HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!
It is that time of the year to renew your membership! Enclosed is a copy of the membership renewal form. As a service to members, you will be able to renew your membership through the PayPal button on the branch website; total cost will be $83.00 which includes the cost of using PayPal. See page 6 for renewal form.

KIDSPREE
For the KidSpree, mark your calendars for Saturday, August 12th from 7AM–9AM, located at the back side of J.C. Penney. Volunteers are needed to help serve the children of our community. See page 5 for mor information.

JOIN US! SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON
May 20, 2017
Rogue Room of Skyline Plaza
1330 Poplar Dr., Medford, OR 97504

We will honor and celebrate our local scholarship recipients at the annual luncheon on May 20, in the Rogue Room of Skyline Plaza. The meal will be served at 12:00 and the committee will be there to greet you starting at 11:30. To make your reservation write a check for $18 to Medford AAUW and send it to: Mary Wright Gillespie, 2127 Quail Point Circle, Medford, OR 97504. These reservations are due by May 13. This is a wonderful occasion to show exactly what our branch of AAUW accomplishes. If the date does not work for you please consider donating the same amount of money as an angel to help us pay for the guests of the scholarship winners. This luncheon is our celebration.

PRESIDENTS’ MESSAGE
Co-Presidents – Carol Koszyk and Dee Wittenberg

We learned about what life is like for women in our armed forces at our April 1st program. We voted for our 2017–2018 Budget and for a bylaw change that is allowing more flexibility with how our elected officers can serve. Now when there is an opening as a “Co” officer before the two year term is completed – that person can be elected for a full two years. This will allow our volunteers to have a “Co” with “on the job” experience.

Congratulations to our newly elected branch officers for the July 2017 – June 2019:
Regula Pepi as our Finance VP
Sharon Shatswell as our Membership Co-VP along with Carol Bogedain (who will serve the remainder of her two year term until June of 2018.)

We have positions open! Would you like to help? The following positions are available beginning June 30th as our current people would like to do something else:
• Program VP (or two “Co’s”)
• ACT (AAUW community Team)
• Public Policy
• STEAM Liaison
• Publicity

Do any of the above charm you? Call us! We would love to talk to you about any of these jobs- or anything that you might like to chat about. We look forward to hearing from you.

Jean Herron Huth – sympathy on the death of her husband.
Donna Anderson – Betteridge – our sympathies on the death of her son. Thinking of you to Barbara Larsen who has been hospitalized.
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**
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 Jan Purkeypile’s home, May 16th at 1:30PM. We will discuss the book *Moloka‘i* by Alan Brennert.  
Contact Jan if you plan to attend

**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**
We will attend a matinee performance of “Shakespeare in Love” at OSF on Friday, April 28.  
Then on Sunday April 30 at 3PM we’ll enjoy “The Golden Age of Operetta” performed by the Rogue Valley Chorale at the Craterian Theater downtown.

Contact Ronnie Budge if interested in going to either or both.

**Antique Studies**
We will meet at noon on Wednesday, May 31st at the RV Manor for a no-host lunch. We will then go to Carole Chumbler’s home in the Skyline building for a presentation on Bauer Pottery. Details will be emailed. Please RSVP to Dawn Stewart 541- 779-3315 or irelandawn@charter.net by May 30th to be included.

**COMMUNITY & ART**

**Murder Most Literary**
Thursday, May 11, at 7PM in the Chetco Room, the group will discuss Immigration Mysteries. Camille Korsmo prepared a bibliography.  
Contact  
Mary Wright Gillespie  
(541)857-6083

**Morning Book Group**
Wednesday, May 3, at 10AM in the Chetco Room, Jean Huth will lead the discussion on *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. Voting will take place to select next year’s books.  
Contact  
Mary Wright Gillespie (541)857-6083 or  
Sharon Purkerson (541)857-6513

**First Wednesday Bridge**
We will be at the home of Carol Rugg, 1425 Larson Creek Drive, on Wednesday, May 3, at 12:30PM. We are currently making a list of substitutes for First Wednesday Bridge. Please call Dianne Pickar if you are interested.  
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 again on the first and third Thursdays, May 4th and May 18th, from 2PM to 4PM at 1501 Siskiyou Blvd, at the corner of Siskiyou and Eastwood Drive. There will be no June meetings.  
Contact:  
Hindey Moser (541)772-3492
DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)
DINE will gather for dinner at 6PM, Thursday, May 25, at Peerless Restaurant, 265 4th Street in Ashland. Virginia McGraw is taking the reservations.

Contact: Virginia McGraw by the Monday before.

