

HIGHLIGHTS

SAVE THE DATE!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Our first general meeting of the 2016-2017 season kicks off with presentations by our own members about the many AAUW interest groups that have been formed. Please bring your questions and suggestions for the interest group leaders.

On October 1 for our second general meeting, arrive between 9:30-9:45AM at the Kids Unlimited building, 821 North Riverside Avenue for a special presentation by Tom Cole, Director of Kids Unlimited and a tour of the facility.

On November 5 for our third general meeting, Dr. Yvette McCulley, one of our own members and a former STEM consultant from the Iowa Department of Education, will facilitate a STEM Mini-Maker Workshop involving hands-on science activities.

TIME TO CLEAN HOUSE!

The committee to review and archive Medford Branch AAUW materials is to become active. Do you have pictures, files or officer reports or other materials that might be stored at your house? Not included are yearbooks, newsletters received by all members. Call Gayle Clason (541)773-8846 if you have questions.



JOIN US! AAUW MEETING

September 3, 2016 | 9:30AM–11:30AM
Medford Public Library
205 S. Central Ave, Medford, OR 97504

Our program consists of interest group presentations made by selected AAUW members to explain and remind us about the small groups of members who share a common interests such as community activities, food, books, or fun adventures and games.

Social at 9:30AM | Program and Questions at 10am

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Co-Presidents – Carol Koszyk and Dee Wittenberg

Welcome back! We are basking in the glow of our successful Garden Tour, Children's Festival, and KidSpree events. Wow! You will hear more about these activities soon. We now start our new year, and all of your elected officers for our Medford Branch are listed on the back cover. You will also see the Board Members for the Medford University Women Charitable Fund (MUWCF). Here are your new Appointed Officers for our Branch:

AAUW Funds
Public Policy
Communications Co-Directors

ACT (AAUW Community Team)
RCC Liaison
STeAM Liaison
MUWCF Liaison to Branch
Immediate Past President

Mary Wright Gillespie
Dee Wittenberg
Gail Etchie
Monica Weyhe
Donna Corey
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Yvette McCulley
Marlene Olson
Joan Rycraft

We are in need of a person to be our Website Editor, and you can notice that our RCC Liaison position is available. How about YOU? Please do call us (numbers on the back page) or let us know if you would like to volunteer. We are ready to talk to you or answer any questions that you may have.



Summer cards were sent to Barbara Hagen -sympathy on the death of her sister Madeline Bell.

Thinking of you card to Ann Billeter after the fire that destroyed her home.

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 be meeting September 17 from 9:30AM to 11:30AM at the Rogue Valley Manor (10th Floor Lounge, Main Building) to discuss the topic on *The Rise of Isis*, led by Sharon Purkeson.

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 Donna Corey's home on September 20 at 1:30PM. The book we are reading for this month is *The Traitors Wife* by Allison Pataki.

Contact: Donna Corey
(541)879-0774

Murder Most Literary

On September 8 at 7PM in the Chetco Room we will be discussing Paranormal mysteries, led by Terri Wraight.

Contact
Mary Wright Gillespie
(541)857-6083

Morning Book Group

On September 7, 10AM in the Chetco Room the group will discuss *Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig with Helen McKee.

Contact
Mary Wright Gillespie
(541)857-6083 or
Sharon Purkeson
(541)857-6513



COMMUNITY & ART

ACT (AAUW Community Team)

Plans are underway for four or five projects for the coming year. We will have a meeting after I receive more information on a few of our past year activities. If you have any ideas for the coming year or wish to be on the committee please contact Donna Corey.

Contact: Donna Corey
donnacorey6@msn.com
(541)-897-0774

OUT & ABOUT

Join us at Porter's restaurant (downtown Medford) on September 16 at 5PM to help plan our monthly outings for 2016-17. Bring your suggestions for plays, musical performances, art exhibits, and excursions. It's third Friday so there'll be time to stroll downtown art galleries after our meeting. If you can't come but have ideas for what you'd like to do this coming year, contact Ronnie.

