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Medford, OR Branch

2012 - 2013

Directory/Handbook

PUBLIC POLICY FOCUS AREAS

Public Education: K-12

- Adequate stable public funding at all levels
- Equal education opportunity for all with emphasis on protection and preservation of intellectual freedom and access to broad-based education
- Opposition to public funds for vouchers, private schools, or non-accredited education programs

Public Higher Education

- Improved funding for academic and workforce programs, faculty, staff and students
- Increased grant assistance for child care costs for student parents

Elimination of Discrimination and Violence

- Laws that protect all persons without regard to gender, race, creed, class, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability, age or class
- Programs that eliminate bullying and sexual harassment

State and Local Government

- Reaffirmation of the separation of church and state
- Adequate long term funding for education, public safety, and human services
- Fair and equitable taxation at all levels of government
- Improved public access to the legislative process
- Accountability and transparency in government operations

Health Care

- Support the rights of all persons to have access to reproductive health care options of their choice
- Universal availability and accessibility and quality health services

Adopted April 2008, Oregon State Convention, Portland

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AAUW of Oregon State Convention
 Caribaldi, OR
 April 19—21, 2013

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MEDFORD, OR BRANCH

2012–2013

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National Association: www.aauw.org

Branch Newsletter: "Medford Musings"

The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month.
Gail Etchie, editor. Send submissions to: medmusings@gmail.com

AAUW Organizational Statements

- **Mission:** AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.
- **Vision:** AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in areas impacting the lives of women and girls.
- **Value Promise:** By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.
- **Diversity:** In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.
- **Membership:** AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold an associate or equivalent, a baccalaureate or higher degree from a college or university on the AAUW list of qualified institutions.

AAUW of Oregon Mission Statement

- AAUW of Oregon promotes advocacy, takes action to empower women and girls, and connects the Association with branch members.

General Meeting Dates 2012—2013, first Saturdays

9:30 AM at the JCLS Medford Library Branch (unless otherwise noted).

September 8 (the second Saturday per Branch members' preference): "Beyond Branch Meetings" will feature the activities of all our interest groups, with a special focus placed on the history and potential of ACT, the AAUW Community Team,

October 6: "Organizations That Make Good Things Happen" will feature a panel representing three local groups whose business is helping people.

November 1 (THURSDAY afternoon): "Honoring Our Stories: A Visit with Jane Kirkpatrick." Oregon author Jane Kirkpatrick will present a one-hour program beginning at 3:30 p.m. after a tea and cookies reception (provided by AAUW) from 3:00-3:30.

December 1: "Tea for Health and Holidays" with a presentation by Sharon Johnson on the health benefits of tea drinking. Tea and cookies.

January 5: Multi-media presentation on Turkey by Dave Baker

February 2: "The Hatbox and the Suitcase" is a genealogy and history mystery presented by Anne Billeter, librarian, genealogist and history buff.

March 2: "The Importance of Women's Friendships" presented by therapist Jeanette Larson of Cobblestone Counseling Center

April 6: "Animal Healers and Helpers." We will hear from staff members of both Dogs for the Deaf and the Hope Equestrian Center about the services offered to their clients.

May 4: "Crossing the Line" is the title of AAUW's study on bullying. We will learn about the behaviors described in the bullying report as well as how schools are countering them. Potluck brunch.

June 1: *AAUW Funds/Scholarships Luncheon*. Time, venue TBA. Reservations will be required in advance.

Medford Branch Board Meetings

3rd Thursdays, 4:00 PM, Rogue Valley Manor Terrace, Terrace Room, 4th Floor.
All members welcome.

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Aug. 15, September 20, October 18, November 16, December—no meeting

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January 17, February 15, March 15, April 18, May 16

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Interest Groups

Books

- ◊ **Happy Bookers:** Meets 3rd Tuesday 1:30 PM. Contact Jan Purkeypile.
- ◊ **Morning Book Discussion:** Meets 1st Wednesday 10 AM, RVM club room. Contact: Gayle Clason or Mary W. Gillespie.
- ◊ **Murder Most Literary:** Meets 1st Thursday at 7 PM, Chetco room, RVM Skyline Plaza. Contact: Mary W. Gillespie.

