

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Please note dates and times on your calendars. We will send the Zoom link in an eBlast well before each meeting.

### GENERAL MEETINGS

Thursday, June 3 7 pm

### FALL SEASON

Thursday, September 2 7pm

Saturday, October 2 10am

Thursday, November 4 7pm

Saturday, December 4 10am

### BOARD MEETING

Thursday, August 5 6 pm



## *In Our Thoughts*

A sympathy card was sent to Linda Erickson of Medford on the death (*from COVID-19*) of her husband Dave. Linda and Dave's garden was to have been on the Garden Tour, which had to be canceled.

*Camille Korsmo*

## AAUW MISSION

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

## President's Message

*by Carol Koszyk*

Our June Meeting promises to be quite excellent. Our Program Speaker is SOU President, **Dr. Linda Schott**. We are very happy to report that SOU is now an AAUW University member! The other highlights of our June 3rd meeting will be the installation of our elected officers; approving our 2021/2022 Budget (attached to your Zoom Invitation); and celebrating our Branch's Named Gift Honorees.

This is the last *Musings* of the year, and I want to share something on a more personal note. I am reveling in compliments. YES! I have received twelve lovely hand-written notes and an email, all thanking me for being our Medford Branch President!! I am greatly humbled by all the beautiful words that were written to me. Thank you from my heart and entire being! Goodness Gracious! I am amazed. Thank you.

It is truly my opportunity to serve all of you — every Medford AAUW Member. Our Branch does so much to help so many --even during this pandemic! We have all been challenged to step out of our comfort zones and try new things. I am privileged to be a part of this Branch, and want to thank and applaud all of our members (and you know who you are!) who do so very much to make everything "happen." I am especially grateful to every Board Member of AAUW and MUWCF and to our State Officers.

With that said ... A "pitch" needs to be made to ask for volunteers to take on positions that are now available for the July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 year. Some of our current Board Members have been doing their job for yeeaaaars, and would love to mentor another person!! These jobs are all very doable, and even easier with the mentor. Please do consider helping our Branch with the following:

**AAUW Funds Chairperson**

**Newsletter Editor**

**Programs Committee** *We have 2 people and 4 is better (OR volunteer to be the Programs VP!)*

**Public Policy Chairperson**

Call me — and if the above jobs do not charm you — tell me what does charm you!! You will be collaborating with an enjoyable group. Join us!

**REMINDER:** Purchase a S.T.E.M. related book for the **KIDTIME LIBRARY** or make a donation for book purchases. Contact **Ellen Jones** or **Sandy Heath** for pickup of your purchased book(s) or for more information on how to contribute.

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS SHARED THEIR STORIES

As a Branch, we have done so much good for the education of many women and girls in the Rogue Valley and nationwide. **And not even a global pandemic can dampen our enthusiasm for all of our Scholarship Recipients & our fund-raisers that make them possible!**

On May 1, we were pleased to hear from five of our current/former Scholarship Award Recipients, **Annette Lizarraga** (pictured) and **Kinzlee Jordan, Elaina Foley, Alisa Whitney** and **Cristan Douglas** for our program with introductions by our Scholarship Chair, **Tanya McHenry**. A recipient at RCC “a few years ago,” **Annette** is now a Registered Nurse working in Home Health, but she told us she prefers working in a hospital setting, especially the ICU area. She says our AAUW scholarship “took the burden off” getting her degree. **Kinzlee** is a first-year Nursing student at RCC, who plans to get her LPN there and then go for her RN at OHSU, where she has already been “co-admitted.” New to healthcare, Kinzlee says she is eager to discover her favorite areas of the profession. She thanks our Branch members “for believing me and rooting for me.” **Elaina** was associated with our Branch when we financed her Girls Leadership Class for 30 students (4th to 6th graders) which was her South Medford High School Senior Project. After graduating from South, she attended Yale University. She has maintained a friendship with **Sherry Schroeder**, who has kept in touch with Elaina as she took a gap year during the pandemic and now plans to complete her degree in Women’s & Gender Studies to prepare for law school. **Alisa** is a senior Business student at SOU who currently works as a Lithia Motors in the company’s Compliance & Reporting Department (internal audit), a job she loves and is hoping will become permanent when she graduates. But she says she is also taking a minor in Criminal Justice, which is “a perfect fit when I’m working on fraud cases.” The support of our AAUW scholarship has been “definitely a blessing,” she says. A scholarship recipient over a decade ago, **Cristan** has used her SOU degree to build a career in Juvenile Justice, transferring in 2010 into Child Welfare, where she now works as a trainer for professionals working with teens. She says she was inspired by AAUW to go to college and she appreciates our support. (BTW, Cristan will be a Mommy in December!)



