

HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER BRANCH ACTIVITIES

KICK-OFF MEETING for 2019-2020 Season

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 7
10 am Rogue Credit Union
(McAndrews & Poplar)

Featured Program:

BLUE ZONES (Where people live long and avoid diseases!)

Presenter Diane Hoover (See page 3)

Short Program: Recap of Last Season & A Look & A & A Look Ahead

SEPTEMBER 28

The HOE-DOWN!
SEE PAGE 2



**DUES ARE
PAST DUE**

Our membership & fiscal year began on July 1. Thanks to those who have paid their dues. If you have not, please rejoin us for 2019-20 now!

Please send the renewal member form with your check for \$90 to:

Monica Weyhe, VP/Finance, Medford AAUW

P.O. Box 1204 Medford, OR 97501
OR renew online with a credit card.

New deadline from AAUW National for dues renewal is September 30.

AAUW Mission

To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bonnie Goldfein

Here we are again... Off and running on another season for our great group of women who will continue to make a difference for women and girls here in Medford and everywhere our influence and support can reach. Please take a few minutes to download the ACCOMPLISHMENTS outline that accompanies this issue of Musings. I think you will be both impressed and very proud of the achievements and successes our branch enjoyed last season. The list is long and so are the lists of branch members whose contributions made all those Accomplishments possible. We are a branch of hard-working, dedicated and very generous women, and that is something about which we can all be proud. Thank you to everyone whose efforts made 2018-2019 such a success for our branch!

However... Our branch is "running on 'Empty'" when it comes to Operating Funds. The \$15 of your \$90 dues that stays in the branch cannot cover normal operating expenses, limiting our ability to offer honoraria to speakers, to fund Musings design, to purchase supplies, etc. Individuals have "stepped up" to pay for things like the \$106/ year for our post office box; but this should not be how we do business. At the September meeting, you will have the opportunity to VOTE on how we can address this problem. A paper ballot will offer three choices: a. Raise annual member dues by \$10 (to \$100/year) b. Offer a 50-50 raffle at meetings (\$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5 – where the branch receives half the money collected and two ticket-holders split the other half) or c. OTHER _____ (Please specify & offer to administer).

As we begin this new season, we have lots of good things coming... Our Program VPs Carol Schaefer and Val Barr and their committee have planned some terrific programs, and we'll be reprising our fun-filled potluck Holiday Party in December, this time for LUNCH (so start thinking of a favorite recipe to share). The Phantom Tea Party will be held from January 1 through March 31, 2020 this season. This fall, please support our very first HOE-DOWN (See page 2), a brand-new fund-raiser open to the public that promises to be an evening of delicious food and wine, fun-filled music and dancing and wonderful treasures for auction. Tickets are going fast... Get yours now!

