

HIGHLIGHTS

HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Noon to 3PM

Come celebrate the holidays at a potluck brunch at Sun Oaks Clubhouse, which will be decorated for the season. The brunch is FREE, as members are asked to contribute a delicious brunch dish or wine/beverage to share. More details at the October and November general meetings.



- Longtime member Barbara Hagen, who passed away on September 18
- Adele Shimanoff on her 95th birthday
- Barb and Dave Basden on Dave's heart surgery
- Dianne Pickar good wishes on her move back to Florida
- Donna Corey on Dave's continued battle with heart problems
- Hindy Mosier good wishes and thanks for hers years if service
- Carol Rugg on the recovery of her husband Dave's major surgery
- Elaine Plaisance-our sympathy on her husbands death

JOIN US

Thursday, October 4

6PM to 8PM

Sun Oaks Lower Club House (Through gate to 2485 Sun Oaks Drive)

Limited parking across from Clubhouse. Carpooling suggested.

Short Subject: All Ages and Abilities

Main Presentation: The "Me Too" Movement. Sexual Harassment in Schools and Title IX. Our speaker will be Susan Moen, Jackson County's Sexual Assault Response Team (S.A.R.T.) Coordinator. This will be an interesting presentation on a current issue. Your Board of Directors will provide yummy hors d'oeuvres beginning at 5:45 pm. Presentations begin at 6:15 pm.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bonnie Goldfein

How can someone new to a group of 105 AAUW Branch members get to know everybody? This is my current quandary, as your new President. At our Joint Board meeting in June and our new Board meeting in August, I got to know about 20 of you (and I am impressed by each one!) At our Welcome meeting, I met about 25 more of you (Again... impressed!)

I know for some of you attendance at our General Meetings is not a priority, and that's ok. Please know that this year's meetings are program-based, with "business" left to Board meetings, so you may want to check us out sometime. Our October and April meetings are on Thursday evenings – if Saturdays aren't convenient – and I vow we'll make ALL meetings worth your time!

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION: What brought YOU to Medford AAUW? The AAUW Mission? Making new friends? Pursuing interests? Community service? Other?

Let me know at b.goldfein10@gmail.com.

Thank you all.

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.



Happy Bookers

The Bookers will meet for a discussion of the book, *The Home for Unwanted Girls* by Joanna Goodman at 1:30 PM on October 16th at the home of Jan Purkeypile. Please let her know if you will be attending. Directions to follow.

Contact: Jan Purkeypile, (541)621-4916

Murder Most Literary

Murder Most Literary meets on Thursday, October 9, at 7:00 pm in the Chetco Room. Terri Wraight will lead the discussion on *Mysteries Involving Gypsies*. Mary Wright Gillespie is the contact person.

Contact
Mary Wright Gillespie
(541)857-6083

Morning Book Group

Morning Book Group will meet on Wednesday, October 24, to discuss *My Italian Bulldozer* by Alexander McCall Smith. Dee Wittenberg will lead the discussion in the Chetco Room at 10:00 am. Please contact Sharon Purkerson or Mary Wright Gillespie if you have questions.

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



OUT & ABOUT

No updates for October

Antique Studies

The Antiques Interest Group will meet Saturday, October 20th at the Medford Armory at 11:00 A.M. We will meet at the front entrance. Admission is \$6.00 (\$1.00 discount with ad). There will be an antique and vintage sale there till 5:00 P.M. If you keep your admission ticket, you can return the next day without charge. On Sunday, the sale is from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. This sale is to benefit Dogs for Better Lives (formerly Dogs for the Deaf). NOTE: This will count as our October Antiques Meeting. If you have any questions, contact Dawn Stewart at irelandawn@charter.net or 541-779-3315 to leave a message.

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



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

October 3 beginning at 12 noon at Pat Stoddard's home. Bring a sandwich; dessert provided.

Contact: Carol Koszyk (541) 608-7799



On Wednesday night, September 12, we filled the Camelot Theatre with our members and friends as we laughed and clapped for the show, 'The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas'. It was a fun evening and a huge thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket and brought friends. A successful evening and fundraiser for AAUW Funds made possible by all of you.

OUTDOORS

Garden Joys

Pumpkin Time! On Friday, October 19, 2018, Garden Joys will celebrate the Harvest Season by spending an autumn afternoon at the Fort Vannoy Farms, 5791 Lower River Road in Grants Pass. This is a working farm producing sustainable agriculture with fresh local produce, a corn maze and pumpkin patch. Those wishing to carpool will meet at 1 PM at Fred Meyer North (by Taco Bell).

Contact: Barbara Basden (541) 772-0579
Marlene Olson (541) 857-6265

FOODIES

DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

DINE will have a Polish dinner on October 25, at Juleks Polish Restaurant in Talent. Call or email Virginia McGraw by Monday, October 22 for a reservation. You also need to tell her your entree of choice. Just go on Julek's web page and make your selection. They all sound yummy!

Contact: Virginia McGraw (541) 245-6035

Lunch Bunch

We will be traveling to the Schoolhaus Brewhaus located at 525 Bigham Knoll Dr, Jacksonville, on Tuesday, October 9th at 11:30. RSVP no later than Monday Oct 8

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 at 3PM on October 19th. Note new time at Simple Machine Winery and Tasting room, 717 S. Pacific Hwy (99), Talent, Oregon. This will help accommodate ladies still working and maybe they can jump in after work for a drink. Let us know if you plan to join us, please RSVP!

