



MEDFORD OREGON BRANCH

MEDFORD Musings

Volume 50, Number 4

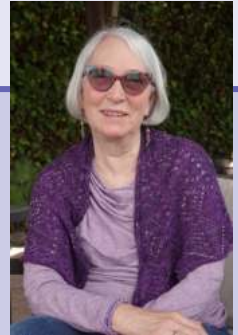
March / April 2023

AAUW MISSION

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

President's Message

By Lisa Hughes (Co-president with Carol Koszyk)



I hope everyone's year is off to a good start, and that you're staying warm and dry. (As a recent transplant from California, I'm still dealing with the high temperature of the day being in the 40s. When I talk about the temperature being in the 40s, I expect that to be the low overnight!)

It's been such fun to get together for in-person meetings. In January, April Hamlin from Rogue Community College did a wonderful presentation on Title IX, which is now 50 years old. We have made a lot of progress in those years, but there is much more that needs to be done. As we continue to move forward, more attention is being paid to race and ethnicity, athletes with disabilities, and people who are non-binary, transgender, or gender queer. April is the Dean of Student Success and Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Rogue Community College, and knows her subject. (see page 5).

In February, we were invited out to the Mercy Flights campus, with a great presentation on the history of the organization by its CEO, Sheila Clough. I especially enjoyed learning about their Mobile Integrated Health Care (MIH), which provides patient-centered mobile resources to help people navigate services available to them to help keep them out of the hospital. We toured their facilities, which included a chance to talk to staff members on the flight teams and to peek inside one of their two helicopters and one of their three fixed-wing airplanes. While I hope none of us have to use their services, it is enormously reassuring to know **that they exist**.

You should have received the announcement from State AAUW about the state conference in Ashland April 14-16. The state board is subsidizing part of the cost of registration so it is only \$30. There are lots of opportunities to learn, have fun, and grow, and I hope to see a lot of you there.

Most especially, it would be great if we had a good turnout for lunch on Saturday, when Andrea Reeder will receive the Breaking Barriers Award. This award is given annually to an Oregon woman or organization, who is not in AAUW, but who has exemplified AAUW's mission in a way that has had an impact on our state's women and girls in the areas of equity and/or education. She was nominated by Medford member Sherry Schroeder. It's great to support one of our own.

Our branch qualifies for four delegates to vote at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 15, at 10:30 am. As president, I am automatically a delegate, but we need three more people. If you are interested, please contact me (408-316-0004 or LHLISASTITCH@gmail.com). Thanks!

(continued on Page 2)



If you are interested in being a branch delegate to the AAUW of Oregon 2023 Annual Meeting & Conference in Ashland (April 14-16), contact Lisa Hughes by March 7th. (Funds are available to assist with registration cost.) As a delegate, you must be available to attend the Saturday meeting at 10:30 a.m.



(President's Message continued)

In upcoming programs, KS Wild will do a presentation on **Saturday, March 4** at the Rogue Credit Union. They work to protect and restore wild nature in the Klamath-Siskiyou region of southwest Oregon and northwest California. On **Thursday, April 6**, Debra Lee, the executive director of the Center for Nonprofit Legal Assistance, will be our speaker at the Sun Oaks Clubhouse. We will host a reception at Sun Oaks for our scholarship recipients on Saturday, May 20, 3-5, at the Sun Oaks clubhouse. For more information, see Kathy Swarts' article on page 4.

Our nominating committee has selected our new slate of officers. We'll be voting on them at our meeting on Thursday, April 6, after the program. (Social time will begin at 5:30, and the program at 6.) Many thanks to our nominating committee (Sandi Cameron, Ellen Jones, Carol Koszyk, Judie Salter, and Kathy Swarts) and to our slate of officers (see page 4). In addition to the officers, Judie Salter has volunteered to be our STEM director and Kathy Swarts volunteered to be our Interest Groups/ACT (AAUW Community Team) chairperson. Many thanks to them for taking on these responsibilities!

I am trying to pull together a committee to work on making AAUW more visible in the community. If you are interested, please contact me (408-316-0004 or LHLISASTITCH@gmail.com). (And I know someone spoke to me at the meeting in January. I apologize that I don't remember who it was, but I would love to hear from you!)