AAUW Fundraiser

at Bayer Family Estate

11663 Agate Road • Eagle Point

Saturday, September 28, 2019

6:00pm to 9:00pm

South Western Buffet by Chef Alan Jackson

Music by Hwy. 99

Line Dancing Instruction ♦ Souvenir Wine Glass

Glass of Wine/Dessert

Bayer Wines & Beer for purchase

Silent Auction Showcasing Rogue Valley Wines

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per person*

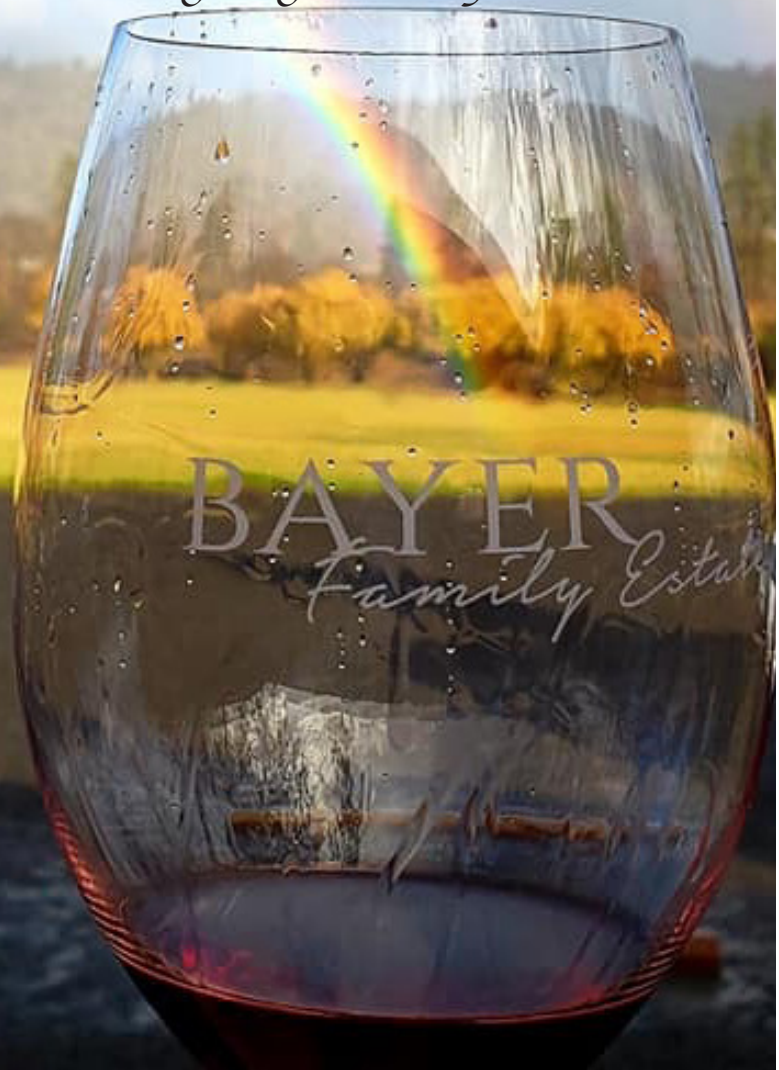
**AAUW Hoe Down
Tickets Available
online**

[eventbrite.com/e/aauw-hoe-down-tickets-58603114493](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aauw-hoe-down-tickets-58603114493)

**This event is tax deductible.
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**All proceeds provide
scholarships to women in
Jackson County.**

**Table reservations:
541-621-4916/541-499-0350**



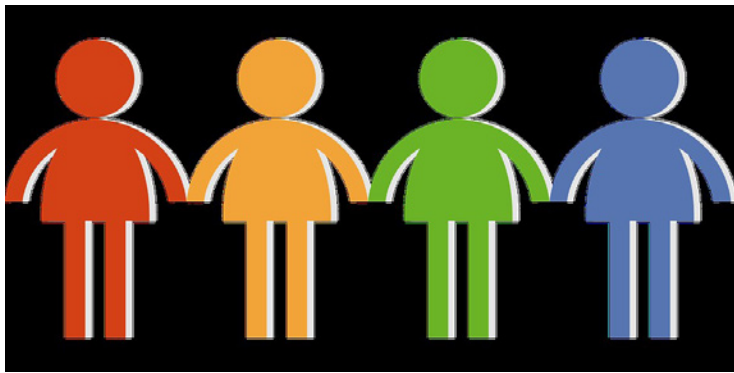


Who ARE these people posing with Diane Hoover?
Join us at our September 7th branch meeting to find out!

SEPTEMBER 7TH FEATURED PROGRAM

The BLUE ZONES PROJECT is based on the research of National Geographic Fellow, Dan Buettner. Dan traveled the world to find places where people routinely live to be over 100 years of age at a fraction of the disease that we see here in the United States. A retired Navy Captain and former Josephine County Public Health Director, Diane Hoover will share with us the NINE KEY CHARACTERISTICS of the FIVE ORIGINAL BLUE ZONES, and how YOU can incorporate these principles into your everyday life.

BRING A GUEST TO THIS MEETING. Both of you will be glad you came!



MEMBERS MATTER

by Sandy Heath, Membership VP

Please welcome FIVE new members to our branch!

