

## COMING UP

### GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, February 1 10 am

Rogue Credit Union

(McAndrews & Poplar)

### FEATURED PROGRAM: EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS

Eric Dittmer, presenter

### SHORT PROGRAM: KIDTIME

Britt Zimmerman, presenter

*See page 2.*

### QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 20 4 pm

The Terrace Room at the Manor

**ALL BRANCH MEMBERS INVITED!**

## AAUW MISSION

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

## President's Message *by Bonnie Goldfein*

At 10 am on January 4th, the Holly Theatre was “the” place to be, it seemed. People kept streaming in, crowding into the small lobby, until there were 28 AAUW members and NINETEEN GUESTS eager to tour the building under renovation. (Golly, people do read our meeting announcement in *Tempo*!)

It was dusty, cluttered with building materials and either hot or cold (depending where we were), but the large tour group happily took it all in. The presentation by Randy McKay, assisted by Barbara Haddon, was very thorough and enjoyable.

To maintain their government grant, the renovation must be completed by December 31 of this year. With \$3 million still needed, everyone's help is solicited by the project's many volunteers, who offer a wide range of ways to participate. Go to **HollyTheatre.org** to see how you can help.



When complete, the auditorium will have 1000 seats, attracting “big names” to perform.

Barbara displays the very colorful vintage carpet that will help take the new Holly Theatre right back to its heyday in the '30's & '40's.



Randy fills the crowd in on the massive renovation project.



Some of the group await their turn to tour the auditorium, whose narrow overlook could accommodate only 10-12 viewers at a time.



Sandy & Danen Heath, part of the Standing-Room-Only crowd.

## EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS WITHIN 50 YEARS (from 2014)



### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 MEETING

**Featured Program:**

#### EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS

presented by Eric Dittmer



From 1992 to his retirement in 2011, Eric taught geology at Southern Oregon University, advancing to Associate Professor and Director of the growing Environmental Studies Program.

Beginning in 2011, Eric became more active in earthquake awareness promotion. Of greatest concern is the expected large magnitude earth from the 600-mile-long Cascadia Subduction Zone, extending from Northern California to southern Canada.

Eric has worked with Oregon Office of Emergency

Management and the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, giving presentations to groups and agencies in SW Oregon.

**His specialties are: Engaging the audience in describing natural hazard setting information, with special emphasis on earthquake awareness & preparation.**



**Short Program:** KIDTIME, by Britt Zimmerman.

Choose a way you want to help!

**PLEASE BRING "ART" SUPPLIES (pinecones, fabric swatches, cardboard, bits of wallpaper, wood, frames, paper towel tubes, etc.) for KidTime AND/OR cleaning supplies for families assisted by Rogue Retreat. We will collect them at the meeting. Thanks!**

## MEMBERS MATTER

by Sandy Heath

### Vikki Piper

Vikki Piper moved to Oregon two years ago from Oakhurst,



which is just south of Yosemite National Park. She loves living in Shady Cove with her husband of 39 years, Mike.

Vikki is a full time Economics instructor for Clovis Community College in California. She teaches online and goes to Clovis a few times each semester to meet with students, attend meetings, etc. Prior to going into education, Vikki worked for over 20 years in Technology, starting out as a programmer and ending as a Chief Information Officer.

Vikki has always been passionate about giving back to her community. She helped establish numerous scholarships, including two for women through Soroptimist of the Sierras.

In her spare time, Vikki loves to travel, cook and read. She is truly enjoying discovering all of the wineries and waterfalls Southern Oregon has to offer.

### Medford Branch Assets

(as of 11/30/2019)

by Monica Weyhe, VP/ Finance

Checking: \$3,147.99

Money Market: \$3,101.77

Certificates of Deposit: \$10,112.99



## Phantom Tea Party

by Patty Finch & Jackie Baker

Please continue to send us your contributions to the **Phantom Tea Party**.



Our scholarship recipients appreciate every dollar you send. Thank you so much! (Your donation can be from \$1.00 up!) We will have a basket to raffle off at our March meeting to someone

who has given a donation to the Phantom Tea Party.

Here are answers to the questions from Camille Korsmo that are on your Tea Party invitation:

~ A "tea cozy" is a padded fabric on the pot which keeps the tea hot much longer.

~ "Samovar" means self-broiler. Bottom section is a large water receptacle surrounding a heat source with a spigot on the front. Originally a charcoal fire heated the water; these days it has an electric cord. Tea can be served continuously for many hours by pouring a small amount of tea concentrate into one's cup and adding hot water from the spigot.

~ No one can quote a "Shakespearean reference" to tea because there are none. William Shakespeare died in 1616 and tea was not introduced until the 1630's, after his death.

