

HIGHLIGHTS

MEETING

September 8, 2018

Note date change.

9:30AM to 11:30am

Rogue Credit Union

1330 Poplar Dr., Medford, OR
97504

We will kick off our new calendar year with information and sign ups for our popular Interest Groups at this general meeting! "Celebrating the Joy of Singing," presented by Laura Rich, Executive Director of the Rogue Valley Chorale. See page 3. Time to welcome our new Officers. Come join us!

THE BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS

JOIN US for a fun evening at the Camelot Theatre, Wednesday, September 12, at 8PM to see The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas. Tickets are \$30, with the check made out to MUWCF. Invite your friends to come with you. Call Patty Finch at 541.857.6207 for tickets. This event is a fund raiser for AAUW Funds and \$20 of your ticket is a charitable donation. Mary Wright Gillespie

REMINDER

Monica Weyhe

Pay your dues by September 8th AND make sure your contact information is up to date to be included in the directory.

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Bonnie Goldfein

Sixteen leaders of the Medford AAUW Board of Directors

(Elected and Appointed) and leaders of the MUWCF Board gathered in late June to review the previous year and plan for 2018-19. As your new Branch President, I valued this opportunity for me to get to know these outstanding women and to share our visions and hopes for the coming year. Our four hours together were delicious (a potluck brunch), productive, full of lively discussion and ample evidence of everyone's dedication to working together in harmony for our Branch's benefit. Here is a quick overview of what went on at the "Joint Board" meeting:

1. The Board agreed to my suggestion that we try scheduling two of our meetings for Thursday evening, to accommodate members and potential members for whom Saturday meetings are inconvenient. Meetings on two Thursdays, October 4 and April 4, will be held at the Sun Oaks newly-renovated Club House from 6-8 pm. (It is still light for driving in these months at 8 pm.)
2. Monthly meetings will be program-focused, beginning each time with a "Short Subject" of 15-20 minutes that is followed by a Featured Program. Branch business will be conducted at the monthly Board meetings, with reports of Board decisions and actions included in Musings each month. When a vote of members is required, members will be notified in advance about the issue up for a vote at the next monthly meeting. Members wanting more detailed information on Board decisions or actions are welcome to attend Board meetings or contact me by email or phone.
3. Leaders attending the June meeting took on the task of completing Job Descriptions for all elected and appointed Board positions for which local Job Descriptions were not available. Review of these Job Descriptions is on the August 30 Board agenda, after which they will be available for review by members.
4. The leaders applauded the new Rogue Community Savings venue for our monthly meetings, the convenient online Directory and the good programs in 2017-18. Concerns: I share the views of this leadership group that we'd like to see larger attendance at monthly meetings and wider involvement in working committees and leadership positions by our members. In addition, all of us would like to see every member's support for our fund-raisers.

We thank every member who supported last year's fund-raisers, which provided ten \$1,500 scholarships awarded during the May Scholarship luncheon. Now consider this: If every member had purchased or sold just one Garden Tour 2017 ticket, at least one more deserving young woman could be heading to RCC or SOU this fall. Let's work together this year to provide that "One More Scholarship." I know we can do it!

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 Donna Corey, Interest Group Coordinator, for more information.

BOOK LOVERS



Happy Bookers

Our next meeting will be on September 18th at 1:30 at the home of Marlene Olson. We will be discussing, *The Women in The Castle* by Jessica Shattuck.

Contact Marlene Olson if you plan to attend.
541-821-8129

Murder Most Literary

Thursday, September 13th, at 7pm in the Chetco Room at the Plaza is the next meeting. The topic is Biographies or Autobiographies of Mystery Writers.

Contact
Mary Wright Gillespie
(541)857-6083

Morning Book Group

Wednesday, September 26th, the group meets in the Chetco Room at 10am. The book is *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren with Liz Caldwell as the discussion leader. Questions to Sharon Purkerson or Mary Wright Gillespie.

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

COMMUNITY & ART

OUT & ABOUT

No updates for September

Antique Studies

Kick off September 26th Antiques Interest Group meeting with Lunch at Ram Restaurant and Brewery (Northgate Marketpalce 165 Rossanley Dr.). After, we will be visiting American Mercantile (1314 Court Street; open Wed, 10 am until 6 pm) as well as a huge set of dealers - between Northgate Marketplace and Rogue Valley Mall. Please contact Dawn Stewart at irelandawn@charter.net if you can come.

