

AAUW MISSION

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

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

The Musings will be published **BI-MONTHLY** until further notice. Please submit items to any committee member (see pg. 10 for list of names) by Fri., April 15th for the May / June 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

Saturday, March 5, 10 am

Thursday, April 14, 7 pm

Saturday, May 7, 10 am

BOARD MEETINGS

May 19, 6:00 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 2 FOR DETAILED SPEAKER INFORMATION****

President's Message

by Carol Koszyk

It is getting to be that time of year to vote for our next group of elected officers! We will vote on Thursday, April 14, 2022, following our program that evening. I am very encouraged as more than three members volunteered to help! Please know that I am extremely appreciative for the folks who agreed to be on the Slate of Officers for 2022... AND I am hoping that more folks will volunteer. It would be ideal to have a Programs VP - but if you are not so inclined - please volunteer to be on our Programs Committee! We have a great group of 4 members so far, but need a few more so the job is easier. The Programs Committee has a long list of possible programs so you do not need to "know" anyone. We just use the list.



The next big news for our AAUW members is our upcoming Oregon Annual Meeting. It will be a virtual event again - of course due to Covid. BUT with the plan that Ashland will host an "in person" Annual Meeting in Spring, 2023. You have all received the emails announcing this change. The registration process for the various April 8 - 10, 2022, activities will be announced in the next month. Look for the AAUW OR Communications email for details. I am strongly encouraging you to sign up to attend. The Zoom meetings that Oregon AAUW organizes are wonderful!! I attended the Virtual Lobby Day. It was spread over two evenings and highly informative. In addition, any member can view the events on the AAUW OregonYou Tube channel. Do check it out. If you have any questions at all, please call me as I am happy to help. (Home: 541-608-7799, and please leave a message.)

And finally, we are planning an in-person gathering for our **Thursday, June 2nd General Meeting.** We will have a **no-host dinner at Roxy-Ann Winery at 5:30 pm.** Please save the date, as we really want to "see" you in person! We will be outdoors in their tent area and will follow all Co-Vid protocols in place at that time.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

2022-23 AAUW Scholarships Selection
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AAUW Nominations Committee

We appreciate the efforts of the Nominations Committee - Sandy Heath, Ellen Jones and Carol Koszyk for preparing our Slate of Officers for 2022. We will have a short Business Meeting following our Thursday, April 14, 2022, General Meeting Program to vote to elect the Slate of Officers. The "Social" begins at 6:30 and the Program from 7 to 8 pm.

Slate of Officers, 2022

NOTE: Per Medford Branch Bylaws: President is a one year term, chosen each year; Membership Vice President, Secretary at General Meetings and Secretary at Board Meetings are "two year terms" chosen in "even" years; and Finance Vice President and Programs Vice President are "two year terms" chosen in "odd" years.

Co-Presidents (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023): Lisa Hughes and Carol Koszyk

Membership Co-Vice Presidents (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024): Sandy Heath and Ellen Jones

Secretary, General Meetings (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024): Camille Korsmo

Secretary, Board Meetings (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024): Joann Nadell

Programs Vice President (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023): **OPEN and any member can "self nominate"!!**

YES! That means you!

Please note that a "one year" term is listed for Programs VP. This position is normally a two year term, but a Programs Committee has been doing the job. A huge "THANK YOU" goes to the Programs Committee! If you are charmed by the idea to help, but do not want the Programs VP position - please be a part of the Programs Committee. We have a great group so far and we have a huge list of possibilities. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO "KNOW" ANYONE.** All of us folks on the committee just use a list of programs that have been previously suggested, and we call or email to arrange speakers.

Contact anyone on the Nominations Committee to volunteer for the Programs Committee. We would love to hear from you!

Chuckles for the Day:

I was going to cook alligator for dinner tonight, then I remembered I only have a CROC Pot!



Where do BAD rainbows go? PRISM. But it's a light sentence and gives them time to reflect.

Albert Einstein's mother: "Your Senior photograph, and you couldn't have done something with your HAIR?"

