

HIGHLIGHTS

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Our Medford Branch is welcoming Trish Garner as our Guest Speaker for our November 4, 2017, General Meeting. Trish hails from the Portland/Astoria area and is our state of Oregon Public Policy Chair for the 2017-18 year. She will tell us what AAUW is doing to help women at the state and national levels. Be sure to attend this event to get the newest information!

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

If you can attend, please call Carol Koszyk (541-608-7799) by Monday, October 2, 2017. (Note - if you signed up at the September 2nd Branch Meeting - you are already on the list.)

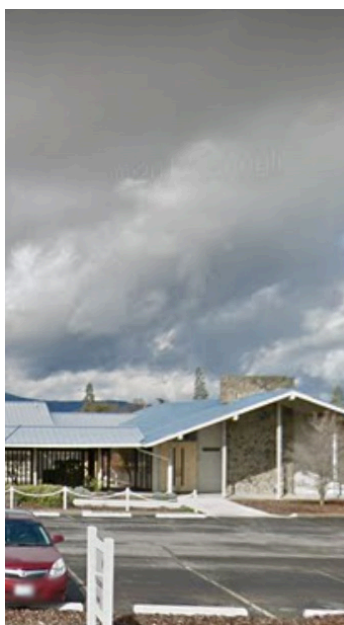
Thursday, October 5, 2017 | 5PM-8:30 PM
The Girl Scout Center
2001 N. Keene Way, Medford & members' homes.

HOW: Each member will bring an appetizer for the get-together at the Girl Scout Center; OR bring a main dish salad for the dinner at the Hostess's home; OR bring a dessert for the last course at the Girl Scout Center.

NOTE: Since the hostesses are preparing their homes—they will provide beverages and bread for our dinner.

SCHEDULE for the Event

5PM-6PM Meet at the Girl Scouts for FUN, appetizers and a short business meeting. We will also have a Demonstration of how to use the Members Only section on our Website! You will find out where you are going for dinner and will carpool to the home
6PM- 6:15PM Carpool to the Hostess's home
6:15PM-7:30PM Dinner of Main Dish Salad at each home.
7:30PM-7:45PM Carpool back to the Girl Scout Center.
8PM-8:30PM Enjoy desserts together. Decaf coffee and tea will be provided.
We know some of you do not drive call Carol at 541-608-7799



JOIN US! PROGRESSIVE DINNER

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Our October Branch Meeting is on a different day and time and place! Our Branch Meeting will be a Progressive Dinner of three courses: appetizers, main dish, and dessert. We are inviting all of our members to join in the fun. We hope that this will be an opportunity for our members who have other commitments on Saturday mornings to come.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Co-Presidents – Carol Koszyk and Dee Wittenberg

Our September Interest Groups and Ice Cream Social was fantastic. Many thanks to Diane Reiling (Interest Groups Chair) and Sue Thornburg (Hospitality Chair) for all they did to make it so. We also want to thank our members who attended. Why, you may ask? Here's what happened. Last summer, our branch received a request for help by South Medford High School Senior, Elaina Foley. She needed financial assistance for her senior project: a multi week course entitled "Promoting Leadership for Political Office" for 4th - 6th grade girls at Griffin Creek Elementary School. Elaina's purpose is to help girls find and develop leadership strengths to pursue political roles. At our meeting, she requested funds to cover snacks and a t-shirt for each girl attending her class, and collected \$500! Elaina was amazed at our generosity and extremely appreciative. We feel the same way. "Thank you" for supporting this project that matches our Mission that AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Please check our Website: www.medford-or.aauw.net. You can view our entire list of Programs for the 2017-2018 year and more. We thank Susan Ball for all her efforts to update our website.

Also, please read the "Proposed Changes to the Medford AAUW Bylaws" in this Newsletter. We are updating our bylaws to better reflect how our branch operates. Please do call us if you have any questions/comments - we value your input!