Thank you for the invitation to speak with you all on Saturday. And thank you again for all your support. It really makes all the difference in our lives.  
**Annette Lizarraga**

## Thursday, June 3



**7 pm** (Social Time begins at 6:30)

Join us for our final General Meeting of the season, with a program arranged by **Gayle Clason**. Dr. Linda Schott will update us on the work she is doing as president of Southern Oregon University. Now midway through her sixth year at SOU, Dr. Schott has led the university through a comprehensive, year-long strategic planning process to position SOU as “Oregon’s university for the future. The institution is focusing on preparing students for the opportunities and uncertainties that lie ahead, and providing them the tools they will need to lead successful lives of purpose.”

A question period will follow Dr. Schott’s presentation. We will also have a business meeting with installation of Medford AAUW Branch officers for 2021-2022.

*The Zoom link will be eBlasted a couple of days before the meeting.*

# Named Gift Honorees



## Ellen Jones & Carol Julian

Being designated as a **Named Gift Honoree** is a special honor in **AAUW**. The award is reserved for members who have made extraordinary **gifts** of time and community service to the branch and **AAUW**. The award signifies that branch members have contributed a total of at least \$500 to AAUW Funds, in the name of each honoree. Medford AAUW began the yearly award in the early 1950's.

Drum roll...his year's AAUW Funds **Named Gift Honorees** are **Ellen Jones** and **Carol Julian**! These deserving women have been branch members since 2019. Nominated by last year's Honorees, Sharon Shatswell and Sandy Heath, both Ellen and Carol exemplify the values and actions upon which the honor is based.

**Carol** currently fills the big job of Finance Vice-President, and has also served on the 2019-20 Audit Committee, the 2020 Budget Committee, and she developed the 2021 budget.

**Ellen** currently serves as Membership Vice-President, was a "Chalk the Vote" volunteer to commemorate Women's Right to Vote, Branch representative for KidSpree, signature gatherer for Initiative 57 (for state voter redistricting), STEM Committee member, and KidTime volunteer.

**THANK YOU for your service and CONGRATULATIONS, Ellen and Carol!**



*This is the last **Musings** for which I will be Editor. I thank all of the many Contributors who have sent in articles or suggestions for features over the last several years. During the pandemic's restrictions on in-person gatherings, **Musings** and Zoom meetings have both been valuable resources that kept us in touch with each other. I hope Branch members continue to enjoy reading the monthly newsletter when a new Editor publishes it beginning in the fall.* **Bonnie**



# PUBLIC POLICY

by Gayle Clason, Public Policy Chair

The bill requiring diversity in Boards of large cap corporations passed in the OR House with bipartisan support and has moved on to the Senate. Studies show that corporations having women and diverse Board members have seen improved earnings!

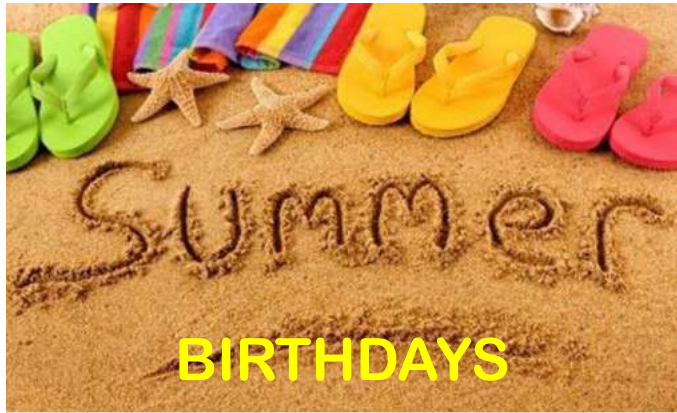
In recent correspondence, **Trish Garner**, AAUW State Public Policy Chair, related a story that I had not heard before:

Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts (1991-1996) said that “Although it is usual practice for governors to be offered Board positions on their retirement, as a woman governor, I was not given that opportunity.” Gov. Roberts also noted that this opportunity omission was true of female governors all over the country. The message was clear: Corporate Boards did not welcome women members!

Barbara Roberts spoke at an Oregon AAUW Convention while she was governor. I remember her saying “Each of us is only one incident or situation from becoming a candidate for public office.” My belief is that governments also are better when a more equal and diverse body makes public policy.