Looking forward to seeing you soon!
Lisa

THE MUSINGS ARTICLES DUE DATE!

THE MUSINGS is published bi-monthly. Please submit items to any committee member (see pg. 10 for list of names) by SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH for the MAY/ JUNE 2023 issue.

Thank you!

(We all LOVE photos, too!)



MARCH 4th GENERAL MEETING

The Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center (KS Wild) works across 8 million acres of public land in southwest Oregon and northwest California, advocating for clean water, old-growth forests, and biodiversity.

Our little corner of the world is home to wild rivers teeming with salmon and steelhead, and our ancient forests harbor rare plants and endangered species, such as the Pacific fisher, Northern spotted owl, and Siskiyou Mountain salamander. Other species like the Gray wolf are just now starting to recover to the region. The Klamath Siskiyou is also one of seven areas in North America labeled by the International Union of Concerned Scientists as a global botanical hotspot. We use advocacy, public education, collaboration, and at times litigation, to encourage restoration and conservation of public lands.

Michael Dotson, our featured speaker for our March General Meeting, is the Executive Director at KS Wild and has been working with the organization since 2013. He first served as the organization's development director and transitioned to leadership in September 2019. Michael supports all aspects of KS Wild's administration and conservation programming, including the Rogue Riverkeeper program. He works closely with partners & rural communities to defend wild rivers and fish habitat that are threatened by industrial mining and logging proposals. He enjoys exploring the public lands and rivers of the region as a hiker, backpacker, and whitewater rafter, and you might find him in swimming holes every summer in his favorite wild areas, including the Siskiyou, Wild Rogue, and Kalmiopsis Wilderness Areas.

FYI: AAUW Medford Branch General Meeting Schedule

- Sat., **March 4**, 2023, 9:30 am Social / 10 am Program
Rogue Credit Union (Alford Room), 1330 Poplar Drive, Medford (at the corner of McAndrews & Poplar).
- Thurs., **April 6**, 2023, 5:30 pm Social / 6 pm Program and Annual Meeting, Sun Oaks Clubhouse, 2485 Sun Oaks Drive, Medford (located near St. Mary's School). See pg. 3 for program details.
- Sat., **May 20**, 2023, 3:00-5:00 pm, RCC/SOU Scholarship Reception at Sun Oaks Club House. Reservations will be required. Information in May/June Musings.
- Thurs., **June 1**, 2023, 5:30 pm Social / 6 pm Program, Celia's House and Branch Officer Installation. Sun Oaks Clubhouse.

The **Center for NonProfit Legal Services** was founded by local Bar Association and community leaders in 1972. Currently, it specializes on essential safety net services which includes: Housing/Consumer, Family Law, Income Maintenance (federal and state public benefits) and Individual Rights (Immigration Law and Protective Services for vulnerable and underserved populations).

The Center's focus includes:

- Furthering affordable and fair housing with disaster relief component to avoid homelessness through housing stabilization
- Improve income for disabled and elderly through income maintenance (SSA, Medicaid, Medicare appeals)
- Reinstatement of drivers' licenses and expungement which removes legal barriers to work, housing and benefits
- Domestic relations (child support and insurance)
- Immigration cases for work authorization, and hold monthly citizenship classes.

Low-income Jackson County residents have been able to receive legal assistance from CNPLS for 50 years, specializing in poverty law.

We collaborate with community partners and local municipalities to address homelessness and provide community outreach and legal education on rights and responsibilities. We partner with Association of Oregon Legal Services Programs on statewide Eviction Defense Program and Oregon Home Ownership Legal Program.

We are fortunate to have Debra Lee, Executive Director of the Center, speak to us. Ms. Lee was born in Toisan, China, and immigrated with her family to Providence, Rhode Island, in 1956. She earned a bachelor's degree from University of Rhode Island, and her JD from Antioch School of Law, Washington, D.C.

Before becoming the Executive Director of the Center for NonProfit Legal Services in 1989, Debra practiced as a legal aid attorney in West Tennessee, Central Arkansas and Jackson County. She has contributed innovative ideas to critical poverty issues, supported diversity, and equal access to justice.