AAUW GENERAL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH, 10:00 am

Wenonoa Spivak, the Deputy Director of CASA will be our Saturday, March 5th speaker. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. Each volunteer is appointed by a judge to advocate for a child's best interest in court. During the presentation, Wenonoa will discuss a brief history of CASA, the nuts and bolts of the CASA volunteer role, how our local program operates, the impact that CASAs make in our community, and how you can get involved.

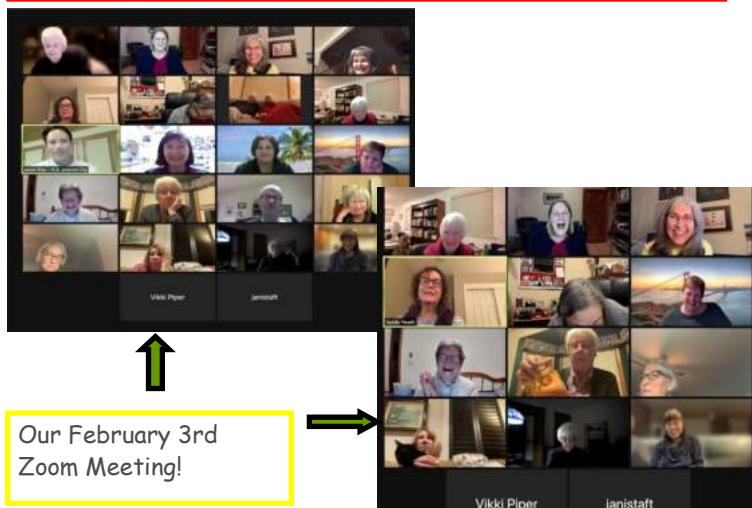
THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH, 7:00 pm

Samantha Metheny –Deputy Fire Marshal

Samantha started her career in fire service in 1993 as a wildland firefighter. She also volunteered for Jackson County Fire District 5 and worked as an EMT for Mercy Flights before being hired in 2001 by the Medford Fire Department (MFD) as a Fire Fighter/EMT. Samantha worked for MFD until 2006 and resigned temporarily after having her first daughter. She and her husband have two children and Samantha was fortunate to stay home to rear them for nearly two years.

She returned to part-time work as the Program Manager for MFD and in 2010 went back to firefighting full time. She is the only woman to have successfully passed probation for Medford Fire not only once but TWICE, the second time at 42 and the mother of two!

In 2012 Samantha was promoted to Deputy Fire Marshal and found her new niche in Fire Service. She is responsible for fire safety inspections, fire investigations, and is the primary public educator for the department.



NEW MEMBER!



Lan Roberts —

My husband and I moved to Medford, Oregon on June 28, 2015 from San Jose, CA. My husband was working for Cisco in Santa Clara, CA as a Product Manager. I was a Product Manager for The San Jose Mercury News in San Jose, CA.

Both of us are now retired. We moved to Medford to be a little closer to my father-in-law, who used to live in Eugene. Then he moved to Medford. Sadly, to say, we had only one and a half year with him before he passed away.

How did I learn about AAUW? After my father-in-law passed away, I wanted to find an interesting and mindful organization of women in the areas. My husband did some research and found AAUW in Ashland. I became a member of AAUW in 2019.

A summary of my early years: Born in Hanoi, North Vietnam. When I was less than a year old, the historic Geneva meeting between the Ho Chi Minh cabinet and the French leaders ended in France. The civil war between North and South was over. North Vietnam became communist and South Vietnam became The Republic of Vietnam.

My family became refugees from Hanoi to Saigon. The distance was just about 707 miles, but it was a painful move for my family. This journey within the same country, although speaking the same language and only from the North to the South, was a journey of pain and grace for the seniors in my family. Fortunately, I was too young to realize this. I began a new life in the new environment.

I spent most of my childhood with the courage and loving kindness of my two aunts. As a northerner and Catholic, my father thought it would be best for me to be raised by more highly educated women who could teach me to retain my Northern accent and be a faithful Catholic. He separated me from my aunts and placed me in an all-girls' Catholic school in Dalat, Central Vietnam. I was raised and educated by the kind but restrictive young nuns.

