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OUR MISSION

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

President's Message

By Lisa Hughes, President



It looks as if spring is on its way! Yes, it's still cold and wet—but there are jonquils in my front yard! One of the joys of moving to Oregon is the surprises I find in our front yard as bulbs come up. I'm ridiculously happy when I come outside and am greeted by tulips.

As the year moves on, we come to the time to elect officers. We'll be voting in April. Many thanks to those who are willing to continue! The slate is on page 4.

We would still love to have someone take over STEaM (see page 3 for job description) and someone to take over our Website. Many thanks to Ellen Jones for organizing a Facebook page—if you are on Facebook and aren't following us, jump on over to "AAUW Medford OR". Thanks, Ellen, for taking this on!

You should all have gotten your invitation to the Phantom Tea Party. (Many thanks, Pat, for getting those invitations out, and to all the MUWCF board for their part in it!) If you haven't yet had a chance to sit down with a cup of tea and write out a check, I hope you'll do that soon—these gray days are perfect for a cup of tea! While we all appreciate the fun that we have in the interest groups and the interesting speakers that Barbara Laskin has been able to arrange (thanks, Barbara!), our mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. If you designate your donation to SOU and/or RCC, the money goes directly to scholarships here in the Rogue Valley, which is core to our purpose. (See page 4.)

I'm looking forward to our scholarship reception, which will be a slightly different format. We're holding it on Sunday, May 5, at Sun Oaks, with Kathy Swarts arranging the tea. Rick Bailey, president of SOU, will be speaking. We hope that some of our scholarship recipients will also be able to attend so we can hear how they are doing. (See page 2 and 9 for more information)

If you missed February's meeting, you may not know that we voted to use \$2000 from our general funds for a scholarship to NCCWSL, "nickwhistle", the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. This year's theme is "Dare To Be . . .", and the young women who attend are challenged to be bold, to be engaged, to be leaders. To me, that's another part of our mission, to enable young women to be leaders who will be advocates. (See page 7.)

And if you missed that meeting, you missed a great speaker. Irv Lubliner spoke about his mother's experiences during and after the Holocaust. (see page 3 for a more complete account) While it is always difficult to hear about the horrors of the Holocaust, her life afterwards was inspiring.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on March 2, at the Rogue Credit Union on Poplar. Our speaker will be Pat Pfremmer, who is a private investigator. (Social time at 9:30am, speaker at 10:00.)



GENERAL MEETINGS

FYI: AAUW Medford Branch General Meeting Schedule

Saturday, **March 2**, 9:30 A.M. Social gathering, Program at 10:00 A.M., Rogue Credit Union 1330 Poplar Drive, Medford (at the corner of McAndrews and Poplar.) Guest speaker will be Pat Pfremmer, who is a private investigator.

Thursday, April 4, 5:30 P.M., Social, meeting starts at 6:00, Sun Oaks Club House, 2485 Sun Oaks Drive, Medford (located near St. Mary's School.) . Speakers Lynda Sorensen & Danielle Kauzlarich, fitness experts.

Sunday, May 5, 3:30-6:00 PM, Sun Oaks Club House, **High Tea and guest speaker, Rick Bailey** — **SOU's Path Forward: Adaptation, Collaboration, & Creative Solutions.** (see Page 9 for info.)

Saturday, June 1, 9:30 A.M. Social gathering, Program at 10:00 A.M., Rogue Credit Union 1330 Poplar Drive, Medford (at the corner of McAndrews and Poplar.)

Saturday, March 2nd

**Guest Speaker Pat
Pfemmer**



Pat Pfemmer is proof positive that a 2nd career can be your true calling. The law librarian - now investigator - began her life's work at UC Santa Cruz Library as head of Government Publications; for 25 years she held the position of Santa Cruz County Law Librarian.

Then - Voila! She awoke one morning and decided she needed more personal freedom in her life, a more flexible schedule. Pat combined her knowledge of government and law, her love of research in the Digital Age, her ability to think outside the box, and her people skills to become a successful investigator.