*My tenure as Public Policy Chair for the Medford branch is ending on June 30th. I will continue to help and mentor whoever steps up to assume this office. My lifetime association with AAUW has benefited me with friends, education, opportunities and fun. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. Do not worry — I am well. I just do not have as much energy as I once did. It is time for new enthusiasm and energy in this office .*

**Gayle**



## BIRTHDAYS

### JUNE

- 2 Joyce Ellis
- 6 Judie Salter
- 9 Carol Koszyk
- 19 Virginia McGraw
- 22 Diane Reiling
- 24 Peg Riehlman

### JULY

- 8 Valerie Barr
- 12 Jean Herron
- 13 Olena Black
- 24 Cecilia Thorp
- 30 Carol Bogedain

### AUGUST

- 8 Jackie Baker
- 8 Amy Durst
- 16 Therese Stevens
- 22 Elizabeth Harris
- 27 Shiena Polehn



# AAUW FUNDS

by Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds Chair

On April 20th, the Oregon State AAUW announced Top Branches in a number of giving categories. For **Total Giving**, our Medford Branch came in fifth at **\$5,840**. For **Per Capita Giving**, we were sixth at **\$60.83**.

Our State AAUW Funds Co-Chair **Claudia Gray** announced **Mary Wright Gillespie** as the 2020 Major Donors' Named Gift Honoree. And **Sherry Schroeder** honored **Hindey Moser**, our long-time, recently deceased member.

The 2020 Medford Branch Named Gift Honorees are **Ellen Jones** and **Carol Julian**, chosen by last year's Honorees **Sandy Heath & Sharon Shatswell**. (See article on page 3.) They will be recognized at the June meeting.

Of the AAUW Donor Club contributors, eighteen of our members were listed. Five of our Medford Branch members are among the Legacy Circle members who have named AAUW in their Trust or Will. Copies of this AAUW Awards Celebration Booklet are available on pdf. To date, our Branch has contributed **\$3,129** to National AAUW Funds for 2021.

## DONOR CLUBS

### 16-24 years

Celia Thorp, Jackie Baker, Gayle Clason,  
Cathy deWolfe, Mary Wright Gillespie,  
Carolyn Schenler

### 8-15 years

Lynda Hansen, Marlene Olson, Sherry Schroeder,  
Joyce Ellis, Patty Finch, Carol Bogedain

### 4-7 years

Christine Bate, Carole Chumbler

### 2 years

CJ Lipski, Nancy Walden

### First Year

Leslie Claason, Joan Johnson



## MEMBERS MATTER

by Sandy Heath & Ellen Jones, Membership Co-VPs

Two new members joined our ranks in May!

**Margaret "Peg" Riehlman** moved to our area after losing her home in the Paradise Camp Fire. She currently lives with her son's family in Medford. A longtime AAUW member, Peg is a graduate of California State University at Chico, and holds a degree in Education.

**Emily Riehlman**, Peg's granddaughter, is a graduate of Pacific University (Oregon), with a BS degree in Chemistry. She is an oenologist and works at Medford's Pallet Wine (associated with Urban Cork). Pallet Wine's website says about her: "Emily has a passion for chemistry and all of its applications, especially how it pertains to winemaking. She was born and raised in Medford and is excited to be back in her hometown putting her degree in chemistry from Pacific University to use in the Pallet Wine Co. lab."



Welcome, Peg and Emily!

## FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Two #60 HP printer ink cartridges (one color, one black) which were purchased in error. (I actually needed #61 cartridges). Call me, and I will deliver them to you! 541-858-4100.



Camille Korsmo

# FUN WITH FRIENDS

## AAUW INTEREST GROUPS

These small groups provide opportunities for members to meet others who share a similar interest. All groups are free of charge. Members may contact one of the group contacts at any time or Therese Stevens, Interest Groups/ACT Chairperson, for more information.

### MURDER MOST LITERARY



We will meet by  
**ZOOM Thursday,**  
**June 10, at 7 pm.**

The topic is Mysteries featuring Beauticians. **Joyce Ellis** will lead the discussion. For information, contact **Mary Wright Gillespie** at 541-857-6083.



### HAPPY BOOKERS

We will be meeting  
**Wednesday,**  
**June 16 at 2:30**  
at Twin Creeks Park, weather permitting. We will be choosing our book selections for the next year. Please email your selections to me no later than June 9<sup>th</sup> at [tmstevens56@gmail.com](mailto:tmstevens56@gmail.com) or call 541 601-0101.



**Therese Stevens**

### MORNING BOOK GROUP



Previously, we have met the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Chetco Room of Skyline Plaza at 10 am. For an update on group plans, please contact **Mary Wright Gillespie**

at 541-857-6083 or **Sharon Purkerson** at 541-857-6513.

### AAUW SOCIAL CLUB

You are invited to join our next gathering **Tuesday June 1 at 4 pm** to talk, listen and get to know each other better. Looking forward to seeing you next time! Call **Carol Koszyk** at 541 608-7799 with any questions.



### MAH JONG

Everyone is welcome. For our schedule, contact **Jackie Baker** at 541-857-6849.



### WINE & WHINE

Our **Wine and Whine** group has suspended our schedule of get-togethers until it is safe for our group to visit local wineries again. If you would like to be notified about our group's plans to resume meeting, contact **Jan Purkeypile** at 541-621-4916.



