

HIGHLIGHTS

HELP RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS

Carol Bogedain and Barb Oemcke, *Membership Co-VPs*

Are you aware of the Shape the Future membership campaign? This is a recruitment tool for current members to offer a discounted rate to prospective members. With this campaign, new members and students can take 50 percent off the national and state dues rates when they join at an AAUW public event. All of our events are open to the public. Branches also earn one free national membership to give away for every two newly recruited members, with a maximum of five free memberships annually.

We want to welcome 11 new members who have joined since this summer and 10 student members.

They are:

Paulette Avery	University of CA
Susan Ball	University of OR and University of Puget Sound
Leslie Claassen	Oregon State University
Loretta Sias	Eastern Oregon State University
Judy VanZile	Indiana University, University of CO and UCLA
Marcella Miller	Eastern NM University and University of Alaska
Nancy Walden	University of Rochester, NY
Susan Sykes	Kent State University and Fresno State University
Valerie Barr	CA State University Fresno, National University CA
Christine Bate	University of Sheffield, England and University of Colorado
Deanna Copeland	Southern Oregon University

Student Memberships

Rogue Community College
Jaslina Santos, Kacey Balabin, Crissa Dewitt,
Debra Phenix, Jenica Edwards, Jeannie Martin,
Dorinda Twohig, and Daney Meads

Southern Oregon University
Denise Erskine and Hannah Pearcey

Please take the time to introduce yourself and get to know them.



JOIN US! AAUW MEETING

November 5, 2016 | 9:30AM–11:30AM

Medford Public Library

205 S. Central Ave, Medford, OR 97504

At our program we will be “fossil hunters” and make discoveries to share at our own STEM Mini-Maker Faire. Dr. Yvette McCulley will set up this hands-on activity in small groups so please come prepared to be a paleontologist for one hour. This is a prelude to the first annual Rogue Valley Mini-Maker Faire at ScienceWorks Hands-On Museum in Ashland, OR on Saturday, Nov. 19 for kids.

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

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Co-Presidents – Carol Koszyk and Dee Wittenberg

BE SURE TO VOTE!

This is a “newer” privilege that was established in the USA for women in 1920 with the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S Constitution.

Be sure to check out the Public Policy article in this edition of the Musings. It has a method that each of us can use - to have our opinion be heard by our elected officials. It is called the “Two Minute Activist”.

On an Oregon State level for AAUW - there are 2 positions available:

AAUW State Finance VP

The State Finance VP is for the July 1, 2017–June 30, 2019 term. Please contact Nominations Committee Chairperson, Joyce Zook (joycezook43@gmail.com), for information regarding this job.

Oregon News Editor

The Oregon News Editor position is available very soon as the current Editor, Kay Kinder, is moving out of state. Contact our Oregon State Communication VP, Ann Evensen at evensenann@bendcable.com for details about the Editor position.



Remember to let Donna Corey know if anyone needs a card.

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 not be meeting in the month of November and December. Great Decisions will reconvene in January 2017.

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 Carol Bogedain's home on November 15 at 1:30PM. The book we are reading for November is *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah.

Contact: Carol Bogedain (541)670-7699

Murder Most Literary

On November 10 at 7PM in the Chetco Room of the Skyline Plaza we will be discussing Mystery Novels turned into TV Series, led by Ronnie Budge.

Contact
Mary Wright Gillespie
(541)857-6083

Morning Book Group

On November 2 at 10AM, we will be meeting at the Manor Club Room. Carole Chumbler will lead the discussion on *Consider the Fork: A History of How We Cook and Eat* by Bee Wilson.

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



COMMUNITY & ART

ACT (AAUW Community Team)

Thanks to those of you have signed up for the Build A Bag workshop on 11/29. These bags are handed out at Providence's Festival of Trees event.