### AAUW FUNDS

by Mary Wright Gillespie, Funds Chair

Our total giving from the Medford branch in 2019 was, according to my records, **\$9820.32**. The final number will come from the Washington, D.C. headquarters when the tally is completed. We give our branch a special thank you for this fine and generous record.

## PUBLIC POLICY by Gayle Clason, Public Policy Chair

### *It's been a long time coming...*

Many years ago, I was a member of the AAUW Lobby Corps in Washington D.C. The Equal Rights Amendment to the *Constitution* was a major issue at the time. Over several months, my partner and I visited 30 different Senate offices, informing them about the importance of this amendment to the *Constitution*.



After passage by House of Representatives and the Senate, it had to be ratified by three-quarters (38) of the states to become part of the *U.S. Constitution*

### *On January 15, 2020, it happened!*

Virginia became the **38th state** to ratify the *Equal Rights Amendment* – crossing the three-fourths threshold of support required from the states.

Oregon had ratified the federal ERA in 1973. In 2018, Oregon's own ERA amendment had passed in a voter referendum.

Now we need Congress to remove the ratification deadline, so the ERA can become a permanent part of the *U.S. Constitution*.



### Why Shift My Gift to AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund?

Many members have asked why giving to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund is so critical. Here are two reasons:

First, many of our other funds and programs, including the Legal Advocacy Fund and Fellowships & Grants, are already fully supported well into the future.

Second, the Greatest Needs Fund allows AAUW to secure national coverage of our work in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, CNN and other major news outlets, and it finances our advocacy work. Without it, we're silenced and cannot respond to critical events in real time, such as the #MeToo crisis or attacks on Title IX. This unrestricted support gives us the most flexibility to tackle the challenges that women face today.

# SPOTLIGHT

## GAIL ETCHIE

I am Gail Etchie from the Medford Branch of AAUW, a member since 2009. I reside in Central Point with my husband, Dave. As a former educator of 38 years, I spent the majority of that time at the Middle School level, moving to Southern Oregon after I retired to be closer to my family already here. My only daughter Bri and son-in-law, Derrick, live in Grants Pass with their 3 adorable children.



Shortly after becoming a member of the Medford Branch, I was elected VP/ Membership, serving for 2 years. Since that time, I have volunteered for many jobs and joined interest groups, including Mah Jong, International Cuisine and DINE. I helped to begin Wine and Whine and I am also a member of Happy Bookers and Lunch Bunch.

I have found gardens for our annual Garden Tour, served as an artist in one of the gardens, and have been Co-Garden Coordinator for numerous Tours. Over the years, I have been active on the Garden Tour, chairing the Advertising, Hospitality and Basket Raffle committees, also working on the Garden Tour booklet. This year I am active on the Garden Steering Committee and serve as a mentor for the Garden Tour booklet and advertising sales for the June 2020 Tour.

In the past 7 years, I chaired/co-chaired the AAUW KidSpree Committee, serving as liaison with Jackson County KidSpree, which partners with JC Penney to provide shopping sprees for our county's under-privileged children (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade) who need school clothes and supplies. AAUW provides these children with breakfast after they shop.

For seven years, I served as Chair/Co-Chair of our Food Faire at the Annual Children's Festival each July, working with the Storytelling Guild of Jackson County. As a branch, we worked on this project for its first 50 years, donating monies earned to AAUW Funds for branch operations and scholarships, with 1/3 of the Food Faire profits going to the Guild.

As a dual member with Grants Pass AAUW, I have been a Kitchen Tour coordinator and served as Medford's representative for their Equal Pay Day event. In addition, I have served as a South District Director, Scholarship Chair, Phantom Tea Party Chair and have been a Named Gift Honoree. When we did not have a volunteer to do the *Musings*, I reworked the template and created a State-awarded Newsletter for a Large Branch.



### CELEBRATING FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

7 Tricia Wood	19 Regula Pepi
8 Christine Bate	19 Nancy Walden
10 Barbara Basden	24 Carol Julian
10 Ronnie Budge	27 Loretta Sias
19 Trudy Bridgers	

## LYDIA MARIA CHILD

February 11, 1802

In the mid-19th century, Lydia Child was an influential American abolitionist, women's rights activist, Native American rights activist, novelist, journalist, and an opponent of American expansionism.

A writer of both fiction and non-fiction, Child did not believe significant progress for women could be made until after the abolition of slavery. She wrote that white women and slaves were similar in that white men held both groups in subjugation and treated them as property, instead of individual human beings.

Despite all her efforts as an activist, Lydia Child is probably best remembered for writing the lyrics to "Over the River and Through the Woods (to Grandmother's House We Go)."



# FUN WITH FRIENDS

## 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 group's contact person or contact Donna Corey at [donnacorey6@msn.com](mailto:donnacorey6@msn.com).