Debra is currently involved with Medford Rogue Rotary Club, S O U Board of Trustees, Medford Housing Advisory Commission, Jackson County Continuum of Care Board, Oregon Community Foundation and the American Leadership Forum of Oregon. Her leadership has brought success to the Medford Multicultural Commission (MLK, Multicultural Fair), and Southern Oregon Chinese Cultural Association (Chinese New Year Celebration - Jacksonville, OR).

Debra's awards include the 2019 WVD Pro Bono Award and 2012 Carl H. Brophy Professional Award and contributed to The OSB Elder Law Handbook, Chapter 4 , 2017 Revision. Her professional memberships include the Oregon State Bar, Jackson County Bar Association, and WVD Inn of Court.

AAUW FUNDS

by Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds Chair

The Medford branch donated **\$5,952** to AAUW Funds last year according to our State Chair, Claudia Gray. An absolute final report is still pending. Great work from all of us.

We have a great beginning to the new year. We have contributed \$1,900 to AAUW Funds for 2023. A huge thank you to our generous donors.

SLATE OF OFFICERS 2023 / 2024

The Nominating Committee met on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 10 am at Kathy Swarts' home. Per our bylaws, we needed five members to serve on the Nominating Committee. All five members were present: Sandi Cameron, Ellen Jones, Carol Koszyk, Judie Salter and Kathy Swarts.

The Slate of Officers:

- President (term of office is July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024): Lisa Hughes
- V.P. Finance (term of office is July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025): Carol Julian
- V.P. Programs (term of office is July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025): Barbara Laskin

We will vote for the Slate of Officers at our Medford Branch Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 6th.

We heartily thank every volunteer - our Nominating Committee members and our upcoming Officers - for their help!

MERCY FLIGHTS MEMBERSHIP!

Contact Sandy Heath (text or call 503-701-2644) by March 1st if you are interested in joining Mercy Flights through AAUW's group membership. (Our regular membership renewal is in March but you can join throughout the year at a pro-rated cost..)

Tour of Mercy Flights Facility Sheila Clough, CEO February 4th General Meeting

Sheila Clough, CEO of Mercy Flights was our speaker and tour guide at the Mercy Flights facility at Medford Airport. We were able to tour their immaculate hanger which holds two Beechcraft King Air 99s and a helicopter, as well as several maintenance bays. We also met their on-duty crew of nurses, paramedic, and pilot, who answered questions and allowed us access to the aircraft. It was amazing! It was reassuring to know these highly trained professionals are there to help us.



Mercy Flights also provides ambulance service to the Rogue Valley, with nearly 30 ambulances to serve the area's needs.

Mercy Flights has several programs in the community, including Mobile Integrated Healthcare, focusing on patients that over utilize emergency department facilities.

Thank you to all our AAUW members who attended this wonderful presentation and tour. This coincided with our Mercy Flights group membership renewal/new members for 2023. Our group rate is \$68 for the year (tax deductible). We currently have nearly 30 group members, plus four new members! If you join after March 31st, your membership is prorated. (Contact Sandy Heath, 503-701-2644, if you have questions.)



Our **AAUW Scholarship Reception** honoring past/present scholarship recipients is scheduled for **Saturday, May 20, 2023**, from 3-5pm, at the Sun Oaks Clubhouse, 2485 Sun Oaks Dr., Medford. There will be seating for 50-60 guests, and the cost is projected to be \$12-14/person. Costs for honorees will be covered, as our guests. We will decorate for Spring. Hearty appetizers, sparkling wines, and sweet desserts are planned for the event.



This year's event chairperson/organizer is Kathy Swarts. I need 4-6 volunteers to assist with the event, and will be hosting an initial volunteer meeting on Monday, April 3, at 11:00am, in my home at 2585 Freedom Way, Medford. If you wish to help with this celebration, please call, or text me at 541 821-7165, or email me at jandkswarts@charter.net.

Thanks to all!

Kathy Swarts

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING RECAP

Saturday, January 7, 2023, Program "Title IX".



April Hamlin, Dean of Student Success and Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Rogue Community College has provided additional information in response to questions raised at our January 7th General Meeting:

There were several follow-up questions from my Title IX presentation on Saturday. Here are some of the answers:

1. **What percentage of female-identified students are in the Automotive program at RCC?** In 2021-2022, 26% women; 74% men.
2. **What percentage of male-identified students are in the Nursing program at RCC?** In 2021-2022, 82% women; 18% men.

