

HIGHLIGHTS

SOUTH DISTRICT MEETING

Gayle Clason, Co-director

Join members from neighboring branches at the District Meeting on Saturday, October 22 from 9AM to 2:30PM at the Southern Oregon University in Room 313 at Stevenson Union. Meet the new leaders Dr. Linda Schott, President of SOU and Dr. Cathy Kemper-Pelle, President of RCC, and AAUW of OR President, Kathi Dew. College women attending the AAUW NCCWSL will share, too.

Presentations focus on building women leaders. Make reservations before October 17 by notifying Gayle Clason at (541)773-8846. Fee: \$22 cash includes lunch. Pay at the door.



JOIN US! AAUW MEETING

October 1, 2016 | 9:30AM-11:30AM

Kids Unlimited

821 N Riverside Ave, Medford, OR 97504

Our October meeting will be at Kids Unlimited. Arrive between 9:30 and 9:45 AM at the Kids Unlimited building. Tom Cole, Director will be giving us a special presentation and tour of the facility. When we last met at KU, Cole talked of expanding to include a charter school, which has been achieved.

Please note: there will be no business meeting after the tour

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Co-Presidents – Carol Koszyk and Dee Wittenberg

We had an excellent turnout for our Saturday branch program highlighting our interest groups. It was very exciting to mingle with guests and a few new members. It's helpful to spread the word about our organization and recruit members.

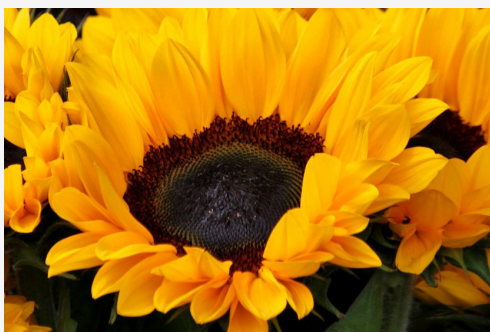
Sometimes when you're asked, "What is AAUW? What do you do?" Remember the acronym REAP (Research, Education, Advocacy, and Philanthropy). Those are key words to mention when asked what our organization is all about and then you can continue more easily with a conversation.

As a matter of fact, our local and National Mission Statement is: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Our Oregon Mission statement is: AAUW of Oregon promotes advocacy, takes action to empower women and girls, and connects National AAUW with branch members.

With your membership in AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.

Here's a monetary benefit of membership I bet you didn't know about. Office Depot offers discounts for photocopies: 2.5 cents for B&W, 22 cents for color, and 35% off retail for binding, folding, & cutting. According to our South District newsletter, just remember to ask for the discount.



SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for February 15, 2017 for Calendar Girls at the Camelot



At the moment there is nothing to report.

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 October 15 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 Purkerson.

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 Sharon Fox's home on October 18. The book we are reading for this month is *Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan.

Contact: Sharon Fox
(541)776-0880

Murder Most Literary

On October 13 at 7PM in the Chetco Room we will be discussing *Small Town Cops*, led by Donna Corey.

Contact
Mary Wright Gillespie
(541)857-6083

Morning Book Group

On October 5, 10AM in the Chetco Room the group will discuss *Never Home* by Laird Hunt with Sharon Purkerson.

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

On Saturday, October 15 we will be driving to Grants Pass for the 12th Annual AAUW Grants Pass Kitchen Tour. Contact Ronnie Budge for details.

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

Antique Studies

We will meet on Wednesday, October 26 at 1:30PM, but topic and place have yet to be determined. We are having our planning meeting as a potluck on September 28th. Please call Diane Reiling for latest info.

Contact: Diane Reiling (541)499-6622



GAMERS

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)857-6849

SCRABBLE & Other Fun Games

We will meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 2PM to 4PM. On October 6th and 20th we will meet at 1501 Siskiyou Blvd (at the corner of Siskiyou and Eastwood).

Contact: Hindey Moser (541)772-3492



DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

When we meet at Gogi's (one of our favorite dinner houses) in Jacksonville on Sept 22, we will decide where to go on the 4th Thursday in October. Contact Virginia McGraw in September or Ellen Wakefield in October. Deadline is the Monday before our 4th Thursday dinner. (And we do skip November.)

Lunch Bunch

We will head over to Jacksonville for lunch at Frau Kemmling Schoolhaus Brewhaus (525 Bigham Knoll) at 11:30M on October 11.

RSVP's to Diane Reiling

Contact: Diane Reiling

(541)499-6622, reilingd@aol.com

Cheers and Beers

Join us on October 14 at 3:30PM at the BricktownE Brewery Company (44 S Central Ave, Medford) to enjoy the authentic, hand-crafted ales and lagers of Southern Oregon. The Brewery has a very varied menu for some no host goodies that will need to be washed down. Please RSVP if you are planning to attend no later than October 12 to:

Contact:

Gail Etchie, gigidesigns007@yahoo.com

Joan Rycraft, jrycraft@charter.net

Ellen Wakefield elwake@jeffnet.org

Wine & Whine

We will wet our whistles at the Urban Cork, the L. Donovan Wine Tasting room, in downtown Medford at 330 N Fir St at 2PM on October 28. New members welcome! Please RSVP no later than October 24.

