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**2014-2015**

**Handbook &  
Members Directory**

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## AAUW of Oregon Public Policy Focus Areas: 2014-2015

AAUW of Oregon Convention body voted to support the following:

### Public Education: Pre-K through Higher Education

- 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
- Improved funding for academic and workforce programs, faculty, staff and students
- Protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women in elementary, secondary and postsecondary education, including vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education
- 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, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, age or class
- Programs that eliminate bullying and sexual harassment and violence; Support programs which address human trafficking

### State and Local Government

- Fair and equitable taxation at all levels of government
- Collection by state of adequate data for evaluation of business tax credits
- Restructuring of Oregon's income and property tax system
- Eliminate the Kicker and establish an adequate reserve fund
- Reaffirmation of the separation of church and state
- Adequate long-term funding for education, public safety, and human services
- 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

### Economic Self-Sufficiency

- Pay equity and fairness in compensation
- Greater availability of and access to benefits that promote work and life balance
- Redesign and refunding of the Parents as Scholars as part of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF)

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*Medford Musings* newsletter available on website

Oregon: [aauw-or.aauw.net](http://aauw-or.aauw.net)

National: [aauw.org](http://aauw.org)

## AAUW: Empowering Women Since 1881

**Mission:** AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

**Vision:** AAUW values the importance of supporting girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) as part of our mission to break through barriers for women and girls. Our research, policy, and nationwide programs encourage members to work from their own communities to ensure that we reach equity in these important fields.

**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.





## Medford Branch Programs & Meetings

usual format: 9:30 Hospitality  
10:00 Program  
11:00 Business

- August 18:** Strategic Planning Session, 10-4, lunch provided.
- September 6:** Welcome back, 9:30 a.m. Interest Group Presentations, sign-ups.
- October 4:** Books for Kigutu. Katherine Leppek and Marsha McHugh, speakers. Meeting at Lidgate Hall, Congregational Church, 1801 East Jackson St.
- November 1:** Rogue Valley Climate Trends and Projections. Dr. Alan Journeé, speaker, Southern Oregon Climate Action Now (SOCAN).
- December 6:** Holiday brunch at the Jacksonville Inn; 10 a.m. Fundraising for Jackson County Foster Children, Holiday Jewelry, Scarf and Vest Exchange.
- January 3, 2015:** Sooner or Later: Hospice, Oregon's Death with Dignity Law, End of Life Issues.
- February 7:** Labor and Industry Issues. Commissioner Brad Avakian from Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries; invitation to AAUW Ashland and Grants Pass.
- March 7:** To Be Announced.
- April 11:** To Be Announced. Business meeting: Election of officers.
- May 16:** AAUW Funds/Scholarship Luncheon, Skyline Plaza, Rogue Valley Manor, 11:30 a.m. Reservations needed.
- June 6:** To Be Announced. Business meeting: Installation of officers.

*More detailed information is available on the website. All programs are held at the Medford Public Library unless otherwise noted, and are open to the public.*

### Medford Branch Board Meetings:

Usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 4:00 p.m., Rogue Valley Manor Terrace, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Terrace Room.

**Members welcome:** August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, no December meeting, January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16 and May 21.



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**INTEREST GROUPS****Book Groups**

**Happy Bookers:** meets 3rd Tuesday, 1:30 pm at a member's home; fiction and non-fiction. Contact: Marlene Olson.

**Morning Book Group:** meets 1st Wednesday, 10 am, Rogue Valley Manor Club Room; fiction and non-fiction. Contact: Mary Wright Gillespie or Sharon Purkerson.

**Murder Most Literary:** meets 1st Thursday at 7 pm, Rogue Valley Manor, Skyline Plaza, Chetco Room. Contact: Mary W. Gillespie.

**Community Projects and Current Affairs**

**ACT (AAUW Community Team):** cooperates with local service organizations and others to work on short-term community projects. Contact: Donna Corey.