I have so many good memories of this school. I grew up with no man-made toys. We girls created our own games. We helped each other with homework and cleaning our own living quarters. We comforted each other when our parents didn't come to the dorm to take us home for the weekend.

My new journey in America: From June 1972, to this moment in time: A gigantic bird, the Pan Am 747, brought me from Tan Son Nhat Airport in Saigon to SeaTac airport in Seattle.

My sponsors: A kind looking older couple greeted me with a big smile on their faces, and a big sign held in front of the man's chest, with my maiden name : *Nguyen Thi Bich Lan*, written in italics.

My sponsor, whose name was Goldie, used to teach me English by reading Robert Frost poems to me. Later on, she started me reading many the classic books: *The Pearl*, *To Kill a Mocking Bird*, *Goodbye Mr. Chips*, *The Onion Field* and many other great books.

My first real American lunch was a grilled cheese sandwich and chocolate cookies.

Life was good then. The reality came 6 months after I arrived in Seattle. I started college in the autumn at the University of Washington. Then I became a college dropout due to the loss of Saigon to the communists in 1975.

I went back to college and graduated from San Francisco University with a BS in Finance.

Life unfolded after graduation. I had many jobs; they were all interesting. The most memorable jobs were:

- Working for the State of California.
- While I was working for the State of CA, by fate, I landed a job for a year with Oliver Stone in Santa Monica, San Diego and Thailand.
- San Jose Mercury News as Product Manager and Community Relation Manager. This is where I met my husband, Jeff Roberts. (Jeff and I have been married for 22 years.)
- Diversity consultant for KMA Kochman Marvrelis as a Diversity Trainer for Boeing, NSA and other companies.

Favorite books: *Silence*, *Sapiens*, *The Politics of Deception*, Thomas Merton: *The Seven Story Mountain* and Robert Frost's poems. I like documentary movies and nature.

Hobbies: Music, classical piano and painting. I like to help people so I volunteered to work with cancer patients at Providence Hospital and Asante Hospital visiting heart patients.

Thank you for sharing your amazing story, Lan!



AAUW FUNDS

by Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds Chair

Claudia Grey, our Oregon State AAUW Funds chair, has informed us that the Kenneth McGraw Memorial has been filled. That endowment was started after Kenneth died and his wife, Virginia McGraw, and their family began the fund. Our branch contributed to making this possible. At the present time a stipend from that endowment is going to Katoria Carter. She is at the University of North Florida and in the field of education working on a M.S. with this Career Development Grant. Virginia, a great supporter of AAUW Fund, and a valued member of this branch is moving to the Portland area to be closer to her children. We will greatly miss her.

Our contributions to AAUW Funds, so far this year are \$2,195. \$955 of that amount has been given through the Phantom Tea Party. As of this date I do not have the final amounts from National for our contributions from last year. Thank you for your continuing support of our mission.

An exciting event is planned for our future. The MUWCF Board, our fundraising arm, has approved the sponsoring of a fundraiser at the Camelot Theatre. This is a fundraiser for AAUW Funds. On **Wednesday, September 28**, we will have bought out the house for the play, “**Catch Me If You Can**”. The tickets will cost \$30 with \$20 of that amount as a contribution. We are very hopeful that health issues will allow us to attend, but regardless this will be a fundraiser.

Mark the date on your calendar and the tickets will be sold in the summer.



Announcing the Women's Leadership Conference!

It is scheduled for Friday, May 13th in Ashland. More information to come in the May/June Musings. Contact Barbara Laskin: laskinbarb@gmail.com.

AAUW'S ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2021*

– **OUTREACH** - In the second year of the pandemic, AAUW continued to grow its online programs.