Today she enjoys the privilege of serving a worldwide clientele from a quiet, undisclosed, scenic location. And, to top it off, she is the inspiration for a fictional character in a new detective series, PIP, Inc. Her work focuses on Complex Research Projects, locating difficult-to-find people, heir searches, and background checks. She specializes in facilitating successful adoption reunions.

Thursday, April 4th, 5:30 p.m.

**Guest speakers Lynda Sorensen &
Danielle Kauzlarich**

Lynda's fitness career began teaching aerobics at Chip Wrights Nautilus when it was cool to wear leg warmers. In the fall of 1987 Lynda was hired on at Superior Athletic Club working the front desk and teaching group fitness classes. In 1995 Lynda became a certified personal trainer and was promoted to head trainer at Superior Athletic Club II. Lynda has personal training and group exercise certifications from the American Council on Exercise, National Academy of Sports Medicine, Body Training Systems, Spinning, YogaFit and Kinesis. She loves the camaraderie and support that comes from working in the fitness setting and teaching group exercise classes. When not in the club, she can be found pedaling her bike around the valley, keeping her garden beautiful or spending time with family and friends.

Danielle was a Science teacher for 8 years in the Central Point School district before having two fantastic children, Kenzie and Kelton. After losing 50 pounds through healthier eating and a whole lot of exercise, she applied her love of teaching into the fitness world. She holds a personal training certification from National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM), group fitness certifications in YogaFit and is MOSSA certified to teach Group Power, Group Centergy, Group Fight, and Group Groove. In her spare time, she loves to spend time skiing with her daughter, watching her son bowl or just hanging with the husband.

NEW NEW NEW!!!

50/50 raffle at monthly meetings

**Bring your cash! Tickets are
\$1 each / \$5 for 6. Proceeds will
support branch operating ex-
penses.**

MEETING RECAP
February 3rd GENERAL MEETING
Guest Speaker
IRV LUBLINER —
Survivor's Stories of the Holocaust

Barbara Laskin introduced Irv Lubliner, an SOU professor emeritus and retired math education teacher. Irv presented his mother's experiences in ghettos and concentration camps during the Holocaust. Irv inherited his mother's writings when she died in 1974. He later published her writings in, *Only Hope: A Survivor's Stories of the Holocaust* after writing the foreword and afterword.



Irv's mother Felicia grew up in central Poland. Irv spoke of what Jews had to endure including the "punishment of many for the deeds of one," one reason Jews did not fight back. His mother was sent to Auschwitz when she was 16-17 years old. Auschwitz is one of the best known concentration camps as 85% of those sent there were exterminated. Others were sent for forced labor or sent to await transport elsewhere. His mother was liberated in 1945. She lost her grandparents, parents, and 8 siblings. Irv's father also was in a concentration camp. His mother and father met and married in a refugee camp. In 1946 they immigrated to Oakland, CA where Felicia's aunt lived. His mother tried to blend in as an American. Irv regrets not talking with his mother about the Holocaust when she was alive. Irv found his mother's writings and audio recordings of her voice after she died. Irv played one of his mother's audio recordings from a presentation she made at San Francisco State University. Copies of *Only Hope* were made available for purchase at the meeting, also available on Amazon including an audiobook that includes his mother's voice.

Q and A period ensued. Presentation ended with quotes from Felicia as a Holocaust survivor that show her belief in the human spirit as unconquerable: "Are you going to go through your life without learning anything? Or build a life that you think might be of some credit to you? Some credit to those that were not here to watch it?"



