

## HIGHLIGHTS

### HOLIDAY BRUNCH

**We have reached our max 30 for this event.**

Our December branch get together will be a Holiday Brunch on Saturday, December 2nd, from 11AM to 1PM, at Larks at the Inn at the Commons in Medford. Since we are a group, Larks will have special menu choices with prices \$12 - \$20 plus 20% gratuity. This will be "no host" event. Limited to 30. Contact Dee Wittenberg to get on the waiting list. The brunch will also be an opportunity to contribute cash or a check to Foster Parents of Medford, which is a 501 (c) 3 program. This is a project of our ACT (AAUW Community Team) program.



Donna Corey in hospital

Carolyn Chamberlin, flu

Monica Weyhe, husband hospitalized in Estonia after car accident

Ellen, Wakefield, condolences upon death of brother

Please contact Hindey Moser with member news for cards to be sent.

## Save the date

**Saturday, January 6, 2018**

**Be sure to attend our January General Meeting to hear Surgeet Posey speak to us about "Clearing Life's Clutter". Surgeet is also an OLLI teacher. Our meeting is at the Rogue Credit Union on the corner of McAndrews and Poplar. Our "Social" is 9:30AM to 10AM; Program is 10AM to 11AM; followed by a business meeting.**

**Saturday, February 3, 2018**

**"Jackson County Library Service - Books and Beyond". Our speaker is a member in our Medford Branch - Camille Korsmo. Camille asks that you look at one of the on-line research databases. You go to the jcls.org website for the list and choose one that is of interest to you. (Note that the schedule for the day is the same times as above.)**

**We look forward to seeing you!**

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

*Co-Presidents – Carol Koszyk and Dee Wittenberg*

During the November branch meeting, we heard an interesting presentation by Trish Garner, our State Public Policy Chair. We were informed about Referendum 101 coming up on the January ballot concerning a temporary assessment affecting hospitals and insurance companies. The referendum is endorsed by AAUW Oregon.

Trish gave us individual handouts for employers and employees which covers a synopsis of an equal pay law which became effective May, 2017. (If you'd like copies, contact Dee). Trish brought along the original 1896 bill covering wages for the same office job (which happened to be \$6 for women and \$12 for men). It was presented to our Oregon AAUW this year due to the group's successful pressuring of the legislature at that time.

The next Lobby Day is Feb. 9.

## 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. Happy Bookers will meet at Cathy deWolfe's home on December 12th and will discuss *Euphoria* by Lily King.  
Contact:  
Cathy deWolfe  
calicat8@msn.com  
541-773-7350

#### Murder Most Literary

Murder Most Literary will not meet in December. Save January 11 at 5:30PM for our annual potluck supper at Mary Wright Gillespie's home. The theme will be Irish mysteries and Irish food.  
Contact  
Mary Wright Gillespie  
(541)857-6083

#### Morning Book Group

Holiday Party!  
Wednesday, December 6, at 10AM, gathering at the home of Jackie Baker, 2401 Nieto Way. Remember your wrapped book for the gift exchange and your food contribution.  
Contact  
Mary Wright Gillespie (541)857-6083 or  
Sharon Purkerson (541)857-6513

### COMMUNITY & ART



#### OUT & ABOUT

Join us on Dec. 10, Sunday Matinee at 1:30pm, for *The Snow Queen*, a rock musical based on Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale, at the Collaborative Theatre across from Tinseltown at Medford Center. Senior tickets can be purchased on-line for \$20; a number of seats are available now in row B & C. Anyone for lunch at Red Robin or Baja Fresh?  
January 16, Tuesday, 7:30pm, *The Capitol Steps*, a political satire comedy group, at the Craterian with some tickets available in the balcony or in the rear of the main floor. Some of us are in the balcony, second row back. Get tickets \$38-\$32 at the Craterian Box Office or on-line. Dinner at Oh's Osaka or Elements?  
Contact Janet Brougher at jjbrougher@gmail.com or 541-857-2862 if you are attending or want more info. Also, we need a planning meeting for spring/summer on Feb. 16 at Porter's Restaurant for Happy Hour 4:45pm.

