

HIGHLIGHTS

NOVEMBER BRANCH ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER BRANCH MEETING

Saturday, November 2nd at 10 am
Rogue Credit Union
(McAndrews & Poplar)

Featured Program:

Georgia Applegate, Oregon AAUW President, & Sue Klumph, Oregon AAUW President-Elect, sharing “Our AAUW Now & into the Future”

Short Program: Medford Branch Member Survey & Discussion (Your input is essential!)

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 21st 4 pm
The Terrace Room at The Manor
ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Medford Branch Assets

as of September 30, 2019
submitted by Monica Weyhe, Finance VP

Checking: \$3,454.62
Money Market: \$3,101.62
Certificates of Deposit: \$10,070.53

IN OUR THOUGHTS

I haven't heard from anyone for this feature in a while.

But we still want to send cards to members... for illness, sympathy, thinking of you (both ups and downs).

Contact Donna Corey at donnacorey6@msn.com

AAUW Mission

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bonnie Goldfein

As we go through life, we all have special “moments” that outshine others. Many of these times center on family – births, other milestones, funny and sad memories – while others occur outside of the family album. One of the latter events for me occurred when I realized a dream from my childhood to dip a toe into the Black Sea. (I do not know WHY this has been important to me; it just has... since I was about 12.) Anyway, I did it on October 16th, climbing down 24 stone steps to the beach on a bum knee (a whole other tale) and enjoying the dipping experience entirely for at least fifteen minutes. I'm told the water was about 55-60 degrees, but it felt comfortable.

At a delicious dinner of Black Sea mussels at a fishermen's restaurant in the harbor afterward, we were thrilled when two passing dolphins put on an impromptu show for us -- something very rare in the harbor, we were told -- so the whole Black Sea excursion was simply super!

Now I have to think of a new “special moment” to plan. Any suggestions? What have been your special moments?



happy birthday AAUW!

On November 28th, the American Association of University Women turns **138**. While she looks very good for her age and can be proud of her many accomplishments, AAUW still has much to do. Women in the United States continue to suffer from the gender pay gap that sees women paid an average of 82 cents for every dollar their male counterparts earn...even though the Equal Pay Act became “the law of the land” in 1963.

Fifty-six years later, not much has changed from the practices that were routine in the 1960’s, so now we see the introduction of The Paycheck Fairness Act, which will allegedly “close the loopholes” in the 1963 law.

AAUW National CEO Kim Churches says, “The Paycheck Fairness Act is essential to eradicating practices that have perpetuated the pay gap for far too long. In 2019, the idea that we still don’t have equal pay for equal work is nothing short of outrageous. AAUW urges the 116th Congress to take this important step towards pay equity with the swift passage of the bill.”

Do you think we’ll see pay equity in our lifetime? Maybe not, but we can only hope that by the time AAUW hits 150, she will have helped to make the gender pay gap in the United States a thing of the past. (Many other countries have done it... We can, too!)

AT THE HOE-DOWN, A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

On September 30, Donna Betteridge said it best: “We had a fantastic time at our AAUW Hoe-Down at Bayer Family Estate Winery last night! A scrumptious southwestern buffet by Chef Alan Jackson, great music by the band ‘Highway 99’ and plenty of partying. A big thank you to Jim Bayer & staff for your generosity and kindness. Everyone had a blast!”



Jackie & Dave Baker with Pat Stoddard. Look at those smiles!



The band was super!



Hoe-Down photos provided by Gail Etchie



Event Chairs Jan Purkeypyle & Sharon Shatswell thanking everyone.



Yummy cupcakes from Sweet Sensations... Pretty AND delicious!



The food line was eager, looking forward to a fabulous dinner. Looks like Mae Boren might have snagged a cupcake to tide her over!



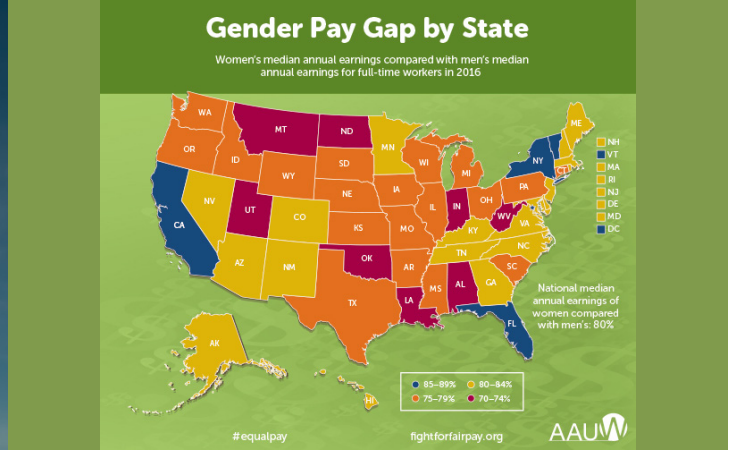
The Koszyks taking to the dance floor



Los Angeles 5-Star Chef Alan Jackson preparing the sumptuous meal



A few of the silent auction items that were snapped up by savvy bidders



PUBLIC POLICY

by Gayle Clason, Public Policy Chair

NEWS FROM SALEM:

The Oregon House Democrats added two new members to its leadership team: Rep. Pam Marsh (D-Ashland) and Rep. Mark Meek (D-Oregon City) were elected Assistant Majority Leaders by the caucus, rounding out the leadership team for 2019-2020.

