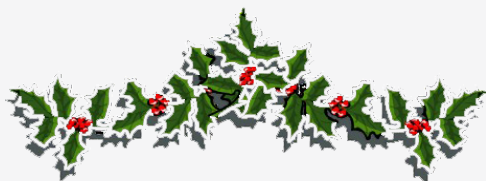


## HIGHLIGHTS



### DECEMBER BRANCH EVENT HOLIDAY POT-LUCK PARTY

Sunday, December 8, 2019

12 noon to 3 pm

Sun Oaks Clubhouse

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATION!**

(Limited Space!)

See page 2

### NEXT GENERAL "MEETING"

January 4, 2020

**HOLLY THEATER TOUR!**

(See page 3.)



### Medford Branch Assets (October 31, 2019)

Reported by Monica Weyhe, VP/Finance

Checking: \$ 3,330.62

Money Market: \$3,101.70

Certificates of Deposit: \$10,092.10

## AAUW Mission

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bonnie Goldfein



Each year at this time, the subject of GIVING is top-of-mind for everyone, as we are inundated with ads for the "latest hot gift ideas" and dire warnings in the media that we need to "Act NOW before they're gone!" With so much "Buy now" racket all around us, it takes real concentration to keep focused on the virtue of giving as an essential part of our humanity.

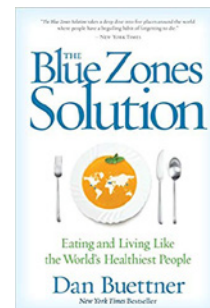
Whether you embrace a specific religion or not, the very fact that you are part of our Medford AAUW group is a clear indicator that you understand the importance of giving... not only during the Holiday season, but all year-round. Your contributions of time and donations of money for scholarships and necessities for the less fortunate make a real difference in the lives of women and families here in the Rogue Valley and beyond. An undergraduate or graduate college degree changes from "an impossible dream" to an achievable goal for a woman because of your gifts. A woman dealing with daunting legal expenses in a harassment lawsuit can fight on with your help. A disadvantaged family moving into their first home receives a delivery of much-needed cleaning supplies, thanks to your donated goods. And children who were facing a bleak Holiday will instead smile happily on Christmas morning as they open gifts you provided through your donations to the Maslow Project.

For these and all other examples of your giving natures, THANK YOU.

Have a Happy Holiday Season.

If you would like to borrow this book – referenced by Diane Hoover in her September presentation – please contact me. I have one to share.

Bonnie (541 295-9361)





### 2019 DONATIONS TO OUR MASLOW FAMILIES

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Bring a GIFT CARD to our Holiday Party on December 8th  
(Target, WalMart or Fred Meyer)  
See ACT article on page 6 for more information.



### MUST-SEE AAUW WEBINAR

by Mardy Stevens

In October, Kim Churches, CEO of AAUW National, addressed all branch members in a webinar entitled "Our Path Forward to Gender Equity." The content of the 50-minute webinar is rich, transparent, and very important.

Every AAUW member should see/hear the webinar. You can "tune in" to its rebroadcast at <https://www.aauw.org/event/2019/10/our-path-forward/> at anytime. Kim will again address the membership in another webinar after Thanksgiving. Please look for this webinar and participate.



### HOLIDAY PARTY!

by Valerie Barr

Getting together with new & old friends, munching on delicious food and listening to favorite seasonal songs will make our Holiday Lunch a great time for all! Join us on Sunday, December 8th from 12 noon to 3 pm at the Sun Oaks Clubhouse, located next to St. Mary's School (2485 Sun Oaks Drive). MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW, as space is limited. Email me at [vmbarr1@gmail.com](mailto:vmbarr1@gmail.com). Just say, "Count me in!"

St. Mary's choir will be entertaining us after lunch. (We'll be passing around a hat for members to show their appreciation afterward.)

We also have a fun seasonal game planned. If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift in the \$5-\$8 range.

Note: It's best to carpool, as parking is limited near the Clubhouse. Need a "chauffeur"? If you want to join us and could use a ride, just call Val at 541 499-9668. Looking forward to having a wonderful time together!



**WEAR HOLIDAY ATTIRE TO THE PARTY...  
EARN A RAFFLE TICKET FOR A NICE PRIZE!**



### COMING IN JANUARY... HOLLYTHEATER TOUR

by Valerie Barr

Construction and remodeling on the Holly Theater has been moving along! Recently, workers installed new heating and air conditioning units on the roof. This phase of the Holly rebuild is for the front portion of the building, which includes office areas, a ticket and lobby area, a VIP lounge and another lounge area on the second floor. Jefferson Live!, which runs the Holly and Cascade Theatre in Redding, will move its offices into the Holly by the end of the year. Despite the delays, there's been a lot of behind-the-scenes work, including the discovery of many lighting fixtures that local residents had salvaged when the Holly shut down in the 1980s. In addition, workers have recreated many of the decorative pieces inside the building that were damaged or lost. The 1000 seat theater will feature a wide variety of entertainment in the future!