3. **What are the "rates" of K-12 Sexual Harassment?** <https://www.k12academics.com/education-issues/sexual-harassment/statistics>

A survey conducted by the American Association of University Women(AAUW 2002) on 2,064 students in 8th through 11th grade:

83% of girls have been sexually harassed
78% of boys have been sexually harassed
38% of the students were harassed by teachers or school employees
36% of school employees or teachers were harassed by students
42% of school employees or teachers had been harassed by each other

AAUW report from 2011 ("Crossing the Line—Sexual Harassment at School")

<https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2022/08/Sexual-Harassment-and-Violence-in-School-Quick-Facts-Jan-2022.pdf>(from 2022)

4. Title IX Information from SOU – ... <https://sou.edu/equity-grievance/> is the website;[https://inside.sou.edu/assets/security/Annual Security and Fire Safety Report 2022.pdf](https://inside.sou.edu/assets/security/Annual%20Security%20and%20Fire%20Safety%20Report%202022.pdf)

5. Title IX Equivalents – Who is doing this better?
<https://www.pewresearch.org/global/2020/04/30/worldwide-optimism-about-future-of-gender-equality-even-as-many-see-advantages-for-men/>

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/gender-equality/>

<https://www.aclu.org/news/womens-rights/12-things-other-countries-have-done-promote-gender-equity>

<https://www.mckinsey.com/featured-insights/diversity-and-inclusion/ten-things-to-know-about-gender-equality>

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2021/10/feature-what-does-gender-equality-look-like-today>

<https://www.spglobal.com/esg/csa/yearbook/articles/gender-equality-workplace-going-beyond-women-on-the-board>

Hopefully – all of these resources give people some places to start to answer their curiosity about impacts from Title IX and beyond!

April Hamlin, M.S.*

Dean of Student Success
Title IX Deputy Coordinator
(541) 956-7255

*Thank you for this
great information,
April!*

Happy Birthdays!



9th	Emily Riehlman
13th	Sue Thornburg
14th	Mae Boren
19th	Teri Moser
20th	Sandy Heath
27th	Jan Purkeypile
31st	Joan Avery

Zodiac Signs: Pisces & Aries

Birthstone: Aquamarine

MARCH FUN FACTS:

8th	International Women's Day
12th	Daylight Savings Time
15th	Ides of March
17th	St. Patrick's Day
20th	Vernal Equinox - Spring!



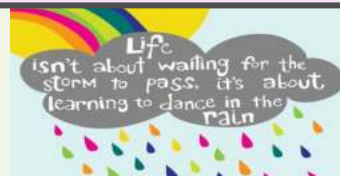
7th	Lillian Eaton Stewart
11th	Anne Billeter
14th	Pat Stoddard
14th	Sharon Fox
28th	Cathy deWolfe

Zodiac Signs: Aires & Taurus

Birthstone: Diamond

APRIL FUN FACTS:

1st	April Fools Day
5th	Passover
9th	Easter Sunday
15th	World Art Day
22nd	Earth Day



New Member Spotlight!



Deb Radcliffe

I was born and raised in Portland. I moved to Ashland in 1977 to attend Southern Oregon State College (now SOU), where I earned a degree in Criminology. My career included working

with at-risk youth at the Jackson County Shelter and Evaluation Center, the Orange County, California Victim/Witness Assistance office, and the State of Oregon Child Welfare Department. I retired in October, 2019 after 33 years with Child Welfare, with more than 20 years as an Adoption worker, which was a most gratifying career.

My husband, Mike, and I have been married for 31 years. Together we raised three children, and now have three grandchildren. Mike and I enjoy many activities together, including traveling, visiting our children and grandchildren, hiking, camping, kayaking and playing cards. Individually, I enjoy crocheting, reading, sewing, fitness classes, cycling, and running on my treadmill.

I joined AAUW in February after having met several members at their monthly Wine and Whine meeting. I am happy to be part of this AAUW community and look forward to getting to know each member.

WELCOME, DEB!

Plain scones: (shared by Camille Korsmo at our Feb. General Mtg.)