ACT (AAUW Community Team)

Act is the AAUW Community Team whose purpose is to help with on-going community projects and encourage both living and educational opportunities for women and girls in our area. We are looking at various new ideas to implement and would appreciate any ideas that you come up with as well as hands on service as opposed to financial drives. Contact: Donna Corey, 541-897-0368, donnacorey6@msn.com

GAMERS

Mah Jong

We meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 1:30 and start play at 2:00. We rotate hosting duties among members. We usually provide coffee and/tea, and sometimes a light refreshment. We play an American version of the game and we do not use cards. You are welcome to join us.

Contact: Jackie Baker (541)857-6849

Dessert Bridge

Dessert Bridge for fun is meeting at 12:30PM on September 5, 2018 at Carol Koszyk's home. Please let her know if you are coming. Looking forward to seeing you! If you like to play party bridge - please call Carol.

Contact: Carol Koszyk (541)608-7799



**AAUW
Kitchen Tour**

14th Annual
Grants Pass University Women
Charitable Fund
Fundraiser for College
Scholarships
Saturday October 20, 2018
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Fun, food & fabulous kitchens!





\$20 Tickets can be purchased from:

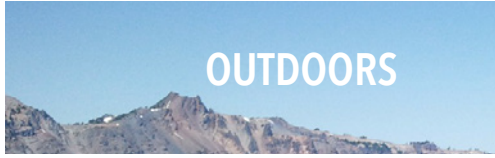
- The Kitchen Company
- Oregon Books
- Any AAUW Member
- On the day of the event at Newmas United Methodist Church - Bazaar location

Visit us on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/AAUWKitchenTourGrantsPass

Explore our website at
<http://grantspass-or.aaunet.net>

For more information, contact: Susanne Harmony 541-226-2194 or syharmony@gmail.com

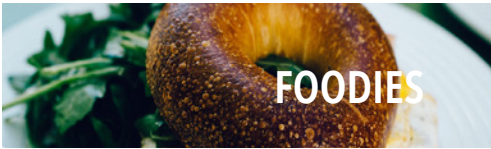
OUTDOORS



Garden Joys

On Thursday, September 27 at 10am the Garden Joys Interest Group will visit the property of Scott Goode, 3639 Scenic Drive in Central Point. Scott is a master gardener (you will be amazed at the size of Scott's tomato plants) and he specializes in vegetable bed development and building compost/ carbon sequestration trenches. Not sure what a sequestration trench is all about—now is your opportunity to find out! For those wishing to carpool we will meet at the Jacksonville library at 9:30am. Please contact Barbara Basden, (541) 772-0579, Barbara.basden@gmail.com or Marlene Olson, 541-857-6265, marlene.olson9@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

FOODIES



DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

DINE will partake of Mexican food Sept. 27, at 6PM. El Molcajete Mexican Grill, 1789 W Stewart Ave. Medford. For reservations call Virginia MCGraw 541-245-6035 before Sept 24.

Lunch Bunch

We are off to The Point Pub and Gill, on Tuesday, September 11th at 11:30. Located at 311 E Pine St, Central Point. RSVPs to Jan or Gail.

Contacts:

Jan Purkeypile, (541)621-4916

Gail Etchie, (541)664-3744

Wine & Whine

All members welcome! You had me at Merlot! We will wet our whistle on September 21 at Daisy Creek Vineyard, located at 675 Shafer Ln, Jacksonville, OR 97530. If you plan to join us, please RSVP!

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WELCOME MEETING



Saturday, September 8, 2018

At this first meeting of the new season, we welcome back our members, their guests and interested visitors who would like to learn about the American Association of University Women.

(AAUW) and our Mission to support and enhance the lives of women and girls in our community and beyond. (Membership in AAUW is open to women and men holding at least an Associates degree from an accredited community college, college or university.) This meeting's "Short Subject" will be presented by Donna Corey, who will update everyone on our branch's varied Interest Groups and provide an opportunity for members to enroll in groups of their choice. Participation in Interest Groups is free and attendance at group events is entirely voluntary.



The Main Program for this year's first meeting will be "Celebrating the Joy of Singing," presented by Laura Rich, Executive Director of the Rogue Valley Chorale. Laura will share stories from her ten years living and working in the Republic of Guinea, Africa, where she used singing, drumming and dance as effective communications vehicles in villages where there was little literacy. Because she was aware that female genital cutting (FGC) was routinely practiced in these villages, Laura worked with the country's Ministry of Women and Children to stop this abhorrent mutilation of young females, also using music to enrich the lives of women and girls in the villages.

