

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

THE MUSINGS WILL BE PUBLISHED BI-MONTHLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS TO ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER (SEE PG. 8 FOR LIST OF NAMES) BY FRI., DECEMBER 10 FOR THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY ISSUE. *Thank you!*

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, November 4 7 pm
- Saturday, December 4 10 am
- Saturday, January 8, 10 am
- Thursday, February 3, 7 pm
- Saturday, March 5, 10 am
- Thursday, April 14, 7 pm

BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, February 10, 6 pm
All Branch members invited!

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

**** SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILED SPEAKER INFORMATION ****

AAUW MISSION

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

President's Message

by Carol Koszyk

Happy Halloween, Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays! Wow! It's a wonderful time of our 2021 year as we are coming toward the "home stretch". In this moment as I am writing to you all - I am actually more hopeful for the future, and I am very thankful for that. It sure feels good. Since the Pandemic started, I have entertained in my brain many more unsure/negative/discombobulated thoughts for such an extended amount of time than I have ever experienced. It has moved me in a direction to often think: "What is important?". For me, it always comes back to people - our family, friends, acquaintances and all humans on this planet. That is one of the main reasons that I fully support AAUW. We help people. We make a difference in the lives of the women whom we provide education opportunities. **If this idea (to make a difference in women's lives) also charms you - then please do call me or send me an email.** We have Board openings and volunteer activities that you just might find are "perfect" for you. OR - call or email me even if you just want to chat - I would love to hear your voice or read your words!



I want to formally thank our Membership Vice Presidents, Sandy Heath and Ellen Jones (in alphabetical order), for their excellent efforts to ensure that our Gala on October 20th at RoxyAnn Winery was a smashing success. Since there had not been a "New Member" event in the last two years due to Covid - Sandy and Ellen went all out and invited every AAUW Member! It was such fun, and absolutely terrific to be together.

Along that same vein, RoxyAnn Winery is also very worthy of a huge "thank you." Owners, Crissie Olson and Chad Day were so gracious to allow our group to use their venue for our Gala. Mel, their Events Coordinator, cared for our every need. The next time that you go to RoxyAnn - please do mention that you appreciate their contribution to our Medford AAUW Branch.

We are saddened to hear that **Donna Anderson-Betteridge** passed away on October 28th. Donna became a member of AAUW in 2010 after attending a Garden Tour in Jacksonville. She worked tirelessly on large fundraising events including the Garden Tours, Children's Festivals and the Hoe Down event. She enjoyed the Happy Bookers and the Wine and Whine interest groups. She and her husband Darwin have continually enjoyed traveling experiences in their 5th wheel. She was a kind sweet lady and a wonderful friend to many. She will be sorely missed. A possible celebration of life may be planned after the holidays.

MEDFORD BRANCH GALA WAS A GRAND SUCCESS!



On October 20th we held our Fall Gala at RoxyAnn Winery. More than 30 new and returning members gathered for an afternoon of wine, food, laughter, and our first event in over a year that wasn't on Zoom.

Two of our scholarship recipients, Elizabeth Torres (and fiancée Emilio) and Barbara McLaren were present and told a little bit about themselves. They gave heartfelt thanks to the Medford Chapter.

Ellen and Sandy drew raffle tickets, and the winners were:

Ronnie Budge (Red Lobster giftcard)

Peg Riehlman (Mary Kay gift bag)

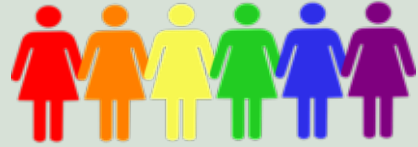
Carol Bogedain (bottle of RoxyAnn Clar-et)

Regula Pepi (cookie mix)

Patty Herkert (cookie mix)

Lisa Hughes (water color painting)

We'd like to thank everyone who brought a nonperishable item to donate to ACCESS Foodbank.



NEW MEMBER!

Lisa Hughes

I have just retired from 40-plus years as a Children's Librarian with the Santa Clara County Library, which was a wonderful way to spend my life. Looking at retirement, my husband Mike and I had decided to leave the San Jose area. We've been coming to Medford twice a year to see the OSF plays, and it felt like a good place for the next phase of our lives.

I was born in Seattle, moved to California at the age of three, and grew up in Whittier. I met Mike at Claremont Colleges (Scripps for me, HMC for him). After getting married, we moved to Santa Clara for grad school (my MA in Library Science at San Jose State, his law degree at Santa Clara University).