Toss together in a medium-sized bowl:

- 1 8-oz pkg. Jiffy Buttermilk Biscuit Mix
- 2 or 3 Tbsp. sugar (depending on your sweetness preference)

Add one scant cup whipping cream and mix gently w/ a fork until well blended.

Shape scones in one of three ways:

- roll or pat out dough to 1/2" thick and cut into circles
- drop by rounded Tbsp.
- use a cookie scoop (mine has a diameter of 1 3/4")

Place scones on a parchment covered baking sheet. Brush with melted butter and sprinkle w/ granulated sugar. Makes 12-14.

Bake 11-14 minutes in an oven preheated to 425° F, until golden brown.

Flavored scones:

Toss together scone mix and sugar, add 3/4 cup whipping cream and mix gently w/ a fork until nearly blended. Then stir in one of the following:

- 1/2 cup dried cranberries softened overnight in 1+ Tbsp. orange liqueur and 1 tsp. grated orange rind
- 1/2 cup chopped dried apricots softened overnight in 1+ Tbsp. apricot liqueur.
- 1/2 cup currants softened overnight in 1+ Tbsp. brandy or a liqueur of your choice. Shape & bake as above.

Phantom Tea Party!



By now, you should have received your Phantom Tea Party invitation, albeit a month later than is customary. We schedule the fundraiser early in the year so SOU and RCC know well in advance how many scholarships they will be able to offer. Last year AAUW provided FIVE scholarships, each for **\$2,700**. Other than the Camelot Theatre fundraiser, where the proceeds go to National AAUW, this is our sole fundraiser for scholarships. We incorporated into this fundraising the National Organization AAUW Funds for Advanced Degrees. Southern Oregon University and Rogue Community College donations are included in the usual manner.

The Phantom Tea Party has our traditional format – no gathering, no dress up – not even a Zoom meeting, just you and your checkbook. It requests that you indicate on the memo line where and how much you wish to donate to each organization. DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS ARE ON THE BACK OF YOUR INVITATION. Of course, if you have questions, **Marlene Olson (541-821-8129, marlene.olson9@gmail.com)** is available to answer them. If everyone gives even a little bit, we will be able to keep our local women in school as they work toward their commitment of earning a degree and contributing to their community.

Thanks,
Pat Stoddard
(your acting Phantom)

The Wine and Whine interest group met at South Stage Cellars in Feb. →



Members out and about



Lunch Bunch enjoying a great meal at Tap & Vine. →



Needle Workers hard at work. 😊



January General Meeting Title IX



AAUW of Oregon Breaking Barriers Achievement Award



AAUW Medford and the Breaking Barriers Award - GREAT NEWS!!

By Sherry Schroeder

I am thrilled to let you know AAUW OREGON State Selection Committee for 2023 has chosen our Branch Nominee as the 2022 AAUW Breaking Barriers Award recipient. Andrea Reeder was chosen from three nominees submitted. The committee's comments were that this selection was extremely difficult as all nominees were involved in great work regarding equity. The other branches submitting nominees were Ashland and Lincoln City.

This award will be presented to Andrea Reeder, Executive Director and V P at ASANTE Foundation, at the annual AAUW Oregon State Conference. It will happen on Saturday, April 15th, during lunch at the Ashland Hills Hotel. (I hope you can attend!)

Never a more deserving person, Andrea was selected from 3 very deserving Nominations submitted statewide, Medford, Ashland, and Lincoln City Branches. This prestigious awardee is not allowed to currently be an AAUW member, but someone doing work that directly aligns well with our AAUW Mission, Vision and Goals.



Andrea planned and led ASANTE FORWARD, a 10-year campaign and surpassed the original goal in 5 yrs. Andrea has single-handedly raised nearly \$35 million to support the health system. As a result, in 2021 the new Heimann Cancer Center opened, a dedicated Cardiac Floor, and a Women's and Children's Health Center will be opened at Rogue Regional Medical Center in 2023. These new facilities serve communities reaching 600,000 total population. Community collaborations include United Way, Compass House, Children's Advocacy Center, and all YMCA's. Under Andrea's direction, this aligns with AAUW and affords women opportunity to *Explore issues, Get Empowered, and Take Action through strategic planning.*

Having personally worked with Andrea on many occasions, I was honored to submit the written nomination from our branch. Her keys to success include engaging women in the campaign council and recruiting women to her board for equal representation. In addition to her contributions on the Asante executive team, Andrea oversees the entire philanthropic program for the health system, including all capital campaigns and initiative fundraising, Oregon Wine Experience®, and two hospitality houses.