WANTED!! STEaM Director

Job Description

An Appointed, Voting Officer on the Medford AAUW Board

Responsibilities:

- Note that for our branch, we include an "A" for Art, as we want to encourage the Arts, as well. In regard to the National and State - we use the STEM title.
- Be the liaison for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) at the National and State level. This includes receiving information from same via email (or other communication); and when deemed necessary, informing our branch board and/or members.
- Be the coordinator for any STE(A)M projects that our branch does. Past projects included a Readers Theater program about Women in STE(A)M and a planned, one day event for 6th grade girls that was cancelled due to COVID.
- Write articles for the Musings as needed.
- Attend Board Meetings as a voting member (4 -5 a year)
- Per our Bylaws, submit reports to the President as requested.
- Contact Lisa Hughes for information or if you're interested.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

- Dorothy Ormes
- Gwenne Penkert
- Marilyn Stein (see pg.5 for bio)
- Wendy Van Camp

2024 Phantom Tea Party—Still Time to Participate!



Time is almost up to contribute to the Phantom Tea Party fundraiser. As a recap—invitations and Camille's quotes about tea were printed, tea bags and return envelopes were purchased. By the first of the year, envelopes were stuffed and addressed and mailed. Other than the wine raffle at the Camelot Theatre, this is our only fundraiser for local scholarships. The money will go to either the **Rogue Community College Foundation** or to the **Southern Oregon University Foundation**, you decide. You also have an opportunity to donate (with a separate check) to **AAUW Funds** which are given to our National AAUW and are designated for graduate study fellowships.

*The Phantom Tea Party was designed to be a relaxing, fun and easy way to raise money, which will stay in our Rogue Valley community. The only action needed after receiving the invitation asking you to be a guest at the party, is to write a check to **Medford University Women Charitable Fund (MUWCF)** and if you want, write another check to **AAUW Funds**. Detailed instructions are on the back of the invitation.*

*The Party ends on **March 15th**. Through your generosity, last year, we were able to award 6 Scholarships for \$2700 each, plus one AWSEM scholarship at \$950.*

*Thank you to all who have contributed so far. **If your invitation was "lost in the mail," contact Pat Stoddard at patstoddard@gmail.com.***

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AAUW Medford OR

In Remembrance

Virginia McGraw, longtime AAUW member and devoted advocate for education died peacefully on December 30, 2023, in Portland, Oregon. She was born on June 19, 1930 in Alhambra, CA to Herbert and Josephine Shelley.

Always a scholar, Virginia graduated with honors from Diablo High School and headed off to the University of California. While at Berkeley she met and married the love of her life, Kenneth McGraw. With a shared love of educational and travel, they moved their growing family to Europe in 1957 where they spent the next fourteen years living in five different countries while working in American military schools. In 1971 the family moved to Medford, and Virginia embraced life in the Rogue Valley. She taught for many years in the Central Point School District. Upon retirement she turned to travel and, exploring the world with the Friendship Force, volunteering at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, hosting musicians performing for the Britt Music Festival, and supporting the **American Association of University Women**. Fifty years after she arrived in the Valley she moved north to Portland to be near family.

At Virginia's request there will be no memorial service, however, she would encourage you to raise a glass of good Oregon Pinot Noir for a toast.



Announcing our Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Lisa Hughes, Sandi Cameron and Carol Koszyk, met at the beginning of February to discuss who to ask to be our next Officers. Presidents serve for one year, but all the rest of our elected officers serve for a two year term. Our branch votes for Membership VP and Secretary each "even" year, and for Finance and Program VPs every "odd" year. Since it is an "even" year, we needed to fill the Membership VP and the Secretary positions; and of course, the President.

The Nominating Committee is sincerely grateful and extremely thankful that our current officers have volunteered to serve again. We present to you the following Slate of Officers for vote at the AAUW Medford Branch Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2024:

2024 SLATE of OFFICERS

President (one year term, July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025) - **Lisa Hughes**

Membership Co-VPs (two year term, July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026) -
Sandy Heath and Ellen Jones

Secretary, for Board & General Meetings (two year term, July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026) - **Carole Grady**

Submitted by Carol Koszyk

New Member Spotlight!

Marilyn Stein



I was born and raised in the Bay Area (California). After completing an Interamerican immersion program and belatedly discovering that I did not want to pursue translation as a career, I changed my focus to business and earned my MBA. That decision, and life's twists and turns, took me on a circuitous path over the next 35 years through four unrelated industries: retail management, real estate analysis, healthcare administration, and education.