AAUW MEETING PROGRAMS 2018-2019

September • Interests Group introduction and Sign-Up

Presenter Donna Corey

Main Program- Celebrating the Joy of Singing

Presenter Laura Rich

October • All Ages and Abilities

Presenters Gary Shaff and Barbara Schack

Main Program-The Me Too Movement/Sexual Harassment in Schools and Title 9

Presenter Medford Police Susan Moen, Jackson County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) coordinator

November • RCC Engineering Club

December • The Holiday Brunch at Rogue Valley Country Club

Saturday, December 1, 10-12noon

January • Short Subject-to be determined

Main Program- Local History: Butte Falls Restoration Project February

February • Short Subject-Chair Yoga

Main Program-Safety/Gun Violence in Medford Schools March

Short Subject-to be determined

March • Main Program-Bringing Joy and Comfort to Those We Love April

Short Subject-to be determined

April • Main Program-Prospect Charter School Projects

Presenter to be determined

May • Ad Hoc Committee to meet with Program Chair to suggest and discuss potential programs and speakers for 2019-2020 Scholarship Luncheon-more info later



2019 GARDEN TOUR

Robin Smith and Monica Weyhe, Co-Chairs

The Garden Tour Steering Committee met and we are moving forward with another tour in 2019. The date of next year's tour is Saturday June 8.

We did well in 2018, in spite of the weather: the Hawaii Condo raffle made \$1460.00, advertising sales produced another \$2545.00 and ticket sales \$5350.00. That is a total of \$9535.00 before expenses. This was approximately the revenue we generated in 2017. We have an extensive list of garden possibilities for 2019, a solid list of advertisers, a proven record of publicity, and a past group of Committee members who know how to get it done.

Our AAUW Garden Tour Open House attracted eleven interested members who have filled all "Chair Level" openings, so we are off to a great start for the 2019 tour.

PUBLIC POLICY

Gayle Clason, Chair

A favorite poster reading "Make Policy, Not Coffee" in the 1970's urged women to participate in elections, run for office and contact their state and local legislators including Congress. This message resonates today! AAUW makes it easy by signing up for the two-minute activist either via computer or cell phone alerts. Go to AAUW Action Network or see link on the AAUW Medford website. The Medford Mail Tribune lists contacts often in the paper. It is recommended to focus on a single issue, ask for specific action (ie) support or opposition for a bill using your own words if possible. Be brief.

Representing Southern Oregon, four AAUW members (1 from Ashland, 1 from Grants Pass, and 2 from Medford) spoke about various gender equity subjects at the town hall held by the Oregon joint committee on student success in June. Stay informed, make your voice heard and your vote count!

MEDFORD UNIVERSITY WOMEN CHARITABLE FUND (MUWCF)

Eleven branch members were appointed to the Board of Directors of the Medford University Women Charitable Fund

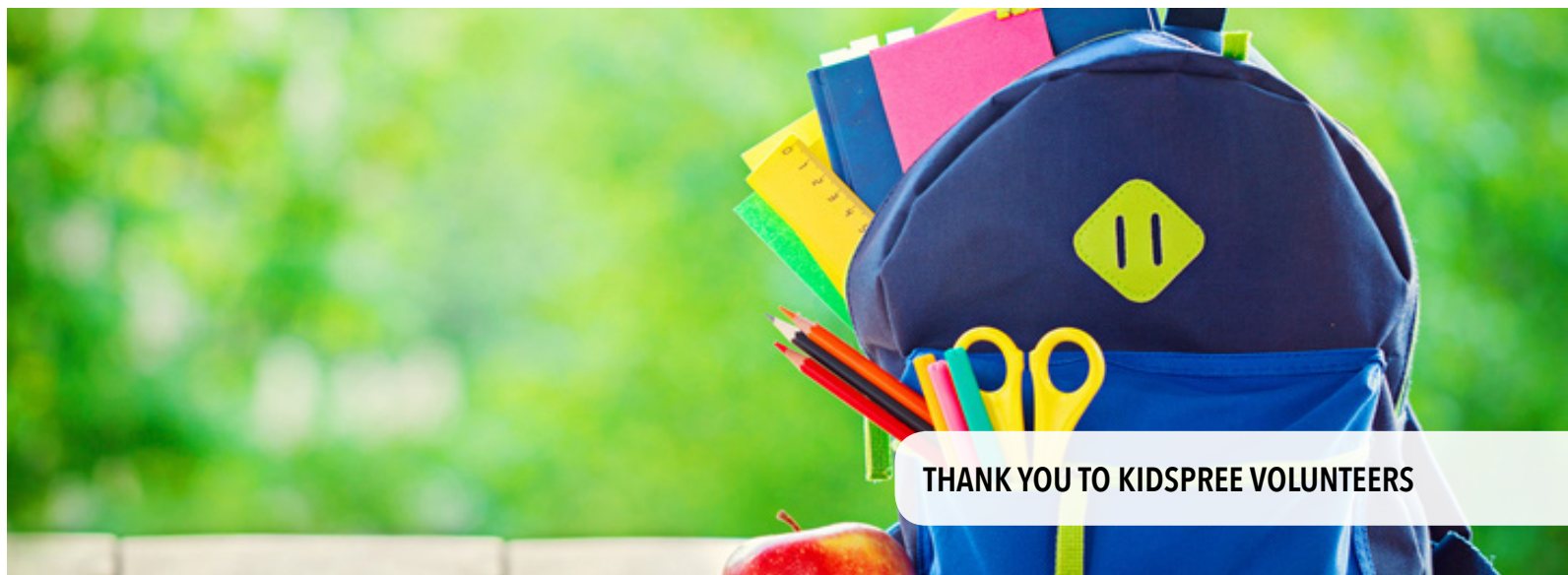
(MUWCF), the 501(c)3 fund raising organization of the AAUW Medford Branch. Seven are continuing members: Paulette Avery, Jackie Baker, Patty Finch, Mary Gillespie, Marlene Olson, Jan Purkeypile, and Joan Rycraft. Four are new members: Mary Fowler, Sue Thornburg, Sharon Shatswell, and Pat Stoddard. Elected Officers: Paulette Avery, President; Marlene Olson, Vice President; Patty Finch, Secretary; Pat Stoddard, Treasurer; and Joan Rycraft, Liaison to the Branch.