- We hosted more than [25 webinars](#) for both AAUW members and the [Equity Network learning community](#).
- AAUW's [Start Smart](#) and [Work Smart](#) salary negotiation trainings continued to be AAUW's most sought-after programs, reaching more than 188,000 participants to date.
- We also piloted a new financial literacy program, [Money Smart](#), to provide women at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Women's Colleges and Minority Serving Institutions with comprehensive tools and resources for personal money management.
- We continued our work with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other minority-serving institutions (MSIs), thanks to a [generous grant from The Coca-Cola Foundation](#). A total of 32 minority-serving colleges, including 21 HBCUs, 10 women's colleges and one MSI, now offer [AAUW's Start Smart training](#), bringing the number of colleges and universities hosting the program to 145.
- We held AAUW's annual [National Conference for College Women Student Leaders](#) (NCCWSL) virtually for the first time in May, reaching 900 aspiring leaders from over 300 campuses nationwide.

- AAUW launched [STEMEd for Girls](#), a pilot virtual program reaching 600 teenagers and 315 caregivers, to encourage high school girls to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

ACTION -

- AAUW's [Two-Minute Activists](#) sent 68,271 letters to elected officials calling for action on AAUW priorities such as paycheck fairness, paid leave, reproductive rights, student loan forgiveness and more. • All five of the top bills passed the House of Representatives in 2021.
- We continued the work of AAUW's [Legal Advocacy Fund \(LAF\)](#), which provides resources to brave plaintiffs seeking legal redress against pay inequity other forms of sex discrimination. We supported five active cases in 2021 and awarded two new LAF grants to support law-school clinical programs.
- AAUW launched the [Equal Pay Every Day roundtable series](#) to spur conversations and solutions around pay equity in the workplace among employees, managers and senior leaders in the New York metropolitan region.

RESEARCH -

- [Systemic Racism and the Pay Gap](#), a supplement to AAUW's report *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap*, outlines how the wage gap is the result of centuries of intentional structural economic inequalities, exploitation, segregation and implicit bias. This history has created systems that funnel women—especially women of color—into lower paying occupations and undervalue the work of women across sectors.
- [Factory Flaw: The Attrition and Retention of Women in Manufacturing](#), made possible through a grant from The Arconic Foundation, explores the dearth of women in well-paying jobs in manufacturing and outlines ways employers and policymakers can recruit, retain and advance women in this field.
- [The Power Gap Among Top Earners at America's Elite Universities](#), a research collaboration between AAUW and the Eos Foundation, examines women's leadership among the country's 130 research universities. It reveals that few women are among the highest paid professionals at each school. A second report, scheduled for 2022, will examine the dearth of women and women of color in academic leadership roles at these institutions.
- [Pandemic Inequity: Latinas and the COVID-19 Experience](#), part of AAUW's Latina Policy Initiative, assesses the economic and health impact of COVID-19 on Latinas, particularly those who are essential workers and in low-wage occupations.

*Excerpted from AAUW National Report

Bills Supported by AAUW of OR in 2022 Legislative Sessions

- HB 4002: Paid Overtime for Farm Workers.
- HB 4092: Broadband governance, availability and equity.
- HB 4013: Department of Education to establish a pilot program in which certain school districts make one-time distributions to families of students to assist with unpaid rent, past-due utilities or move-in expenses.
- HB 4110: Establishes procedures by which certain crime, abuse or sexual assault victims may request and receive copies of law enforcement agency records concerning cases.
- HB 4146: Department of Corrections to designate a corrections gender-responsive coordinator.
- SB 1521: Authorizes district school board to terminate superintendent without cause only if certain conditions are met.
- SB 1522: Expansion of educational opportunities for youth that have been placed in corrections or juvenile detention programs, providing additional resources to Oregon Promise students and authorizing the development of a plan to bring online equipment, connectivity and infrastructure to adults in custody at the Coffee Creek and Snake River Correctional Institutions.
- SB 1556: Department of Human Services to establish certification process for home care and personal service workers.
- SB 1572: Higher education institutions to provide services to survivors of sexual assault regardless of whether they wish to make a formal report, clarifies definition of "consent" and provides for campus-wide surveys about campus sexual assaults

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We Celebrate Our Birthdays!