Contact
Ronnie Budge
rebudge@earthlink.net
(541)773-8019

Antique Studies

We will be having a potluck lunch at Mae Boren's home (135 Princeville Drive, Eagle Point) on Wednesday, September 28 at 11:30AM. Please let Mae know that you are coming and what dish you will bring.

Contact
Mae
541-826-4427
randmboren@charter.net



FOODIES

DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

On September 22 at 6PM we will be going to Gogi's in Jacksonville, one of our favorite dinner houses. Reservations must be to Virginia McGraw by Monday, the 19th.

Contact: Ellen Wakefield
(541)772-3614

Lunch Bunch

We will head on over to Pomodori (410 E. Main, Medford) on Tuesday, September 13 at 11:30AM. As we are typically a larger group than they accept, I MUST have your RSVP by Friday, 9/9 at noon.

Contact: Diane Reiling
(541)499-6622, reilingd@aol.com

Cheers and Beers

We are a new Interest Group that will meet the 2nd Friday of each month beginning on September 9 at 3:30PM at the SO. Oregon Brewery (1922 United Way, Medford). Enjoy the authentic, hand-crafted ales and lagers of Southern Oregon. Whether you prefer something that's crisp and refreshing or big and bold, you'll discover delicious brews that's sure to please your palate. The Rogue Chef Food Truck is there each Friday for some no host goodies that will need to be washed down. Please RSVP if you are planning to attend no later than Wednesday Sept 7th to:

Gail Etchie, gigidesigns007@yahoo.com
Joan Rycraftjrycraft@charter.net or
Ellen Wakefield elwake@jeffnet.org



First Wednesday Bridge

The Afternoon Bridge group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30PM in members' homes for dessert and "party" bridge. Members also have the option to plan a "no host" lunch at a restaurant before we play bridge. In that case, we would meet at the venue at 11:30AM.

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)772-1478



Garden Joys

See Wine and Whine Below
Contact:

Barbara Basden (541)772-0579
or Marlene Olson (541)245-1117

Outdoor Adventure Group

We will be taking a hike on September 14—the time and location to be announced. Please let Jan Purkeypile know if you would like to join the group this year.

Contact:

Jan Purkeypile
(541)621-4916



**INTEREST GROUP
SUGGESTIONS?**

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



Garden Joys and Wine & Whine

Two interest groups, Garden Joys and Wine & Whine, will kick off the AAUW year with a joint gathering on September 30 at 1PM at Schmidt Family Vineyards (330 Kubli Road, Grants Pass). We shall stroll through their beautiful gardens and enjoy lunch and a beverage in the beautiful Applegate setting. Those interested in carpooling will leave from the Jacksonville library at 12:30PM. New members welcome!

If you plan to join us, please contact Jan Purkeypile, (541)621-4916, janpurkeypile@yahoo.com or Marlene Olson, (541)245-1117, marlene.olson9@gmail.com.



Carol Koszyk, Dee Wittenberg, Pat Stoddard

KIDSPREE CELEBRATES THEIR 25TH YEAR OF SERVING DESERVING FAMILIES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Gail Etchie, Marlene Olson, and Jackie Baker

This year 200 children were selected to participate in KidSpree. Each child was provided \$120 for school clothes, a backpack filled with school supplies and a breakfast supplied 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!

HONORING OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Mary Wright Gillespie

The annual Scholarship Luncheon took place on May 21st where seven of our eight winners were present to tell their story. Two of the awardees were from Southern Oregon University and six were from Rogue Community College. The sixty-five people in attendance enjoyed a fabulous lunch in the Rogue Room of Skyline Plaza.

Two of our members were recognized for their service to the branch and to the community as Named Gift Honorees for 2016. They were Gayle Clason and Sharon Purkerson. Virginia McGraw honored Carolyn Schenler Cox and Joyce Ellis for their contributions; Joan Rycraft honored Amanda Denbeck for her service as editor of the Newsletter. Other guests were some of the hosts from the 2015 and the 2016 Garden Tours. They saw firsthand the results of the Garden Tour fundraising. Thanks to the angels contributing money to pay for the guests, to the scholarship committee for selecting the winners, and the luncheon committee for arranging the event.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Dee Wittenberg, *Chair*

This was the 50th anniversary for the festival and for AAUW Medford Branch's participation. This is the end of our tradition unless someone wants to take over the fundraising project. This year, despite cool weather and an earlier Monday closing, we still managed to raise \$200 net less than last year leaving us with \$2,016 for our branch operating funds—26% of our overall net is given to the Storytelling Guild who will happily take over our booth so they have more income.