### OUT & ABOUT

When it is safe to do so, we hope to attend community activities (theatre, art shows, music and other events) again. Anyone may suggest an outing and all are welcome to attend any event. For 2021 plans, please contact **Janet Brougher** at 541-857-2862 or email [jjbrougher@gmail.com](mailto:jjbrougher@gmail.com).



### DESSERT BRIDGE

Normally, we have met the first Wednesday each month at 12:30 pm for dessert and "party" bridge in members' homes. For updates, contact **Pat Stoddard** (541-890-3828) or email Pat at [patstoddard@gmail.com](mailto:patstoddard@gmail.com).



### LUNCH BUNCH

We are a congenial group of ladies who like to go out for lunch! We have met on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am at a local restaurant. For current group plans, please email **Mary Fowler** at [mlfowler1951@gmail.com](mailto:mlfowler1951@gmail.com).



### DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

Good friends, laughter and wine enhance the experience. When things return to "normal," we hope to meet again at restaurants at 6 pm the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. For updates on group plans, please contact **Therese Stevens** at 541-601-0101.

### GREAT DECISIONS

Our group encourages discussion and debate of the important global challenges of our time. Please contact **Janice Williams** (541-857-6300) or email at [janice.m.williams@gmail.com](mailto:janice.m.williams@gmail.com).



# Phantom Tea Party

by Patty Finch



*MUWCF has received donations of over \$11,000 from the **Phantom Tea Party** for our local SOU and RCC scholarships.*

*Three SOU & three RCC scholarships will be awarded to this year's recipients. Thank you, everyone!*

## ATTENDED the MAY MEETING



Carol Koszyk, Lillian Eaton Stewart, Sherry Schroeder, Sandy Heath, Robin Smith, Camille Korsmo, Joan Rycraft, Mary Wright Gillespie, Teri Moser, Yvette McCulley, Cathy deWolfe, Tanya McHenry, Monica Weyhe, Joyce Ellis, Paulette Avery, Pat Dege, Judie Salter, Carol Julian, Patty Finch, Carole Chumbler, Bonnie Goldfein and our Scholarship Recipients: Alisa Whitney, Cristan Douglas, Annette Lizarraga, Kinzlee Jordan and Elaina Foley.



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**Loretta Sias, Robin Smith**

**Secretaries Janet Brougher**  
**& Cathy deWolfe**

**MUWCF Liaison to Branch**  
**Patty Finch**

**AAUW Funds Mary Wright Gillespie**  
**Communications Director**  
**Monica Weyhe**  
**Interest Groups/ACT Chair**  
**Therese Stevens**  
**Public Policy Chair Gayle Clason**  
**Scholarship Liaison Tanya McHenry**  
**S.T.E.M. Director Yvette McCulley**

## MEDFORD UNIVERSITY WOMEN CHARITABLE FUND (MUWCF)

**President Paulette Avery**

**Musings Editor Bonnie Goldfein**  
**541 295-9361**

# AAUW of OR College/University (C/U) Relations Chair Position Description

The state college/university (C/U) relations chair serves as the link between AAUW and the higher education community to recruit and retain AAUW C/U members in her or his state and to increase AAUW's visibility on campuses.

## Specific Responsibilities of the AAUW of OR C/U Chair

### Responsibilities to AAUW of Oregon

- Work with other state officers and committees to integrate C/U relationships with other state priorities, including state conventions and promoting diversity and membership growth
- Report on state membership statistics and trends as requested
- Disseminate C/U member program information including NCCWSL and updates to the state board, branches, and the broader community
- Share successful practices and updates from branch C/U chairs with the state board
- Coordinate plans with other state officers to help transition student associates into other membership categories, including branch membership
- Publicize and recruit applicants for our two NCCWSL scholarships in a timely manner. Guide Scholarship winners through the process to attendance at NCCWSL in May every year.

### Responsibilities to Branches in Oregon

- Encourage the appointment of branch C/U chairs who will advise on recruiting strategies
- Maintain regular communication with branch C/U chairs and support their C/U outreach efforts through motivation, encouragement, technical assistance, resource sharing, and strategy development (In the absence of a branch C/U chair, maintain contact with the membership vice president and/or president.)
- Encourage the exchange of ideas and effective tactics among branch C/U chairs in your state

### Leadership Skills Helpful to the Position

A good candidate will be skilled at goal setting, program development, and communication as well as team and coalition building. Candidates should also have a passion for college student development and community outreach.

### Time Commitment

Approximate time required for this position is 10 hours per month. Attendance at state board meetings and state conventions is required.

The Committee on College/University Relations shall be responsible for planning and developing a mutually supportive relationship between institutions of higher education and the state. ~~~~ from AAUW of Oregon Bylaws 2018

~~~updated 6.9.2019