

HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2019
10 AM | Rogue Credit Union
McAndrews & Poplar

Short Program

CHAIR YOGA
Dina Press, Licensed Yoga Instructor
(former Grants Pass AAUW President)

Featured Program

“KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS SAFE”
Officer Jim Barringer
Medford School Resource Officer

Board Meeting

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019
4 PM | The Terrace Room at The Manor
ALL AAUW MEMBERS INVITED!

Congratulations

To Nancy Walden
on her Marriage
to Ken Brandt on
December 8, 2018



In Our Thoughts

Delores Duble, who is having health issues while caring for her husband following his surgery

Christine Bates, who broke her wrist
Virginia McGraw, who is recovering after eye surgery

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bonnie Goldfein

AAUW, 42 of whom lost everything in the devastating Camp fire. As you remember, we sent over \$2,000 in gift cards and cash to help them in their recovery. In January, I received this message from Carol Holzgrafe, who has been coordinating the Paradise AAUW relief effort:

Dear Bonnie,

We -- Paradise AAUW members and our Tech Trek families --cannot thank you and your branch enough for the huge batch of gift cards.

We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of AAUW members in California, in Oregon, and elsewhere. And, because people need everything from vacuum cleaners to underwear, the cards are oh, so welcome.

Four envelopes were for specific branch members (I suspect they are from Carole Chumbler). I will make sure they reach their targets.

Thank you all so much.

Carol Holzgrafe

AAUW Paradise, Chico, and Morgan Hill

A number of us have had discussions about further donations to these families, who are just now returning to Paradise to see for themselves what is left of their lives there. For many, returning to Paradise is not an option. Residents of this lovely town are now scattered – living with friends or relatives, finding temporary housing, or relocating permanently. We know they will continue to need our help and support, as they re-fashion the life they expected to live. Perhaps we will want to offer another gift-card donation opportunity at our final meeting of the season, in June.

Speaking of our June meeting, you have probably noticed

“happy-face” symbols next to your name on the sign-in sheet, one for each meeting where you’ve joined us (Brunch included). Once you accumulate five happy faces, you are eligible for a drawing for a very nice prize that will be presented at our June meeting. An additional drawing ticket will be added for each happy face over five. We currently have seven members with five happy faces and seven more with four... and we still have four meetings and the Scholarship Luncheon to go, so everybody is in the running! I look forward to adding a happy face next to YOUR name on February 2nd. See you then!

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 February 19th at the Chetco room at the Manor at 1:30. Please let Gail Etchie know if you will be attending.
Contact: Gail Etchie Gigidesigns007@yahoo.com
541-664-3744

Murder Most Literary

Murder Most Literary will meet on Thursday, February 14 at 7pm in the Chetco Room at Skyline Plaza. The topic is Russian Mysteries.
Contact: Mary Wright Gillespie.

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

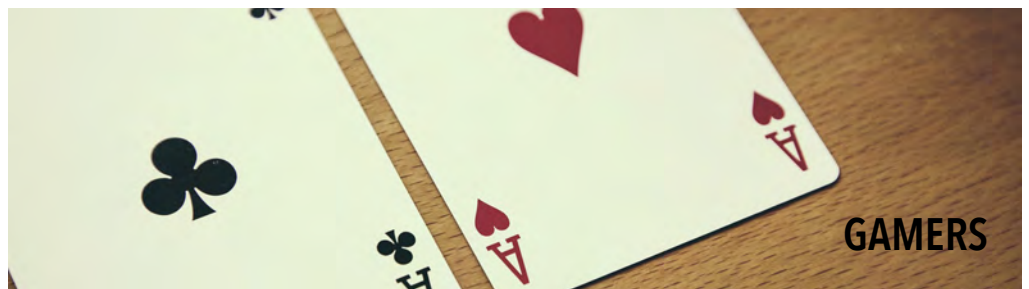
No updates for February
Contact Janet Brougher, jjbrougher@gmail.com

Antique Studies

Group on Feb. 27th at 11am at the entrance lobby of the Plaza. The Plaza is the tall building that is on the left of the Manor. Bring something interesting to show and tell during lunch. Be sure to be on time as Carole Chumbler will be meeting us to show us the way to lunch! If you have any questions, email Dawn Stewart at irelandawn@charter.net. See you there!

