

## HIGHLIGHTS

### GENERAL MEETING

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

### Short Program

"Where do our AAUW funds go?"  
Mary Wright Gillespie

### Featured Program

"Title IX Today"  
Debbie Simon, Human Resources Director  
Medford School District

Prior to her arrival in Medford, Debbie held the position of Human Resources Director for the Three Rivers School District. She has been in Human Resources since 2004 and has a wealth of experience in this field. Her focus with us will be on concerns and issues related to Title 9 and its implementation. Her husband is Charles, and there are five children and eight grandchildren who occupy her free time.

### BRAINSTORMING PROGRAMS FOR 2019-20

Valerie Barr and Carol Schaefer

Bright ideas welcome! Join us Saturday, March 30 at 10 a.m. (location to be announced later) to brainstorm ideas for next year's programs. Since you all have different ideas and connections, let's pool them together to create an interesting array of programs. If you want to send in your thoughts, email them to Valerie Barr at [vmbarr1@gmail.com](mailto:vmbarr1@gmail.com).

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bonnie Goldfein



Sometimes reading the local newspaper provides an "Ah ha!" moment for me. One of these moments came with The Mail Tribune early in February when the front page featured a piece on "Random Acts of Kindness," designed as a board game where "players" could check off their fulfilled acts of kindness as they move around the board. Since it was February, the game included 28 individual daily kindness acts, which my husband and I enjoyed discussing: "Have you done this one?" "This one sounds like something to do this year." "Hmmm... Never thought of that!" Anyway, I wanted to share the list with you, since I am confident that all of you have "scored" high in carrying out Random Acts of Kindness in your daily lives; but, like Tex and me, there might be an Act or two on this list that you've not yet considered. (Of course, not all of them will suit you.) Here's the list:

- Reach out to a friend you haven't spoken to in a while.
- Say "Good morning" to someone you don't know.
- Hold the door open for someone.
- Make a batch of soup & share it with someone who's lonely.
- Offer to let someone go ahead of you in line.
- Put away your phone and talk to people.
- Take time to handwrite a note & send a card to someone.
- Return a shopping cart.
- Write a letter to a soldier. ([operationgratitude.com](http://operationgratitude.com))
- Give someone a hug.
- Buy flowers to hand out on the street.
- Leave a thank-you on a napkin along with your tip for a server.
- Plant a tree.
- Pass out cards at a nursing home on holidays.
- Say something encouraging on Social Media.
- There IS a 'National Grouch Day' (no kidding!) Do something nice for a grouch.
- Take the time to really listen to someone.
- Make kits of necessities or donate items for the homeless.
- Gift a book to someone who would enjoy it.
- Pick up litter when you find it.

## 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 on March 19th at 1:30 PM for a discussion of the book *Hold Up The Sky* by Patricia Sprinkle at the home of Tricia Wood with Paulette Avery being our discussion leader. Please let Tricia know if you will be attending. Contact: Tricia Wood woodtaustin@yahoo.com

### Murder Most Literary

Murder Most Literary will meet on Thursday, March 14 at 7pm in the Chetco Room. The theme is a Mystery Series continued by another author. Terri Wright prepared the bibliography and will lead the discussion.

Contact: Mary Wright Gillespie  
(541) 857-6083

### Morning Book Group

Morning Book Group will meet on Wednesday, March 27 at 10am in the Chetco Room. Jean Huth will lead the discussion on *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

Contact

Mary Wright Gillespie (541) 857-6083  
or Sharon Purkerson (541) 857-651



### 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.

We are holding up on collecting cleaning supplies for Rogue Retreat for a few months. You have been very generous and we have distributed five baskets so far, and we have enough to make up 4 to 5 more. They gave us an approximate number of 10 a year, so we are right on schedule. Thanks again. The women who have received baskets have been very appreciative.

### Antique Studies

Meets 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!