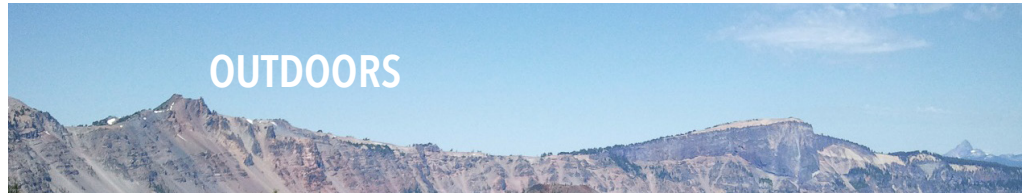
Contacts:

Jan Purkeypile, (541)621-4916,

janpurkeypile@yahoo.com

Gail Etchie, (541)664-3744,

gigidesigns007@yahoo.com



Garden Joys

Join us on October 20 at 10AM to enjoy and learn about the historic garden design of Lithia Park in Ashland on a 2-hour guided walk (some unpaved surfaces and hills). Optional restaurant lunch afterwards near the park.

Those interested in carpooling please meet at the Harry & David store at 9:30AM.

Contact: Marlene Olson (541)245-1117,

Liz Caldwell (541)857-6795

Outdoor Adventure Group

On October 19 at 9AM we will meet at Jan Purkeypile's house (325 Walnut Lane, Shady Cove) to venture to the Upper Rogue. We will make a short hike to view National Creek Falls and then go down to Union Creek to hike along the river to observe the fall colors. Pack a lunch to eat out on the trail and dress in layers as the cool mornings warm up.

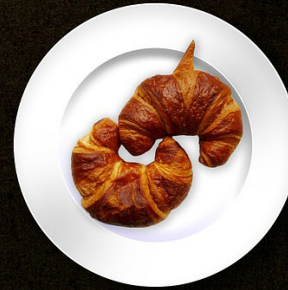
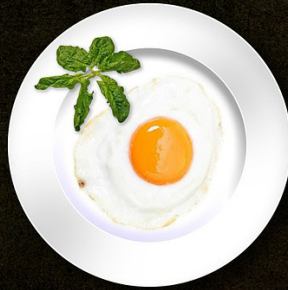
Contact: Jan Purkeypile (541)621-4916



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

Join the fun at the Grants Pass AAUW
12th Annual Kitchen Tour!



AAUW FUNDS

Mary Wright Gillespie, Chair

Stop Sexual Assault in Schools is the focus of a Community Action Grant. Teaching Title IX: Empowering Girls and All Students to Overcome Gender-Based Harassment and Discrimination to Achieve Academic Success. Stop Sexual Assault in Schools will provide an engaging, easy-to-replicate program that teaches students, particularly girls, about the impact of gender-based discrimination, their protections under Title IX, and how to secure their rights. This project has been partially funded by the Kenneth McGraw-Memorial established by this branch and his family. The award year is 2016-2017, the project director is Esther Warkov, Ph.D with the work based in Portland, Oregon.

AAUW GRANTS PASS ANNUAL KITCHEN TOUR

Gail Etchie for Rachael Fuss of Grants Pass AAUW

The Grants Pass AAUW 12th Annual Kitchen Tour is October 15 from 9:30AM to 4PM. It is a fundraiser for local and national college scholarships. Over \$110,000 has been raised during the past 11 years. Fun, food, and fabulous kitchens are featured. Tour goers purchase a \$20 ticket that maps 5 homes and a cabinet design studio to visit. Tickets go on sale September 19 in Grants Pass at The Kitchen Company (301 SE 6th St.), Oregon Books (150 NE E St.), and the Newman United Methodist Church (132 NE B St.) on the day of the event (headquarters); or from a member of GP AAUW.

Please join the fun!

Contact Rachelfuss.gp@gmail.com for information.

RIGHT HERE IN OUR STATE

Sherry Schroeder

Remember the line in *The Music Man*, “right here in River City”? Well, right here in Oregon we have a huge issue that often flies under the radar: human trafficking. Many of us were shocked that it’s a problem throughout the I5 corridor and it seems that information was the tip of the iceberg. Data shows that at the state level, Oregon falls woefully short when it comes to complying with reporting sexual offenders.

Oregon is statistically not complying with laws on the books. Level 1 and Level 2 sex offenders don’t even show up on the public data system in Oregon. Only Level 3 sex offenders can be located there. There are 28,500 sexual offenders in our state, leading the nation. A recent report by KATU’s Joe Douglass noted, “Oregon now has the most sex offenders per capita in the U.S. according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which in June released a map showing the state had 713 sex offenders per 100,000 residents. Nationwide it showed there were 262 offenders per 100,000.” Oregon came in *three times* the national average. More than 98% of Oregon’s sex offenders are not listed publicly and thousands are not complying with the law. Per an investigation report, Oregon State Police stated in July that Oregon is not following several federal requirements.

In Oregon, we do have a version of Jessica’s Law (mandatory minimum sentences for sex offenders) and a version of Megan’s Law (registration by sex offenders). The problem is that, according to the KATU investigative report, that registration is kept from the public for whom it was designed to protect. The average citizen cannot access a large part of the information on sex offenders. So, when you go online and find a sex offender listed in your neighborhood, realize they are a Level 3 offender and many more most likely live in your area completely unknown.



Tea party time
is just around
the corner!

FINANCE VP'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2016

Regula Pepi

Income this month was \$135 from dues.
Expenses were \$116.43 for membership and stamps.
Checking account balance was \$4,756.67 on 8/31 with savings and CD
balances virtually unchanged from last month.

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.



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

The next MUWCF Board meeting is on Tuesday, October 25. At the gathering we will welcome our four new members: Jackie Baker, Yvette McCulley, Diane Reiling, and Anne Newins. We shall discuss upcoming possible fundraisers: Camelot, Garden Tour, Phantom Tea Party, Casino night.



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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National AAUW website
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