

## HIGHLIGHTS

### JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, January 5, 2019  
10 am

Rogue Credit Union  
1330 Poplar Drive

### FEATURED PROGRAM

Butte Creek Mill  
Rebuilding & Restoration  
Maryann Pitcher, presenter

### SHORT PROGRAM

Learning Through Collaboration  
& Competition

Dusty Rittenbach &  
the RCC Engineers Club

### BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 17, 2019  
4 pm  
The Terrace Room at The Manor

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bonnie Goldfein

What a jolly way to kick off the Holiday Season! Our Potluck Brunch on December 9th brought together 48 of our members who enjoyed dining on a delicious smorgasbord, singing holiday songs and challenging ourselves with Christmas trivia... all in the company of friends in festive dress who filled two levels of the beautifully decorated Sun Oaks Clubhouse. Many thanks to Val Barr, Carol Schaefer and Joan Rycraft for arranging everything, to our many talented chefs for a sumptuous banquet, to Mae Boren for our lovely centerpieces and others who provided tableware, "sweat equity" and moral support that made this holiday event just about perfect!

Making our Holiday Brunch more than a little memorable – for me, anyway – was seeing how very generous and caring our branch's members are. When I shared the request in our last Musings for gift cards that we could send to the 42 AAUW members of the Paradise branch who lost everything in the Camp fire, I was hoping that a few of our members would bring donations to the brunch. I planned to tuck them into a business envelope and send them off to the Chico AAUW member coordinating the collection and distribution. Well, as it turned out, I needed a much bigger envelope to hold the 18 VISA cards, 2 MasterCards, 16 Target cards, 4 WalMart cards, 2 Albertson's cards, 5 personally-addressed envelopes (containing cards) and \$30 in cash that our members contributed at the brunch. The total contributed in cards and cash was \$1925, plus unknown additional amounts in the sealed envelopes and 5 cards without amounts displayed. There is no doubt that our total donations to Paradise AAUW members from our Holiday Brunch will be somewhere between \$2000 and \$2400!

Thanks to everyone who made a donation to help our Paradise AAUW sisters as they begin their recovery from catastrophic loss. If you want to help them but you missed the brunch, I will be gathering donations again at our January 5th general meeting; or just give me a call (541 295-9361) and I'll pick up your donation at your convenience.

Now, here is something that we ALL can hope for... HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019!

## 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

We will travel to Larks, Inn at the Commons, located at 200 N Riverside in Medford on January 22 at 11:30am for our Annual Winter Luncheon and book exchange. Bring an unwrapped book to play. RSVP to Gail Etchie by Jan. 4th if you plan to attend.

Contact: gigidesigns007@yhoo.com

#### Murder Most Literary

We will be meeting Thursday, January 10, the group will meet for afternoon tea at 3:30pm for discussion of mysteries that involve tea. The location is 2127 Quail Point Court, at Mary Wright Gillespie's cottage. A reminder of the food sign-ups will be sent out by email. Call Camille Korsmo or Mary if you have questions.

#### Morning Book Group

Morning Book Group will meet on January 23, 2019, at 10am in the Chetco Room. The group will meet to discuss the book, *Educated, a Memoir*, by Tara Westover. Jackie Baker will lead the discussion.

Contact

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



### COMMUNITY & ART

#### OUT & ABOUT

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

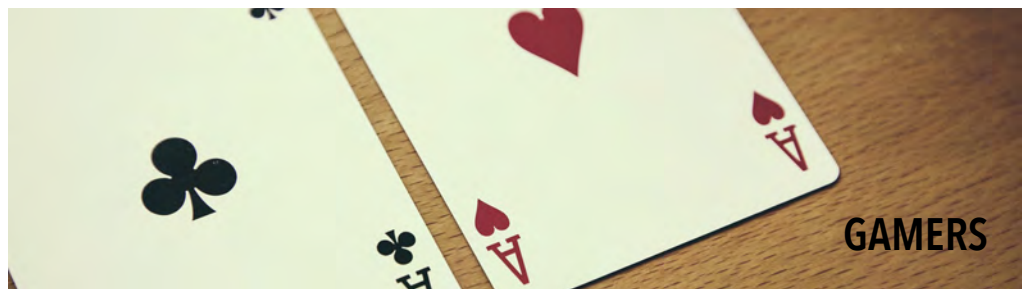
#### Antique Studies

The Antiques Interest Group has no updates for January

#### 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

#### Dessert Bridge

Dessert Bridge will meet at Bonnie's home on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at 12:30 pm. We will have dessert and then play bridge. Please do let Bonnie know that you will be there (or arrange for a sub).

