

## HIGHLIGHTS

### SAVE THE DATE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Thursday, October 5  
5PM–8:45 PM  
The Girl Scout Building  
2001 N. Keene Way, Medford AND  
Members' homes

Our October Branch Meeting is on a new day and time and place! We are having a Progressive Dinner and are hoping that our members who cannot attend on Saturday mornings will be able to join in the fun. We still need a few more Hostess Homes. If you would like to be a Hostess please call Carol Koszyk to volunteer. (NOTE: since the hostesses are preparing their homes - they will provide beverages and bread for a total of 6-8 people.)

HOW: Each member will bring an appetizer for the beginning at the Girl Scouts OR a main dish salad for the dinner at the Hostesses homes.

#### SCHEDULE for the Event

5:00–6:00 PM - meet at the Girl Scouts for FUN, appetizers and a short business meeting. You will find out where you are going for dinner and will carpool to home of hostess.

6:15 - 7:45 PM - Dinner of Main Dish Salad at Hostess Homes. 8:00 - 8:30 PM - Dessert at the Girl Scouts. Dessert, decaf coffee and tea will be provided.

We know some of our you do not drive - call - we can help you join us! Pls note it is still "light" at 8:45.

## REMINDER

Members who have not yet paid their dues will not be included in the directory if not received by 9/9/18



## JOIN US! INTEREST GROUP AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL KICK OFF

September 2, 2017  
9:30AM to 11:30am  
Rogue Credit Union  
1330 Poplar Dr., Medford, OR 97504

We will kick off our new calendar year with information and sign ups for our popular Interest Groups at this general meeting! You will also have the opportunity to join some new Garden Tour committees. Time to welcome our new Officers and the return of cooler weather! Come join us!

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

*Co-Presidents – Carol Koszyk and Dee Wittenberg*

We are extending a very warm "Welcome" to our first meeting for our 2017/2018 year. We are looking forward to all the awesome AAUW activities. We heartily thank all our AAUW volunteers! We are making such a positive difference in our community (check out the AAUW Funds, Garden Tour and KidSpree articles).

Are you a new or newer member or feel a desire to help? We would love to have you participate! Please take a look at the descriptions in this newsletter for the various positions that are "open". One (or more) of them - just might fit you to a "T"! It would mean a lot to us if you would call (our phone numbers are on the last page). We could answer any questions or concerns that you may have. We look forward to seeing you on September 2nd or hearing from you when you call us!

## 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 chosen. Happy Bookers will meet at the home of Marlene Olson on September 19th at 1:30PM. The book we are reading for this month is *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchette  
Contact: Marlene Olson

#### Murder Most Literary

Murder Most Literary meets on Thursday, September 14, at 7PM in the Chetco Room. Anne Newins will lead the discussion on mysteries about Property (Inheritance, Real Estate, Objects, etc.).  
Contact  
Mary Wright Gillespie  
(541)857-6083

#### Morning Book Group

The Morning Book Group will meet in the Chetco Room of Skyline Plaza at 10AM on Wednesday, September 6. Carole Chumbler will lead the discussion of *The Oregon Trail* by Rinker Buck.  
Contact  
Mary Wright Gillespie (541)857-6083 or  
Sharon Purkerson (541)857-6513



### COMMUNITY & ART

#### OUT & ABOUT

We will gather on Porter's patio, downtown Medford, at 5PM on Friday, September 15 to plan our outings for 2017-18. Bring your personal calendars plus brochures/schedules for any concerts, plays, tours, or other activities you'd like to attend in the coming year. All are welcome. Purchase of food or drink is optional.

#### Antique Studies

We will start an "every other month" schedule this year. If we have a September gathering, we will notify the group via email.  
Contact: Dawn Stewart: 541-779-3315

#### 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



### 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 will meet on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 12:30PM at Pat Stoddard's home. Dessert will be served. Please call Dianne Pickar if you need a ride or directions to Pat's.

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



**DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)**

We will resume our dining adventures in late September.

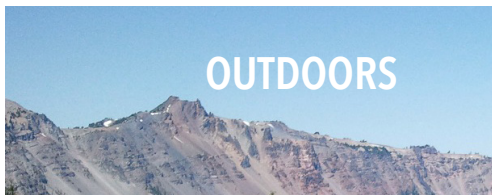
Contact: Virginia McGraw by the Monday before.

**Lunch Bunch**

We will gather for lunch at 11:30AM on Tuesday, September 12th at Common Block Brewing Company (just north of Lithia's Corporate HDQ) at 315 E. 5th St in Medford. To join us, please RSVP to Diane Reiling. Contact: Diane Reiling (541)499-6622, reilingd@aol.com

**Wine & Whine**

A date to wine & whine is TBA. Contacts: Jan Purkeypile, (541)621-4916, janpurkeypile@yahoo.com Gail Etchie, (541)664-3744, gigidesigns007@yahoo.com



**Garden Joys**

No information for Garden Joys for this article Contact: Marlene Olson (541)245-1117, Barbara Basden (541)772-0579

**Outdoor Adventure Group**

No information for Outdoor Adventure Group for this article Contact: Jan Purkeypile (541)621-4916



**VOLUNTEER FAIRE | RIGHT HERE**

Dee Wittenberg

How Can You Help Fill the Void? Here are summaries of vacant positions. Some positions don't even need year around attention\*\*. Only some require attending Board meetings (if unable, provide written report)