### OUT & ABOUT

#### Sat., March 2 | 7:30pm

The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde at Collaborative Theatre Project at Medford Center. Several are attending.

#### March 2,3 or March 8,9

Newsies—the Broadway Musical by Teen Musical Theater of Oregon at the Craterian Theatre, \$24.

#### Fri., March 8 | 8pm

Hay Fever by Noel Coward at SOU Main Stage Theatre, Tickets \$20 or senior \$15, Janet & Regula attending.

#### Sun., March 10 | 1pm

(11:30am lunch), Beehive at Oregon Cabaret Theatre in Ashland, Carol K. & Janet B. table for 4 at 11:30am) Join us to expand table or find table nearby.

#### Fri., March 15 | 7:30pm

The Official Blues Brothers Revue at the Craterian Theatre, \$32-38 March 29, 30 or April 5, 6. The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee at Craterian Theatre, \$28

Contact Janet Brougher, jjbrougher@gmail.com



## FOODIES

### DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

We will meet on Friday, March 28, at the Pie & Vine Restaurant (358 East Main Street, Ashland) at 6 pm. CASH ONLY. All AAUW members are welcome to join us.

Contact: Virginia McGraw (541) 245-6035 for more details and to RSVP.

### Lunch Bunch

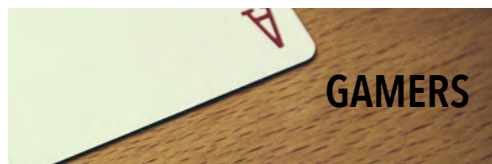
We will be traveling to the on Tuesday, March 12th at 11:30 to 4 Daughter's Pub located at 126 W Main St, Medford, OR 97501. RSVP no later than Friday, March 8th.

Contact: Gail Etchie,  
(541)664-3744, gigidesigns007@yahoo.com

### Wine & Whine

All members are invited to attend. This month, we will be gathering on Friday, March 15th at 2pm. The winery this month is 2 Hawk Vineyard & Winery, 2335 N. Phoenix Road, Medford, Oregon. If you plan to attend, please RSVP.

Contact Jan Purkeypile, 541-6214916,  
janpurkeypile@yahoo.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

Dessert Bridge will meet on March 6, 2019, at 12:30 pm at Jane Davies'. Please do call Jane to let her know that you will be there (or let her know who will be your sub if you cannot come).

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

- Leave water & a thank-you note for your USPS, FedEx & UPS driver.
- Put out bird feeders.
- Pay a sincere compliment to someone.
- Leave positive sticky notes on mirrors for others.
- Buy items from children's fund-raisers.
- Volunteer to read at a school or library.
- Foster a pet that is up for adoption or donate food to the animal shelter.
- Leave inspirational messages in library books.

I am sure that you all "scored" well with this list of kind acts, and you could probably add some of your own Acts of Kindness to enlarge the list. (I have learned quickly that Medford AAUW is a kind and generous group.) Thank you for playing along today with my Random Acts of Kindness checklist!

### WHAT'S NEW

Bonnie Goldfein

This issue of Musings includes two new features, as we can now fill the half-page space previously used for mailing newsletters to those members without internet access. (We will mail hard-copies to them in envelopes from now on.)

Our new features are:

**SPOTLIGHT** Each issue will highlight the story of one of our members. The featured member has the choice to write her story herself or to provide material for a story to be written for/about her. In either case, the spotlighted member will always have final approval of the story before it is published.

Our March Spotlight is on Carol Koszyk. Enjoy reading Carol's story on page 6. **CELEBRATE!** Our second new feature honors our members in their birthday month, helping us to remember our friends on their special day. Each Celebrate! feature will also present a mini-biography of a woman in history born in that month whose life has had significance for issues promoting women's rights.

Do you have a suggestion for other new features for Musings? If so, please contact me.