- Carol Julian (June)
- Trudy Bridgers (July)
- Diana Butts (July)
- Ellen Jones (July)
- Sherry Kittle (July)

A special thanks to Glenda Sims and Jean Foley, who represented Medford AAUW at the recent OLLI open house, and signed FOUR of these new members!

SOUTHERN OREGON KIDSPREE

In partnership with

JCPenney



A non-profit community project to provide school clothes to low income children.

J C Penney's made us all feel welcome and the store's staff helped everyone to have an enjoyable shopping experience. Thanks go to Joe McGraw, Penney's Manager, and Cathy Eagles, KidSpree Coordinator. Thanks also to our community partners, including: McDonald's on McAndrews (owners Mike & Roxanne Kennedy and Heather Coleman and manager Joe Cruz); Sherms (Bob Ames, general manager); Food for Less (Jared Mulhollen, manager); Human Bean, N. Phoenix Drive (Jackie McGrath, manager) and Rooster's (Annette and owner Dr. Jeff Childreth).

KIDSPREE 2019

by Valerie Barr

Another successful KidSpree with lots of bright smiles! 175 Rogue Valley youth shopped with adult volunteers, chose a brand-new backpack with school and dental supplies, and ate a tasty breakfast! Thank you to our Medford AAUW member volunteers, including refreshment coordinators Marlene Olson and Carol Koszyk, breakfast distributor Donna Corey (who shared this "job" with me) and shoppers Carol Schaefer, Bonnie Goldfein, Pat Stoddard, Joyce Ellis, Glenda Sims and our scholarship winner, Mindy Terrill.

J C Penney's made us all feel welcome and the store's staff helped everyone to have



Carol Schaeffer, her young shopper and his Mom with Penney's Manager Joe McGraw.



KidSpree Volunteers Donna Corey, Marlene Olson and Carol Koszyk with AAUW Scholarship recipient Mindy Terrill.

MEDFORD BRANCH ASSETS

Monica Weyhe, VP/Finance

Checking: \$3293.62
Money Market: \$3101.46
3 new CDs: \$10,028.25

AAUW FUNDS

Mary Wright Gillespie, Funds Chair

Our current contributions from the Medford branch for AAUW Funds for this calendar year are \$5040.32. Thank you, everyone.



CELEBRATE! SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 14 Janice Williams
- 22 Susan Ball
- 24 Ellen Wakefield
- 29 Glenda Sims



JANE ADDAMS

September 6, 1860

Jane Addams was an American settlement activist, reformer, social worker, sociologist, public administrator and author. She was a notable figure in the history of social work and women's suffrage in the United States and an advocate for world peace. In 1931, she became the first American woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, and she is recognized as the founder of the social work profession in the United States. In 1889, with Ellen Gates Starr, Jane Addams founded Hull House in Chicago, "a community of university women whose main purpose was to provide social and educational opportunities for working class people (many of them recent European immigrants) in the surrounding neighborhood."

An ardent suffragist, Addams said that if women were to be responsible for cleaning up their communities and making them better places to live, they needed to be able to VOTE to do so effectively. Addams became a role model for middle-class women who volunteered to uplift their communities. She was a force demonstrating the power that we women have when we work together for the benefit of others.



PUBLIC POLICY

by Gayle Clason, Public Policy Chair

LOCAL/STATE INTEREST

Campaign finance reform is a topic that needs to be addressed! An opportunity comes soon to Medford on September 4, when Rep. Dan Rayfield from House District 16 (upper NW Corner of Oregon) has the first forum of a statewide tour. Attending will be election policy experts and other campaign finance reform legislative leaders. Forums will feature a history of Oregon finance reform, discussion of the 2019 legislature's accomplishments, and a community discussion about the future of campaign finance reform.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend: Campaign Finance Forum on September 4, 2019, 7-8:30 pm, Medford Public Library (205 S Central Ave.) This will be open to the public, so bring your friends, enemies, and neighbors.