Food

- ◊ **International Cuisine:** Meets one month to plan a meal for the next month. For couples and singles. Contact: Carole Heath.
- ◊ **Lunch Bunch:** Meets 2nd Tuesday at 1 PM at various restaurants. Contact: Diane Reiling
- ◊ **DINE (dinner is never enough):** Meets 4th Thursday for dinner at various restaurants. Contact: Virginia McGraw, Ellen Wakefield.

Community Projects, Current Affairs

- ◊ **Act (AADW Community Team):** Cooperates with local service organizations, RCC etc. Contact: Mickey Ketchum, Shiana Polzho, Genevieve Smith.
- ◊ **Great Decisions:** Discusses 8 topics per season presented by the U. S. Foreign Policy Association. Contact: Janice Williams.

Open Air

- ◊ **Garden Joys and Tribulations:** Meets several times a year for tours or discussions. Contact: Barbara Basden or Marlene Olson.
- ◊ **Outdoor Adventure Group:** Plans hiking, biking, rafting, skiing, snowshoeing and such. Contact: Jan Purkeypile.

Indoor Games and Hobbies

- ◊ **Afternoon Dessert Bridge:** Meets 1st Wednesday at 12:30 PM. Contact: Vera Alexander.
- ◊ **Evening Needle Workers:** Meets 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 PM. Stitching and Conversation. Contact: Sandi Cameron.
- ◊ **Antique Studies:** Meets last Wednesday at 1:30 PM. Contact: Mae Boren or Barbara Larson.

Note: Please consult your current newsletter for the most up to date information on interest group activities!

Medford Branch/AAUW Policies

1. **Board Members:** Board Members are expected to attend all Branch and Board meetings. Members who wish to propose a new item of business or deliver a report which may evoke considerable discussion are to give notice to the president in order to prepare the agenda.

2. **Bylaws and Policies:** It is the responsibility of the president and recording secretary to be thoroughly familiar with the Branch Bylaws and policies and to have them available for reference at every Branch and Board meeting.

3. **Change of Address, Phone, Email or Name:** This is to be reported to the database manager and branch treasurer, who will then notify the Association and State.

4. **Community Activities:** It is our policy to help in any way we can with cultural or civic projects.

5. **Conventions:**

a. **State Convention:** Expenses will be apportioned as to number of delegates and amount budgeted for that year for State Convention.

b. **Association Convention:** One member may apply for reimbursement of the registration fee. Half the registration fee for the Association Convention will be budgeted annually. If no one attends, the funds will revert to the general fund. Preference is given in the following order: 1) Current president; 2) Branch Board members; 3) Other active and interested members. Members receiving this award are expected to report pertinent information to the Branch.

6. **Courtesy:** The "in our thoughts" (formerly "corresponding") secretary will send get well, sympathy, or congratulatory cards to members whenever appropriate. Plants, flowers, or other gifts are to be excluded.

7. **Medford Branch Operating Funds:**

a. **Donations:** No funds over \$100 will be expended without a 2/3 majority vote of the membership at regular meetings of the Branch.

b. **Unbudgeted Expenses:** Any unbudgeted operating expense and/or increase to an approved operating budget item over \$100 must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the membership at a regular meeting of the branch.

c. **Incentive Gifts:** The amount charged to the Branch for an "incentive gift" to a member (such as a prize drawing), shall not exceed \$10."

8. **Dues:** Deadline for paying dues to the treasurer shall be July 1.

9. **AAUW Funds:**

a. The AAUW Funds chair shall have the responsibility of educating members regarding the AAUW Funds Program, its structure, history, and importance, source of income, and ways members can designate and restrict the expenditure of such money.

b. All monies specifically earned, contributed or in any way designated for AAUW Funds will be held in a separate account and not dispersed with operating expense monies.

c. A minimum \$1,000 named gift shall be sent to the "Educational Foundation" (now AAUW Funds) as revenue permits.

10. **Financial Contributions:** Since Branch members as individuals give to the support of local and national charitable organizations, Branches are advised against using Branch funds as token contributions for worthy causes.