### WINE & WHINE

*by Jan Purkeypile*

As I write this, I am watching snow fall outside my window. So, with our winter weather we will be keeping close to home for our wine-tasting.

We will meet at the **Urban Cork**, 330 N. Fir Street, Medford at 2:00 pm on **February 28th**. Please RSVP to Jan by Wednesday, February 26th, so we can let the winery know how many to expect.

### LUNCH BUNCH

*by Sharon Shatswell*

We will meet **February 11** at 11:30 at **New China Restaurant**, 409 E. Barnett Rd, Medford. Please RSVP to Sharon at [Sharon.shatswell5@gmail.com](mailto:Sharon.shatswell5@gmail.com) by February 9 if you plan to attend.

### DESSERT BRIDGE

*by Pat Stoddard*

First Wednesday Dessert Bridge will be at **Carol Rugg's** new home, 1635 Meadowview Drive, at 12:30 on **February 5th**. Please get a sub if you cannot attend and let Carol know who is subbing. Contact is Pat at 541-890-3828.

### HAPPY BOOKERS

*by Patty Finch*

We will meet on **February 18** at Robin Smith's home (553 Bridge Creek Dr., Central Point) to discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

Robin will be both our hostess and discussion leader.

### MORNING BOOK GROUP

*by Mary Wright Gillespie*

We will meet at 10:00 am on Wednesday, **February 26** in the **Chetco Room** of the Plaza. The book is *The Last Runaway* by Tracy Chevalier.

Discussion leader is Jean Huth. Group contacts are: Sharon Purkerson and Mary Wright Gillespie.

### MURDER MOST LITERARY

*by Mary Wright Gillespie*

Our group meets Thursday, **February 13**, at 7:00 pm in the **Chetco Room**. The topic is **Mysteries set in India**, with a bibliography prepared by Camille Korsmo.

Contact person is Mary Wright Gillespie.

## Mark your calendar!



**2020 HOE DOWN**  
**at Bayer Family Estates**  
*by Jan Purkeypile*

We have a new date and time: **Sunday, September 13, 2020** from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. We have begun working hard to put this event together. A fun time was had by all last year and we hope to make the event bigger and better this year.

If you would like to help us put this event on, please contact Jan.

## OUT & ABOUT CALENDAR 2020

*by Janet Brougher*

Check with Camille Korsmo for these February outings:

**Feb. 7**, Friday, "A Capella Live!!" 7:30pm at the Craterian Theatre

**Feb. 12**, Wednesday, Cirque Mechanics of 42 feet (Circus) at 7:30pm, at the Craterian Theatre

**Feb. 29**, Saturday, BodyVox, a tour de force dance and entertainment event at 7:30pm at the Craterian Theatre.

### Outings in the spring:

**March 1**, Sunday at 2pm "IF/THEN," a musical at Main Stage Theatre, SOU in 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 Wm. Shakespeare, Main Stage Theatre, SOU Ashland



# Lobby Day

February 24, 2020  
Salem, Oregon

AAUW's annual opportunity to meet our legislators and discuss AAUW priorities is happening during the 2020 legislative short session in Salem.

Join your fellow AAUW members for a full day of engagement with politically minded women who are making a difference in their communities.

In this important election year, we will hear from speakers and a panel discussing how we can encourage women to run and get elected.

Women Legislators in Salem: Getting There and Staying There:  
Making the Decision  
Running a Campaign  
Winning the Race  
Finding Your Place  
Bi-partisan Collaboration

Whether you are thinking of running for office, know of someone who would make an excellent candidate, or you are interested in how candidates get into office and stay there, join us!  
Look for an agenda, registration form, and hotel information in the February issue of "Oregon News."

The South Oregon "delegation" is organized by the AAUW Ashland Branch. Register on the state website: <https://aauw-or.aauw.net/lobby-day-2020/> **Questions? Contact Gayle Clason at 541 301-0486.**



*An excerpt from the Letter of THANKS to our branch from the MASLOW Project:*

Thank you for sponsoring Emily, Alyssa, Marabelle and Annabelle in our 2019 Holiday Gift Program. I only wish you could have seen the joy on the faces of our young clients (and their grateful parents) when they realized they would be celebrating the holidays this year after all! With your help, this was one of our best Holiday Gift Programs ever. A total of 61 community donors – individuals, businesses, and organizations – donated nearly \$20,000 in gifts; and we were able to distribute gifts to 217 homeless Jackson and Josephine County kids. What a wonderful way to help share and spread the holiday spirit!



**DON'T FORGET ME... I'm always here!**  
**I'M YOUR LOCAL AAUW WEBSITE:**  
**[medford-or.aauw.net](https://medford-or.aauw.net)**

**Stay informed!**

**Webmaster: Jean Foley**



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