## 2019 AAUW GARDEN TOUR

Robin Smith and Monica Weyhe, Co-Chairs

Great progress is being made on preparations for the June 8th garden tour. Coordinators and Greeters have been signed up for all 6 gardens. Thank you volunteers! The tour booklet was compiled to go to the printer by the end of February, we are still soliciting donation of a week or long weekend at a condo or house to sell raffle tickets for a fun vacation outside of the Rogue Valley to raise additional funds for our local scholarships. If you, or someone you know, has a property that might be available, please let us know as soon as possible! This would be considered a charitable donation to a 501(c)(3) organization since the donations go through MUWCF.

ALL: Be sure to SAVE THE DATE of June 8th, buy tickets and come with your friends and family! Tickets go on sale in May and make a great gift. This event raises funds for scholarships to assist women in Jackson County to attend Southern Oregon University or Rogue Community College.

## MEDFORD BRANCH ASSETS

Monica Weyhe, VP/Finance

MEDFORD BRANCH ASSETS  
Checking \$4,316.63  
Money Market \$9,100.28  
Certificate of Deposit \$2,449.92

## AAUW FUNDS

Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds Chair

The final accounting for the money our branch contributed in the year 2018 was \$10,600.23. This remarkable contribution deserves a huge thank you to each member of the Medford branch.



## CANNING JARS NEEDED

Joan Rycraft

The planning group for the upcoming Hoe Down fundraiser needs mason jars for table decorations. Quart wide mouth jars. We need about 90 all together, so we are coming to the membership first before we need to go out and purchase jars. Please bring your jars to the March 2nd general meeting or if more convenient we will come to your place and pick them up.

## MARCH PUBLIC POLICY

Gayle Clason, Public Policy Chair

Ever wanted to speak face to face with your state senators or representatives? Lobby Day gives you that chance with help on how to be effective. Thursday, April 11, from 12:30-5:30, in Salem (the day before the state convention) is AAUW of Oregon Lobby Day. You may attend only Lobby day, Registration is due April 1, fee is \$23, or both for a chance to network with members from Oregon. Coordinate with Gayle Clason for travel arrangements. Details are in the current Oregon News.

AAUW's Two-Minute Activist is a way to communicate with U.S. Congress, use e-mail or phone alerts for action. Input from constituents counts; they need to step up to accomplish the job they were elected to do. Current concerns are Family Act (paid leave), paycheck fairness and raising the federal minimum wage to \$15. These priorities are determined by members' votes on public policy.



## MERCY FLIGHTS

Diane Reiling

It is that time again! Our group membership with Mercy Flights is up for renewal. If you are already a member, please get a check to Diane Reiling in the amount of \$65.00, made out to "Mercy Flights". I will be collecting checks at the March Branch meeting, or you may mail a check to my home address (see Directory).

If you are NOT a member, you might want to consider it. Mercy Flights is our local ground and air ambulance service. If you are a member and need transport, Mercy Flights will bill your insurance and will accept what your insurance pays as "payment in full". If insurance doesn't cover the transport, you will be responsible for 50% of the bill.

Mercy Flights is a 501(c)3, and if you do not receive services for any year, the cost of your membership is a tax deductible donation. Your membership covers you and your spouse/significant other/life partner, including those in a care facility. New members, please see Diane Reiling for the necessary enrollment form. Most of the Retirement Communities have their own (larger) group, so do check that first! Our renewal deadline is March 31st, so please have checks to me by March 25th.

## PHANTOM TEA PARTY

Patty Finch & Sharon Shatswell

Thank you to one and all for your continued contribution to our Phantom Tea Party! We will close the contributions the end of March. For our final month of March, Jackie and Patty will be raffling 2 baskets. One of the baskets has been gifted back to us from James Hofstiezer who name was drawn in January and the second basket is filled with wonderful tea items including a teapot from Camille Korsmo. The drawing is from names of those who have contributed to the Phantom Tea Party, and this time you need to be present to win!