11. **Interest Groups:** Interest groups are open only to women or men who are eligible for AAUW membership. Women/men eligible for membership in AAUW may not attend an interest group after three meetings unless they join the Branch. If a member chose

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these interest groups prior to April 1985 they will be allowed to continue to attend, and pay \$10 per interest group joined. This fee will go into the Branch operating fund.

12. Honorary Life Members: Branch members who have become life members of the Association through 50 years of continuous membership are exempt from payment of branch dues.

13. Lunch Reservations: Individual members who cancel a meal reservation after the reservations are closed or turned in are responsible for paying for them.

14. Meetings:

a. Branch meetings shall be held on the 1st Thursday or 1st Saturday of each month.

b. Board meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

c. Meeting Schedule:

September: 1st Saturday that does not conflict with the Labor Day week-end. Interest group sign-up - Membership Coffee.

January: Legislative committee report on resolutions to be presented at convention.

February: Nominating Committee appointed for coming year's officers.

March: Nominating committee report for coming year's officers.

April: Elect officers, delegates to state convention, present budget for next year.

May: Installation of officers, approve budget for next year, evaluation of year's program, membership renewal.

June: Scholarship/AAUW Funds Luncheon. Present named Grant Honorees

15. Members:

a. Dues: Half-year dues may be paid between January 1 and March 15. Full-year dues received after March 15 are applied to the fiscal year beginning July of that calendar year.

b. Membership Eligibility:

Basis for Membership: Individuals eligible to be admitted to membership are those holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate or higher degree from a qualified educational institution, a degree from a foreign institution recognized by the International Federation of University Women (IFUW), or a foreign degree acceptable as a basis for admission by graduate schools at qualified universities of the U.S.A., and who have paid dues on or before July 1 annually to a branch treasurer or to the Association finance vice-president. The provisions set forth in this section shall be the sole requirements for eligibility and admissibility to membership. Refusal to admit an eligible individual to branch membership shall result in loss of recognition of a branch.

c. Branches: All branches within the state shall be members of this state.

d. Branch Members: A branch member is one who maintains AAUW membership through a branch.

e. Associate Members: An associate member is one who was admitted prior to July 1, 1957, upon completion of at least two years of nonprofessional work as would have been credited toward an approved degree in any college or university on the Association membership list at that time. Associate members are members of a branch and the state only, and may not serve as a state officer, or as branch officers fulfilling the functions of president, membership, program or finance.

f. Members-at-Large: A member-at-large of the Association residing within the state may become a member-at-large of the state upon payment of state dues. That member shall be entitled to vote and to serve on state committees, the state leadership team and the state board of directors.

g. **College/University Members:** A college or university within the state which is a college/university member of the Association shall also be a college/university member of the state and shall be entitled to representation at all state meetings.

h. **Life Members:**

h.1. **Paid Life Members:** Any member of the Association may become a life member of the Association upon a one-time payment of twenty (20) years' dues, based on the amount of Association dues the year that member elects to become a life member.

Thereafter the life member shall be exempt from payment of Association dues. A paid life member who is a member of a branch continues to pay annual state dues.

h.2. **Fifty-Year Honor:** Any branch member who has paid Association dues for fifty (50) years shall become an honorary life member and shall thereafter be exempt from payment of Association and State dues.

i. **Student Affiliates:** An undergraduate student enrolled in a regionally accredited education institution shall be eligible for student affiliation. Student affiliates shall be entitled to attend Branch, State and Association meetings and receive the publication distributed to all members of the Association. Affiliates may not vote nor hold office. Fees for student affiliates shall be established by the Association Board of Directors. State fees shall be established by the State Leadership Team.

16. Political Concerns: Discussion of legislative concerns pertinent to AAUW's purpose and program is to be encouraged. Political speeches of a partisan nature or endorsing particular candidates will not be permitted at branch meetings or through the newsletter.

17. President's Gift: The 1st V.P. and Treasurer shall be in charge of the selection of the President's gift up to the amount budgeted. This gift shall represent the appreciation of the entire membership and shall be presented by the 1st Vice President at the General Meeting in June.