The 2018 Paradise Camp Fire occurred right before my retirement date and served as our catalyst to leave California, while remaining reasonably close to our grandsons. Sadly, my husband of 33 years passed within months of our relocation, and the subsequent COVID breakout kept me pretty isolated in my new home. Hence I have spent the past year putting myself out there, as they say, hoping to make new friends with common interests.

I am absolutely thrilled to have connected with AAUW! My interests include reading, gardening, needle working, and musical theater, and I am already participating in three interest groups. Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome to date!

Welcome, Marilyn!

INTEREST GROUPS!

We have many opportunities to interact with each other through our Interest Groups! 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 around your special interest, contact Kathy Swarts, Interest Groups/ ACT Chair jandkswarts@charter.net.

(See Page 10 and 11 for detailed schedule information!)

"If we weren't meant to have midnight snacks, why is there a light in the fridge"?



MARCH

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



- 8th Int'l Women's Day
- 10th Daylight Savings Time - Spring forward!
Ramadan starts at sundown
- 15th Ides of March
- 17th St. Patrick's Day
- 19th Vernal Equinox - Spring begins
- 31st Easter Sunday

Zodiac signs: Pisces & Aries
Birthstone: Aquamarine
Flower: Daffodil



APRIL

- 6th Katy Cauker
- 7th Lillian Eaton Stewart
- 11th Anne Billeter
- 14th Sharon Fox
Pat Stoddard
- 28th Cathy deWolfe
Dorothy Ormes



- 1st April Fool's Day
- 22nd Passover begins at sundown
Earth Day
- 28th Nat'l Arbor Day

Zodiac signs: Aries & Taurus
Birthstone: Diamond
Flowers: Daisy & Sweet Pea

Our Students Express thanks...

Tanya McHenry, Medford AAUW's Scholarship Liaison with RCC and SOU has shared the following heart-felt letters from three of our current scholarship recipients.



Dear Donors:

Vitale once said, "A goal should scare you a little, and excite you a lot," resonates deeply with me as I navigate my final year of high school. The prospect of shaping my educational future is both daunting and exhilarating. My current ambition is to transfer to a four-year university to further my studies. In the summer of 2022, I had the privilege of participating in a future veterinarian summer camp at OSU. Immersed in the campus and teaching hospital environment, I engaged with vet students and mentors, which provided me with invaluable exposure to the world of veterinary medicine. This experience ignited a new path in my mind—to explore the possibility of contributing to the veterinary community in this capacity.

Transitioning from my initial goal of becoming a certified Vet Tech to aiming for a four-year university education signifies a shift in focus while retaining the essence of my passion for animals and the aspiration to contribute positively to the community.

I am incredibly grateful for your generous scholarship. This opportunity not only eases the financial burden of pursuing higher education but also serves as a powerful source of encouragement for me to strive for excellence in my studies and future endeavors. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your support in making my educational dreams a reality. Your kindness will have a profound impact on my journey, and I can't express my gratitude enough.

The decision to invest in me is indeed a wise one, and I am profoundly grateful for your unwavering support. As a first-generation student with a younger sibling, the impact of your scholarship extends well beyond my individual aspirations; it creates a ripple effect that resonates within my family and community.

Your scholarship empowers me to seize opportunities that comes my way. I am committed to utilizing these resources to excel academically, not only to acquire knowledge but also to refine skills that will mold my future. Moreover, your influence extends beyond to community involvement. Through regular volunteering at animal shelter and schools, I aspire to create positive changes.