Zodiac signs: Pisces & Aries

9 Emily Riehlman

13 Sue Thornburg

14 Mae Boren

19 Teri Moser

20 Sandy Heath

27 Jan Purkeypille

29 Kathleen O'Reilly

March is National Women's History Month
8 - International Women's Day
12 - Girl Scouts was founded in 1912 in Savannah, GA



Zodiac signs: Aries & Taurus

7 Lillian Eaton Stewart

11 Anne Billeter

14 Sharon Fox

14 Pat Stoddard

1 - April Fools Day
15 - Passover begins at sundown
17 - Easter
22 - Earth Day

Save the Dates!

April 8-10, 2022

for Virtual Annual State AAUW Meeting!
Watch for an email from AAUW OR Communications for how to register.

All sessions are available to view on the [AAUW of Oregon YouTube channel](#).

News from Past Scholarship Recipients



Amanda Denbeck received a Scholarship from us in the 2010's. Many of you may remember Amanda as she was our *Musings* Newsletter Editor for several years until December of 2019. Amanda also was the Garden Tour Booklet Editor for two of our Garden Tours (2018 & 2019). Last April, 2021, we had invited Amanda to speak at our virtual General Meeting where we highlighted past Scholarship winners. She was not able to present her "story" to us by Zoom, but this is the letter that we received from Amanda in April 2021.:

Since graduating college in 2015, I have been up to...well, a lot! I worked for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival as their help desk technician for a total of 2.5 years. I was working for the festival while I was in my last year of college and they were so gracious to work with my school schedule! After working for OSF, I accepted a job at the Ashland Food Co-op as their sole graphic designer. I am currently employed at the Co-op and am going to be celebrating my fifth year work-anniversary! I also was a part of a local roller derby team, Southern Oregon Derby, and served on numerous committees, competed on the travel team, and was the lead graphic designer for the organization. This last year I started the house search (right when things started getting serious with COVID). I found my home here in Medford and will have been here for almost a year (in May)! Currently I am working on improving my house and also focusing on my freelance business.

I feel an abundance of gratitude and thankfulness that organizations such as the AAUW took a chance with me to help fund my education. I would not be in the position I am today without the help and assistance that AAUW provided to me while I was getting my undergrad degree. While I see my peers struggle with the burden of student debt, AAUW and other organizations helped me graduate Southern Oregon University with not only a fantastic education but also graduate debt-free! I cannot express it enough that I am incredibly blessed to have been chosen as a recipient of the AAUW scholarship. I had the privilege as the newsletter editor to see how much work and dedication everyone in the AAUW organization does to make sure that women get the support they need to allow for all their focus on their studies.

I wanted to thank each AAUW member for their participation and dedication to making these scholarships available to women like me. Thank you for taking a chance on me and for future women.



Chelsea Phegley was an RCC Scholarship Recipient for the 2013/2014 year. Chelsea wrote the following letter to us on April 30, 2021 in response that she could not attend our Zoom meeting in May of 2021 to honor previous Scholarship winners:

Hi!

I am so sorry this is coming in at the last minute. I hope that choosing to write something is ok. I'm just not sure I could talk about this last year without getting emotional. I was a 2014 RN graduate from RCC. I am still the only person in my family to hold a college degree. I have worked in Intensive Care the majority of the last 6.5 years, here as staff in the Rogue Valley as well as, a traveling nurse in Washington, Alaska, and Eugene, OR. This year has been heartbreaking to say the least, but at no other time have I felt my skill set was more important than it has been this last year. I am truly here by the grace of my community and donors such as AAUW. I held the hands of so many dying this year whose families were unable to be there to help them pass. I was also honored to volunteer at the Expo as an overnight RN when the fires ripped through our community and so many of our most vulnerable neighbors were misplaced and lost so much. My fortunate security allowed me to donate time and money to so many whose need was so great in the last year/years. I am hanging up my travel RN shoes for the summer and working again with Rogue Regional Medical Center. I am incredibly big on social media I was inspired to look back and share my thoughts. I think this sums up the way that I feel as well as I can put succinctly into words.