### AAUW FUNDS

by Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds Chair

According to my records for the year 2019, our branch has contributed \$9,390.32 to AAUW Funds. Last year we went over \$10,000, so we have a way to go.

Thank you for your generous contributions.

(Note: Mary will have envelopes at the Holiday Party for your convenience.)



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

by Jan Purkeypyle

Due to the success of the inaugural AAUW Medford Branch Hoe Down and to the members who have agreed to give us more help, we are going to hold the Second AAUW Medford Branch Hoe Down on September 12, 2020.

We have already started planning and working on the event. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jan Purkeypyle (janpurkeypyle@yahoo.com) or Sharon Shatswell (sharon.shatswell5@gmail.com).



### SAVE THE DATE! 2020 GARDEN TOUR

by Marlene Olson, Garden Tour Chair

The 12th Annual Garden Tour held by our branch will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2020. The gardens have been selected and prospective garden coordinators are being contacted.

The Garden Tour is a special event for our community. We encourage all members to invite friends and neighbors to support this one-day fund-raiser whose proceeds provide scholarships for local women and girls.

P.S. The Farmer's Almanac guarantees we will have perfect weather on June 13, 2020!

### 2020 GARDEN TOUR RAFFLE

by Marlene Olson, Garden Tour Chair

WANTED!! Do you have a weeklong or a long weekend in a vacation home (or condo, etc.) that could be donated for our Garden Tour raffle? The donation to AAUW is tax-deductible for the donation, as well as for those who buy a ticket. In 2017, our raffle of a donated vacation spot earned over \$1400! It would be great to exceed that amount in 2020.

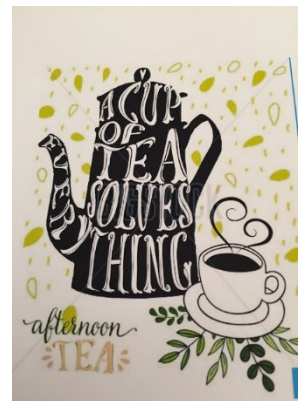
If you can donate vacation space or have other ideas for a raffle, please contact me (marlene.olson9@gmail.com).

### THE PHANTOM TEA PARTY

by Parry Finch & Jackie Baker

The Phantom will return! We have not forgotten you!! Our Tea Party invitations, along with some fun and informative tea information written by Camille Korsmo, will be sent the beginning of January, 2020.

We will be collecting Tea Party money from January through March, with a real tea party taking place in April.





**CELEBRATE! DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Bea Frederickson
- 4 Mary Wright Gillespie
- 4 Zee Nickerson
- 6 Donna Betteridge-Anderson
- 12 Yvette McCulley
- 13 Jean Foley
- 14 Carolyn Schenler
- 23 Carole Chumbler
- 25 Carol Schaefer
- 26 Marlene Olson
- 27 Gayle Clason

**CLARA BARTON "THE ANGEL OF THE BATTLEFIELD"**

December 25, 1821

Clara Barton was born on Christmas Day in 1821 in Oxford, Massachusetts. She became a teacher at only 15, opening a free public school in New Jersey. Later, after relocating to Washington, D.C., she worked in the U.S. Patent Office before becoming an independent nurse during the Civil War, first seeing combat in Fredericksburg, Virginia, in 1862. She also cared for soldiers wounded at Antietam, earning the nickname "angel of the battlefield" for her work.



While visiting Europe after the war, she worked with the International Red Cross and fostered the establishment of an American branch when she returned home. The American Red Cross was founded in 1881, and Barton served as its first president. She headed the American Red Cross until 1904, remaining active thereafter giving speeches and lectures. Her book *The Story of My Childhood* was published in 1907. Barton died at her home in Glen Echo, Maryland, on April 12, 1912.



Carol Julian



Ellen Jones

**MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

by Sandy Heath, VP/Membership

Welcome Carol Julian and Ellen Jones, who recently joined Medford AAUW. Carol grew up in San Rafael, California, and lived and worked in the San Francisco Bay Area until meeting her husband, Ben. After that, they lived in Port Orchard, Washington and in Japan, Hawaii and Guam. She received Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Hawaii in 1983.

