

## HIGHLIGHTS

### MUWCF TEA PARTY

The MUWCF Board is having a no host High Tea on March 29th at noon at the RoundTable Tea Room in Medford to culminate Mad Hatter Tea Party. You are all invited, but I will need to know if you are interested in attending. You can reply directly to Gail Etchie [gigidesigns007@yahoo.com](mailto:gigidesigns007@yahoo.com) or 541-664-3744.

### AAUW SURVEY

Gayle Clason, Co-District Director

It's not too late to submit your answers to the AAUW of OR Convention, tally will be done March 7, 2017. To access the survey enter this url <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SQXQH6C>

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### Board Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2017  
4:30 pm | Rogue Valley Manor  
Terrace Room, 4th Floor

#### Oregon State Convention

April 22-24, 2017  
Salishan Spa & Resort near Lincoln City.  
Oregon News for details.



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

March 4, 2017 | 9:30AM-11:30AM

Rogue Credit Union

1330 Poplar Dr., Medford, OR 97504

The Medford Branch has spent over 80 years supporting national AAUW programs and special funds. We have two endowments with AAUW Funds from our Branch alone—can you name them? What does the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund provide? Who benefits from LAF, and what do the initials stand for? What is the Current Fellowships Fund? Why do AAUW members contribute to these various funds? Learn about these important national programs and participate in some skits, testimonies, recognitions, and questions, all telling the story from our own members and their experiences.

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

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

*Co-Presidents – Carol Koszyk and Dee Wittenberg*

Please read the following three announcements:

1. 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 at the April 1, 2017 General Meeting:

Finance VP - Regula Pepi

Membership Co-VP - Sharon Shatswell

Program VP - Yvette McCulley

2. Proposed Changes to Bylaws for vote at the April 1, 2017 General Meeting:

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 could be elected in the "off" year for a full 2 year term."

3. The State Convention is April 22-24, 2017, at the Salishan Spa & Resort near Lincoln City. We can send 4 delegates to vote from our branch. Would you be interested in going? All the information is in the Oregon News Spring News that was "blasted" to you on February 11, 2017. The cost for registration, meals and lodging is about \$300 if you share a room. Our branch can reimburse a portion of the expense (\$50-\$70). If you would like to be nominated to be a delegate, please contact us as soon as possible.

Announcing a call for nominations for Named Gift Honorees - Please contact Mary Wright Gillespie as she is the Coordinator of this project.

## 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 Zee Nickerson's home, March 21 at 1:30PM. We will discuss the book *Illuminations* by Mary Sharratt.

Contact: Zee Nickersons

#### Murder Most Literary

We will be meeting on Thursday, March 9 at 7PM at the Chetco Room. Theme will be Adult Mystery Authors' Books for Kids and Teens. Camille Korsmo has prepared a fascinating bibliography and will lead the discussion.

Contact

Mary Wright Gillespie  
(541)857-6083

#### Morning Book Group

We will meet March 1 at 10AM at the Chetco Room to discuss *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande, led by Joyce Ellis.

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  
donnacorey6@msn.com, (541)-897-0774

#### OUT & ABOUT

On Sunday March 19, we'll attend a matinee performance of *Noises Off* at the Oregon Cabaret Theater in Ashland. To join us for an afternoon of laughter (Tempo calls this show "a hysterical look at theatrical mayhem") contact Camille Korsmo.

#### Antique Studies

We have had some trouble getting a quorum of members together, but we will try again for Wednesday, March 29 at 1:30PM. We will meet at Dawn Stewart's home at 4743 Cloudcrest Drive in Medford for a presentation of "Costume Jewelry". Please RSVP's to Dawn.  
Contact: Diane Reiling (541)499-6622



### GAMERS

#### First Wednesday Bridge

We will meet at Carole Chumbler's house (1 Skyline Drive) on Wednesday, March 1, 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 on Thursday, March 16 from 2PM to 4PM at 1501 Siskiyou Blvd. in Medford. Newcomers are welcome!

Contact:

Hindey Moser (541)772-3492



### **DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)**

DINE will decide during its February dinner where to dine in March. Virginia McGraw and Ellen Wakefield are coordinators.