**Great Decisions:** meets 3rd Saturday from 9:30-11:30 to discuss a topic presented by the U. S. Foreign Policy Association; with a study book & DVD presentation. Contact: Janice Williams.

**Dine, Wine & Enjoyment**

**DINE (dinner is never enough):** meets 4th Thursday at 6 pm for dinner at various restaurants. Contact: Virginia McGraw or Ellen Wakefield.

**International Cuisine:** meets one month to plan a meal for the next month. For couples or singles. Contact: Carole Heath.

**Lunch Bunch:** meets 2nd Tuesday at 11:30 am at various restaurants. Contact: Diane Reiling.

**Out & About:** monthly jaunts to enjoy art, music, plays and more. Contact: Ronnie Budge.

**Wine & Whine:** meets once a month, usually Friday at 2 pm, at various wineries, to taste and talk. Contact: Gail Etchie or Jan Purkepile.





DECEMBER AT DEL RIO WINERY

**Creative Arts and Games**

**Afternoon Dessert Bridge:** meets 1st Wednesday at 12:30 pm in members' homes. Contact: Vera Alexander.

**Antique Studies:** Meets at various places and dates. Check newsletter or Contact: Mae Boren or Diane Reiling.

**Mah Jong:** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays from 2-4 pm in members' homes for play in the American-Far East style. Contact: Jackie Baker.

**Out-of-Doors**

**Garden Joys:** meets monthly to go on tours, field trips, or hear speakers. Contact: Barbara Basden or Marlene Olson.

**Outdoor Adventure Group:** plans low-key outdoor adventure such as hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Contact: Jan Purkeypile.

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

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## MEDFORD BRANCH MISSION ACTIVITIES

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 Peggann 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.

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**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 to 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 above for a description of the funds)
- Partner with Rogue Community College on projects to further equity for women and girls
- Award scholarships to 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.
- Shopping for back-to-school clothes with funds raised by "Kid Spree" and discounts from J.C. Penney Corp., in cooperation with Seropionists and local church groups.
- Children's Festival "Toad Faire" fundraiser
- Fall Garden Tour fundraiser with Budding Scholars Basket Bazaar
- The Maslow Project, providing basics for homeless girls
- The Neighborhood Diaper Bank, providing diapers for babies and seniors in need
- Holiday donations and gifts for children living in foster care
- Judge high school senior projects
- Scholarships for Junior High School girls to attend summer "Academy" and AWSEM [Advocates for Women in Science, Engineering & Math] at Southern Oregon University

*Volunteer to make a difference here in the Rogue Valley*



*Garden Tour & Budding Scholars Baskets 2014*

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**AAUW Medford Branch Membership Benefit: Mercy Flights**

Enroll in Mercy Flights, a private non-profit air and ground ambulance service, at a reduced cost and have them bill your insurance company. Enrollment is open all year, but there is a 30-day waiting period after enrollment for benefits to take effect. Contact: Virginia McGraw and [www.mercyflights.com](http://www.mercyflights.com).

### Medford Branch Past Presidents & Leadership

1936-37	Carin Degermark	1970-71	Helen Gebhard
1937-38	JoAnne Smith Clemmens	1971-72	Gayle Clason
1939-40	Muriel Yale	1972-73	Maxine Smith
1940-41	Elizabeth McGalliard	1973-74	Kayleen Hart
1941-43	Luleta Shepherd	1974-75	Donna Schatz
1943-45	Mary Jo Cannon	1975-76	Susie Evans
1945-47	Helen Parish	1976-77	Nelkin Swisher
1947-49	Delle Whisenant	1977-78	Glenda Johnson
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1950-51	Dorothy Dowson	1979-80	Barbara Andersen
1951-52	Margo Collins	1980-81	Barbara Larson
1952-53	Harriet Tobin	1981-82	Mary Annette McLaughlin
1953-54	Marge Cummins	1982-83	Fran Lattin
1954-55	Lois Seitz	1983-84	Gunny Shantz
1955-56	Maxine Anderson	1984-85	Ann Moore
1956-57	Frances Willett Caswell	1985-86	Chris Dutcher
1957-58	Rosemary Johannson	1986-88	Virginia McGraw
1958-59	Olive Stong	1988-90	Wanda Powell
1959-60	Vera Elmgren	1990-92	Ruth Roddy
1960-61	NoNo MacKenzie	1993-94	Adele Shimanoff
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1962-63	Lennore Smith	1994-96	Jean Ernie
1963-64	Ann Bishop	1996-98	Jackie Baker
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1965-66	Mary Lasher	2000-02	Vicki Keeney
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1967-68	Jody Pfeiffer	2004-06	Genevieve Smith
1968-69	Jean Fish Gibbons	2006-08	Patty Finch & Marlene Olson
1969-70	Pat Collins	2008-10	Susan Bash