She and Ben moved to Medford for the first time in 1991 when Ben retired from the Navy, and they moved in and out of Medford a few more times because of job offers. Those moves took them to Kwajalein, Patuxent River (Maryland), Oak Harbor (Washington) and Fallon, Nevada.

In-between moves, the couple spent a lot of time traveling by RV until last year, when Ben decided he prefers to stay at home with their dog, Daisy. Carol, however, still likes to travel and has her own 20-foot RV! She recently spent four weeks traveling with friends, visiting national parks in Utah, Colorado and Arizona, as well as national monuments and other sites.

Ellen and her husband recently moved to Medford from Mariposa, California, one hour west of Yosemite National Park. They raised their sons in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada and decided a change of scenery was in order.

Ellen's degree is in child development with emphasis in early childhood education. She decided to switch gears in 2001 and began working for mental health & recovery services. She retired December, 2018.

In their free time Ellen and Tom enjoy hiking and biking; beer/wine & food tasting; music and theater; yoga (for her), golf (for him), as well as reading a good novel, travelling in and out of the United States and meeting people through AAUW. Ellen's personal philosophy: Keep learning & enjoying life!



### SPOTLIGHT: CAROL SCHAEFER

Carol is retired from teaching special needs students. During her career, she taught in several locations, including Colorado, Oregon and Kuwait.

Before and after she retired, Carol has been an avid traveler, visiting locations around the world. When asked which place she liked the best, she stated, "They all have something that makes them special. I can't choose just one."

When not traveling, Carol volunteers at RVMC in the hospital in guide services and at the Medford Library. She is currently Medford AAUW's Co-VP/Programs, along with Valerie Barr.

Carol has two daughters who live outside Oregon. She enjoys reading, travel, making new friends and new experiences.

### 2020 MEDFORD AAUW CALENDAR

#### GENERAL MEETINGS

**Saturday, January 4** Meet at the HOLLY THEATER (226 W. 6th Street) 10 am

**Saturday, February 1** Meet at Rogue Federal Credit Union (1330 Poplar) 10 am  
Featured Presenter: Eric Dittmer – Earthquake Preparedness

**Saturday, March 7** Meet at Rogue Federal Credit Union (1330 Poplar) 10 am

**Thursday, April 2** Meet at Sun Oaks Clubhouse (2485 Sun Oaks Road) 6 pm

**Saturday, June 6** Meet at Rogue Federal Credit Union (1330 Poplar) 10 am

#### BOARD MEETINGS

**Thursday, February 20 & Thursday, May 21** at The Terrace Room  
(The Manor) 4 pm

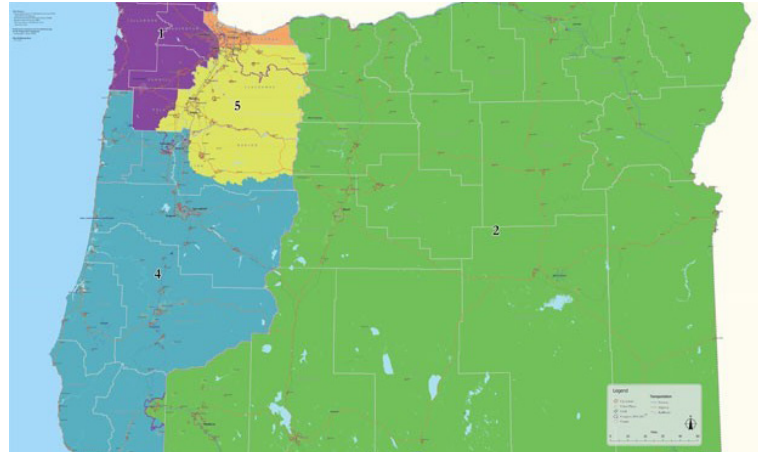
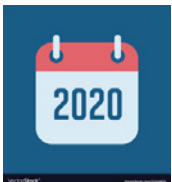
#### EVENTS

Lobby Day: **Monday, February 24** Join other AAUW members in Salem.

Scholarship Luncheon: **Saturday, May 16** at The Manor

Annual Garden Tour: **Saturday, June 13** at Lots of Beautiful Locations

Hoe Down: **Saturday, September 12** Location TBA



### PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

by Gayle Clason, Public Policy Chair

Our U.S. Representative, Greg Walden, has announced that he will not seek reelection next year. This news ensures that an interesting time will precede the 2020 election, as candidates seek his seat.