### **Lunch Bunch**

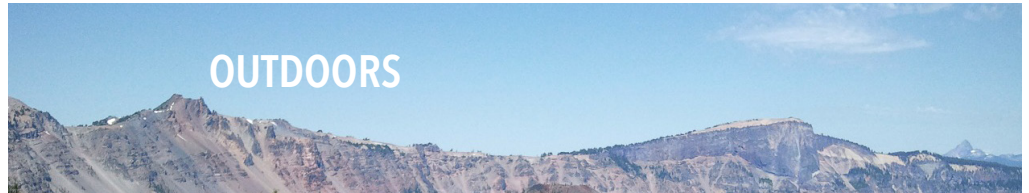
We will experience the new Common Block Brewing Company on Tuesday, March 14 at 11:30AM. This brand-new brew pub has an extensive menu. It is located at 315 E. 5th St, just north of Lithia Commons. RSVP's to Diane Reiling by Monday, March 13 to join us. Contact: Diane Reiling (541)499-6622, reilingd@aol.com

### **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 March 24th at Ledger David located at 245 N Front St, Central Point, OR 97502. 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, March 30, at 10AM Garden Joys will visit Le Mera Gardens (5126 South Pacific Highway) behind Rising Sun Farms in Talent. Owner, Joan Thorndike, will share the story of Le Mera Gardens and guide us on a tour of the flower farm site. Le Mera Gardens has been growing and selling organic cut flowers in the Rogue Valley for 24 years. Serving 11 florists from Ashland to Rogue River, Le Mera offers between 150 and 200 floral varieties on nature's timetable. Plan to join us for lunch following our visit to a local restaurant. 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



## AAUW Scholarship Winners 2016

### AAUW FUNDS

Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds Chair

Join us on March 4 to discover what the words, AAUW Funds, actually mean. Several of our members will tell the story in skit and personal witness format. In December 2016 the branch was credited with giving \$5,486.50. We will affirm our mission and celebrate this accomplishment.

### MUWCF MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

Gail Etchie, *Scholarship Fundraising Chair*

Just a gentle reminder that there are only a few more weeks before this fundraiser is coming to a close. As of February 13, 2017, our total for Scholarships was \$4825. One third of our membership has donated and I just wanted you to know that any amount \$1, \$5, \$10, or more would be so appreciated so we could reach 100% membership participation. So hear me, any amount is respectable! We will even take spare change!

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. Hope to hear from you soon!

### WOMEN GETTING MORE BOARDROOM SEATS

Dee Wittenberg, *Public Policy*

The number of women sitting at the tables in corporate boardrooms across the country is rising very slowly, but it's rising. Just over 15 percent of all director seats at publicly traded US companies were held by women as of December 31, according to a study by Equilar, a corporate research firm. That's up from 14 percent a year earlier and from 12 percent in 2013. Demonstrating how far remains to go toward gender parity, 738 companies still have no women on their boards. Last year, nearly 60 companies that had no female directors since at least 2011 added one or more women.

### MUWCF *Medford University Women Charitable Fund*

Marlene Olson, *MUWCF Liaison*

MUWCF Kudos to our branch member, Mary Gillespie, on the successful fundraiser for AAUW Funds with the Camelot performance of "Calendar Girls." MUWCF bought out the house in advance and with the hard work of Mary Gillespie and Patty Finch on ticket sales we were able to have a sell-out house. Mary and her team spent many hours in communication with the Camelot Theater, organizing the ticket sales, encouraging members and friends to attend and addressing all the steps necessary to have this successful event.

### 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:

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## AAUW fosters equity and positive society change

### BE AWARE! IT IS CONTAGIOUS!

Sherry Schroeder

Recently, when I have tuned into the evening news, I find it filled with disrespectful comments, adversarial bickering, and distorted facts. The name calling and the finding of blame runs rampant. It makes me yearn for the days gone by where colleagues could agree to disagree respectfully. Don't get me wrong. I am not taking a side here. There is true discord and disparaging remarks a plenty for everyone to get credit for the negative atmosphere. Irritability and grumpiness ensue and pretty soon it seems we are all in a FUNK! Change is within our grasp and each of us can do our part.

Acts of good will, a kind word, acknowledging others and a smile can go a long way. Sharon Johnson once wrote, "An unexpected smile can change everything." I have a kitchen hand towel that hangs on my oven door to remind me every day "Smiles are free! Don't save them!" Even a sentence of praise or a door held for an elder are ways we can control the tone in our surroundings. Even when the acknowledgement is not directed at you, there is a spillover effect for others who see it. Their next encounter is a little more positive; a little more pleasant. Again, quoting Sharon, "Well delivered praise is like a smile that stays in the atmosphere". It seems simple, but it is not.

Think about the last time you complimented a stranger or gave a heart-felt "well done" to someone you care about. If each of us did just a little more regular praise-giving and some occasional expressing of true joy, just think what kind of tone we would set.

Be aware, it is contagious!



### 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](mailto:denbeckdesigns@gmail.com)

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

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