Andrea is part of the leadership team, ABIDE (Asante Belonging, Inclusion, Diversity and Equity) committee. It is a major opportunity for Andrea to ensure equal treatment and advancement for women in an organization through policy and culture change. This certainly aligns with AAUW stated values of *Integrity, Inclusion, and Intersectionality.*

An old saying goes, "You can't win if you don't play the game". We did "play", and **WE WON!**





Message from Patricia Garner, Oregon AAUW Diversity Officer for the Annual Meeting and Conference in Ashland.

Patricia is conducting a break-out session on Saturday, April 14th, 3:15 to 4:30, about "DEIB Models for Action." This is a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging workshop that Patricia will be facilitating.

If possible, she would like to highlight any events, discussions and/or experiences about instilling DEIB principles that are of interest to you. Patricia is asking for a Branch representative who would be willing to talk about it during the workshop. Her purpose in the workshop is to explore what has worked, what hasn't worked, what might work, etc. in the area of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.

So, if you are interested in attending and/or being our Branch representative for that workshop, please contact Patricia directly and cc Lisa Hughes and Carol Koszyk. Thank you!

*Trish Garner, J.D., M.S.W.
State Diversity Officer
American Association of University Women of Oregon
503-407-2341
garner37@mac.com*

A.C.T. (AAUW Community Team) Opportunity!

Our Medford Branch of AAUW chooses to connect with our community when help is needed.

This is your chance to help!

The **Logos Charter School** has a class for their high school students called "Decision Making", taught by Kristin Gaylor and Corinne Christopher. Kristin and Corinne are looking for people to judge their students' final presentations.

Can you help?

They would be grateful if you are willing and available on **Fri., April 28 from 8:45 am - 11 am** at Logos!

If you can help, please email **Kristin Gaylor** kgaylor@logoscharter.com to let her know, and she will put you on the list. Be sure to let Kristin know that you are an AAUW volunteer and also, please "cc" Kathy Swarts, our Interest Groups/ACT Chair, jankswarts@charter.net (so Kathy is apprised, too).

Thank You!!

(Note - Logos School is located at 1203 North Ross Lane, Medford OR 97501)



The Maslow Project staff are shown accepting food and hygiene items from Medford AAUW Branch after our December holiday luncheon.

Thanks to all our Holiday party-ers who so generously donated!!

The Maslow Project "empowers homeless youth and families to engage and thrive independently, in all aspects of life, by providing supports that stabilize and strengthen resiliency."

Children's Museum of Southern Oregon
Want to help but can't volunteer? Here is a list of needed donations:

- Coffee filters
- Egg cartons
- Wildflower seeds
- Corks
- Sandpaper
- Cardboard rolls of all sizes including paper towel rolls and toilet paper rolls
- New children's underwear, size 4T or 5T, Child's backpacks - no characters

To volunteer, arrange for donation drop-offs or pick-ups contact Kristi Reynolds at kristi@tcmso.org or 541-772-9922.



An invitation from Ashland AAUW to hear our Local Educators Discuss Youth Mental Health

These days far too many young people in Southern Oregon and elsewhere face an array of mental health challenges and can't always get the support they need. But it's important to recognize that everyone can play a role in helping the next generation thrive.

“Youth Mental Health and Suicide Prevention” is the topic a free **Big Ideas public program organized by the American Association of University Women/Ashland Branch and Jackson County Library Services**. It is scheduled on ***Tues., March 7, 4:00-5:30 p.m., in the Medford Library*** large meeting room, 205 S. Central Ave.

(NOTE: This Big Ideas event is in Medford as the Ashland Library meeting room undergoes renovation.)

Two professionals from the Ashland School District, **Assistant Superintendent Erika Bare** and **Diane Berry, Counseling and Behavioral Health Teacher on Special Assignment**, will address a number of topics. They will share trends in youth mental health challenges both nationally and locally and how many school districts are now integrating mental and social-emotional supports into their school days. Bare and Berry will also discuss a variety of ways families and community members can be more informed and intentional in how they guide and connect with children so they grow to be capable, resilient young people.