Oregon Legislators met November 18-20 for updates from state agencies about the status of their work, any bills that may need review, and issues that may be on the docket for 2020 or 2021 sessions. The next short Legislative session begins on February 3, 2020, and runs through March.

**SAVE THE DATE!** AAUW LOBBY Day will be February 24, 2020 and is being organized by the Ashland AAUW Branch.

**ISSUES UPCOMING:** AAUW of Oregon is supporting a pending initiative filing for Fair, Equal and Transparent Legislative Redistricting via amendment to the Constitution, which sets up an independent citizen commission to draw the voting maps (currently handled by legislators and politicians for whose benefit the lines are drawn). The commission will consist of 12 Oregonians: (4 Democrats, 4 Republicans, 4 from neither major party), chosen by a panel of 3 administrative law judges, according to specific criteria laid out in the measure. Information will be public and maps must be approved by a majority of the commission (with each partisan pool represented).

**WE'RE GROWING!** Due to increased population, it is anticipated that Oregon will gain a U.S. Representative after the 2020 Census. Gerrymandering in other states denies voters a chance to have their vote count. The new Fair, Equal and Transparent Legislative Redistricting measure can decrease the onus of gerrymandering in our state. Not having the "fox in charge of the henhouse" will better represent voters.

## 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

We will meet on December 17th at Paulette Avery's home (3036 Sunnyvale Drive, Central Point) to discuss *Elephant Company* by Vicki Croke. Marlene Olson will be our discussion leader.

#### Murder Most Literary

by Mary Wright Gillespie

The mystery group does not meet in December. We will gather on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 1:00pm, at Mary Gillespie's (2127 Quail Point Court) for our potluck luncheon. Menu signups were made at the November meeting. Call Mary if you have a question.

#### Morning Book Group

by Mary Wright Gillespie

The Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 4th, at Jackie Baker's home, 2401 Nieto Way, on the Manor campus. Food sign-ups were made at the November meeting. Each person brings a wrapped book for the gift exchange. Call Sharon Purkerson or Mary Wright Gillespie if you have a question about the event.

For January 22nd, we will read *The Woman Who Smashed Codes* by Jason Fagone. Gayle Clason will lead the discussion.

### GAMERS

#### Dessert Bridge

by Pat Stoddard

We meet the 1st Wednesday of the month. Bridge will be at Bonnie Goldfein's home (5651 Aerial Heights Drive) December 4th, beginning at 12:30 pm. Please arrange for a substitute if you cannot join us and let Bonnie know (541 295-8361). NOTE: Dessert Bridge will not be meeting in January.

### COMMUNITY & ART

#### AAUW Community Team (ACT)

by Donna Corey & Robin Smith

In December, we will be delivering our Holiday good wishes to the Maslow Project whose mission is to offer every homeless youth the chance for success. We have asked for gift card and cash donations to buy the specific items for the four girls assigned.

Some people have signed up for specific items. Any donations we can get ahead of the December Holiday Party will be appreciated, so we can be ready for Maslow's December party that is just a few days after our own.

We will not relist the items here as the long list went out in an eblast earlier in November. (We can forward that eblast if you need it. Email Robin at robjag@hotmail.com.) We have two 17-year-olds, a 12-year-old, and a 5-year-old. Two of the girls are moving into an apartment (part of a new program at Maslow), so there is a need for some small household items as well. Thanks so much for your generosity. Share the love!

#### OUT AND ABOUT

by Janet Brougher

December 1 (Sunday at 7pm) Pink Martini Holiday Concert at the Craterian Theatre. 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 Korsmo (541 858-4100) for more information.

#### OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR 2020:

February 7 "A Capella Live!" at 7:30pm, Craterian Theatre  
 March 1 at 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.

### FOODIES

#### DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

by Virginia McGraw

We will hold our traditional Christmas Dinner at the Peerless Restaurant, December 19th, at 6pm. To reserve a place at the table, call or email Virginia McGraw before December 16th.

#### Lunch Bunch

by Sharon Shatswell

We will meet Tuesday, December 10 at the Jacksonville Inn at 11am (instead of 11:30). You must RSVP to Sharon.shatswell5@gmail.com no later than December 3rd. If I don't have your RSVP, the restaurant will not be able to accommodate late-comers.

#### Wine & Whine

by Jan Purkeypile

We are going to celebrate the holidays by sipping wine this month at another winery who generously contributed to our inaugural Hoe Down. We will meet on December 13th, at 2:00pm at Urban Cork, 330 North Fir Street, Medford. Please RSVP to Jan Purkeypile by Wednesday, December 11. It is a courtesy to let the winery know how many to expect.

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Medford, OR 97501

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