Sincerely,
Zitong Yan

Dear Donors:

My name is Autumn, and I am currently a student at Rogue Community College entering my second year. I am taking general education classes with a focus on Sociology. I plan on graduating in June 2025 with my AA and a Sustainable Community Development Focus Award. Before starting college, I worked at the local high school as a lunch lady and helped to make meal kits for underprivileged children to take home over the weekends. Once I obtain my degree, I would love to return to the high school as part of the support staff and help those same kids or with a non-profit working with the homeless population. This is something that I am very passionate about because I was one of the kids who fell through the cracks. I was a homeless teenager and didn't finish high school, although I later obtained my GED. I feel that all children should be seen and heard; it just takes one person to change a person's life and help keep them on the right track.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generous donation. This scholarship means a great deal to me and my family. Thank you for helping me feel secure in my finances and the security it brings knowing that I will be able to help provide for my family. This donation will be used to help with the internet bill among other things needed to continue my education. It will also help me in being both a mother and student without the guilt of also having to work full-time and sometimes even overtime hours. Thank you doesn't represent how truly grateful I am. I am truly humbled by your generosity.

By investing in me with your generous scholarship I will be able to focus on school and my children without the added burden of feeling like I need to pick up overtime hours. Once I complete my degree, I will be using it to work with underprivileged children and help them to make their way through school and help them to navigate any other obstacles that stand in their way. I currently volunteer with several organizations in my community from local churches and food banks to volunteering with our little league. I'm always looking for ways to give back and will continue to do so for as long as I am able.

Sincerely,
Autumn Sanger

Our Students Express thanks...

Dear Donors:

I am studying Elementary Education at RCC. I am supposed to graduate Spring 2024, and my next steps would be to go to SOU to complete my bachelor's in Education Studies and go on the licensure track for becoming a teacher. My family, who have always supported me, and my old teachers along the way who helped me find and accept myself, have always shown me that I can do all that I put my mind to, despite roadblocks I grew up with like poverty and struggling to feel like I belonged with my Autism. After my first year of college, I now have the confidence and the knowledge I need to keep pushing forward towards my dreams, though I know I will always keep learning.

I am so appreciative of this scholarship and your dedication to helping my aspirations become a reality. I would not be able to attend college if it weren't for scholarships, really, so I thank you for helping me along my path. I am excited to learn more about teaching this upcoming year, and am grateful for the opportunity to continue to be a lifetime learner, an important thing to be in the education field. Thank you for your time and help, and I will not let this assistance go to waste.

I will be the first in my immediate family to achieve a bachelor's degree, and that is a great feat in of itself, bringing pride to my family and being one of three Autistic siblings to make a career and life for myself.

However, I will do much more. I will be an encouraging educator just like the ones who helped lift my spirits when I was a little kid who could never find a place in the world. As a teacher and as a person throughout my life, I plan to be energetic, committed to teaching and learning, and dedicated to making students feel confident in their abilities and selves throughout their school careers.

Sincerely,
Melissa Odonnell

AAUW Scholarship opportunity for JACKSON COUNTY student leaders! Who reside in JackCo & attend college in Oregon (callout for RCC!)

As Lisa wrote in her *President's Message*, our Branch voted in February to fund one NCCWSL scholarship (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) for a college student residing in Jackson County. The conference will be held at the University of Maryland, College Park, May 30 through June 1, 2024. We are participating in the new AAUW-OR centralized process.

Registration is still open; the **deadline to apply for an Oregon scholarship is March 20th**, which includes transportation, lodging & most meals. **To Apply**, click here: [NCCWSL-OR](#). Anyone may apply at the national AAUW level through April 14 for reduced cost, or May 15 full cost (<https://www.aauw.org/resources/events/nccwsl/>).

THE GOOD NEWS: As of February 18th, Oregon has **11 applicants** through our central application process: 2 OSU students, 1 SOU, and 8 from UO.

THE CHALLENGE: To deploy our scholarships designated to particular institutions, we need one or more applicants from Willamette U or Chemeketa CC; from Pacific U or Portland CC, and from **Rogue CC**. Please encourage any potential student leader who you know and is at least 18 years old.

Questions? Contact Monica Weyhe, AAUW-OR NCCWSL Committee, monicaw655@gmail.com; 541-326-8042.

