HIGHLIGHTS

MORE ABOUT FEBRUARY 3 GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM

The library’s online catalog acquaints patrons with the titles of hundreds of thousands of books, audiobooks, films, and magazines. If an item is not found in the collection, it is easy to suggest a purchase. Patrons can also download books, audiobooks, music, and movies. The 15 libraries throughout the county offer classes, technology assistance, and special events for all ages. Extensive research on a plethora of subjects is readily available; click the “Research & Services” link on the homepage and be amazed. Personal readers’ advisory is a great new feature for avid readers.

IN OUR THOUGHTS

A sympathy card was sent to Genevieve Smith in New York upon the December death of her husband Guy.

PRESIDENTS’ MESSAGE

Co-Presidents – Carol Koszyk and Dee Wittenberg

Our year got off to a good start with suggestions about de-cluttering our lives and new ideas for planning with Sugeet Posey, OLLI instructor, at our recent branch gathering.

We had an extra special treat when Elaina Foley provided an update about her senior project, which several members provided funding for snacks and t-shirts. Forty 4th – 6th grade girls from Griffin Cr. Elementary school signed up for her weekly 2 hour after school program during the fall. Elaina focused on leadership skills and encouraged the girls to be leaders in their community. Dee got to see her program in action when she served on a panel during a session. The snacks were healthy and the tee shirts say “Girls Leadership 2017 - I can change the world”. The best news we heard was about Elaina’s acceptance to Yale with a full scholarship. She wants to be a political leader.
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

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 Robin Smith's home, February 20th at 1:30PM. We will discuss the book Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance.
Contact: Robin Smith

Murder Most Literary
Murder Most Literary will meet on Thursday, February 8, at 7PM in the Chetco Room. The theme will be remembering Sue Grafton and discussing her books.
Contact
Mary Wright Gillespie
(541)857-6083

Morning Book Group
Morning Book Group will meet on Wednesday, February 28, at 10AM in the Chetco Room. The book being discussed is Hillbilly Elegy, a Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance. Mary Wright Gillespie will lead the discussion.
Contact
Mary Wright Gillespie (541)857-6083 or Sharon Pirkerson (541)857-6513

COMMUNITY & ART

OUT & ABOUT
Please attend a planning meeting to determine dates for activities this spring, summer, and early fall 2018. Meet at Porter's Restaurant for Happy Hour at 4:45PM on Friday, February 16. Suggestions so far:

March: Annie Get Your Gun
April: Dogs for Better Lives tour
May: Music of John Lennon
June: "Priscilla--Queen of the Desert"
Fawell Art Museum in Klamath Falls
Umpqua Waterfall Hike
OSF plays.

Contact Janet Brougher at jjbrougher@gmail.com or 541-857-2862.

ACT (AAUW Community Team)
ACT is a 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
donacorey6@msn.com, or 542-897-0368

Antique Studies
No meeting for February.

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 February

Temporary Contact Person:
Carol Koszyk
(541)608-7799
FOODIES

DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)
DINE will meet for dinner at 6 PM, Thursday, February 22, at Cicily’s in the McAndrews shopping center. Reservations to Ellen Wakefield by Feb. 19.

Lunch Bunch
For Chinese New Year’s, we are heading to Ashland to Diane’s favorite, Yuan Yuan at 2270 Ashland St. (2nd exit, by Shop n Kart). Carpools will be arranged. RSVP by Sunday, Feb 11 to be included, to Diane Reiling reilingd@aol.com or 541-499-6622

Wine & Whine
All members welcome! We will wet our whistle on February 16th, at Stoneriver Winery 2178 Pioneer Rd, Talent, OR 97540.
Jan Purkeypile, (541)621-4916, janpurkeypile@yahoo.com
Gail Etchie, (541)664-3744, gigidesigns007@yahoo.com

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.

Still Time for Tea Party Donations
by Cathy de Wolfe
Donations for the Phantom Tea Party are still being accepted. To have your donation apply to this year’s scholarships for RCC and SOU please send your check (note which school on the check) by February 28 to Medford University Women Charitable Fund, P.O. Box 8201, Medford, OR 97501. Donations received after that date will apply to next year’s scholarships.

Garden Joys
No updates for February
Contact: Marlene Olson (541)245-1117, Barbara Basden (541)772-0579
AAUW FUNDS
Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds chair
Our total giving from the Medford branch in 2017 was, according to my records, $8,082.50. The final number will come from the Washington, D.C. headquarters when the tally is complete. On the AAUW website it revealed that our organization as a whole gave 3.7 million in 2017 to women and community projects.

EQUAL PAY
Dee Wittenberg, Public Policy Chair
Even though that’s our annual topic, it’s celebrated one day in April, which will be the 10th. Won’t it be nice when the US follows Iceland’s example. Iceland just became the first country to make it illegal to pay men more than women for doing the same job. Their new rules covers companies and government agencies with 25 employees or more. Their pay gap is 14% -18%. They hope for the disparity to be eradicated by 2022. By the way, their country has had a female President for 20 of the last 50 years. Additionally, 44% of their boardroom executives are female.

SAVE THE DATE!
AAUW FUNDRAISER
Save the Date.
Wednesday Sept 12th, 2018

We are having an AAUW Fundraiser at the Camelot Theater to see the Best Little Whorehouse in Texas. All proceeds will go to AAUW Funds.

Questions ask Mary Gillespie!

Tickets will be available this spring for $20. If you are interested in helping at the gardens the day of the tour contact Patty Finch
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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