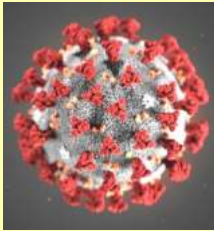


We hoped it would be in the rear-view mirror by now, but Co-Vid 19 is still with us.



The situation calls for some creative approaches...

AUTUMN MEETINGS

Restrictions associated with the continuing pandemic will require our holding General Meetings and Board Meetings remotely, via Zoom. Please note these dates and times on your calendars. We will send the Zoom link in an eBlast a few days before each meeting.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- Thursday, September 10 7 pm
- Thursday, October 8 7 pm
- Thursday, November 12 7 pm

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 22 7 pm
ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED!

*If you need help with accessing Zoom, please contact the **Musings** Editor the first week in September to be put in touch with a branch member who can help.*

AAUW MISSION

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

President's Message *by Carol Koszyk*

Welcome to our Medford Branch of AAUW 2020-2021 year! As you know, the corona virus has changed all of our lives. As you can see in the column at the left, we will be having virtual meetings for safety. For some of us, it is an opportunity to learn a whole new way to communicate! For example, the Oregon AAUW leadership team offered the Summer Retreat over two weeks online (instead of 3 days in person), and it was great! Keep an eye out for online programs from the State Leadership Team and AAUW National, coming for you in 2020-2021.



Now I want to thank every member who has volunteered to be an officer. Our first Board Meeting was encouraging. We have a great team, and the list is in this *Musings* (page 6) for you to view. Even though we are not getting together in person as we have in the past, we can still stay in touch with Zoom meetings and phone calls. It helps to hear a friendly voice.

Lastly, I look forward to "seeing" you at our virtual meeting on Thursday, September 10th. We will have a short business meeting after the program (See page 2 for a preview). You will receive an eBlast a few days before the meeting, asking for any contributions to include in the agenda. And you can always call me with your thoughts and suggestions (541 608-7799).

In Our Thoughts



Over the course of the summer, the Medford Branch sent three cards. Sadly, all three were sympathy cards. They went to:

- Preston Moser, husband of our former member **Hindey Moser**
- the family of **Dodie Hamilton**, another former member
- member **Monica Weyhe**, whose mother-in-law died last month.

We also wish for a quick recovery from knee surgery to **Marcia Simon**.

Contact Camille Korsmo with notes for *In Our Thoughts*.

Our AAUW September Meeting via Zoom will be...

MUSIC TO OUR EARS!

by Therese Stevens, Program Committee

David Gordon, known as the “Northwest Troubadour,” will perform via Zoom for our first general membership meeting of the new season. Popular for presenting a 19th century music and history series that combines melodies with stories, poetry, musings & humor, since 2016 David has also given 38 concerts in Jacksonville benefiting the non-profit Historic Jacksonville Inc. For AAUW, David will share a more current repertoire, he has described as “songs with meaning, uplifting stuff about the power of love, justice, compassion and good things like that.”



David first performed in public at the age of 13, singing and playing the banjo. Guitar later became his main instrument. Despite what he laughingly calls his “forty-year classical music detour,” he’s been an active acoustic musician all his life. After conservatory training in Montreal and Chicago, David made his operatic debut with the Lyric Opera of Chicago in 1973. For more than 40 years, he travelled the world as an opera and concert tenor with a repertoire spanning eight centuries of music in eight languages. He has enjoyed a distinguished and innovative international career as an opera and concert singer, voice teacher, seminar presenter, lecturer and author.

David Gordon lives in Jacksonville with his wife, Ginna BB Gordon, an artist and author. They own **Lucky Valley Press** and provide book design and publishing services to independent authors. Find more information about David Gordon and samples of his music at www.spiritsound.com.

GREETINGS!

Gayle Clason shares this note from our dear friend Adele Shimanoff, which Gayle received in mid-summer:

Hi!

Just a note to keep in touch. Since I no longer drive and have limited transportation am unable to attend meetings.