18. Revisions: These policies may be revised by majority vote at any branch meeting.

19. Use of Name: The policies and program of the Association on matters of national scope shall be binding on all members and branches and no members or branch shall use the name of the Association to oppose such policies or program. Established channels may be used to change a policy or program. The freedom of speech of the individual member to speak his or her personal opinion in his or her own name is not abridged. Violation of the use of the Association's name shall result in:

- A member's suspension for one year or expulsion from membership, or
- loss of recognition of a branch.

20. Receipts: AAUW Medford Branch members who receive cash for any AAUW purpose will issue a receipt and keep a copy of the receipt in a receipt book provided by the financial officer. These receipt books will be turned in for audit at the same time as the treasurer's books are audited.

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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. The Medford Branch promotes the AAUW mission through the following projects:

Local Scholarships: The Branch raises funds to assist women in Jackson County to further their education at Rogue Community College and Southern Oregon University. A scholarship selection committee reviews applications to select worthy recipients. Returning, older students, heads of households and mothers have benefited from these scholarships.

AAUW Funds: This is the philanthropic giving arm of AAUW. Programs such as Fellowships and Grants, Legal Advocacy Fund, Campus Action Projects, National Conference for College Women Student leaders (NCCSL), research and many funds are supported. In particular -

- The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) provides financial support for individuals seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination. LAF seeks out cases with precedent-setting potential that address significant discriminatory practices in the workplace, with the goal of eliminating them from all workplaces. The Lilly Ledbetter case was a recent example.
- Fellowships and grants have been a core program of AAUW at the national level. The program awards over \$3.5 million per year in graduate fellowships and grants to women and traditionally was called the Education Foundation (EF). The sizable family of funds can be viewed at the AAUW Website (go to "donate").
The Medford Branch established and continues to support 2 funds: The Peggyann Hutchinson International Fellowship Endowment of over \$100,000; which provides stipends for International Fellows, and the Kenneth McGraw Memorial Fund, which was established to provide grants and project awards to U.S. citizens.
- Part of the proceeds from the Children's Festival food booth and member contributions comprise the Branch's annual giving. Contributions may be designated to a particular fellowship or fund, such as the Hutchinson or McGraw funds, or any of the many named funds. Donations of \$25 or more may be designated as tributes or memorials to friends and loved ones. Members who donate \$100 become Century Club members and are honored at the annual Scholarship/AAUW Funds Luncheon and at the state convention.

Advancing Equity for Women and Girls: Membership in AAUW offers opportunities to learn about the issues and hot topics that affect equity for women and girls. Programs at monthly branch meetings emphasize issues and topics tied to the AAUW mission and vision. This translates to programs that inform and educate on subjects that impact the lives of women and girls. Examples include explanation of ballot measures, new school emphases, changes in social security, local community issues and other topics on educational and economic barriers for women.

The Branch is an active partner with Rogue Community College (RCC) for mission-related projects. In recent years the Branch assisted RCC with three special programs

educate high school girls and young women on challenges and strategies to achieve financial equity in the future. The Branch also supports the RCC student mentor program.

AAUW strives to be a visible leader in advancing equity for women and girls, with informed and knowledgeable members.

The Medford Branch has historically had an active presence in the community. The Branch helped pass the library bond measure, worked for juvenile justice bonds, assisted with *Asset Building* training and assisted the *West Medford Integration Site*.

ONGOING MEDFORD BRANCH PROJECTS

- Raise money for AAUW Funds. *(See the previous page for a description of the funds).*
- Partner with Rogue Community College on projects to further equity for women and girls
- Scholarships for Jackson County women students at Rogue Community College and Southern Oregon University
- Provide opportunities to participate in public policy activities at local, state and national levels. Partner with League of Women Voters on local candidate and other community forums.
- "Kid Spree" – provide food and member support to assist children in shopping for back-to-school clothes with funds raised by "Kid Spree" and discounts from J.C. Penney Corp., in cooperation with Soroptimists and local church groups.
- Children's Festival "Food Faire" fundraiser
- Fall Garden Tour fundraiser
- Holiday donations and gifts for children living in foster care
- Kids Unlimited (help where needed)
- Judge high school senior projects
- Scholarships for Junior High School girls to attend summer "Academy" at OSU

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