This year has taught me more lessons in humility than I ever could have imagined. I have been humbled by the strength of those we like to call our weakest. I have been humbled by the weakness of those I considered strong. I have been humbled by the differences I wasn't able to make no matter the trying. I have been humbled by the major difference one decision can make. I have been humbled by my capacity to hate where I thought I only had love. I have been humbled by my capacity to love where hate had been seeded. If I could dedicate this past year to something, I would like to dedicate it to the people who passed without the circle of those they love surrounding them. To the elders, native and otherwise we'll never get back and whose counsel we gravely need right now, to the children who didn't get to say goodbye to their parents, to the parents who didn't get to say goodbye to their children, to all the people that had to settle for a gloved hand to hold and without the option to wipe away the tears, to all the people who suffered silently and behind closed doors at home, at work, and in hospitals. I would like to honor the silent suffering and all the stories that will never be told. I would like to honor you as I'm sure you have stories of your own. I would also like to honor my community. This year has really sent home a lesson I have known but that hit even harder this year. I am nothing without my community. I am surrounded near and far by some of the most genuine, caring, incredible, compassionate, forgiving, loving, tough-as-nails, ethical, incredibly hilarious, intelligent, and supremely generous humans this planet has to offer. These are the heroes in my life. The angels whose wings carry me everywhere I go. We haven't seen the last of our heartaches, but nothing seems insurmountable surrounded by all of you.

Thank you so much, AAUW, from the bottom of my heart. Your work is so important. I certainly know what it's like to wonder how people you've helped are doing now! So I hope this provides a snapshot that lets you know at least some of us are doing really well, and that you can see that your gifts are truly exponential. Happy Spring!!! May you all remain healthy and with full hearts in the seasons ahead.



Scholarship Committee

Hello Friends!

I hope the year 2022 has greeted you well or, perhaps, it is just keeping you busy and on your toes. A new year also means it is that time of a year again for the Scholarship Committee to seek volunteers to review applications for our scholarships awarded to students at both Rogue Community College (RCC) and Southern Oregon University (SOU), our local flagship schools offering educational opportunities for members of our community. We have the great privilege of being able to offer funds to make the journey these individuals are starting or continuing just a bit easier than they might experience otherwise.

Our generous volunteers are asked to commit their time to review, both independently and in a group settings, applications expected to be received in late June and early July for RCC and in March for SOU. The pandemic is still challenging in our area and the world does occasionally cause deviation from planned timelines and methodologies but be assured we rise to the occasion. RCC is also implementing a new process and new program this year which will mean if you are a first time volunteer with us, you will be experiencing a new process right alongside all of us! It is my sincere hope that we be challenged and find a meaningful journey ourselves during that process.

Time commitments can vary slightly depending on the number of applications we receive, but in the past it has been a few hours for each person to take time and score the applications based on our guidelines and each individual's judgment. There are also group meetings to discuss the scoring process which is expected to increase this year due to RCC's new system. After the scoring, we review and discuss our leading applicants and finally make a decision as a group. This information is passed onto schools where we await confirmation of our selections.

In addition to the applicant selection process, the Scholarship Committee is also involved in any updates we need to make to the criteria for our scholarships and to handle anything else that might arise unexpectedly. Be assured the bulk of your time commitment will be around reviewing the applications themselves which are tied to the timelines mentioned above that each school has tentatively verified with me this year.

Any AAUW member who is interested in participating in this year's effort can reach out to me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Tanya McHenry
mchenryta@gmail.com

AAUW Scholarship Selection — RCC/SOU

**Are you interested in being on the Scholarship Committee for 2022-23
for RCC and SOU?**

**Contact Tanya McHenry, our Scholarship Liaison.
tmchenry@mednet.ucla.edu. (Use "AAUW" in the subject line.)**

Interest Groups

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 will meet on **March 10** at 7:00 pm by Zoom. The topic is a bibliography titled, "They Died in Vain". This list is compiled of the titles that did not make it to the 100 Best Mysteries of the 20th Century. Questions. Mary Wright Gillespie. 541-857-6083



WINE & WHINE IS BACK!