“It is an honor to have been elected by my colleagues,” Rep. Marsh said. “I am pleased to be a voice for Southern Oregon and the rural communities I represent on this leadership team. I look forward to continue building a better future for every Oregonian.”

OTHER NEWS

Advancing equity for women and girls is AAUW’s mission. AAUW has presented interesting current facts about pay equity in an e-mail to members. On the Equal

Pay Guide provided by AAUW, Oregon is 9th in national ranking with strong equal pay laws and a gender pay ratio of 84%. Comparing Oregon to neighbors (also with strong equal pay laws), California ranks 1st with 88% ratio and Washington ranks 32nd with 79%.

The opposite is true of Louisiana ranked 51st, due to having no equal pay laws and a ratio of 70%. Wyoming and West Virginia are also at the bottom of the ranking. Aren't you glad to be here in Oregon?

Did you take the quiz presented to discover whether you have gender bias? This writer did and tended toward women as leaders.

IDEA FOR LOCAL ACTION

Could our AAUW Medford branch encourage voters to participate in the 2020 election by helping to register voters? Do you remember when we coordinated with the League of Women Voters to help pass the Library District? We registered more than 400 voters! Let's talk seriously about doing this!

NOVEMBER 2019

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								GENERAL MEETING 10 am Rogue Credit Union
3	4	5	Dessert Bridge 12:30 pm Jane Davie's	6	Murder Most Literary 7 pm Chetco Room OUT & ABOUT Sweeney Todd 8 pm	7	8	9
								OUT & ABOUT Motown 8 pm
10	Mah Jong 1:30 pm	11	Lunch Bunch 11:30 am Bamboo	12	13	14	15	16
						OUT & ABOUT Twilight Zone 7 pm	Wine & Whine 2 pm Edenville Winery	
17	18	19	Happy Bookers 1:30 pm Carol Bogedain's	20	21	22	23	
					BOARD MEETING 4 PM Terrace Room			
24	Mah Jong 1:30 pm OUT & ABOUT 6 pm Well Springs Hot Pools	25	26	27	28	29	30	
			Morning Book Group 10 am Chetco Room		THANKSGIVING			

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

Gayle Clason, Chair

There seems to be some confusion about the role of this committee in the branch. At the September meeting the attendees asked those of us on the committee to make recommendations about some branch assets. We will try, and hope for input from members and the budget committee.

Thanks to committee members Donna Corey, Yvette McCulley, Shiena Polehn, Bonnie Goldfein, Valerie Barr and Mardy Stephens for their work so far. Cathy deWolfe has also volunteered recently as a committee member.

About 24 members participated in the 2014 Plan that we are updating, so the 2019 committee welcomes any additional members who can help in any way. Please join us and/or send suggestions for the future of our branch to any committee member.



CELEBRATE! NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Marcia Simon
- 10 Monica Weyhe
- 14 Lynda Hansen
- 19 Paulette Avery
- 21 Joan Johnson
- 24 Sherry Schroeder
- 30 Jane Davie
- 30 Joan Rycraft



Georgia



Sue

WELCOME GEORGIA & SUE AT OUR NOVEMBER 2 MEETING!

By Carol Schaefer, Programs Co-VP

Georgia Applegate is the current president of Oregon AAUW. She has a long history of involvement in AAUW from local branch officer in Grants Pass to fulfilling positions in Oregon AAUW as Dues Treasurer, Communications VP and now Oregon president.

Sue Klumph has been active in the Grants Pass AAUW branch, filling the positions of Funds Chair, Membership VP, and two terms as President. She has served on the AAUW Oregon Board of Directors. Sue is now working with Pat Lehman as Oregon Co-Presidents-elect.

Come hear what is happening in our national and local AAUW. Bring questions on topics that you would like to know more about.



AAUW COMMUNITY TEAM (ACT)

Thanks so much for all the cleaning supplies you have been bringing to meetings for donation. We are delivering three more baskets on November 17th. We know these recipients will be just as grateful as those receiving these supplies in the past have been.