Remember in 2018 the Oregon legislators coming to hear about student success issues? During this past legislative session, that input resulted in more tax dollars being directed to PreK-12 schools. Sharing your concerns with policy makers works!

FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Politics never takes a vacation (even if politicians do). During the summer, we have had the chance to hear from the many Democrats running for President of the United States in the November 2020 election. For some of you, this is Too Much Information! Each of these candidates has one or more issue which is a top priority that he/she is bringing to citizens like you and me. Calling the public's attention to a problem is a major strategy in trying to effect change. Eventually the final nominee will adapt much of this into his or her campaign.

Information shared by the League of Women Voters on continuing support of Equal Rights Amendment in Congress is to remove the timeline for ratification, now proposed in two concurrent joint resolutions. The ERA is close to final ratification.



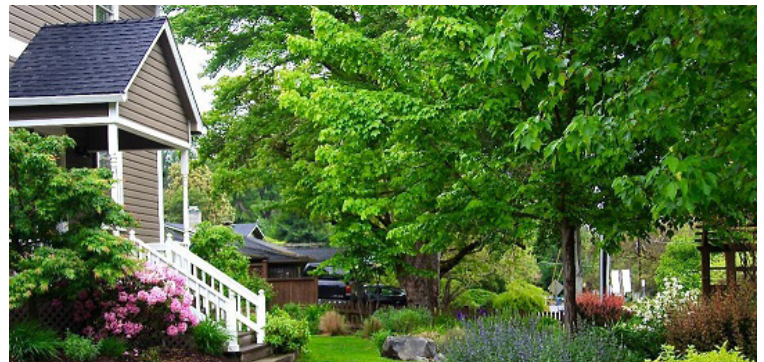
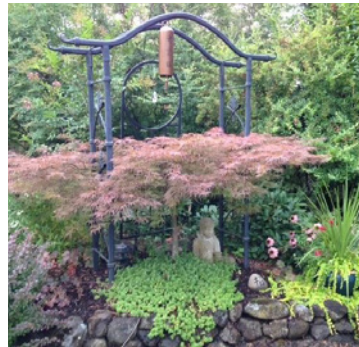
SPOTLIGHT: DONNA COREY

I moved to Medford in 2011. Dave and I had planned to retire in Corvallis, until we moved there and discovered that it was called The Grass Capital of the country (bad for allergies) and that it rained and rained. So we had barely unpacked when we decided to give the Rogue Valley a try. We have been living in Talent ever since and love the friendly, country atmosphere.

I went to school at night and got my Associates Degree in Denver. I continued at Metro State and almost finished my BA, until starting my own business got in the way. (I sometimes think at my age I would still like to get those last few hours to complete my four-year degree.) But I was thrilled when the article in the *Mail Tribune* said I could join AAUW with my Associates degree. I went to one meeting and was hooked! It has been such challenging and uplifting experience to be with educated women and be part of the overall work of AAUW.

I worked in corporate accounting for many years involved with sports teams and political offices of both parties. Then in 1978 I opened my own accounting practice in Denver and I still have my first client, a multimillion-dollar Foundation. When I basically retired in 2008, I finally had time for my passion -- painting -- and I have been actively pursuing it ever since. Since I also like volunteering, our ACT group has given me the opportunity to make a difference in the community. The branch's Interest Groups have become a big part of my social life and a great way to get to know everyone better.

THANKS TO EVERYONE (ESPECIALLY THE 48 MEMBERS WHO GAVE OF THEIR TIME & TALENTS THIS YEAR) FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE 2019 GARDEN TOUR, WHICH RAISED OVER \$7,100 FOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS!
ENJOY ANOTHER LOOK AT SOME OF THIS YEAR'S GARDENS.



AAUW INTEREST GROUPS

These groups provide opportunities for members to meet others who share a similar interest. All groups are free of charge. Members wanting information may call or email a group's contact person or contact Donna Corey, Interest Group Coordinator (541 897-0368 or donnacorey6@msn.com).