The Wine and Whine Group meets once a month.

For March, we will meet at **Rellik Winery** Friday, March 18th at 2:00 p.m. (RSVP by Wednesday March 16 so you will be assured a place to sit.) April will be announced later.



Vaccinated-only people are encouraged to attend. Contact Jan Purkeypille, at janpurkeypille@yahoo.com or 541-621-4916 if you're interested in attending or have any questions.



Wine & Whine gathered at Dancin Winery in February

Needleworkers



Are you a **knitter, crocheter, cross stitcher, mender, enthusiast for embroidery work?** If you love working with needle and thread—consider joining **Medford AAUW Needleworkers**. If this is you, join us at:

- Fri., March 11th, 1:00-3:00, at Pat Stoddard's.
- Fri., April 8th, 1:00-3:00, at Jackie Baker's.
- Fri., May 13, 1:00-3:00, at Carol Rugg's.

Contact me if you have questions or concerns. Happy stitching!

Joann Nadell, 541 840 1529
nadelljoann@gmail.com

HAPPY BOOKERS

We will be meeting Wednesday **March 16th** at 2 p.m. on ZOOM. The book selection is *This Tender Land* by William Kent Kruger. The discussion leader will be Marcia Simon. **April 20th** at 2:00 and via zoom, the group will discuss *Susan, Linda, Nina & Cokie: The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR* by Lisa Napoli. Discussion leaders will be Carol Julian and Jackie Baker.



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.



- On Wednesday, **March 2nd** at 12:30, at Carol Koszyk's for dessert and bridge.
- On Wednesday, **April 6th AND** Wednesday, **May 4th**, at Rogue Valley Country Club for no-host lunch (11:30 am, with Bridge following at 1:00 pm).

Contact Pat Stoddard 541-890-3828 or email 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.

The next meeting is on ZOOM at 9:30am on Saturday, **March 12** with the 2022 topic "Changing Demographics in the World," Janet Brougher, discussion leader. Please join us each month on the second Saturday for the Zoom discussion. The **April 9** topic is Ch. 3 Putin's Russia with discussion leader Jackie Baker. The Interest Group schedule for 2022 is available through Janet Brougher and Joann Nadell.

For Zoom meeting login, information on our 2021-2022 schedule, or to be added to the email list of Interest Group members, contact Joann Nadell at nadelljoann@gmail.com, cell 541-840-1529, or Janet Brougher at jjbrougher@gmail.com, cell 541-326-1767 .



NEW GROUP!

Are you interested in writing your **memoir**? This group will be limited to six, and please be fully vaccinated since meetings will be in person. Contact **Lan Roberts** at 541-200-9018.

Groups "on hold"



DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

Good friends, laughter and wine enhance the experience. We met at a different restaurant on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm.

(ON HOLD)



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.



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 Brouger at jjbrouger@gmail.com or cell 541-326-1767 or hm 541-857-2862.



SAVE THE DATE: WED., 9/28/22 FOR "CATCH ME IF YOU CAN" AT THE CAMELOT THEATER, BENEFITTING AAUW FUNDS! (see pg. 4)

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.



TENTATIVELY RESTARTING!



Mah Jong (Pending start-up)

The Mah Jong group plays a version of American-Far East style Mah Jong. We do not use cards for hands. Some members have expressed interest in resuming this game. (No prior knowledge of the game is required.) Contact Ellen Jones : emjones57@gmail.com



ACT (AAUW Community Team)

At our June 2nd in-person General Meeting/event, please bring donations of cleaning supplies for Rogue Retreat. As in past years, we plan to put together baskets that will be distributed to their clients moving into permanent housing.

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. (Note: alternate contact is Carol Koszyk)

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Medford University Women Charitable Fund

(MUWCF)

Board

2021-2022

(Next ZOOM meeting: April 26, 10 am)

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).

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