Lunch Bunch
will carpool out to the Eagle Point Golf Club’s Talon Grill on Tuesday, May 9th. We will leave from 2 locations at 11AM for an 11:30 lunch. If the weather is fine, we will dine outside. RSVP’s to Diane Reiling.
Contact: Diane Reiling (541)499-6622, reilingd@aol.com

Cheers and Beers
Join us at Portal Brewing in the Central Fire Hall 100 E. 6th Street, Medford Corner of 6th and Front Street Friday, May 12, 2017 4PM
Contact:
Joan Rycraft, jrycraft@charter.net
Ellen Wakefield elwake@jeffnet.org

Wine & Whine
We will wet our whistle on May 19th at Jaxon Winery located at 601 Hughes Rd, Medford, OR 97504. 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 be joining the Out & About interest group to visit Sanctuary One in the Applegate valley on Friday, May 12. The 10AM tour ($10/person) will include the gardens as well as the domestic animals. Those wishing to carpool will meet at 9:30AM at the Jacksonville Library parking lot. Following our visit to Sanctuary One we shall have lunch in Jacksonville.
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 Vulture (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
On Saturday, April 15, over 200 middle school girls participated in the AWSEM (Advocates for Women in Science, Engineering & Mathematics) Symposium held on the Southern Oregon University campus. Each girl attended three of the many hands-on workshops, met real women professionals in various STEM fields and had the opportunity to interact with other girls from various schools with similar interests.

Monica Weyhe volunteered to assist with the program and was very impressed with SOU’s Youth Programs organizers, the professional instructors and the girls themselves, four of whom our branch funded with scholarships awarded through MUWCF.

**SEVEN SELECTED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**
Gail Etchie, Etchie Scholarship Chair 2017

I am happy to announce that five recipients from Rogue Community College and two from Southern Oregon University are scheduled to receive $1,500 each toward their next academic year thanks to contributions from generous members and the efforts of fundraising. The applicants were all deserving, but the following stood out from RCC: Katherine Pianka, Crystal Blower, Kira Burkett, and Emily Kimmel. They are considered “traditional” recipients while Annette Lizarraga is a “technical” recipient for the Table Rock Campus. SOU’s outstanding recipients are Kendall Erb and Caitlyn Abshire. The May 20th luncheon date at the Manor has been set to meet them to hear about their struggles, accomplishments, and goals.

Gratitude is extended to the selection committee which included Valerie Barr, Cathy deWolff, Ann Newins, Marlene Olson, Mary Gillespie, Marcia Simon, Tricia Wood and Gail Etchie.
**KIDSPREE SAVE THE DATE**
Gail Etchie, Chair

For the KidSpree, mark your calendars for Saturday, August 12th from 7AM–9AM, located at the back side of J.C. Penney. Volunteers are needed to help serve the children of our community. This project provides school clothes to low-income children, a backpack filled with school supplies, and a breakfast-in-a-bag. Last year KidSpree served over 180 children from Jackson County. Our branch members participate in KidSpree as shoppers with the children, providing coffee to volunteers, parents and a bag breakfast to each child. We also donate as a branch $200 for two children. If you would like to volunteer, participate or have questions about KidSpree please contact Gail Etchie.

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

The next Board meeting for MUWCF is April 25, 2017 at Sun Oaks Club House in Medford. We are looking to fill one board position. The appointment will be confirmed at the AAUW Board meeting in August. Please contact Marlene Olson, 541-245-1117, or Joan Rycraft, 541-499-0350, if you are interested.

**MAD HATTER TEA PARTY**
Gail Etchie, Tea Party Chair

Twenty-one ladies enjoyed their own Tea Party at the RoundTable Tea Room in Medford to culminate our Mad Hatter Tea Party that raises money for local scholarships and educational opportunities for girls and women in Jackson county. Our members were very generous with almost $5,614.50 collected. Thank you to all that have contributed and to those members that will in the future. Through your donations we are giving women and girls a chance to aspire to their dreams.

**ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END (OR COULD SOMEONE ELSE PLEASE DO THIS GOING FORWARD?)**
By Sherry Schroeder

It has indeed been my distinct pleasure to find uplifting and encouraging words to share with you each month in the Medford Musings. As a Past Branch President, I always find inspiration and worthy subjects just daily as I live my life and interact with people. I have shared the importance of Strategic Planning and why Mission driven programming is so important. Other times I have written about mentoring and friendship, the pain of losing a sister, the commitment it takes to be a good member, important work being done for women and girls throughout our community, state, and at the National level. Inspiration can come in many forms.

Often we read something that confirms our own beliefs, motivating us to continue our good works. Other times, we just need understanding and respect. I value each of you and would like to extend my deepest thanks to you for listening to me, for reading my articles, and for giving me your feedback. I treasure the communication and friendship it has inspired. I do need to turn my time and attention to family once again, so I will not be writing monthly. It is my hope and desire one of you will share your thoughts, concerns, and commitment to our branch by taking my place.

Amanda makes the submission process a breeze and I trust one of you will decide to take my place and inspire us all with your comments and wisdom. Thanks to you all and I will continue to “work and play” with you whenever time permits. You will always be in my heart as I move forward. My wish for each of you is to remember to be kind to one another and remain committed to our vision.
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Send articles by the 15th of each month no later than 5PM.

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