AAUW Funds Report (submitted by Mary W. Gillespie)

The Medford Branch contributed \$6,278 to National for the calendar year 2023. This includes the \$3,024 from the Camelot fundraiser, and for the individual donations, as well. Thank you to all who supported this endeavor.

In 2024, we have contributed \$2,445 which includes donations in memory of Virginia McGraw, a longtime member who died in December.

The details for the Camelot 2024 fundraiser have been clarified.

It will cost \$2,325 to buy out the house of 155 tickets. We agreed to sponsor the comedy, Scapino, on September 18, 2024. The tickets will be \$35 each.

Tickets sales begin June 1st at our General Meeting.

GENERAL MEETING RECAP

Asante Patient Pavilion Tour, Jan. 6th

Our AAUW group had enough people that we were divided into two groups for our tours of the new Asante Pavilion. I was with Jeff Cool, who is director of development. These notes are rather random—they're what stuck with me after the tour.

Asante is locally owned and governed, with three hospitals covering nine counties and 600,000 people. It is a level 2 trauma center (Providence is lower, at level 3).

When the decision was made to build this pavilion, they thought they would need to raise \$50 million and that it would take ten years. They have raised \$62M in six years. This has provided for some extras: in the original planning, there were going to be four isolation rooms. Now, all the rooms can be made into isolation rooms for airborne pathogens. They're also able to have "patient of size" rooms, with equipment to help move people up to 1000 lbs. be lifted. Normal equipment is rated for people up to 500 lbs.

They now have 20 operating room suites, up from 15, although they don't yet have the staff to use all of them. They also have "shell space" where they will be able to build out easily as necessary.

There are two nursing schools in the valley, and Asante sends staff members as adjunct faculty.

They built a hybrid room, which is part catheter lab and part operating room. While in the room, they can contact the makers of stents to guide the surgeon if necessary.

They're adding a second unit for robotic surgery since the one they currently have is the busiest robot on the west coast.

The labor and delivery floor has its own ER, and each labor and delivery room has a laboring tub. One of the suites for Caesarean sections is two rooms, with a resuscitation suite within it, so that a newborn would not need to be rushed away and mother and baby can be close.

The NICU (neo-natal intensive care unit) is set up so that a mother can recover with her baby; and there are rooms to accommodate mothers who birth twins or triplets. Asante is the first hospital in Oregon, and possibly on the West Coast, to offer this.

There are two pediatric oncologists on staff, the only ones between Eugene and Sacramento. There is also a child life specialist available to work with children and lessen their trauma.

Each of the six floors has a different theme in its artwork, making each of the floors distinct.

THANK YOU, ASANTE FOR AN AMAZING TOUR!

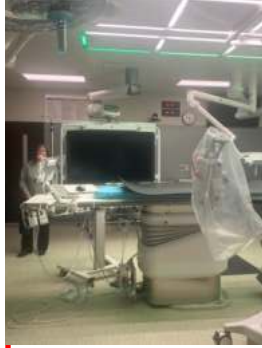
- Lisa Hughes

MERCY FLIGHTS MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE

There's still time to join or renew your group membership to Mercy Flights. Text or call Sandy Heath (503) 701-2644.

Forms will be available at our March 2nd meeting.

Gathering for ASANTE Pavilion Tour!

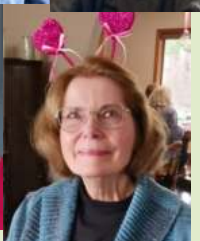


hello
SPRING

Out and About!



"Whine & Wine" group met at Paschal's Winery in February.



February Bunco winners!

It's Time to Practice What We Preach

OPEN TO ALL!



AAUW

All members will receive ballots concerning a change in our National Bylaws. Voting is scheduled to begin April 3rd and ends May 15th, at noon Eastern Time.

AAUW National recommends "...the approval of eliminating the degree requirement for membership in AAUW as this change will align our membership practices with our purpose of advancing equity for women and girls."

We encourage you to vote!



