Can't Wait, it refers to the report just released by the Women's Foundation of Oregon regarding the status of women and girls in Oregon. There is also good news in the report-the 8 To Celebrate, which shows the importance of women's contributions to the state. Check out their website, oregonfoundationforwomen.org.

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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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