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 Paulette Avery's home, October 17th at 1:30PM. We will discuss the book *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.
Contact: Paulette Avery

Murder Most Literary

Murder Most Literary will meet Thursday, October 12, at 7PM in the Chetco Room at Skyline Plaza. The topic is Vendetta Mysteries and Terri Wraight will lead the discussion.
Contact
Mary Wright Gillespie
(541)857-6083

Morning Book Group

We will meet Wednesday, October 4, at 10AM in the Chetco Room at Skyline Plaza. The book is *The Queen of Katwe* by Tim Crother and Helen McKee is the discussion leader.
Contact
Mary Wright Gillespie (541)857-6083 or
Sharon Purkerson (541)857-6513

COMMUNITY & ART



OUT & ABOUT

We have three fun activities coming up soon:
1) On Saturday September 30 at 2PM, the musical show "Next to Normal" at the Craterian theater in downtown Medford
2) On Sunday October 15 at 1PM, the Sherlock Holmes comedy called "Baskerville" at the Oregon Cabaret Theatre in Ashland
3) On Saturday October 21, the annual Kitchen Tour sponsored by the Grants Pass branch of AAUW.
Contact Janet Brougher to join any of these outings.

ACT (AAUW Community Team)

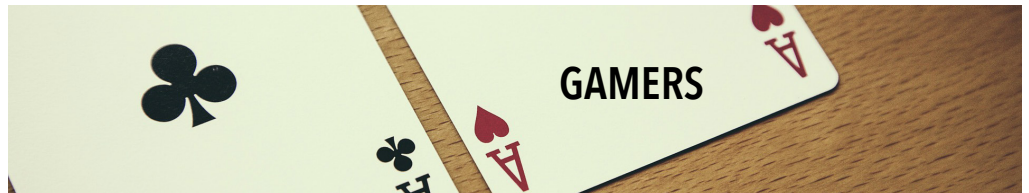
ACT is a great way to participate in community activities. We do not sponsor our own projects but participate in established community activities. This is a great way to engage in our branch. Hopefully we can meet by e-mail and not require actual meetings. We are looking for volunteers with new ideas and enthusiasm. In the past we have participated in Providence Festival of Trees, the Maslow project, Women Veterans, and judging senior projects.
Contact: Donna Corey
donnacorey6@msn.com, or 542-897-0368

Antique Studies

Dianne Pickar will host us at her home, 333 Mountain View #152 in Talent, for a program on M.A. Hadley pottery/stoneware. Join us at 1:30PM on Wednesday, September 27th.

Refreshments served. RSVP's to Dianne at 541-219-6067 or dwp008@aol.com. There is no October meeting scheduled.

GAMERS



Mah Jong

We meet for conversation at 1:30PM and begin play at 2PM. We usually play until 4PM. We sometimes have snacks before playing, but that is up to the host, and not necessary. We are happy to teach newcomers to the game, and welcome those who may have played in the past. Do check us out by letting Jackie Baker know.
Contact: Jackie Baker (541)857-6849

First Wednesday Bridge

First Wednesday Bridge Group on will meet on Wednesday, October 5, at Dianne Pickar's home, at 12:30PM.

Contact:
Dianne Pickar
(541)219-6067, dwp008@aol.com



DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

We will resume our dining adventures in late September.

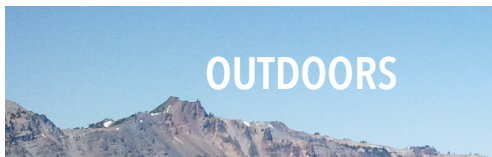
Contact: Virginia McGraw by the Monday before.

Lunch Bunch

Join us on Tuesday, October 10th at 11:30AM at Frau Kemmling Schoolhaus Brewhaus in Jacksonville, as we head into Fall (525 Bigham Knoll Drive). RSVP to Diane Reiling 541-499-6622 or reilingd@aol.com by 10/08/17 to attend. Contact: Diane Reiling (541)499-6622, reilingd@aol.com

Wine & Whine

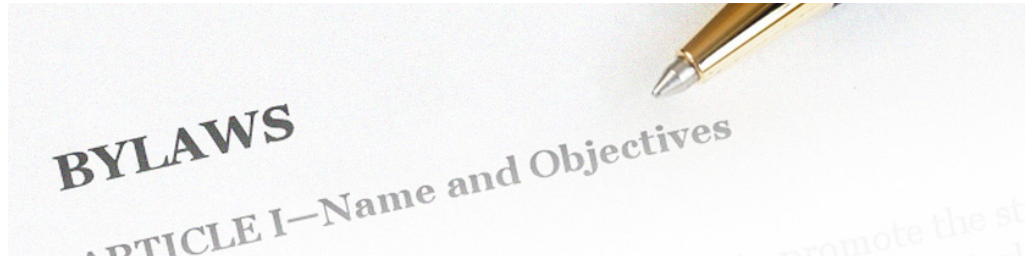
We will wet our whistle on October 27 at Irvine Roberts (1614 Emigrant Creek Rd, Ashland). If you plan to join us, please RSVP! Jan Purkeypile, (541)621-4916, janpurkeypile@yahoo.com Gail Etchie, (541)664-3744, gigidesigns007@yahoo.com