Erika Bare has worked in education since 2001. In her current role, she has the privilege of leading Student Services, Special Education, Counseling and Behavioral Health, as well as Elementary Programs. Bare began her education journey as a special educator, and then served as both a high school and an elementary school principal. In each role, she was driven to ensure all students have the supports they need to thrive both emotionally and academically.

Diane Berry is a school social worker and school counselor. She has worked at the elementary, middle and high school levels for 25 years. Currently she works to coordinate and support Ashland School District's K-12 Child Development Specialists, Behavior Health Specialists and School Counselors. Berry is passionate about understanding, appreciating and supporting our children's unique journeys toward healthy, connected and caring young adulthood

BIG IDEAS PROGRAM

Tues., March 7

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Medford Library

(large meeting room)

205 S. Central Ave.

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. If you would like to start a new group, contact Kathy Swarts, Interest Groups/ACT Chair.

MURDER MOST LITERARY

Murder Most Literary will meet on Thursday, March 9, with Camille Korsmo leading. The discussion will be on Award winners of the Edgar and/or the nominees for the past three years. The meeting begins at 7:00 by zoom. The April meeting is on Thursday, 13th, with Janet Brougher as the leader. Her bibliography is about Mysteries with mathematical fiction.

For information contact Mary Wright Gillespie, 541-857-6083.



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**. Even if you have never attended a previous meeting, we would love to have you join us. All meetings are from 1:00-3:00.

- Friday, March 10th at Jackie Baker's home
- Friday, April 14th at Sandi Cameron's home

Contact Joann Nadell, 541 840 1529 nadelljoann@gmail.com if you have questions or concerns. *Happy stitching!*



GREAT DECISIONS:

Our group discusses the global challenges faced by U.S. Foreign Policy in government.

Great Decisions meets via Zoom on the second Saturday of each month, starting in March:

March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, Sept 9, Oct 14, Nov. 11. The group meets from 9:30am to about 11am.

If you have any questions or would like to join the group discussions, contact Janet Brougher, jjbrougher@gmail.com



WINE & WHINE!

The Wine and Whine Group meets on the third Friday of each month at 2:00 pm.

Our next outings:

March 17 - Paschal Winery 1122 Suncrest Rd, Talent

April 21 - Rellik Winery 970 Old Stage Rd, Central Point

May 19 - Stoneriver Vineyard 2178 Pioneer Rd, Talent

June 16 - Daisy Creek Vineyard 675 Shafer Ln, Jacksonville

We are dark in July and August

September 15 - Vikki Piper's house 200 Castaline Place, Shady Cove

October 20 - Kriselle Cellars 12956 Modoc Rd, White City

November 17 - Hummingbird Estate 1677 Old Stage Rd, Central Point

December 15 - Edenvale Winery 2310 Voorhies Rd, Medford

Please RSVP to Vikki Piper by the Monday prior to the get-together vpiper@sti.net.



HAPPY BOOKERS

Happy Bookers meets the third Wednesday of each month at 2 pm. The location of each meeting will be sent in a reminder email approximately one week before the meeting. Most of the meetings will be in the presenter/host's home, but when weather permits, are sometimes held outside.

The next meeting will be on **March 15** to discuss **The Good Sister** by Sally Hepworth. **Apples Never Fall** by Liane Moriarty will be the subject of the **April 19** meeting.

If you would like to join our group or have any questions, please contact one of the group coordinators: Robin Smith (robjag@hotmail.com or (541) 646-5724) or Monica Weyhe (monicaw655@gmail.com or (541) 326-8042.)



← January lunch & book exchange at Cicily's

DESSERT BRIDGE

Afternoon Dessert Bridge meets the first Wednesday of the month.

On Weds., **March 1st** at Rogue Valley Country Club, 11:30 for a no-host lunch, and Weds., **April 5th** at 11:30, for a no-host lunch at Rogue Valley Country Club. Both dates will be followed by Bridge at 1:00 pm. Contact Pat Stoddard 541-890-3828 or email patstoddard@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or subscribing.