Current fundraising activities include the sale of tickets for the play: The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas at the Camelot Theatre on September 12, 2018 at 8pm. If you have not purchased your ticket, contact Patty Finch or any MUWCF Board member. Tickets are \$30.00 with a \$20 tax deduction. Proceeds will support AAUW Funds. I sent out an announcement of the fundraiser to my neighbors and sold ten tickets in less than 24 hrs. Think about taking a neighbor or a friend to an evening of entertainment a lots of laughter. Our next fundraising activity will be the Mad Hatters Tea Party hosted by Patty Finch, Jackie Baker, and Sharon Shatswell. Watch for your invitation in October.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Monica Weyhe

The second Addendum to the Directory has been posted on our website (in the Member Only area. This is the last for our 2017-18 fiscal year that ended on June 30th. I'll create a comprehensive Directory again in September for the new 2018-2019 year after our annual reconciliation with the national database.



THANK YOU TO KIDSPREE VOLUNTEERS

MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS

Gail Etchie, Co-Director of Communications

A Message to all members,

With many new members taking on leadership roles, let me explain something about our Medford Musings e-mail. It is set up to get a major blast to all members and not to create a dialog with what the blast says unless the blast asks for a direct reply. So for instance, if any communication comes your way, you should reply to the person who has directly sent the email. I have been forwarding emails to who they are intended, but quite frankly, I do not want to be responsible for forwarding emails. To make this clearer, let's say our President wants the membership in the loop about a certain subject, and asks me to send out an email blast, you would respond directly to the President and not to the blast.

With that being said, there was some difficulty with newer contributors not being on Amanda's list for getting the Musings link when it comes time to submit information to the Musings. If you are one of those persons, please reply to this email, gigidesigns007@yahoo.com and I will put you on her list so that you will receive her emails and can reply directly to her link when submission requests come out.

Thanks in advance for your understanding. If you have any questions you can contact me.

KidSpree



KIDSPREE CELEBRATED THEIR 27TH YEAR OF SERVING DESERVING FAMILIES IN JACKSON COUNTY

Gail Etchie, Chair

This year 200 children were invited and 162 children participated in KidSpree. Each child was provided \$125 for school clothes, a backpack filled with school supplies, a new toothbrush and tube of toothpaste, hat (lots of yarn supplied by Marianne Key) and a bag breakfast served by our branch.

The combined total of in-kind donations for KidSpree by JCPenney, McDonalds, Human Bean and Food- For-Less, and AAUW Medford, helped to make all things possible. Please remember to thank these sponsors for their generous contribution when you are shopping or eating out.

Kudos to our members who volunteered! Thank you for food bag stuffers and coffee helpers: Valerie Barr, Judy Blue, Donna Corey, Sandy Heath, Carol Koszyk, Marlene Olson and Glenda Simms from our branch, another thank you for our Shoppers Regula Pepi and Dee Wittenberg. After working on this committee for the past 10 years, I have passed the baton to Valerie Barr who will continue the legacy with her energy and positive outlook.



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For questions or to submit
articles for the next Medford
Musings Newsletter, contact
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**Send articles by the 15th of
each month no later
than 5PM.**

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