

JOIN US

November 3 Meeting
Rogue Federal Credit Union

Main Speaker: James Adney a
software developer interested in
privacy and security issues

Topic: Technology Trends and
Possibilities

Short Subject Speaker:
Nancy Lester of GP AAUW

Topic: Topic: Girl's Rock which has
promoted S.T.E.M. education for
girls in GP for over 10 years.

HIGHLIGHTS

HOLIDAY GATHERING!

Save the date: December 9, Sunday
Location: Sun Oaks Lower Club
House Time: 12-3:00 PM
Join us for a potluck and lots of
holiday cheer! More details to come.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bonnie Goldfein

At the June 30 Joint Board meeting, members of the 2017-19 and MUWCF boards agreed to try two new things I suggested for 2018-19. One new thing was to make general meetings program-based, replacing the formal business meeting with briefer Announcements from board/committee members, and a "Board News" column in *Musings*, to update you on branch business. We are now also emailing you minutes from both general and board meetings.

The second new thing is the two Thursday evening meetings scheduled to accommodate members and guests for whom Saturday meetings are inconvenient. Attendance at our first evening meeting was 34 +3 guests (2 joined), including 13 members who were not part of the 38 at our September 9th Saturday meeting.

Also new is our planned December 9th FREE Pot Luck Holiday Brunch at the Sun Oaks Clubhouse, replacing previous costly events at restaurants. At the November 3 general meeting, you can sign up to bring a dish, beverage or tableware to this festive event. (If you miss the meeting, watch for a follow-up eblast listing remaining items needed.)

I know change is hard, but I ask for your patience, giving "new things" a fair trial. Please reach out to me anytime to share your perspectives. Note: At the November 3 meeting, you can VOTE on whether to replace Announcements with formal business meetings, beginning in January.

P.S. Kudos to Monica Weyhe, who put our new *Members' Directory* in our hands at the same time she was packing up, showing/selling her house and moving to her new home!

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

The Bookers will meet for a discussion of the book *The Widow*, by Fiona Barton on Nov. 20 at the home of Cathy deWolfe at 1:30. Zee Nickerson will be the hostess, with Cathy being the discussion leader. Please let Zee know if you will be attending. Contact: Zee Nickerson
Zeechic2000@yahoo.com 541-801-6633

Murder Most Literary

The mystery group will meet Thursday November 8, at 7pm in the Chetco Room. The theme is Western mysteries with everyone sharing in the discussion. Bring your menu suggestions for the January tea. Mary Wright Gillespie is the contact person.

Contact
Mary Wright Gillespie
(541)857-6083

Morning Book Group

The Morning Book Group will meet at 10am on Wednesday, November 28, in the Chetco Room. Please note: this is the week after Thanksgiving. The book is *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* by Jennifer Ryan. Discussion leader is Mary Wright Gillespie. Sharon Purkerson and Mary Wright Gillespie are the contact people.

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

COMMUNITY & ART

OUT & ABOUT

Here are performances that members plan to attend.
November 1, Thurs. 7:30pm Finding Neverland Musical, Craterian Theatre.

November 4 10am, November 5 at 1pm,
"London Live!" play "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night" at the Varsity Theatre, Ashland

Nov. 9, Friday, 7:30pm, "Made in America--the Second City" at the Craterian Theatre, Medford

November 17, Sat. 2pm matinee, "Into the Woods" musical at SOU Main Stage Theatre

November 23-Dec.30 "Tuck Everlasting" at the Collaborative Theatre Project, Medford Center, Matinee 1:30pm or Evening 7:30pm. Date TBA

Purchase your own ticket at box office or on-line. See you there.
Contact Janet Brougher, jjbrougher@gmail.com

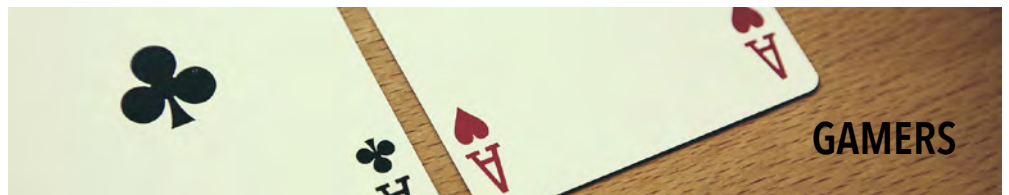
Antique Studies

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

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

Sherry Schroeder is sponsoring us for a No Host Lunch at Rogue Valley Country Club at 11:30 am on November 7, 2018. If you are unavailable for lunch – please be there at 12:30 for bridge. A dessert (complimentary by Sherry) will be served after we play bridge a while.
Contact: Carol Koszyk (541) 608-7799

OUTDOORS



Garden Joys

No updates for November

Contact: Barbara Basden (541) 772-0579

Marlene Olson (541) 857-6265



FOODIES

DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

DINE does not meet in November. We feast with our families instead. We will meet for our annual holiday meal at Porters on Dec. 13. Call or email Virginia McGraw if you wish to attend!

Contact: Virginia McGraw (541) 245-6035

Lunch Bunch

We will be traveling to the Common Block located at 315 E 5th St, Medford, OR 97501 on Tuesday, November 13th at 11:30AM. RSVP no later than Monday Nov 9.

Contacts: Jan Purkeypile, (541)621-4916

Gail Etchie, (541)664-3744

Wine & Whine

All members welcome! Forgive me if I have Zin-ed!