Garden Joys

On Thursday, October 19 at 10AM, Garden Joys will tour the Rogue Community College Arboretum (3345 Redwood Highway, Grants Pass). Rachel Winters, professor of horticulture at RCC, will lead our tour. The arboretum has a variety of trees and shrubs from all over the world as well as many species of Oregon native trees. We will have lunch in Grants Pass after our visit to the Arboretum. Those wishing to carpool will meet at 9:15 at Fred Meyer North (by Taco Bell).

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



PROPOSED CHANGES TO AAUW MEDFORD BYLAWS

Carol Koszyk

Article IX. Officers NOW READS:

Section 1. Officers.

a. Elected Officers. The elected officers shall be president; vice presidents of membership, programs, and finance; and secretary.

b. Appointed Officers. The appointed officers shall be AAUW Funds, Public Policy, Newsletter Editor, Publicity, ACT, RCC Liaison, STEaM Liaison, and Medford University Women Charitable Fund (MUWCF) Liaison. They shall be appointed by the president, except for the MUWCF Liaison.

Section 3. Terms of Office.

a. Terms of Office. Elected officers shall serve for a term of two years. In the case of president, there will be an additional two years of service as immediate past president. Appointed officers shall serve for a term of one year.

(Note that Newsletter Editor, Publicity, ACT and STEaM Liaison were deleted, and the term of office for president was clarified.)

Article X. Board of Directors NOW READS:

Section 1. Members.

The elected and appointed officers shall constitute the Board of Directors of this Affiliate. This Affiliate shall have 13 elected and appointed officers and a minimum of two separate officers, one responsible for the management of the Affiliate and one responsible for the financial affairs. In addition, the Affiliate shall designate a member other than the contacts for administration and finance to record and make available upon request the minutes of each noticed branch or affiliated entity meeting and board meeting.

Section 6. Quorum.

The Quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be 8 of its members. Co-officers shall be considered as one voting member of the board.

PROPOSED (new wording is bolded):

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FINANCE VP'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2017

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Income this month was from dues. Payments were a \$200 donation to KidSpree, as well as \$50 for room rent and, of course, the transfer of dues to AAUW national and AAUW OR state. As of 9/15/17 our total income from dues for this dues year was \$1,070.50 and we transmitted \$5,081.00 to AAUW National and State. The checking account balance was \$4,528.19 on 8/31. Savings \$9,096.41, CD\$2,402.78.

MUWCF

Marlene Olson, *MUWCF Liaison*

As we hide from this summer heat, we might have "fond" memories of In 2015 AAUW Medford formed the non-profit arm of the branch by establishing MUWCF (Medford University Women's Charitable Fund). Under MUWCF we are a 501(c)(3) which motivates our members and the community to donate for tax purposes. The fund raising done by MUWCF provides scholarships for women to pursue degrees at Rogue Community College and Southern Oregon University and assists middle and high school girls attend summer programs at SOU. In addition we raise funds for women in graduate studies. MUWCF collaborates with the branch but we have separate budgets.

MUWCF welcomes Paulette Avery and Nancy Walden to the MUWCF Board. The next Board meeting will be October 24, 2017.

IN IT FOR LIFE? MAKE IT OFFICIAL

Carol Bogedain

Empower generations to come through your lifetime membership in AAUW! Upgrade your existing membership today and receive a letter of recognition, a certificate, and a lapel pin that you can wear proudly knowing that you've put your values into action. Lifetime membership in AAUW is a one-time, fully tax-deductible gift of \$980. Become a life member today! You will only pay state and local dues each year and never incur a national dues increase.



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.

We're on the web!
 Visit us at www.medford-or.aauw.net

National AAUW website
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