### The Branch moved to a Leadership Team style in 2011:

2010-11	Cathy de Wolfe, Joan Enloe, Mary Gillespie, Camille Korsmo, Marlene Olson
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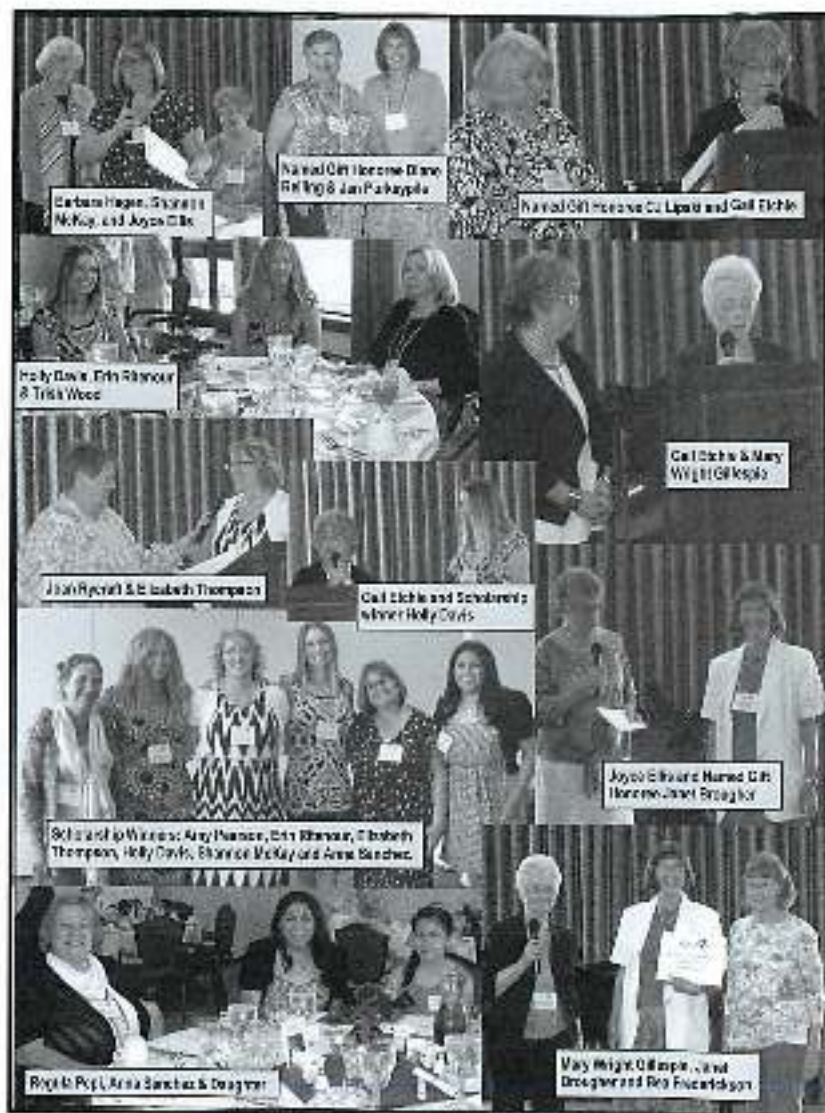
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