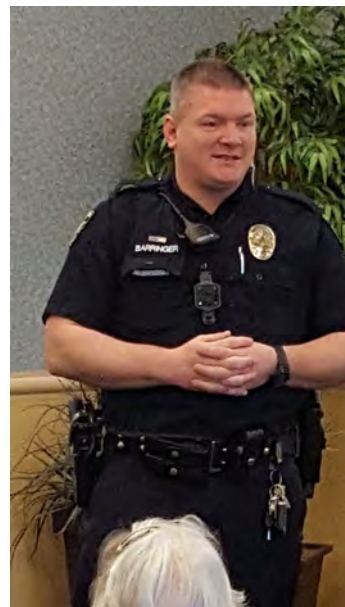
We will then gather on Saturday, April 6 for a special "High Tea" at The Teapot on Wheels in Gold Hill (right off I-5, Exit 45A). Cost is \$30. Please give Sharon Shatswell your High Tea check made out to MUWCF at our March 2 General Meeting OR mail it to Sharon at 118 Orchid Lane, Shady Cove, OR 97539.



## TWO MORE GREAT PROGRAMS

Members enjoyed a "mixed bag" at the February 2nd general meeting. We began with "Chair Yoga," under the direction of Dina Press, Certified Yoga Instructor (and recent president of Grants Pass AAUW). We breathed and stretched together for an enjoyable 15 minutes, after which Dina fielded some questions about other exercises and relaxation techniques.

Once we were all relaxed, Medford District's School Resource Officer Jim Barringer stepped up to inform and entertain us with a lively talk about School Safety. He emphasized that while there are occasions where he, as a police officer, has to arrest students, most of his days are spent in providing a supportive and protective presence in the schools he serves. He described the training that teachers/staff and students receive to protect them in the event of gun violence in a school, and he explained the importance of all the gear he wears on/with his uniform. While the subject matter was very serious, Officer Barringer's entertaining presentation style made this program one to remember fondly!







### SPOTLIGHT: CAROL KOSZYK

#### My Story

I grew up in the Central San Joaquin Valley in California, 30 miles southeast of Fresno in the very tiny town of Orange Cove. It is snuggled in the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas, and was a wonderful place to grow up. My family were fruit farmers -oranges, lemons, table grapes, peaches, plums and nectarines -and the bruised grapes became brandy. My dream was always to get married, have children and make the world a better place.

For college, I chose U C Davis, because I loved the outdoors and bicycling. It was there that I met Phil/fell in love/got my Bachelor of Science Degree in Consumer Food Science (with Phil's help)/started working/got married to Phil. We had Sarah and Mark in Puerto Rico, and have enjoyed lovely places to live (San Diego, Hawaii, New Jersey). I've worked as an analyst, substitute teacher, proofreader, and teacher's assistant.

In 1996, we moved to Medford where I joined AAUW. I am thankful for all the very good people and the great activities of this branch. I have been a Co-President, Membership Co-VP, and assisted various endeavors. When our son died in 2006, so many AAUW members offered their help. We cherish our 26 years with Mark.

Now Phil and I are retired and we enjoy walking, playing bridge and games, and traveling. We feel very thankful for Sarah and her husband, Tomas, who have a 2 year-old boy, Nico. We love being Grandparents!



### CELEBRATE! MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Dawn Stewart  
10 Sarah Chandler  
10 Sharon Shatswell  
13 Sue Thornburg  
14 Mae Boren  
19 Teri Moser  
20 Sandy Heath  
24 Donna Corey  
27 Jan Purkeypile  
29 Kathleen O'Reilly



### GLORIA STEINEM March 25, 1934

Known best for her outspoken activism, Gloria Steinem was a leader in the American feminist movement of the 1960's and 1970's. A respected journalist, lecturer and columnist for New York magazine, she was co-founder of Ms. Magazine and the National Women's Political Caucus. She famously commented: "A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle."

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