Although not much is going on these days due to the virus, I really miss everybody. Was saddened to read about Hindey Moser. Tell me, am I the oldest in our branch? All 97 years of me! Hard to believe.

I now live at Maple Ridge in Ashland. I look forward to the day when things return to normal and can have visitors. In the meantime, say hello to everyone.

Keep well and keep in touch.

Yours, Adele

adelemomgoldhill@gmail.com



FORGOT TO RENEW?

We **need** you, maybe more so than ever! There is much to be done by the branch in 2020-2021, so please send your Renewal Form & check for \$90 **TODAY** to Medford AAUW, P.O. Box 1204, Medford, OR 97501. (Renewal Form accompanies this **Musings**.)



*If you need monetary assistance with your dues, you may apply for up to half of your dues amount via our **HELPING HANDS** program.*

*Information and request forms are available on our website (Medford-or.aauw.net) and also accompany this **Musings**.*

Your request will remain confidential.

AAUW Funds

Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds Chair

Fundraising is challenging for all groups this year. Money is tight, the usual events can not take place and we are not in face-to-face contact to ask for money. Yet, I am happy to report that **our branch has contributed \$5010 for AAUW Funds so far in the year 2020.** That is an amazing amount! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Please note that you can still send me your check through the mail with your designation noted on the memo line. This is also a wonderful and unique way to honor someone. It works for a special birthday, as an honor to a friend, or a memorial tribute.

Thank you for remembering this important work.

GARDEN TOUR

Marlene Olson, 2020-2021 Tour Chair

We have rescheduled the Garden Tour for **June 12, 2021.**



The wonderful news is that the garden owners (including three of our members: **Yvette McCulley, Trudy Bridgers & Carolyn Chamberlin**) have agreed to display their gardens in 2021. I am proud of our members for rallying behind this unforeseen challenge and committing to making the Tour in 2021 successful.

SAVE THE DATE!



CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

14 Janice Williams

22 Susan Ball

29 Glenda Sims

ACT

by Therese Stevens



The AAUW Community Team — ACT — has supported two worthwhile non-profits in the past with cleaning supply baskets, hygiene products, Christmas presents and gift cards.

Due to the current circumstances, **MONETARY DONATIONS** are greatly appreciated. Thanks to all of you for your generous support!

HOW TO REACH OUT TO HELP OTHERS

Maslow Project, P.O. Box 999, Medford, OR 97501 **AND** Rogue Retreat, 711 East Main Street, #25, Medford, OR 97504.

FUN WITH FRIENDS

AAUW INTEREST GROUPS

During the uncertain times associated with the coronavirus pandemic, regularly scheduled gatherings of some social groups are suspended. If your Interest Group does not show a scheduled event, please contact the person listed below with your group's entry for the latest updates about your group's plans.



HAPPY BOOKERS

We will be meeting Wednesday, **September 16** at 2:30 pm to discuss *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann, with Jackie Baker leading the discussion. We will be meeting at a park (probably the park in Central Point by Twin Creeks) weather permitting. Please bring a mask, chair and water.

For an update on the location or other questions, please contact **Therese Stevens** at 541-601-0101 or tmstevens56@gmail.com.

MURDER MOST LITERARY

Mary Wright Gillespie

Contact: Mary at 541 857-6083.

MORNING BOOK GROUP

Mary Wright Gillespie

Contact: Mary at 541 857-6083 or Sharon Purkerson, 541 857-6513.

DESSERT BRIDGE

Pat Stoddard



Phone Pat: 541 890-3828.

WINE & WHINE

Jan Purkeypile

Some of the wineries are open on a limited bases, some on reservation basis only. I am only interested in an environment where we can social- distance outside. Let me know if you would like to get together and if you have any suggestions as to where you would like to meet. Thanks! Jan



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LUNCH BUNCH

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DINE

(Dinner Is Never Enough)



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OUT & ABOUT 2020

Janet Brougher



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Wondering what to do for fun with so many social outings cancelled?

