

HIGHLIGHTS

PHANTOM TEA PARTY

Co-chairs Patty Finch & Jackie Baker

Fundraiser October to March!

The “fun” of the Tea Party is continuing. And the amount of money for scholarships is growing! Thank you each and everyone for sending us any amount from \$1.00 up. Our next drawing for a Phantom Tea Party basket is at our January meeting.

Enjoy your Tea!

Have fun writing a check to MUWCF!

Good Luck on winning the next drawing!



Joan Enloe on her recent fall; she has moved to a new unit at The Manor

Janet Brougher, who fell on ice and broke her wrist

Cydne Jensen on the death of her mother

Susan Ball, whose recent surgery was a success!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bonnie Goldfein

My thanks to members attending the November 3rd General Meeting who voted on two issues: The format for our meetings and the extent of refreshments to be provided. Members present voted overwhelmingly to continue the new General Meeting format – Short and Featured Programs with Announcements but no formal Business Meetings – rather than to return to the previous format (a formal Business Meeting each month). Members also voted to provide only ice water and light refreshments at General Meetings, with each Interest Group asked to provide the refreshments for one month during the year.

In response to several concerns, the board agreed future presenters will be advised that Short Programs are to be 15 minutes (with 5 minutes for questions) and Featured Programs are to be 35-40 minutes (with 5-10 minutes for questions). We will continue to have the Introduction and Welcome of Guests, Announcements from board members/others and Raffles, as well as short breaks after presentations.

Thanks to Program VPs Carol Schaefer and Val Barr and last year's program-planning committee, we have great programs planned for the rest of this season. If you haven't made it to a General Meeting yet or if you missed one or two, please join us... and bring a friend!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE!

NOTICE

Since we are now distributing the full text of minutes from both General Meetings and board meetings, we will no longer include the Board News abstracts in Musings.

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 December 18th at 1:30PM at the Medford Library Adams Room. We will be discussing, *The Female Persuasion* by Meg Wolitzer
Discussion Leader Donna Corey
Hostess Sue Thornburg
Contact Sue Thornburg if you plan to attend

Murder Most Literary

The mystery group will not meet in December. We will gather on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at 3pm at Mary Gillespie's for afternoon tea. The theme is English mysteries that include tea. Menu sign-ups were made at the November meeting. Mary's cottage is at 2127 Quail Point Circle. Call her or Camille Korsmo if you have questions.

Morning Book Group

The Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 5, at Jackie Baker's home, 2401 Nieto Way, on the Manor campus. Food sign-ups were made at the November meeting. Each person brings a wrapped book for the gift exchange. Please call Sharon Purkerson or Mary Wright Gillespie if you have a question about the event. On January 23 we will discuss *Educated, A Memoir* by Tara Westover.

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



COMMUNITY & ART

OUT & ABOUT

November 23-Dec. 30
Thursday – Saturday 7:30PM, Sunday at 1:30pm.
Adult \$28 / Senior \$22
“Tuck Everlasting” at the Collaborative Theatre Project in Medford Center across from Tinseltown.
December 16, Sunday at 4pm,
Sing-Along Messiah with guest soloists at the Craterian Theatre, free admission.

January 12, Saturday • 7:30pm • \$32-38
Jim Witter's “It's Still Rock & Roll to Me” (music of Elton John and Billy Joel) at the Craterian Theatre
January 19 • 7:30pm. • \$32-38.
“Sister Rolls the Dice” comedy about gambling Las Vegas style at the Craterian Theatre.

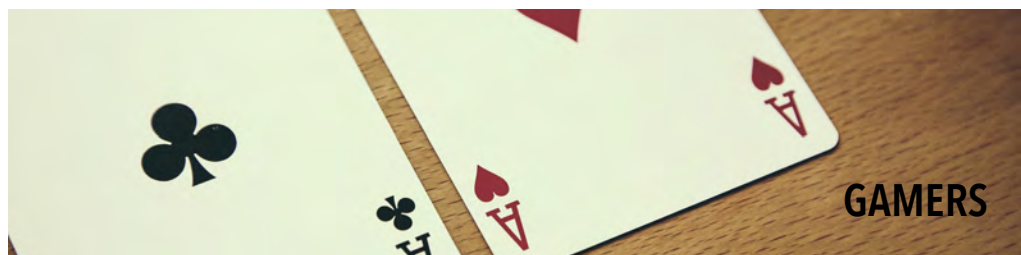
Contact Janet Brougher, jjbrougher@gmail.com

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

Antique Studies

The Antiques Interest Group will not be meeting in December due to so many people having holiday plans. We will resume in January. Please send any suggestions for topics to explore to Dawn Stewart at irelandawn@charter.net. Happy Holidays!