**Scholarship Selection Comm. Chair (Jan. – May)**

- Finalize agreements with RCC and SOU
- Recruit committee members
- Coordinate review of applicants
- Notify awardees
- Attend scholarship luncheon
- Submit article to Mail Tribune and "Musings"

**Publicity Coordinator\*\***

- Contact news sources (Mail Tribune, community chalkboards prior to branch programs of interest to the public
- Seek publicity as needed

**Public Policy Coordinator \*\***

- Submit article to "Musings" regularly (informative emails are received from the state coordinator for sharing)
- Plan activity for Equal Pay Day
- Suggest other activities for the Board's consideration and follow up

**Community College Liaison\*\* (Sept. thru May)**

- Coordinate between Branch and RCC rep. regarding related campus events
- Relay info about Nat'l. Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)
- Have AAUW table at student fair on campus
- Relay Action Alerts or Wash. Updates to RCC rep. re: higher ed issues, etc.

**Program VP\*\* (Sept. – June) 2 years**

- Plan speakers for Branch meetings (8 months)(set up committee to help w/ideas)
- Contact speakers
- Provide write-up for Musings and Mail Tribune Reserve meeting room
- Plan Dec. holiday brunch

Rewards: expanding leadership skills, making friends statewide, Some reimbursement for expenses



Scholarship recipients

### MAY 2017 FINANCE VP'S REPORT

Regula Pepi

Income was from dues, with outgoing funds paying National and State. Otherwise there were expenses for ~\$35 for a speaker favor and office supplies. 3 stipends of \$50 each were dispersed to convention attendees. The checking account balance was \$5,308 and the savings account was \$9,096 with the CD balance unchanged.

### JUNE 2017 FINANCE VP'S REPORT

Regula Pepi

Income was from dues and scholarship luncheon tickets and we also received a \$50 bonus check from Oregon State AAUW for having recruited many new members. Expenses were for the newsletter (\$6.60) and luncheon expenses. However, the luncheon made a profit and we were able to donate \$192.50 to each, AAUW Funds and MUWCF for scholarships. The checking account balance was \$4,082.79, with savings and CD virtually unchanged.

A complete report about the past fiscal year will be available at the September meeting.

### FINANCE VP'S REPORT FOR JULY 2017

Regula Pepi

Income from dues was very slow this month. However, the budget booster party yielded \$285. The checking account balance was \$4,428.19. Our "general fund" has been stocked up with designated amounts to now be quite fat! \$500 was posted to this item from the sale of the children's festival equipment last year and together with the amount from the budget booster party and another generous donation that came in in August it is now \$865, whereas we have budgeted only \$770 for those expenses.



### KIDSPREE CELEBRATES THEIR 26TH YEAR OF SERVING DESERVING FAMILIES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Gail Etchie, Marlene Olson, and Jackie Baker, *Co-Chairs*

This year 190 children were selected to participate in KidSpree. Each child was provided \$125 for school clothes, a backpack filled with school supplies and a bag breakfast served by our branch. The combined total of in-kind for KidSpree by JCPenny, McDonalds, Human Bean and Food-For-Less, and AAUW Medford, helped to make all things possible. Please remember to thank these sponsors for their generous contribution when you are shopping or eating out. Kudos to our members who volunteered!

### SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Mary Wright Gillespie, *Luncheon Chair*

The Scholarship Luncheon was held on May 20 when the recipients were acknowledged and given \$1500 in Scholarships. The festive occasion was marked with beautiful centerpieces and place cards for all of the attendees. Three of the garden hosts from last year's tour were able to be present. Six of the seven winners were there with their guests and spoke of their educational dreams. Gail Etchie, as chair of the scholarship committee, presented each one with a student membership in AAUW for the next year. The luncheon committee was Joyce Ellis, Patty Finch, Sharon Purkerson, Carolyn Schenler and Mary Wright Gillespie.



## 2017 GARDEN TOUR RESULTS

Diane Reiling, *2017 Garden Tour Chair*

As we hide from this summer heat, we might have “fond” memories of that rainy day in June when we hosted our second spring tour. We are very fortunate that “gardeners do not melt in the rain,” and we had a pretty good turnout in spite of the weather. Kudos to our membership who turned out in support of our fund raising event for scholarships despite the weather!

We sold \$7,260.00 in tickets and our amazing Advertising Team sold \$2,950.00 in ads, displayed in our Garden Tour booklet, for total revenue of \$10,210.00. Our expenses (from publicity, gift cards (owner thanks) and printing costs) were \$1,674.09. MUWCF is given \$853.60 (10%) for operating expenses, and we have profits of \$7682.31 for scholarships.

We are adding members to the Steering Committee for the 2018 Garden Tour. We need a Chair (or a Co-Chair) for this next year. There are a variety of jobs available if you would like to be more involved in our public fundraising event. While our September 2, 2017 meeting typically focuses on our wonderful Interest Groups, this will also be an opportunity to sign up for some of the Garden Tour committees as well.



## 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.**

We're on the web!  
 Visit us at [www.medford-or.aauw.net](http://www.medford-or.aauw.net)

National AAUW website  
[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

**MEMBERSHIP EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS**

**Co-Presidents**

Carol Koszyk      Dee Wittenberg  
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**Program Co-VPs**

Positions Available

**Membership Co-VPs**

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**Finance VP**

Regula Pepi (541)779-1329

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