HOW ABOUT OLLI?

Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes offer a large number of courses on a wide range of topics. Interested in the **Arts? Or History or Languages/ Cultures or Nature, Science/ Technology/Math or Social Science?** (These are just SOME course areas !)

For a \$125 annual Membership fee, you may sign up for as many courses as you like! Find out more at the

OLLI website:

inside.sou.edu/olli/index.html

During the pandemic, OLLI courses are offered online. In-person classes will resume as soon as it is safe to do so.



SPOTLIGHT

MONICA WEYHE

I joined AAUW in 2011, just after Joel and I chose the Rogue Valley area for our retirement, and soon after that, our libraries were facing closure again. Since I was a retired director of a similar 19-library system, I joined the committee to pass a ballot measure to form an independent library district and was elected to its first board of directors. After that, I took time out to hike, travel and fly.



I had gotten the travel and flying bug as the oldest of four military “brats.” Born a Hoosier, I moved with my family to Vienna (Austria), North Carolina, Virginia and California. I studied French and was a foreign exchange student in Quebec, then graduated with my BA from the University of California. Shortly after, I moved to Alaska, where I live for 20 years, where I met and married Joel and where I earned my pilot’s license at age 33, then convincing Joel to let me be his airplane partner. He and I traveled to France many times and we also flew to Iceland, Ireland and Tahiti. Little did he know that these experiences would lead to my flying in all-female cross-country Air Race Classics!

I left Alaska to earn my MILS at the University of Michigan and then returned to the University of Alaska for my MPA. I worked in state public administration and libraries in Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Michigan and California to pay for travel and gas. Last summer we were back in Alaska to visit our daughter and three grandkids. A proud recent achievement: I’m so happy to have finally earned my airplane Instrument Rating (the toughest) at the age of 67!



PUBLIC POLICY

by Gayle Clason, Public Policy Chair

One hundred years ago, the **U.S. Constitution** was amended to give women the right to vote. But sadly, then as now, the law didn’t apply equally to all. Due to the prevalence of Jim Crow laws, it took another 45 years — and the passage of the **Voting Rights Act** — for Black women to be able to cast their ballots.

Today, women of color are still unfairly disadvantaged at the polls, as certain jurisdictions work to suppress voting under the guise of preventing “voter fraud.” In the past ten years alone, 25 states have put in place new voting restrictions that largely affect marginalized communities.

August 13 marked the date to which American Black women have to work into the new year to finally reach equal pay to what males in the same job earned in the previous year. (For white women, the “Equal Pay Day” in 2020 was March 31.)

Black women working full-time were only paid — on average — 62 cents for every dollar earned by white, non-Hispanic men. This means that it takes more than seven additional months to equal their counterpart’s pay for the previous year. As the country battles the COVID-19 crisis, this means that Black women have even less economic security to sustain them. They are on the frontlines at work and at home. There should be no debate: **Black women (and all women) deserve equal pay!**





MEMBERS MATTER

by Sandy Heath & Ellen Jones, Co-VP/Membership

REACHING OUT...

Our members really matter! In these times of cancelled events, face masks, distancing, being homebound, and all that goes with Covid-19, it is important that we try to keep in touch and connect with each other. This includes reaching out to potential new members.

What you would tell someone about AAUW and why they should join? Think about our Mission: "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, philanthropy and research." Your enthusiasm for AAUW and commitment to our Mission set examples for community involvement. Our membership growth depends on every member. Call friends or neighbors, tell them about AAUW and invite them to join us for a Zoom meeting!

COMING SOON



OCTOBER AAUW MEETING

by the Medford AAUW Program Committee

At our Thursday, October 8th general meeting, **Maureen Flanagan Battistella** will share information about the Rogue Valley Women's Movement. As we celebrate the Year of the Woman and the Centennial of Women's Suffrage, we will learn about women, places, and politics in our region through interviews, photographs, and historical records. **DON'T MISS THIS ZOOM EVENT!**



DON'T FORGET ME... I'm always here!
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