GAMERS

Dessert Bridge

Dessert Bridge will meet for a “No Host lunch and dessert” at Lark's on December 5 at 11:30 am. If you do not want to have lunch - come at 12:30 for bridge only. Be sure to call Carol Koszyk to let her know what you want to do. Thank you.
Contact: Carol Koszyk (541) 608-7799

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

OUTDOORS



Garden Joys

No updates for December
Contact: Barbara Basden (541) 772-0579
Marlene Olson (541) 857-6265

FOODIES



DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

DINE did not meet in November. We feasted with our families instead.

Lunch Bunch

We are off to the Jacksonville Inn for Breakfast, on Tuesday, December 11th at 10:30AM. The Inn is located at 175 E California Street, Jacksonville.
Contacts: Jan Purkeypile and (541)621-4916
Gail Etchie, (541)664-3744



Wine & Whine

Wine because it's not good to keep things bottled up!
All members welcome! We will wet our whistle on December 7th at Ledger David, located at 245 N. Front St, Central Point OR 97502 at 3 PM If you plan to join us, please RSVP!
Contacts:
Jan Purkeypile, (541)621-4916
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HELP PARADISE AAUW MEMBERS

We have learned that 42 of 45 AAUW members in Paradise, CA, lost everything in the Camp fire that leveled the town. An email has come to AAUW leaders in California and Oregon from Carol Holzgrafe (one of only three "lucky" Paradise residents whose homes survived), asking us to help her AAUW sisters devastated by this fire. Our State President Georgia Applegate forwarded this request to me.

From Carol Holzgrafe's email: "Should you hear of anyone wanting to help, gift cards are the easiest and most welcome. (The Davis CA branch is sending a bunch up.) I would suggest Target, Penny's, Macy's, K Mart, CVS, Rite Aid, Safeway, Raley's etc. We also have a Walmart."

At Georgia's suggestion, I will happily collect your donated gift cards for AAUW Paradise victims at our Holiday Brunch on December 9th and the January 5th General Meeting and send them in one package to Carol Holzgrafe for distribution to her branch members. If you cannot make either of these gatherings and want to help Paradise, call me and I will pick up your donated gift card at your convenience.

Bonnie (541) 295-9361



GARDEN TOUR

Please Help - Garden Coordinators needed for our fund raiser June 8, 2019.

We are working hard at getting our AAUW Garden Tour major fundraiser set for June 8, 2019 going forward and will need a few additional garden coordinators to fully staff our 6 gardens. We need another two or three ladies to volunteer for our biggest fund raiser of the year so more young women and girls can get much needed scholarships with the funds we make on this garden tour. We need to fill this position very soon so we can meet with the owners before the holiday "madness" sets in. Please contact Mary Fowler @ 303-829-2807 or Janet Brougher @ 541-857-2862 if you can help.

Here are the duties of the garden coordinator (and the job may be shared by two if requested).

Garden Coordinator Duties

1. Contact your assigned garden owner by phone or email as soon as possible.
2. Meet with garden owner(s), tour the garden and either take pictures or ask for photos by the deadline for the tour booklet (Jan 5, 2019).
3. The garden owner may want to write their own description of their garden (150-200 word description) and if not, meet with the owner to take a tour of their garden to familiarize yourself with the special features of the garden and write the description (also due by Jan 5, 2019). If you need help writing the description, we can also help you. Email the description and send photos to Diane Reiling and Garden Tour Chairs Monica Weyhe and Robin Smith who are putting together the garden tour booklet.
4. Check with the garden owner every few months.
5. A table and chairs are needed for the greeters on the day of the tour. The garden owners may be able to provide these and if not, arrange to bring a card table and several chairs.
6. Be at the garden with the owner(s) on Saturday, June 8 for the day from 9:30 am till 4 pm.

