HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 3 GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

The February 3rd general meeting program, “JCLS Today: Books and Beyond,” will feature Jamar Rahming our library system’s new director. AAUW members will learn about free classes offered by the library, free databases accessible from home computers, free downloads of books, audiobooks and films, and the new Digital Bridge Team to assist with technology (also at no charge).

UPCOMING EVENTS

AAUW Medford Board Meeting is:
Thursday, January 18, 2018, 4pm
Rogue Valley Manor, 4th floor

Lobby Day is February 9, 2018

Equal Pay Day is April 10, 2018

Oregon AAUW State Convention is April 20, 21, 22 2018

Save the date

AAUW Medford Branch General Meeting
Saturday, January 6, 2018
1330 Poplar Dr., Medford (corner of McAndrews)
9:30–10am Social
10–10:10am Girls Leadership report, Eliana Foley
10:10–11:10am Program, Sugeet Posey
11:20–11:45am Business Meeting

Sugeet Posey is speaking to us about “Clearing Life’s Clutter”. Sugeet is an Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) teacher. Come and learn how to make your life more enjoyable. We look forward to seeing you!

PRESIDENTS’ MESSAGE

Co- Presidents – Carol Koszyk and Dee Wittenberg

We look forward to 2018. Besides our terrific program listed above, join us on January 6th to hear a short report from Elaina Foley. To refresh your memory, Elaina is the South Medford High Senior who came to our September meeting with a request for funds to implement the Girls Leadership course that she developed.

We also are calling on our members to be part of the 2018/2019 Budget Committee. Please contact our Finance VP, Regula Pepi, to let her know that you would like to help.

And lastly, our Nominating Committee is Carol Bogedain, Sharon Fox, Joan Rycraft and us Co- Presidents. We are looking for a Co- Membership VP to work with Sharon Shatswell, Program VP (this is a one year position), Secretary at General Meetings, Secretary at Board Meetings, and President. According to our Bylaws, any of these positions can be filled with two people to make it easier. An added bonus is that you get to share the job with a friend all while you are helping our Branch function. Would you like to find out more or want to volunteer? Call us! We have short job descriptions to make it easy for you to decide if you want to help! Your support is vital to us all. We thank you in advance.
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.

Great Decisions
Contact: Janice Williams
(541)857-6300

Happy Bookers
After much discussion, the group has decided to have their annual book exchange luncheon on January 16th at the Inn at the Commons at noon. Even though some members were not quite satisfied with their Christmas Brunch Menu, it was pointed out that the lunch menu has always been delicious. Problems with this decision, contact Gail Etchie at gigidesigns007@yahoo.com

Murder Most Literary
Murder Most Literary will hold its annual pot luck on Thursday, January 11th at 5:30pm at the home of Mary Wright Gillespie. Irish mysteries and an Irish menu are the theme.
Contact
Mary Wright Gillespie
(541)857-6083

Morning Book Group
Note the date change: Wednesday, January 24 at 10am in the Chetco Room.
The book is Elephant Company and Jean Hugh is the leader.
Contact
Mary Wright Gillespie (541)857-6083 or Sharon Pukerson (541)857-6513

OUT & ABOUT
On January 16, Tuesday at 7:30pm we attend the Capitol Steps, a political satire musical comedy group where some of us already have tickets in the balcony or rear of main floor. Get tickets $32-$38 at the Craterian Box Office or online. Perhaps we meet for dinner before hand at a restaurant downtown like Oh’s Osaka, Elements, Habaneros, or Porters?
Contact Janet Brougher if you are attending or want more information. We need to meet for planning the spring/summer activities so let’s get together at Porter’s Restaurant for Happy Hour 4:45pm on February 16.

On February 21, Wednesday at 8pm, “The Music of Pete Seeger” is performed at the Oregon Cabaret Theater in Ashland. Let me know if you want to go.

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

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
We found some treasures while scouting the Main Antiques Mall in November, and thought we would go again as a group to Glory Days in downtown Medford on Wednesday, January 28th. Contact Dawn Stewart to join us. 541-779-3315 or irelandawn@charter.net

Dessert Bridge
First Wednesday Bridge meets at Carol Koszyk’s at 12:30pm on January 3, 2018.
Temporary Contact Person:
Carol Koszyk
(541)608-7799
DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)
No updates for DINE.

Lunch Bunch
It is a new year, and we have a hankering for Mexican food. Join us at 11:30am on Tuesday, January 9th at El Arriero, 235 E. Barnett Rd (in the WinCo Plaza, “behind” Burger King.) Please RSVP to Diane Reiling by Sunday, Jan 7th if you wish to join us!
Contact: Diane Reiling
(541)499-6622, reilingd@aol.com

Wine & Whine
All members welcome! We will wet our whistle on January 12th, at Agate Ridge Vineyard (1098 Nick Young Rd, Eagle Point, OR 97524). 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
Learn how to select, propagate and stage succulents, sculptural gems of gardens. Learn about these plants on Thursday, January 11th at 10am. Jan Laine of the Ashland Garden Club will present a PowerPoint and will bring selected plants for our examination. Meet at the Carpenter Room in the Medford Library and then lunch together at Paisans Pizzeria & Bistro, only a short walk from the library.
Contact: Marlene Olson (541)245-1117, Barbara Basden (541)772-0579

December donations for Foster Kids. We collected $500.00 to send to the Jackson County Foster Parents Association to be used to make some kids lives merrier.

Thanks so much for everyone who shared!

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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Send articles by the 15th of each month no later than 5PM.

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