

HIGHLIGHTS

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Jean Houston:
Thursday, Nov. 16, SOU Music Hall,
Doors open 5:30, intro 6pm.

Ashland AAUW Branch invites the public to hear about strengthening self-reliance in women of all ages so they realize their potential power. Dr. Jean Houston is an advisor to UNICEF, scholar, philosopher, researcher and author of 26 books. She has worked with the Dalai Lama and in more than 100 countries. She is the creator of a not for profit organization The Possible Society to encourage the creation of new ways for people to solve societal problems. Dr. Houston has received several humanitarian awards and others.

SAVE THE DATE!

Our December Meeting will be a Holiday Brunch, and we hope that you can be there. It is Saturday, December 2nd, from 11 AM to 1 PM, at Larks at the Inn at the Commons in Medford. Larks has a special brunch menu for groups, and it will be “no host”. To reserve your place: there will be a sign-up sheet at the General Meeting in November. Note that more information will be provided in the December Musings.



JOIN US!

AAUW MEDFORD BRANCH GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Rogue Credit Union

1330 Poplar Dr., Medford

9:30 - 10 AM Social

10 - 11 AM Program

11:10 - 11:45 AM Business Meeting

We are excited to be hosting Patricia Garner as our Program Guest Speaker! Patricia is our AAUW Oregon Public Policy Chair. She will be informing us about what Oregon AAUW is doing to help women. Trish has developed a one page document concerning the newly passed “Oregon Equal Pay Act”. Come to the meeting to learn more about this important tool for Oregonians.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Co-Presidents – Carol Koszyk and Dee Wittenberg

We'd like to thank Janet Brougher and Sharon Fox for representing our group at RCC's “Welcome Back Bash” in September.

Please note that the complete changes to the Bylaws are in this issue. We appreciated the emails/phone calls alerting us that last month's Musings had mistakenly not printed the bolded “changes”. As required by our Bylaws, each member was then sent the complete document for review (by email blast or by U.S. mail). If you have not done so already, please do spend a few minutes to read them. There will be a vote at our General Meeting on November 4th.

The national marketing group came up with a new “elevator speech” – “I'm with AAUW, an organization that changes the climate for women and girls on campuses, in workplaces, and in the statehouse and classrooms”. That should make it easier when you're approached about who we are.

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. We will meet at Monica Weyhe's home, November 21st at 1:30 PM. We will discuss the book *The Secret Place* by Tana French

Contact:
Monica Weyhe
monicaw655@gmail.com
(541) 326-8042

Murder Most Literary

We will meet Thursday, November 9, at 7 PM in the Chetco Room. The motive theme is continued with the topic: Sex and Jealousy. Anne Newins will lead the discussion.

Contact
Mary Wright Gillespie
(541)857-6083

Morning Book Group

We will meet at 10 AM on Wednesday, November 1, in the Chetco Room. The book is *The Hummingbird* by Stephen P. Kieman with Dee Wittenberg as 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 October 21, Saturday from 10am–3 PM, AAUW Grants Pass has a Kitchen Tour. Contact Diane Reiling for tickets or carpooling
- 2) November 1, Wed. 7:30 PM at the Craterian, Momix, a dance troupe of illusionists. Purchase a ticket at the Craterian box office.
- 3) November 2, Thurs, 7:30 PM at the Craterian, "The Improvised Shakespeare" with improv plays created from audience suggestions.

Let Janet Brougner know about your seat numbers at Craterian Theatre so we may meet as a group before or after the performance. Contact Janet by email jjbrougner@gmail.com or phone 541-857-2862. Also, plan ahead for Dec. 10, The Snow Queen at Collaborative Theatre and Jan. 16, The Capitol Steps at the Craterian.

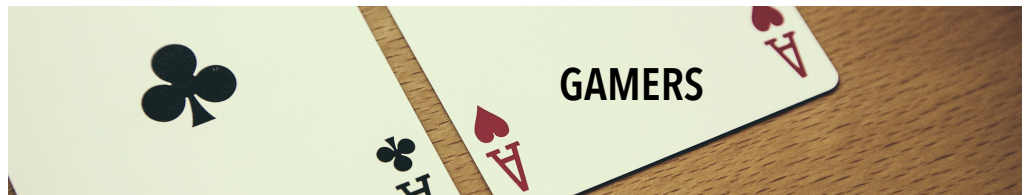
ACT (AAUW Community Team)

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

Browsing the Main Antique Mall, 30 N. Riverside, and Glory Days, 335 E. Main, as a group at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, November 29th. Start your Christmas shopping or just be nostalgic. RSVP to Dawn Stewart 541-779-3315 or irelandawn@charter.net.