In December, please help us with donations of cash, check or gift cards for those assisted through the Maslow Project. **Robin Smith will be happy to accept your Maslow donations at the November 2nd general meeting and I'll be at our Holiday Pot Luck on December 8th to accept donations then.** If you cannot make either of these gatherings, you can mail a check to Medford AAUW, P.O. Box 1204, Medford, OR 97501. Please make out the check to Medford AAUW and write "Maslow donation" on the memo line.

Again, thanks so much for your generosity.



**MARIE CURIE
NOVEMBER 7, 1867**

Quiet, dignified and unassuming, Marie Curie was held in high esteem and admiration by scientists throughout the world. A pioneer for women in science, she performed valuable research in physics and chemistry, often under difficult conditions, as laboratory arrangements were poor and both she and her husband Pierre had to undertake much teaching to earn a livelihood. She and Pierre shared a Nobel Prize for Physics with Henri Becquerel in 1903 for their studies of radiation. When Pierre died in 1906, Mme. Curie continued her research, receiving a second Nobel Prize, this time in Chemistry, in recognition of her work in radioactivity.

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

Patty Finch

We will meet on November 19 at Carol Bogedain's home (3503 Admiral Way, Medford) to discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. Gail Etchie is the discussion leader.

Murder Most Literary

Mary Wright Gillespie

We will meet on Thursday, November 14th, at 7 pm in the Chetco Room.

Morning Book Group

Mary Wright Gillespie

We will meet on Wednesday, November 27th at 10 am in the Chetco Room.

FOODIES

DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

Virginia McGraw

Contact Virginia for the latest plans. Bon appetit!

Lunch Bunch

Sharon Shatswell

We will meet at Bambu on November 12th at 11:30. The address is 970 North Phoenix Road (in the Albertson's Shopping Center). Please RSVP by November 8th to Sharon.shatswell5@gmail.com, so I can make reservations.

Wine & Whine

Jan Purkeypile

Please come out and support a winery that generously donated to the Hoe-Down. We will meet on Friday, November 15th at 2 pm for our annual visit to Edenvale Winery, 2310 Voorhies Rd., Medford. Please RSVP by November 13th to Jan P.

GAMERS

Mah Jong

Jackie Baker

We meet the *second* and *fourth* Mondays at 1:30 pm 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 at 541 857-6849 for information and the locations for this month's games.

Dessert Bridge

Pat Stoddard

We will meet at Jane Davie's home (2818 Tonia Circle, Medford) at 12:30 on Wednesday, November 6. Please arrange for a substitute if you cannot join us and let Jane know your arrangements.

COMMUNITY & ART

OUT AND ABOUT

by Janet Brougher

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2019 AND INTO 2020

November 7 (Thurs. at 8pm) – "Sweeney Todd," a Sondheim Musical at Cabaret Theatre in Ashland. Table 25: two chairs available. Dinner at 6:30pm. Call Janet at 541-488-2902 or go on-line for tickets at OregonCabaret.com.

November 9 (Saturday at 8pm) – "Motown" at Camelot Theatre. Check with Camille Korsmo about seats. Purchase tickets online (\$2.50 per ticket fee) or by phone at 541-535-5250 (\$4 per order), or in person at box office 101 Talent Avenue (12-5pm Monday-Saturday).

November 14 (Thursday at 7pm) "The Best of the Twilight Zone" (60th anniversary showing at Tinseltown, Medford Center) with six original episodes.

November 25 (Monday at 6pm) Well Springs Hot Pools—Ladies Night. Carpool and take first Ashland exit, go across Hwy 99. For a small fee (\$13), join the AAUW group for a soak in the hot springs. Bathing suits okay (or not after dark). Bring bag with your towel and a flashlight. Lockers available. Check with Janet for more info.

December 1 (Sunday at 7pm) Pink Martini Holiday Concert at the Craterian Theatre in Medford. Tickets \$76-64. Order tickets by phone 541-779-3000 or online at www.craterian.org (\$2.50 fee per ticket) or at box office at 16 South Bartlett Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm or Saturday, Sunday 12pm-performance time. Check with Camille K.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR 2020:

February 7 "A Capella Live!" at 7:30pm, Craterian Theatre

March 1 2 pm "IF/THEN," a musical at Main Stage Theatre, SOU Ashland

March 8, Sunday at 2pm, "A Little Night Music" at the Camelot Theatre in Talent

May 1, 2 or May 8, 9 at 7:30pm Next Stage Repertory Company at the Craterian performing "Title of Show," an original Broadway musical.

May 30, 31 2pm, "Pericles" by William Shakespeare, Main Stage Theatre, SOU Ashland

June 17-July 26 "Honeymoon in Vegas, the Musical" at the Camelot Theatre

September 23-October 18 "Godspell," a musical about the Gospel of Matthew by Stephen Schwartz at the Camelot Theatre

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