Thank you to our AAUW “workers”: Carol Koszyk, Pat Stoddard, Janet Brougher, Cathy de Wolfe, Marlene Olson, and Yvette McCulley. A special thanks goes to Bud Ecker (Pat's Bud) who has assisted us for several years. We couldn't have accomplished selling 1,500 snow cones, 180 water bottles, and 24 pure apple juices without assistance from the Medford High School's Honor Society students.

By the way, there were 8,700 attendees and 576 volunteers over the time at the Jacksonville Britt Garden. Our member, Anne Billeter, has been volunteering at the entry gate for years. Best wishes to her after the loss of her home to a fire.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION UPDATES

Please take a few minutes to make sure your directory information is up-to-date and send any changes to Regula Pepi, Gail Etchie and Monica Weyhe if they happened after your annual dues renewal, e.g. change in email, mailing address, phone number(s), etc. Also, please send photos of AAUW activities and events to Monica Weyhe for the new 2016-2017 Handbook & Directory that she'll be putting together in September. Please send photos in the highest or original resolution.



Tea party time
is just around
the corner!

PUBLIC POLICY: EQUAL PAY DAY

Dee Wittenberg

The state action plan is currently being drafted and reviewed is to be completed by the first of October. In the meantime, if you're not receiving email notifications from the "Action Network" please let me know. It informs us of opportunities to contact our legislators about issues we focus upon.

For a list of our state legislators, refer to oregonlegislature.gov. If you're curious about how Oregon compares to other states for addressing the gender pay gap, check out the site: AAUW.org/resources/state-equal-pay-laws. Highlights reveal 6 states have strong equal pay protections. The majority with 27 (including Oregon) have moderate equal pay protections.

FINANCE VP'S REPORT FOR JULY 2016

Regula Pepi

Income for the month was \$2,847 (\$2,106 from Children's Festival food booth and \$831 from dues). Expenses were \$296 for the printing of membership brochures. We made 2 charitable gifts, \$200 to KidSpree and \$708 to the Storytelling Guild.

The checking account balance was \$4,765, savings \$9,093. Our CD matured on July 15 and was renewed for 17 month at ten times the previous interest rate! Still, no cause for jubilation, we went from 0.1% to 1%. CD balance is \$2,403.

MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

Gail Etchie, *Scholarship Fundraising Chair*

Tea Party Time is just around the corner! Watch your snail mail next month as invites for this year's Phantom Mad Hatter Tea Party are coming. This virtual party will run from this October to March 2017.

If you give prior to December 31st, 2016, the donation is considered tax deductible. Now that we are a 501(c)3, your donations should be made out to MUWCF and returned in the bright yellow envelope that is provided in your invite. Be sure to put the school of choice in the memo section of your check.

Your generous donations will help support local women with funding their higher education while attending Rogue Community College and or Southern Oregon University.





Check out the various opportunities for this year's Spring Garden Tour!

RMD: TIME APPROACHES FOR PUTTING A PLAN IN PLACE!

Sherry Schroeder

Over this past summer, I spent time amending my trust and addressing the challenge of Required Minimum Distributions (RMD). RMD's are an annual amount required to be distributed from your retirement accounts (IRA or ROTH IRA) when you reach the age of 70 ½. I am not there for a few years, but my husband will soon be. It was about time to figure out a plan for leaving money to the charities of my choice. As a member of the Legacy Circle, including AAUW.

It has recently been brought to my attention that a definite bequest needs to be properly identified: MUWCF for local AAUW gifts for projects of AAUW Medford Branch and AAUW National (with credit given to AAUW Medford) for gifts to Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, Legal Advocacy Fund, Research, etc.