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PUBLIC POLICY

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AAUW Public Policy

Submitted by Gayle Clason, Medford Branch public Policy Chair

You have as a citizen, the right to vote any way you believe is right; however this information referred by Tricia Gardner, OR AAUW Public Policy Chair, has been voted on by Committee as official stand on these ballot measures:

Ballot Measures – Take Action: Vote NO on Measure 103, 104 and 106!

When you receive your Voters' Pamphlet (Oct 10-12), you may notice AAUW of OR is listed as a signatory to the "NO" statements regarding these three Ballot Measures. It is important, your Branch and your community are informed about what these Ballot Measures are all about, particularly as there is a lot of misinformation circulating about them. So I suggest you take action now: talk to your family and friends about these important issues, attend a Forum or community event. Here is a description of these Ballot Measures and why we oppose them. Not placed them in numerical order because our first and highest priority is to defeat Measure 106!

NO to Ballot Measure 106 – It would bar public funding for abortions, which not only restricts reproductive freedom and access to the full spectrum of reproductive services for those who receive coverage through the Oregon Health Plan, but public employees as well. If this Measure is passed, it is only the first step down the road to complete eradication of the right to reproductive choice.

NO to Ballot Measure 104 – It would extend the requirement for a 3/5ths majority vote in both the House and Senate in order to enact tax exemptions, credits and deductions. Right now a 3/5ths supermajority vote is required to raise revenue, i.e. taxes, and that provision will remain as is. The primary reason we oppose this Measure is that it just does not make sense to mandate fiscal policy via a Constitutional amendment. By focusing attention on each and every legislative vote, it also fosters the winner-take-all, hyper-partisan approach that our political parties feel they must adopt in order to enact their platforms. Even more importantly, we do not need to reduce funding for much needed educational, health care, social services, law enforcement and other services.

NO to Ballot Measure 103 – Prohibits state and local governments from enacting taxes on "groceries." The Measure is a remedy in search of a problem — there is no effort to impose sales taxes in general or sales taxes on groceries. "Groceries" are defined as "any raw or processed food or beverage intended for human consumption except alcoholic beverages, marijuana products, and tobacco products." The Measure also enshrines a special interest into a constitutionally mandated loophole, which is not a good way to govern and to manage state budgets. Opposition to this measure is manufacturers of sugary drinks and sodas. They want to counter a growing movement for cities to ban such products. If you choose to oppose these positions for example, when writing a letter to the editor, do not mention AAUW. See Branch by-laws 2017 Article III section 1, 2 and 3.



BOARD MEETING NEWS

- Membership as of 8/30 is 105, including 10 Life members. Board members will reach out to members needing to renew.
- Contributions to AAUW Funds as of 6/31/18 equal \$9,025.23.
- Programs for General Meetings scheduled; Holiday Brunch on 12/1 at Rogue Country Club.
- South District Salary Negotiation seminar (spring, 2019) received \$750 State AAUW grant.
- In addition to Elected Officers, voting Board positions are: AAUW Funds Chair, Communications Co-Directors, Interest Group Chair, MUWCF Liaison, Public Policy Chair, RCC Liaison & Scholarship Liaison.
- Jan Purkepile, Joan Rycraft & Monica Weyhe appointed to committee to review Branch assets.
- Board voted Monica Weyhe as new VP/Finance according to our Bylaws procedure.



ARE YOU UP FOR A ROAD TRIP?

AAUW of OREGON South District Meeting
October 12, 2018 9:30 AM-1:30 PM
Taprock Restaurant Evergreen Room
SE 6th Street, Grants Pass
PROGRAM:
Title IX Panel Discussion, Questions, List of Needs
Google Drive Lesson
Exchange of Ideas and Branch Success Stories

Register with Barbara Paulson by Oct. 3 at barbarapaulson@msn.com. (Carpool? Contact Bonnie at b.goldfein10@gmail.com). PAY AT DOOR: \$22 for coffee, lunch, activities and training

ACT COMMUNITY TEAM

We have a new program to take welcome baskets to people in the Rogue Retreat program who are moving into their own apartments after they have been through the training steps to go from homelessness to living responsibly on their own. Rogue Retreat has a good website to learn more about their programs. The need is for cleaning supplies which are not covered by assistance programs. Therese Stevens and Donna Corey are heading this activity so if you would like to participate please bring items to the regular meetings or make a whole basket if you wish. Cash is also welcome.

Suggested ideas:

Multipurpose spray cleaner, Windex, Comet cleanser, dishwashing soap, toilet bowl cleaner, toilet paper, paper towels, toilet brush, can opener, measuring cups, measuring spoons, hot pads, dish towels, handiwipes. Also peanut butter and jelly. We are supplying bread. Plastic baskets are available from the Dollar Tree Stores as are a lot of items on the list.

They turn over about a dozen apartments a year. If kids are involved we are adding coloring books and crayons. Cathy de Wolfe has arranged for books through the Friends of the Library. For more information contact Donna Corey, donnacorey6@msn.com or Therese Stevens, tmstevens56@gmail.com

JUDGING LOGOS SENIOR PROJECTS

Logos Charter School is seeking judges for our career experience presentations (known as the senior project at other schools) on Monday, Dec 10th from 8:30 am to noon. Breakfast will be provided. Thanks to members and spouses who participated last year. They enjoyed meeting our scholars and listening to their experiences and plans for the future.

Please contact Valerie Barr at 541-49-9668 or ymbarr1@gmail.com if you are interested. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

FINANCE REPORT

Monica Weyhe

Umpqua Bank Balances:

Checking	5,250.98
MM	9,099.14
CD	2,445.30



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**Send articles by the 15th of
each month no later
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