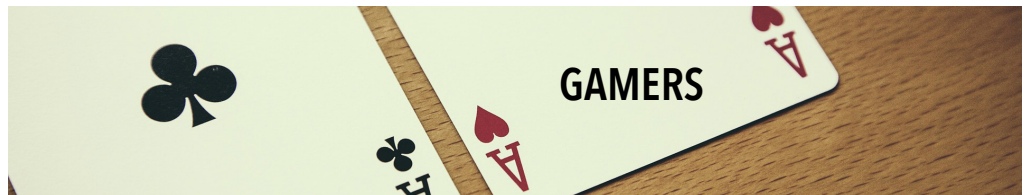
#### ACT (AAUW Community Team)

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  
donna Corey6@msn.com, or 542-897-0368

#### Antique Studies

We will not meet in December but wish everyone a joyous holiday!

### 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

No updates for First Wednesday Bridge Group  
Contact:  
Dianne Pickar  
(541)219-6067, dwp008@aol.com



**DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)**

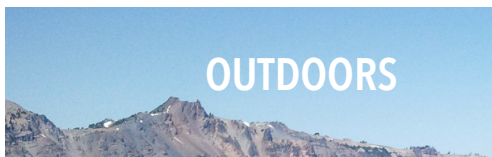
DINE's holiday dinner will be at 6PM Thursday, Dec. 14, at Porters in downtown Medford. Reservations to Ellen Wakefield no later than Thursday, Dec. 7.

**Lunch Bunch**

We will celebrate the season with our holiday lunch at the Jacksonville Inn on Tuesday, December 12th at 11:30AM. Normally closed for lunch on Tuesdays, the Jville Inn is opening especially for our group! Located at 175 E. California St. Please RSVP by Sunday, December 10 to Diane Reiling  
Contact: Diane Reiling  
(541)499-6622, reilingd@aol.com

**Wine & Whine**

All members welcome but you must RSVP by December 10th. We will wet our whistle on December 15th, at EdenVale Winery Located at 2310 Voorhies Rd, Medford, OR 97501.  
Jan Purkeypile, (541)621-4916,  
janpurkeypile@yahoo.com  
Gail Etchie, (541)664-3744,  
gigidesigns007@yahoo.com



**Garden Joys**

On Thursday, November 30th, Garden Joys will trek to Ashland to visit Flower Tyme to view floral designs for Christmas and then on to Euforia Flowers to look at newly arrived metal garden art (and even more flowers). We'll stop for lunch before we return to Medford. We'll carpool from Harry and David's Country Store in South Medford, leaving there at 9:30AM for a 10AM arrival at Flower Tyme.  
Contact: Marlene Olson (541)245-1117,  
Barbara Basden (541)772-0579



This year we are collecting money for Foster Kids, at the Holiday brunch on December 2. Please bring cash or your check payable to Jackson County Foster Parent Association. It is a 501(c)3 nonprofit EIN 93-0929360, marking your check will be your receipt. We will send our collection together so we know what dollar amount we arrived at.

If you mail a check send it  
c/o Donna Corey,  
333 Mountainview #76  
Talent OR 97540

I'm sure the Foster Parent will be most grateful for our help.



## FINANCE VP'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2017

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### Income

Dues \$45

### Expense

Checks \$47.06

Directory \$268.38

### Checking Balance

\$4,279.34

## AAUW FUNDS

Mary Wright Gillespie, *AAUW Funds Chair*

A reminder that contributions for this calendar year need to be sent in now. Thank you to all in the branch for your generosity.

## HISTORY OF MEDFORD BRANCH

Gayle Clason

The Archives Committee is collecting items about Medford Branch of AAUW. Time has been spent sorting, eliminating duplicates, collating minutes, newsletters, pictures and all things that make up the history of our branch. If you have some things in your possession that should be included, please get them to Gayle Clason for inclusion. Thanks to those who have already helped.



## 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.**

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 Visit us at [www.medford-or.aauw.net](http://www.medford-or.aauw.net)

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

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