We raised our two children in Santa Clara County—daughter Kellen, who still lives in San Jose, and son Gareth, who lives in Irvine with his wife and two daughters. We are enjoying the theater and wineries here, and the ability to get into the countryside quickly. I'm still working at getting unpacked, but am starting to get some time to knit, quilt, sew, read, bake, and create scrapbooks and jewelry, helped by the AAUW book groups and a quilt group at Ascension Lutheran Church.



We're looking forward to traveling more, and have a trip planned, which includes a cruise out of New Orleans and a visit to Disney World.

WELCOME, Lisa!!

I was wondering why music was coming from my printer. Apparently, the paper was jamming!



**Medford University Women Charitable Fund
(MUWCF)
October Board Meeting**

The MUWCF board met on October 26 and welcomed two new board members: Sandy Heath and Vikki Piper. They will replace long-time board members Jackie Baker and Sharon Shatswell who recently resigned. Thank you, Jackie and Sharon for your service!!

The board tabled the decision about whether or not to hold the **Garden Tour** in 2022 until our meeting in January since the status of the pandemic next year is unknown. But we hope to be able to resume this popular fundraiser. Additional volunteers will be needed, in particular, someone to be the Garden Tour Chairperson. Please consider getting involved if we go ahead with this event.

- Paulette Avery, President



Note: See page 8 for more MUWCF info.



Yvette McCulley regretfully resigned as STEM director. The Rogue Valley Girls' Rock event for 10-11 year-old girls has been postponed until the Children's Museum venue allows our in-person event.

We are continuing to add STEM books to the Kid-Time Children's Library and Ivy School. Please contact any STEM committee member to donate your book. Thank you in advance for your participation in this project.



If you're interested in being a part of this effort, please contact any STEM member below.

STEM Committee Members:

Carol Bogedain
Janet Brougher
Pat Dege
Sandy Heath
Ellen Jones
Carol Koszyk

AAUW Program Schedule Fall 2021 by Zoom

Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7 pm

Holly Nickerson, MBA, BSN, RN, CPHQ, CPPS is the Vice President of Quality & Safety for Asante. Holly will speak about her role as head of the entire **COVID Response Operation for Asante Hospital**. She has worked for Asante since 2006. She has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from OHSU School of Nursing, a Master of Business Administration in Healthcare Management from OHSU & Portland State University and is working towards a Doctor of Nursing Practice Executive Nursing Leadership. In her spare time she is an active member in the Southern Oregon community coaching youth soccer and serves as a board member for the Rogue Valley Timbers Soccer club.



Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 10 a.m.

Program to be announced. The Zoom invitation and program details will be e-mailed a few days before December 4th.

(Please note that due to Co-vid we're unable to have an in-person holiday event at Sun Oaks since they are limiting events to only those who reside at Sun Oaks.)



ALERT!!

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 7TH!**



AAUW FUNDS

by Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds Chair

As of September 30, 2021, our Medford Branch has contributed \$4,134.00 to AAUW Funds.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



KIDSPREE

Our AAUW chapter has supported Southern Oregon KidSpree for many years. KidSpree is a non-profit community project held under the auspices of the Jackson County Community Services Consortium, that provides economically disadvantaged school-age children with clothes and school supplies. Due to covid, the annual shopping event at JC Penney was cancelled. However, a modified KidSpree backpack giveaway was held on 4 consecutive Saturdays in September outside of JC Penney. Each backpack was filled with school & dental supplies, handmade hats/scarves, a variety of goodies and each student received a gift card worth \$100.00. The store opened 2 hours early to allow the student & adult shopping time.

If you'd like more information, please contact Cathy Eagles, Chairperson of the KidSpree Committee and Children's Coordinator at morcats2@gmail.com.

AAUW member Ellen Jones assisted with the 2021 KidSpree backpack giveaway.



PUBLIC POLICY

On behalf of the Board of Directors of AAUW, I'm thrilled to announce that Gloria L. Blackwell will be the new Chief Executive Officer of the organization, effective October 18, 2021.

Gloria currently serves as AAUW's Executive Vice President and Chief Program Officer and has extensive experience leading within the organization. She's managed and expanded AAUW's esteemed fellowships and grants program—awarding more than \$70 million in funding to women scholars and programs in the U.S. and abroad. She's spearheaded innovative programs, including the award-winning salary negotiation workshops, which have reached more than 190,000 women nationwide.