Arrive with your assigned bin of supplies (booklets, pens, drinking water, change, etc). Bring a lunch and at the end of the day, collect the money envelope and gather up all remaining supplies

PUBLIC POLICY

Gayle Clason

Now that the midterm election of 2018 is past, take a breath and reflect that the AAUW positions on ballot measures prevailed. These positions are determined by those reflected in the AAUW mission statement. There is also a good chance that a bill for additional funding for Title IX- Gender Equity positions in State Dept. of Ed. will be presented with boost given by testimony of members at hearings last spring.

The 2019 Oregon Legislature will have eight more women than 2018, one more in Senate and six more in the House, for a total of 37 women out of 90 members. This is better but still does not reflect the population.

In Congress, there was a record number of women elected to the House of Representatives, many ethnicities are represented, some are first women of their group. This is a step towards mirroring the faces of America at the present time.

Buy Your
Raffle Tickets
Here

IDEAS FOR OUR NEXT GARDEN TOUR RAFFLE

WANTED!! Do you have a week or a long weekend in a vacation home (or condo, etc.) that could be donated for our Garden Tour raffle? Could you ask friends about this? The donation to AAUW is tax deductible for a donation for the raffle prize as well as for those who buy a ticket. Think Sunriver, Bend, the Oregon coast, or some other getaway spot within fairly easy driving distance. Last year our raffle earned over \$1400; wouldn't it be great to exceed that this year? Remember, all proceeds from the raffle tickets are used for college scholarships and other programs that further educational opportunities for hard-working and dedicated local women and girls.

Contact: Gail Etchie at (541)664-3744 or

gigidesigns007@yahoo.com



HOLIDAY GIVING

This Holiday we would like to help three girls in the Maslow Project. Two are teens and one is six. They have specific wishes from jeans for the teens to a training bike for the younger one. It feels like the best way to handle their lists is with GIFT CARDS. Then we can distribute them to best get the things they want. PLEASE BRING A GIFT CARD TO THE BRUNCH (Walmart, Target or VISA). If you would like to participate and will not be at the brunch, please contact me (541 897-0368) so we can make arrangements. The goal is \$125.00 for each girl and any excess moneys will be donated to Maslow for other kids' gift needs. Please help to make some homeless kids have a happier holiday. Thanks.

And thanks also for all the cleaning supplies you have been bringing to meetings. We delivered three more baskets on 11/17 and the recipients were so grateful! Please wait until after the first of the year to bring more household donations, as we have enough stock for current needs.

Donna Corey, 541-897-0368, donnacorey6@msn.com



HELP WANTED

We need branch members to serve on two committees, each of which will meet only one-two times: Nominating Committee (to nominate board members for 2019-20) and a Program Committee (to suggest topics for 2019-20 Short & Featured Programs).

Contact Bonnie at 541 295-9361 or b.goldfein10@gmail.com to volunteer.

AAUW FUNDS

Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds chair

According to my records our branch has contributed \$10,175.23 to AAUW Funds for the year 2018. Thank you all for your generous contributions.

At the MUWCF Board meeting in October I reported that our fundraiser for AAUW Funds at the Camelot Theatre on September 12 was a great success. The total amount collected was \$4920 including some donations. After paying back the MUWCF treasury for the initial ticket cost of \$1550, subtracting the 10% for the operating budget, left us with a total raised of \$3033. The ticket sales were handled successfully by Patty Finch. The money will be held until 2019 with \$1515 sent as the branch contribution next year and the rest contributed in 2020. The Board decided because of its other fundraisers to take the year 2019 off from sponsoring another play.

Umpqua Bank Balances: Checking 4,480.08
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HOLIDAY BRUNCH

By Valerie Barr

Getting together with new & old friends, munching on delicious food, and singing favorite seasonal songs will make our Holiday Brunch a great time for all! Join us on Sunday, December 9 from 12 - 3 pm at the Sun Oaks Clubhouse located next to St. Mary's School on 2485 Sun Oaks Drive. If you would like to join us and could use a ride, just call me at 541-499-9668. Looking forward to having a wonderful time together!



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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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