We would like to sponsor a Maslow homeless family with a girl or two. This won't be a tax deductible but will give us a chance to share Christmas cheer with a Maslow family. We would collect items on their wish list or cash to purchase them, and wrap ourselves. More details to follow.

In April we will be doing a Women Veterans drive. This program benefits women veterans coming back into civilian life dealing with their rehab issues.

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

OUT & ABOUT

On Saturday November 19 we'll view the amazing gingerbread houses that local amateur and professional bakers have created for the Craterian Theater's annual Gingerbread Jubilee. We'll meet in front of the theater at 10AM.

Admission to the community tour is \$3.

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

Antique Studies

We have planned a special Field Trip for October, and then will take the months of November and December "off". For more information, contact Diane Reiling.

Contact: Diane Reiling (541)499-6622



GAMERS

First Wednesday Bridge

The First Wednesday Bridge group will be meeting November 2 at 11:30AM at the Rogue Valley Country Club for a no-host lunch, followed by bridge at 12:30PM.

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 meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 2PM-4PM. On November 3rd and 17th we will meet at 1501 Siskiyou Blvd (at the corner of Siskiyou and Eastwood). An extensive supply of SCRABBLE reference books is available for check-out. Have a favorite game? Bring it!

Contact: Hindey Moser (541)772-3492



DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

DINE will not be meeting in November. We will however reconvene on December 15 at 6PM at Porters in downtown Medford. Reservations to Ellen, (541)772-3614, by December 10.

Lunch Bunch

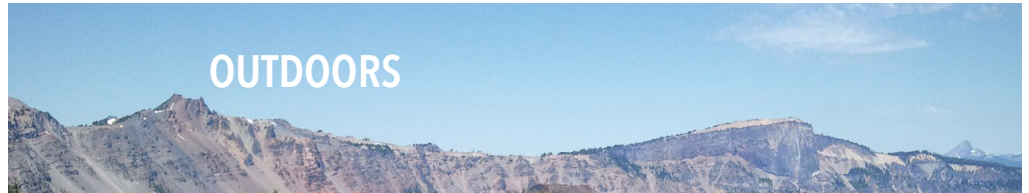
We will be meeting on November 8 at 11:30AM at the Inn at the Commons (200 N. Riverside) for lunch at Larks. Please RSVP to Diane Reiling by Sunday, Nov 6th to attend. (Onyx at Nunan House is not open for lunch!) Contact: Diane Reiling (541)499-6622, reilingd@aol.com

Cheers and Beers

On November 11, come and 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 sure to please your palate. We will meet on November 11th at 3:30PM at Standing Stone Brewing Company (101 Oak St, Ashland, OR 97520). Please RSVP if you are planning to attend no later than Wednesday November 9th. Contact: Gail Etchie, gigidesigns007@yahoo.com
Joan Rycraft, jrycraft@charter.net
Ellen Wakefield elwake@jeffnet.org

Wine & Whine

We will wet our whistle on November 18 at 2PM at Del Rio Vineyards (52 N River Rd, Gold Hill, OR 97525). If you plan to join us, please contact, Jan Purkeypile or Gail Etchie by November 15th. Contacts: Jan Purkeypile, (541)621-4916, janpurkeypile@yahoo.com
Gail Etchie, (541)664-3744, gigidesigns007@yahoo.com



Garden Joys

Join us on November 17 at 10AM at the Ashland Greenhouses. Poinsettias will be available for purchase at that time and we've been told they will be in glorious color. We will carpool from the Harry & David parking lot at 9:15AM. Please call Marlene Olson or Barbara Basden if you plan to attend. We will lunch at the Breadboard Restaurant after our tour. Contact: Marlene Olson (541)245-1117, Barbara Basden (541)772-0579

Outdoor Adventure Group

The seasons are changing. I will be watching the weather. If we have a break in the weather and it is decent, we can do a hike. In the interim, I would love to hear from you with suggestions on activities you would like to do. Contact: Jan Purkeypile (541)621-4916



How about a new group? Suggestions have included Light Gourmet, Genealogy, 3rd Sunday Culture Culture (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



Tom Foster, docent with Lithia Parks and Recreation, leading tour of Lithia Park.