Gloria initiated and built partnerships with major funders, local governments and institutes of higher education. And she has significantly expanded the organization's outreach to girls and women of color. But most of all, Gloria has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to AAUW's vision of achieving equity for all.

Before joining AAUW 17 years ago, Gloria worked at the Institute of International Education (IIE) in Washington D.C., leading and managing girls' education programs in Africa and mid-career fellowships for global professionals. She began her career as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer in Cameroon and was the Country Desk Officer at the D.C. headquarters for five Sub-Saharan countries.

Talented, thoughtful and passionate about AAUW's mission, Gloria is the right leader at the right time. The Board has complete confidence in her ability to steer the organization through rapidly changing and challenging times in our country and to tackle new (and age old!) obstacles to gender equity.

We feel grateful and privileged that such an exceptional executive has accepted our invitation to lead our organization into the future. Please join us in congratulating and warmly welcoming Gloria Blackwell to her new role as AAUW CEO.

Julia T. Brown, Esq.

Board Chair



Naurine McCormick —

Our long-time member, Naurine McCormick died at the age of 96 on October 18, 2021. Naurine served as President of our Branch, and is remembered as a "can-do" person. Naurine was a trail blazer for her efforts to get her degrees from the University of Minnesota. She was told the "married people could not be in school". Naurine persevered and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dietetics and a Masters Degree in Nutrition. We will miss Naurine.

**CELEBRATING
NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS!**

Marcia Simon 11/05

Monica Weyhe 11/10

Lynda Hansen 11/14

Paulette Avery 11/19

Joan Johnson 11/21

Pat Dege 11/23

Sherry Schroeder 11/24

Joan Rycraft 11/30



November Fun Facts!

Birthstone—Topaz

Flower—Chrysanthemum (symbolizes honesty, joy and optimism)



**AND CELEBRATING THOSE
DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!**

Bea Frederickson 12/04

Mary Wright Gillespie 12/04

Jean Foley 12/13

Carolyn Schenler 12/14

Carole Chumbler 12/23

Carol Schaefer 12/25

Marlene Olson 12/26

Gayle Clason 12/27



December Fun Facts!

Birthstone—Turquoise (prosperity)

Flower—Narcissus and holly



**AAUW GALA
SNAPSHOTS**



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

Murder Most Literary continues to meet by Zoom. Contact Mary Wright Gillespie, 541-857-6083 for the November and December schedule and books.



OUT & ABOUT

When it is safe to do so, we hope to attend populous community activities (theatre, art shows, music or other events) again. As more venues open, anyone may suggest an outing. All are welcome to attend—proof of vaccination & masks may be required. Contact Janet Brougher at jjbrougher@gmail.com or cell 541-326-1767 or hm 541-857-2862.



Older issues of Musings are available on our Website: www.medford-or.aauw.net.

The national AAUW Website has up-to-date information about our current issues and involvement: www.aauw.org

NEW GROUP!

Are you a **knitter, crocheter, cross stitcher or enthusiast for embroidery work**? If you love working with needle and thread—consider joining **Medford AAUW Needleworkers**. If this is you, we will have our first meeting on Friday, November 12 at 1:00-3:00. It will be at my home. 1813 Wildflower Drive (at the Manor). We will work on our projects and discuss how we are going to move forward. Contact me if you have questions or concerns. Happy stitching!

Joann Nadell
1813 Wildflower Drive, Medford
541 840 1529
nadelljoann@gmail.com



HAPPY BOOKERS

We will be meeting Wednesday November 17th at 2 p.m. on ZOOM. The book selection is *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. The discussion leader will be Joann Nadell. Any questions please contact Therese Stevens @ 541-601-0101 or tmstevens56@gmail.com.



DESSERT BRIDGE

Afternoon Dessert Bridge meets the first Wednesday of the month at 12:30 for dessert and party bridge in members' homes.

On Wednesday, **November 3rd** at 12:30, Mae Boren will host bridge at her home.

On Wednesday, **December 1st** Sherry Schroeder will host bridge at the Rogue Valley Country Club. Lunch will be at 11:30 and is No Host with individual checks. Bridge will be played from 12:30 to 4.

Contact Pat Stoddard 541-890-3828 or [email-patstoddard@gmail.com](mailto:patstoddard@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining or subbing.