GAMERS



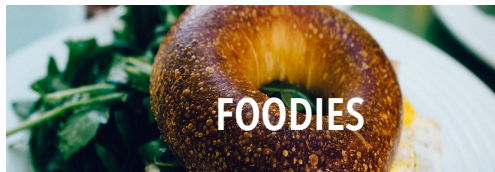
Mah Jong

We meet for conversation at 1:30 PM and begin play at 2 PM. We usually play until 4 PM. 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

Dessert Bridge

First Wednesday Bridge Group on will meet at 12:30 PM on November 1, at the home of Dianne Pickar.

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



DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

We will skip past November and gather for a holiday dinner at 6 PM on Dec. 14, at Porters in downtown Medford. Reservations to Ellen Wakefield no later than Dec. 8.

Contact: Virginia McGraw by the Monday before.

Lunch Bunch

We are having lunch at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, November 14th at The Point. 311 E. Pine St in Central Point. Please contact Diane Reiling by 11/12/17 if you wish to join us. Carpools on your own.

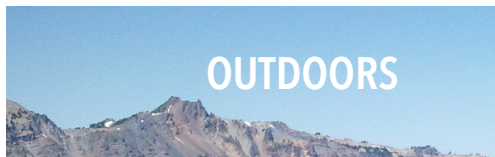
Contact: Diane Reiling
(541)499-6622, reilingd@aol.com

Wine & Whine

We will wet our whistle on November 17, at Pebblestone Cellars located at 1670 Pioneer Rd, Talent, OR 97540, All members welcome! 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

South Medford Grange Co-op Tour
On Thursday, November 9 at 10:30 AM,
Garden Joys will tour the newly remodeled and expanded South Medford Grange Co-op (2531 S. Pacific Highway). Scott Campbell and others from the Grange Coop will lead the tour. We will explore both the expanded building and plant collection. We will lunch at the Talent Café on South Pacific Highway after the tour. We are not planning on carpooling, except possibly to lunch.

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



PROPOSED CHANGES TO AAUW MEDFORD BYLAWS

Rev. 9/4/2017 by Carol Koszyk

Article IX. Officers NOW READS:

Section 1. Officers.

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

- Terms of Office. Elected officers shall serve for a term of 2 years. Appointed officers shall serve for a term of one year.

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- Elected Officers. The elected officers shall be president; vice presidents of membership, programs, and finance; secretary; **and immediate past president.**
- Appointed Officers. The appointed officers shall be AAUW Funds, **Communications Co-Directors, Interest Groups Chairperson,** MUWCF Liaison, Public Policy, and RCC Liaison. They shall be appointed by the president, except for the MUWCF Liaison. **Note that this list of Appointed Officers can be revised as needed by the Board of Directors.**

Section 3. Terms of Office.

- 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

Section 1. Members. The elected and appointed officers shall constitute the Board of Directors of this Affiliate. **This Affiliate shall have 6 elected officers. The number of appointed officers shall be determined by the Board of Directors as stated in Article IX. Officers. b. Appointed Officers. This Affiliate shall have 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 5 of its members. Co-officers shall be considered as one voting member of the board.



FINANCE VP'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

Regula Pepi

Income this month was from dues, \$90. Expenses were \$136.31 for general & programs and including \$100 as a stipend for Amanda Denbeck for the newsletter editing. In addition, I would like to clarify a generous donation that was given to our branch and posted on August 1. Angela Wittenberg, Dee Wittenberg's daughter, donated \$100 to the branches operating budget. Thank you Angela! The checking account balance on the end of the month was \$4,549.78. Savings and CD virtually unchanged.

AAUW FUNDS

Mary Wright Gillespie, *AAUW Funds Chair*

A reminder: this is the time of the year to make your contribution to AAUW Funds if you have not already done so. To date for 2017 our branch has contributed \$5,762.50. Thank you all for your generous support.

BECOME A "TWO MINUTE ACTIVIST"

Dee Wittenberg, *Public Policy Chair*

You seasoned members have heard this before, but since we've gained new members, I want to mention this again.

Even if we don't go out and hold banners at protest marches or information awareness rallies; we can contact our representatives regarding issues our organization favors easily via the internet.

Go to <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute:activist/> and enter your email address; click "sign up".

Enter your name, address, and phone; click "submit" – You are DONE! Then, when there are reasons to contact your elected officials, you will receive e-mail notices with the website so you can directly be an Action Network electronic advocate. It'll just take minutes to make your voice heard!

IT'S PHANTOM TEA PARTY TIME

Cathy de Wolfe

The Mad Hatter is in town for our annual Phantom Tea Party to support scholarships for women attending Rogue Community College (RCC) and Southern Oregon University (SOU). Invitations are out to attend this non-event. Please consider making a generous donation to MUWCF for scholarships at RCC or SOU. You can choose to which school the money goes or divide it between the schools.



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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MEDFORD Musings

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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