I found the best way to make certain all my charitable bequests are distributed the way I intend is to include the TAX ID number for the particular organization. Should you like to add them to your gifting verbiage, I have included them here for your use.

AAUW NATIONAL, a District of Columbia charitable corporation (Tax ID#52—6037388) currently having offices at 1210 L Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005

AAUW Medford local gifts are made through The Medford University Women Charitable Fund (MUWCF) Tax ID #47-3323286 P.O. Box 8201 Medford, Oregon 97501

Be sure your wishes are carried out as you intend and that your charitable bequests are honored. RMD's are a wonderful way to help others and I have found a worthwhile project to give serious thought to.

2017 SPRING GARDEN TOUR COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Diane Reiling

We had a resounding success with our Spring Garden Tour, making a profit of \$9393.83. We would like to do this again!! And the Committee could use more help. We have identified specific jobs that need filling. Please respond to Diane Reiling reilingd@aol.com or 541-499-6622.

Positions

Advertising Envoys: Bring in 5 paid ads each from local businesses for our colorful Garden Booklet. Not necessarily cold call adventures, as we have past clients too.

Cookie Monster: Coordinates the refreshments for our Hospitality Garden. She needs to recruit: 18 people to bake/provide 3 dozen cookies each, for the Tour date, and get them to the Hospitality Garden.

Data Base Guru: Maintains and add to the existing database, then create labels for postcard mailings, and send the Save the Date e-blast.

Food Truck Wrangler: Choose, book and coordinate a food truck for the day of the Garden Tour.

Garden Coordinators: Coordinate with garden owners, contacts the garden volunteers prior to the event to give them information about this garden and spends the day in this garden talking to our guests.

Poster Girl: Posts our Garden Tour posters at public bulletin boards

Publicity Hounds: Do you like to write? Lots of writing happening behind the scenes for the booklet and the newspapers!

Sign Queen: Find a youth organization needing community service hours that could help place 4-6 signs at each Garden on the morning of the tour and then pick all the signs up at the end.



**Our membership
begins with
YOU!**

OUR MEMBERSHIP BEGINS WITH YOU!

Carol Bogedain, *Membership Co-VP*

Do you know where the majority of our new members come from? It is you! The majority of members who join are the result of interaction with one of our members. Our Co-President, Dee Wittenberg shared a story where she and two active AAUW members belonged to the same church. At that time she was not a member but kept hearing about our organization but never knew what the acronym meant. Almost 10 years later she asked them how someone joins. When she received a membership flyer and read the mission, she joined but they had never asked her to join. When talking about AAUW a useful acronym to describe our mission is REAP (resource, education, advocacy, and philanthropy). All you have to do is send the person's name and e-mail address to me and Barb Oemcke and we will do the rest to introduce them to our branch.

2016-2017 SPEAKER PROGRAM

2016

- 9/3 | Interest group presentations
- 10/1 | Kids Unlimited Tour at 9:30AM
- 11/5 | STEM: Mini-Maker Workshop
- 12/14 | Holiday brunch at RVCC. 10-12 pm

2017

- 1/7 | Logos Public Charter School and ASPIRE Program
- 2/4 | The X Factor-Female faculty support and advocacy
- 3/4 | Endowments and Funding; the crucial work of AAUW
- 4/1 | Women Warriors and Returning Vets
- 5/20 | Scholarship luncheon. Skyline Plaza, Rogue Valley Manor
- 6/3 | Officer Installation, Recognition of named gift honorees, STEM skits from Readers Theater; Famous Women in Math and Science.



Marlene Olson, *MUWCF Liaison*

The MUWCF (Medford University Women Charitable Fund) Board met on July 26, 2016 with an extensive agenda. We reviewed the Garden Tour proceeds, adopted the 2016--2017 MUWCF budget, discussed fundraising/event ideas and elected officers for 9/16--8/18. The Board will increase its membership to 11 members and will present the proposed slate of board members at the AAUW Board meeting in August.

Questions about MUWCF? Come join us on September 13 from 3PM--5PM at our Meet and Greet, no-host social at Caprice Vineyards. Our goal is to answer any questions you may have about MUWCF, the non-profit arm of our branch.

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
www.aauw.org

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