BOOK LOVERS

Happy Bookers

by Patty Finch

Our first meeting is Tuesday, September 17th at Janet Brougher's home. On this day only we will start at 1 p.m. (instead of 1:30) when Zee Nickerson will give an overview of how writers look at writing. At 1:30 Zee will lead our review of *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus. I have a copy of the book if you need it. Contact me at: talkingwolfpf@gmail.com.

Murder Most Literary

by Mary Wright Gillespie

We will meet on Thursday, September 12, at 7:00 pm in the Chetco Room. The topic is "Mysteries Most Fowl" led by Camille Korsmo. Mary Wright Gillespie is the contact person.

Morning Book Group

by Mary Wright Gillespie

We will meet at 10:00 am in the Chetco Room, Skyline Plaza, on Wednesday, September 25. Liz Caldwell will lead the discussion on *Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard* by Sarah Smarsh. Sharon Purkerson and Mary Wright Gillespie are the contact persons.

FOODIES

DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

by Virginia McGraw

DINE will not meet for dinner in September. Instead, join everyone for a delicious meal at the Hoedown! DINE will meet on October 24th at our favorite, Gogis, at 6:00. Call Virginia McGraw by Oct 21 if you plan to attend. Hugs!

Lunch Bunch

by Sharon Shatswell

We will meet at Miguel's in Shady Cove on September 10th at 11:30. RSVP to Sharon at Shatswell5@gmail.com.

Wine & Whine

by Jan Purkeypile

We will be meeting this month on September 6th at 2:00pm. We will be tasting at Bayer Family Estate, 11663 Agate Road, Eagle Point, Oregon. This is the winery that is hosting the AAUW Hoe-Down.

Come taste their fabulous wines and check out where we will be having a fun time at our AAUW Hoe Down on September 28th. Please RSVP for our wine tasting by September 4th to Jan Purkeypile at janpurkeypile@yahoo.com or 541-621-4916.

GAMERS

Mah Jong

by Jackie Baker

We meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 1:30pm and start play at 2 pm. We rotate hosting duties among members. We usually provide coffee and tea and sometimes light refreshments. We play an American version of the game and we do not use cards. We welcome you to join us. Contact Jackie Baker at 541 857-6849.

Dessert Bridge

by Pat Stoddard

We will meet at Carol Koszyk's house on Wednesday, September 4 at 12:30 pm. We will have dessert and then play bridge.

Please let Carol know that you will be there. If you cannot attend, please arrange for a sub. Contact: Pat Stoddard (541) 890-3828.

COMMUNITY & ART

ACT (AAUW Community Team)

by Donna Corey

We are starting up the cleaning baskets for Rogue Retreat again. The baskets are a way of encouraging women in the valley as they earn the privilege to have their own apartment. You can find out more about Rogue Retreat at their website (www.rogueretreat.com). The baskets are to be filled with various cleaning supplies. Many of these are available at the Dollar Store, as are the plastic baskets. You may bring a filled basket or simply bring an extra supply or two from your last trip to the store.

Any questions or ideas for other projects you would like to see us work on? Contact me at donnacorey@msn.com.

OUT AND ABOUT

by Janet Brougher

September 20: Planning Out and About activities for Fall & Winter 2019-2020. Meet at Porter's Restaurant at 4:30pm for Happy Hour food & drinks. Bring Theater Season brochures and activity listings in and around Jackson County. Join some for the third Friday Art Walk in downtown afterwards.

OUTINGS FOR SEPTEMBER:

- Ending September 1: "The Mamas and the Papas Spotlight," Camelot Theatre
- September 15: "Dancing at Lughnasa," at Collaborative Theater Project, Medford Center.
- September 18 – October 13: "Billy Elliot" at Camelot Theatre (Date our group will attend TBA).
- Friday, September 28, 2019: AAUW Hoedown at Bayer Family Estates & Winery. Fund-raiser ticket at \$65 per person (\$50 deductible) that includes dinner, dancing, music, auction. (See page 2.) Contact Janet at jjbrougher@gmail.com.

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at your
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