PUBLIC POLICY

Dee Wittenberg, *Public Policy Chair*

The following is excerpted from the Fall AAUW Oregon News:

“Don’t forget that there will be some very important issues on the Oregon ballot. There are 8 Ballot Measures. For example, Measure 97 (formerly known as IP 28) increases the corporate minimum tax when Oregon sales exceed \$25 million. Measure 98 requires state funding for dropout prevention, career and college readiness programs in Oregon high schools. Measure 99 creates an “Outdoor School Education Fund,” to provide outdoor schools Statewide. VOTE.”

Become a “Two Minute Activist.”

1. Go to <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/> and enter your email address; click “sign up”
2. Enter your name, address, and phone; click “submit”
3. You’re 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 takes minutes to make your voice heard!

AAUW FUNDS

Mary Wright Gillespie, *Chair*

There is exciting news for the support we give to AAUW Funds. On February 15, 2017 the show, Calendar Girls at the Camelot Theatre, will be a benefit for AAUW Funds sponsored by MUWCF, Medford University Women Charitable Fund. This is a fun opportunity for all of us in the Medford branch. The tickets will cost \$30 each and they will be available beginning at the November 5 meeting.

ARE YOU A FICKLE FAN?

Sherry Schroeder

Having just returned from Lincoln, Nebraska and now for the third week in a row watching the Oregon Ducks football team lose, I find myself feeling down and out. Such high hopes for a good season are somewhat crushed due to the defeats and injuries effecting future play. I actually started to contemplate letting my involvement lapse. As a season ticket holder for many years, I feel disappointed and dismayed. For some reason, I began wondering if this transfers to my association with AAUW. After many years of paying dues, donating to worthy causes, attending meetings, holding multiple offices, and being involved, I wondered if I was losing my focus. Looking in the “AAUW mirror”, I asked myself, “Are you ready to be done?” Surprisingly, many great memories flooded over me and I was awash in excitement and adventure. I decided then and there, I am *not* a fickle fan. I believe in our mission, have a passion for the work we do, and want to continue to be involved. So, I challenge you to ask yourself, “Are you a fickle fan or a team player when it comes to AAUW Medford Branch?” I know my answer and you will see me soon, right after I renew my season tickets!

FINANCE VP’S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2016

Regula Pepi

Income for the month was \$135 from dues. Contributions were \$100 to KidsUnlimited and we had general expenses of \$239.16 (\$50 for financial review, \$185 for liability insurance and \$4.16 for copies). Checking account balance on 9/30 was \$4,593.01. The money market account earned 22¢ and stands at \$9,093.90 and the CD is unchanged. Comment: I am just reporting net dues income not the amounts taken in and then paid to AAUW; I’m also not reporting the nametag transactions, which add up to zero.



The Mad Hatter Tea Party
will go from October to
March of 2017!

MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

Gail Etchie, *Scholarship Fundraising Chair*

On Thursday, October 6th some MUWCF Board Members stuffed 100 invitations to this year's Mad Hatter Tea Party. Invitations are mailed!

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 for this year. If you send in a donation after December 31, your deduction will be viable for the 2017 tax year. 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 or Southern Oregon University.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail Etchie.



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

MUWCF is happily accepting your donations from now to March 2017 for the Phantom Mad Hatter Tea Party given to provide local college scholarships for women in the valley. The Board is also planning events for 2017. Important 2017 dates to remember are Wednesday, February 15, 2017 with the Camelot production of "Calendar Girls"; Saturday, June 10, 2017 our 9th Annual Garden Tour; and Saturday, September 23, the "Gambling for Good" event. All checks for these activities need to be made out to MUWCF for the donation to be considered tax deductible.



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.

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