We will wet our whistle on Nov 2 at Eden Vale Winery, located at 2310 Voorhies Rd, Medford, OR 97501. Note new time! 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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HOLIDAY POTLUCK

On Nov. 3, sign up to contribute a dish (serving 8) for our Dec. 9 Pot Luck. Suggested contributions: Appetizers, Salad, Bread/Pastry, Egg Dish, Potato Dish, Vegetable, Meat Dish, Condiments, Dessert, Orange Juice, Champagne, Sparkling Cider. Also needed: Holiday tablecloths (round & oblong), cardboard dinner plates, cardboard dessert plates, napkins, plastic utensils, cold drink cups, hot drink cups.



We encourage your involvement with branch business! All Medford AAUW members are invited to attend and participate in our monthly board meetings, held the third Thursday of the month beginning at 4 pm in The Terrace Room at the Manor.

September 20, 2018 Minutes Summary

- The board voted to hold our Holiday Brunch on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th (12 noon – 3 pm) as a MEMBERS' POT LUCK. AAUW Members will be asked to sign up at the November general meeting to bring a dish to this FREE Brunch, which will be held at Sun Oaks Lower Clubhouse (2485 Sun Oaks Drive).
- Two new members joined our branch in September.
- Monthly branch financial reports will accompany Musings.
- Our branch's September 12th buy-out of Camelot Theater's "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" was a big success! Theater management enjoyed our group and wants to work with us again in 2019.
- With consideration for challenges facing RCC and SOU students applying for scholarships, the board voted to reduce the "fulltime student" requirement for our applicants to "6 semester hours with a minimum GPA of 3.0."
- Branch members filled 3 baskets of household items that were distributed through Rogue Retreat in September.
- The Phantom Tea Party will be underway from October through March.
- The inter-branch South Oregon District planning committee is meeting monthly and working with RCC to plan the Salary Negotiations Seminar to be held in spring 2019, offering free training to 40 women.
- Joan Rycraft has accepted the position of AAUW South District Director, beginning in October.
- Responding to requests from members, the board voted to purchase 2 body microphones for general meetings.
- The board agreed to provide appetizers for the October general meeting at Sun Oaks. There is still no Hospitality Chair for general meetings.

October 18, 2018 Meeting Summary

- Monica Weyhe was not present because of a family emergency; she will forward a written report to the board. The Branch Assets Review Committee has all documents to begin their review, with their report expected by year-end.
- Assistance is needed for set-up and clean-up at the Sun Oaks Clubhouse for our Holiday Brunch. Contact Bonnie to volunteer.
- Donna Corey presented information on our "adopting" a family for the Holidays. An estimate of \$375 (cash and items) was approved by the board. Members will be asked to support this action in a Nov. 3 vote.
- Gayle Clason reported that Lobby Day 2019 will not be in February but will occur during our State Convention. She urged our attendance at both.
- Gail Etchie read a heartwarming letter from recent scholarship recipient Arismendi Villa-Saucedo.
- With Jackie Baker unavailable, Yvette McCulley volunteered to add AWSUM and The Academy to her S.T.E.M. Director responsibilities.
- An extensive discussion about some members' concerns about a lack of members' inclusion and transparency in branch business led to a board decision to offer members the opportunity to vote on relevant issues at the Nov. 3 meeting.



ACT AAUW COMMUNITY TEAM

Thanks so much for the cleaning supplies brought to the last meeting. Rogue Retreat is doing so much to help women in the valley get on their feet and the women have been very appreciative of our welcome baskets. These supplies are not covered by assistance programs. Therese Stevens and Donna Corey are heading this activity for now 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 like Windex, Comet cleanser, dishwashing liquid soap, toilet paper, paper towels, toilet brush, can opener, measuring cups, measuring spoons, hot pads, dish towels, Handiwipes. Also peanut butter and jelly. 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. The Friends of the library have donated some cookbooks.

For more information contact Donna Corey, donnacorey6@msn.com or Therese Stevens, tmstevens56@gmail.com



PHANTOM TEA PARTY

Patty Finch, Chairperson

Fundraiser October to March
Prior to the Garden Tour, this was our one fundraiser for scholarships, both RCC and SOU. Jackie Baker is helping me collect the checks you will be putting in the yellow envelope. You will be helping a deserving woman go to college and your name will be placed in a basket for a drawing which we will hold at our Nov., Jan., and March AAUW meetings. Jackie and I will be looking for a place at which all of us who contributed to our scholarship fund can go to in order to have a "real" tea party sometime in April.

Enjoy your Tea! Have fun writing a check to MUWCF!
Good Luck on winning the drawing!

PUBLIC POLICY

Gayle Clason

The current Voters Pamphlet is in your hands; you may be overwhelmed by its size. Your ballot will contain those items that you are eligible to vote on according to your precinct and that still gives much to study to be an informed voter.

September Musings gave the rationale for AAUW's position on Measures # 103, 104, 106. A quick way to check is to bookmark the Medford Branch website, www/https://medford-or.aauw.net/

The AAUW Get out the Vote campaign urges Members to become informed on issues and candidates; attend candidates forums, read statements in Voter's Pamphlets, follow coverage in newspaper, contact candidates with questions. Do not depend on Campaign ads for truthful information!

Since the USA population indicates that are 50.6% women, why only 23% of women in the Senate and 19.3 % of the House of Representatives? In Oregon 33% women are in the Legislature. We need to make our voices heard by voting. Luckily, women in record numbers are seeking office during this mid-term election. Absolutely not, vote for candidates who represent your own values.

FDR said, "Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting." Be sure to mail or deliver your ballot before the deadline November 6. Let your voice be heard! Vote!

AAUW FUNDS

Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds Chair

A reminder: this is the time of the year to make your contribution to AAUW Funds if you have not already done so. To date for 2018 our branch has contributed \$10,125.23. Thank you all for your generous support.



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

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