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 January

Contact: Barbara Basden (541) 772-0579

Marlene Olson (541) 857-6265



## FOODIES

### DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

DINE has no updates for January

### Lunch Bunch

To begin our New Year, we are off to Sakura Japanese Restaurant, Located at 832 Crater Lake Ave, Medford on Tuesday, January 15th at 11:30am. RSVP's by Friday January 11th. RSVP's to Jan or Gail.

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 Jan 18th at 2PM at South Stage Cellars, located at 125 S 3rd St, Jacksonville, OR 97530 If you plan to join us, please RSVP!

Contacts:

Jan Purkeypile, (541)621-4916

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There were smiles all around from these members of the second floor "overflow" group.



So... Just where DID the story of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer begin, anyway? Hmmmmm...



Some of the set-up crew enjoyed a break with Mae Boren, who provided all our lovely centerpieces. (Pandora in the background supplied cheery holiday music.)



Everyone enjoyed a smorgasbord fit for this happy group of Holiday celebrants! (Our members are GREAT cooks!)



## PUBLIC POLICY

Gayle Clason, Chair

A record number of women will be sworn into Congress this year, many won by running on issues that are AAUW priorities. We are using this unique moment, along with the upcoming 10th anniversary of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in January, to work with our allies on the Hill to position swift movement on another critical pay equity bill — the Paycheck Fairness Act. This bill would provide long overdue updates to the Equal Pay Act of 1963 to give women new tools to close the pay gap.

One example, disclosed in a Washington Post article during December, the principal flutist, a woman, sued the Boston Symphony for being paid less than the male principal oboist due to gender discrimination. Salary discrimination is ongoing!

The New Year is a time for resolutions, let's resolve to educate ourselves about ongoing legislation at the state and federal level, make our elected officials know how we think when we approve of votes or give input before those votes are cast when we disagree. Hold them accountable for their actions and help them represent voters' wishes.

## PHANTOM TEA PARTY

co-chairs Patty Finch & Jackie Baker

Everyone who applies for an AAUW Scholarship is saying "Thank You" to all of you who have contributed to the Phantom Tea Party! Our 2nd drawing of a Basket will take place January 5, and you are welcome to continue to contribute to the Tea Party until March. We will be announcing the date of our April High Tea Party at our January meeting.

## AAUW FUNDS

Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds chair

The final numbers for 2018 will be reported in January. My records indicate that the Medford Branch contributed \$10,275.03 this past calendar year. Thank you for this remarkable generosity.

Umpqua Bank Balances as of 12/13/2018

Checking \$4,520.08

MM \$9,099.82

CD \$2,448.04

## THANK YOU...

Donna Corey

To everyone who contributed to the Maslow Giving Program this year. We received \$630 in gift cards and cash. We gave Ana Mia (age 6) a Disney's "Frozen" 2-wheel bike & helmet plus some "Frozen" toys, drawing supplies and a \$25 Target gift card. Aalia (age 14) received \$125 in gift cards for clothes and a warm fleece throw. Shyanne (age 14) received \$125 in gift cards for clothes and a manicure, along with a warm fleece throw.

The balance of \$195 in gift cards went to the Maslow Project for use in other Christmas bags. The appreciative staff at Maslow thanked Dave and me over and over when we delivered our donations the week before Christmas. Very heart-warming!

## WANT ADS (DEJA VU?)

Please volunteer to serve on one of these committees: NOMINATING NEW 2019-2020 BOARD MEMBERS (one meeting only!) PROGRAMS 2019-2020 (1-3 meetings only!)

Your participation in one (or both) of these committees can help to ensure that Medford AAUW will blossom in 2019-2020. Contact Bonnie ASAP to say, "Count me in!"

b.goldfein10@gmail.com or 541 295-9361





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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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National AAUW website  
[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

### MEMBERSHIP EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

#### President

Bonnie Goldfein  
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#### Program Co-VPs

Carol Schaefer    Valerie Barr

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