GREAT DECISIONS:

Our group discusses the global challenges faced by U.S. Foreign Policy in government by looking at topics which are presented in a study booklet published by the Foreign Policy Association.

November and December discussions will be held via ZOOM.

On **Saturday, November 13** at 9:30am the discussion topic will be **Human Trafficking**, led by Joan Rycraft.

Leslie Schettler will lead a discussion on the **Philippines**, **Saturday, December 11** at 9:30 am.

For Zoom meeting login or information on our 2021-2022 schedule, please contact Janet Brougher at jjbrougher@gmail.com, cell 541-326-1767, hm 541-857-2862 or Joann Nadell at nadelljoann@gmail.com, cell 541-840-1529.



FUN "on hold" for now

DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

Good friends, laughter and wine enhance the experience. We meet at a different restaurant at 6:00 the 4th Thursday of each month, except November (skip) and December (date moved). Reservations are required by Monday of that week. Contacts: Virginia McGraw 541-245-6035



LUNCH BUNCH

The "Lunch Bunch" is a congenial group of ladies who like to go out for lunch! We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at a different, local restaurant. Venue is decided at the previous lunch by the group, and the bill is always handled as separate checks. We typically meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am, but we have ventured outside of Medford via carpools as well.



WINE & WHINE IS BACK!

The Wine and Whine Group meets once a month, usually on a Friday at 2:00 pm, depending on the availability of each winery. **Consensus from those interested in resurrecting the group is that vaccinated-only people are encouraged to attend. Contact Jan Purkeypile, 541-621-4916 if you're interested in attending and suggest a place to go.** In the past, the group has gone to Edenvale Winery this time of year. Get ready for a relaxed environment with good friends and good wine. The only requirement is that you RSVP so proper reservations can be made.



MORNING BOOK GROUP

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Chetco Room of Skyline Plaza at 10:00 AM. The books are selected by vote in May and include fiction and non-fiction. Members choose in June the date and book they want to review. The meetings last for one hour, and the discussions are always lively. In December we have a feast and exchange books for fun. Contact: Mary Wright Gillespie, 541-857-6083.



Mah Jong (on hold)

The Mah Jong group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month to play. Our group plays a version of American-Far East style Mah Jong. We do not use cards for hands. Joyce Ellis, one of our members, has taught the game for years to many groups, and we are fortunate to have her coaching us. We meet at the Quail's Nest Bistro at the Manor, we meet at 1:30 pm and play goes from 2 to 4 pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact: Jackie Baker at 541-857-6849.



ACT (AAUW Community Team): ACT

is a group of 10-15 women who work on a short-term community project, usually for a few hours only. Events planned all are worthwhile tasks that put AAUW in the public eye and generate new members. Currently, due to the Pandemic, ACT is asking members to send checks to support two organizations: Maslow Project, P.O. Box 999 Medford, OR 97501 and Rogue Retreat, 711 E. Main St. #25 Medford, OR 97504 Contact: Therese Stevens 541-601-0101, tmstevens56@gmail.com



To set up a ZOOM meeting for your Interest Group or other AAUW gathering, you can email **Vicki Piper** at vpiper@sti.net with this information: Meeting name (Board Meeting, Committee, Wine & Whine...); meeting date, time and duration; and if this meeting is recurrent — on the same day/week each month, etc. Vikki will set up the meeting and then email you with the meeting ID and password. You can then forward the information to your group.



**Medford University Women Charitable Fund
(MUWCF)
Board
2020-21**

What is MUWCF? Medford University Women Charitable Fund is the full name. This 501 (c) (3) organization was developed so our Medford AAUW Branch could offer a fully tax deductible option for businesses who wanted to donate toward our efforts to raise money for scholarships for women and girls. We are very appreciative of the fine work that our MUWCF Board Officers and Members provide. Here is the current list and please know that if you have any questions or would like to help in any way - please contact either Paulette Avery (averyfam1@charter.net) or Mary Wright Gillespie (541-857-6083).

Paulette Avery, President

Marlene Olson, Vice President

Patty Finch, Secretary

Pat Stoddard, Treasurer

Mary Wright Gillespie, Liaison to AAUW Board

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Jan Purkeypile

Vikki Piper

Sandy Heath

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**Janet Brougher, Ellen Jones,
Carol Koszyk, Sandy Heath**



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