Riddle: "What did the triangle say to the circle?"
"You're pointless." 😄

Morning Book Group

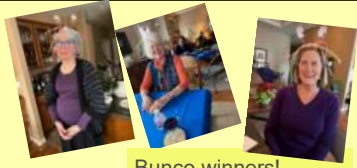
Morning Book Group Meets 1st Monday of Month at 10 am, Gayle Clason, Group Leader

- **March 6 The Only Woman in the Room** by Marie Benedict
Leader- Mary Gillespie Location- 2127 Quail Point Court (Mary's Home)
- **April 3 Lessons in Chemistry** by Bonnie Gramus
Leader- Lisa Hughes Location- 2854 Yvonne Rd. (Gayle's Home)

Interest Groups/ACT*

BUNCO GROUP

The Bunco Group continues to have fun! Our next game will be **Monday, March 6th at 1:00**. Location Paulette Avery's house. Sandi Cameron will host the Bunco group on **April 3rd at 1:00** at her house. Each player will need to bring \$5.00 for the "kitty". The money will be divided up for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners & the person with the most losses. Email Ellen Jones if you're interested in being a member or a 'sub'. Must RSVP to Paulette and Sandi by the Wednesday prior.



Bunco winners!

The Lunch Bunch

Kathy Swarts graciously agreed to be our Lunch Bunch Coordinator.

The "Lunch Bunch" is a congenial group of ladies who like to go out for lunch! Our third get-together will be **Monday, March 13th**. (Cicily's Restaurant at noon)

The group will decide the next meeting date and location. Call or text Kathy at 541-821-7165. **(Reservations are a must by Friday, 03/10.)**



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 — A GROUP LEADER IS NEEDED)

OUT & ABOUT

We hope to attend 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.



WANTED!!

We need a Public Policy Chair!

We are reaching out to you to learn what are your concerns about issues that affect women and girls in our local community.

Some of the questions include:

1. Is there anything going on in your community that you think should be addressed such as regulations, school budgets, city council, etc.?
2. Are you interested in public policy issues? Local or state?

For more information contact Carol Koszyk. Public Policy Chair is a voting member on Medford's Board of Directors.

ZOOM



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)

* ACT — AAUW Community Team

MEDFORD AAUW MEMBERS

It's easy to stay informed!

Sign up for **AAUW's 2-Minute Activist** at
aauw.org/Two-minute



Medford University Women Charitable Fund

(MUWCF) Board 2022-2023

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).

Upcoming MUWCF Board Meetings are scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of January, April, July, October at 10:00 am.

Paulette Avery, President
Marlene Olson, Vice President
Ellen Jones
Vikki Piper, Treasurer
Mary Gillespie, Liaison to AAUW Board
Pat Stoddard
Janis Taft, Secretary
Jan Purkeypile
Sandy Heath



Medford AAUW Officers and Board, (July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023)

Elected Officers (Voting)

- Co-Presidents: *Lisa Hughes, Carol Koszyk*
- Immediate Past President: *Carol Koszyk*
- Vice President/Finance: *Carol Julian*
- Vice President/Programs: *Barbara Laskin*
- Co-Vice Presidents/Membership: *Sandy Heath, Ellen Jones*
- Secretary/General Meetings: *Camille Korsmo*
/Board Meetings: *Joann Nadell*

Appointed Board Members (Voting)

- AAUW Funds: *Mary W. Gillespie*
- Communications Director (& Finance VP, AAUW Oregon): *Monica Weyhe*
- Interest Groups/ACT (AAUW Community Team)
Chair: *Kathy Swarts*
- MUWCF Liaison: *Mary W. Gillespie*
- Public Policy Chair: *OPEN*
- Scholarship Liaison: *Tanya McHenry*
- S.T.E.M. Director: *Judie Salter*

Appointed Chairs (Non-Voting)

- Hospitality: *Pat Stoddard*
- In Our Thoughts Secretary: *Ellen Jones*
- Phone Tree Secretary: *OPEN*
- Webmaster: *Jean Foley*
- Newsletter Editor: *Committee - Sandy Heath, Ellen Jones and Carol Koszyk*



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

I'M YOUR LOCAL AAUW WEBSITE:

medford-or.aauw.net

Stay informed!

Webmaster: *Jean Foley*



MEDFORD AAUW

P.O. BOX 1204

MEDFORD, OR 97501