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 on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 11:30am for a "No Host" lunch sponsored by Sherry Schroeder (or 12:30pm if you do not want lunch) at the Rogue Valley Country Club. Be sure to call Sherry to let her know if you are meeting for lunch or not. Note - as always, If you cannot come, please arrange for a substitute and let Sherry know who it is. Thank you! 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



Garden Joys

No updates for February

Contact: Barbara Basden (541) 772-0579

Marlene Olson (541) 857-6265



DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

DINE has no updates for February

Lunch Bunch

We will be traveling to the New China Restaurant located at 409 E Barnett Rd, Medford, OR 97501 on Tuesday, February 12th at 11:30. RSVP no later than Friday, February 8th. Contact: Gail Etchie, (541)664-3744, gigidesigns007@yahoo.com

Wine & Whine

All members welcome! Forgive me if I have Zin-ed! We will wet our whistle on February 15th at 2PM. Meeting place is Trium Winery located at 203 E Main St, Talent, OR 97540. Note returning to old time! Let Jan know If you plan to join us, please RSVP! Contact: Jan Purkeypile, (541)621-4916, janpurkeypile@yahoo.com

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on upcoming events, and all sorts of things!**





JANUARY FEATURED PROGRAM A HIT!

Bonnie Goldfein

Our branch's own MaryAnne Pitcher informed and entertained us at our January meeting with an excellent program tracing the history of the Butte Creek Mill from its 19th-century opening to its present-day rebuilding and restoration following the Christmas 2014 fire that threatened to eradicate this well-loved local National Historic site.

MaryAnne is managing the rebuilding project, with invaluable help from many people, including Sue Kupillas (who kindly joined us for the program) and others, including actors Jim Belushi and Patrick Duffy. The Butte Creek Mill Foundation, a 501 c (3) organization, is hoping to reach its budget goal of \$2.5 million by its planned re-opening this spring. Rogue Community Savings (and some others) will match all donations to the Foundation made beginning January 7, 2019. Why not bring your donation check to our February 2 meeting and drop it off at the bank? Convenient!

AAUW FUNDS

Monica Weyhe

ASSETS:

Checking 4,301.63

MM 9,100.05

CD 2,448.98

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Sandy Heath

Welcome to members joining our ranks this fiscal year (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019): Elizabeth Harris, Yvette McCulley, Jean Foley, Dorothy Roessler, and Janis Taft.

Our 2018-2019 student members who joined in July:

Alexis Gerten - SOU, Arismendi Villa-Saucedo, Delany Sparling; RCC, Isabella Ruikis, Jessica Johnson, Amna Horrain, Katie Pennington, Jenny Jarvie, and McKenna Frison.

FEBRUARY MUSINGS PUBLIC POLICY

Gayle Clason, Public Policy Chair

Be certain to mark your new 2019 Calendars with April 11-14 as the Oregon AAUW State Convention in Salem! Lobby Day will be a part of the convention, use this chance to visit Oregon legislators face to face.

As of January first, Oregon's Paycheck Fairness Act became law. One direct benefit that this author knows is that her daughter's salary was increased dramatically due to more experience and expertise than her male supervisor's paycheck.

Fairness and Title IX are also on the national agenda of Congress. Let your voice be heard via the Two-Minute Activist of AAUW.

The Oregon Legislature is back in session. Watch for information about HB 2562 to increase funding to OR Department of Education to increase Title IX Coordinators from one 1/4 FTE to 2 FTE's. AAUW is also supporting legislation dealing with increasing problem of age discrimination. If an employer can find one other reason for a negative employment decision, then it's okay — even if age was a factor in the decision.

Finally, it seems like a no-brainer to support bills that seek to give dignity to incarcerated women — including free tampons and sanitary napkins.

LODGING HOSTS NEEDED!

Bonnie Goldfein

Medford's First Presbyterian Church is hosting the excellent 70-member Concordia College choir on March 8. We need help to provide sleeping accommodations for some of them for one night (beyond what our small church family can provide). Would YOU be willing to host two students for one night (Friday, March 8)? As the students are assigned in pairs, the host needs either two beds in one room or two bedrooms for them. Hosts would take the students home after the Friday night concert, provide a snack that evening and breakfast Saturday morning and then take them back to the church to meet the bus to their next destination.

Contact Paulette Avery ASAP to say YES! 541 423-5416 or averyfam1@charter.net



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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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