May 5th General Meeting

In the past we have hosted a scholarship luncheon for our recipients. Due to RCC and SOU changing their selection dates to later in the year, we are having a Social at 3:30, our Speaker at 4:00, followed by a special High Tea.

We are asking for a \$10 donation to cover the cost of the High Tea. Pat Stoddard will collect your \$10 this Saturday, March 2nd or Thursday, April 4th, at our General Meetings.

More information to come in the May/June Musings.

THE MUSINGS ARTICLES DUE DATE!

THE MUSINGS is published bi-monthly. Please submit items to any Musings committee member (see pg. 12 for member list) by **MONDAY, APRIL 15th** for the **MAY/JUNE 2024** issue.

WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR INPUT, BE SURE TO USE "MUSINGS" IN THE SUBJECT LINE. (send to sgheath2@outlook.com)

(We appreciate your photos — fun, grandchildren, vacations, gardens, etc.)

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 **March 14** by Zoom at 7:00. Janet Brougher will lead the discussion with *Mysteries on the Water*. In **April on the 11th**, Vikki Piper will lead a discussion on *Mysteries that take place on a cruise*.

Contact Mary Wright Gillespie for schedule and information. (541) 301-6012 or mwgillespievm@gmail.com.



Wine and Whine will now meet the third **THURSDAY** of every month at **2pm**. Each month, we visit different wineries. For questions, please contact Vikki Piper at vpiper@sti.net.

An RSVP request will be emailed each month so that we can let the wineries know how many are coming. If you wish to be added to the mailing list, please contact Vikki Piper at the email above.



Below is the schedule for March and April:

March 21— Dunbar Farms

April 18— Long Walk Vineyard

AAUW Morning Book Group

Meetings on **Mondays, 10:00 AM** in the **Chetco Room of Plaza building at Rogue Valley Manor**.

March 4, Where We Come From by Oscar Casares— Leader Joyce Ellis

April 1, Horse by Geraldine Brooks — Leader Anne Pelish

Book group leader—Gayle Clason cell -541 301-0486

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. We meet on the **2nd Friday** from **1:00-3:00**.

- **March 8, 2024— Marilyn Stein**
Marilyn's address is: 1443 Elaine Way, Medford and her phone is 530-521-7568
- **April 12, 2024 — Pat Stoddard**

Contact Sandi Cameron for more information: sandicameron@gmail.com; (541)951-9262.

Happy stitching!



HAPPY BOOKERS meets the third **Wednesday** of each month at **2 pm.**, chaired by **Monica Weyhe and Robin Smith**.

A reminder email will be sent out approximately one week before the meeting, and will have the address of our meeting location. The March gathering will be on **March 20th**.

We have several new members this year and would be glad to welcome more! If you are interested in joining, please contact us.

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541.646.5724 (text)

Monica Weyhe
monicaw655@gmail.com
541.326.8042 (text)



GREAT DECISIONS:

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

The Great Decisions Interest Group will discuss *Ch. 6, Invisible Indonesia*, on **March 9** and *Ch. 2, Global Trade & Green Energy*, on **April 13**. We regularly meet on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Chetco Room, The Plaza Building, Rogue Valley Manor. Contact Janet Brougher or Pat Dege for information and questions..



First Wednesday Bridge (same group, new name) meets the first **Wednesday** of each month for lunch and bridge. Typically we play at the **Rogue Valley Country Club**. We will meet for a no-host lunch at **11:30**, bridge to follow by **1pm**.

Contact **Pat Stoddard**, (541) 890-3828, if you are interested in joining or subbing.



"May the leprechauns dance over your bed and bring you sweet dreams"



Everyone's Irish On March 17th.

Interest Groups/ACT*



BUNCO GROUP

The Bunco Group continues to have fun! We meet the **first Monday** of the month at 1:00 pm.

On **March 4th** the group will meet at Peg Riehlman's. 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 (emjones57@gmail.com, phone 209-756-3202) if you are interested in being a player. **PLEASE SEND YOUR RSVP TO ELLEN.**

The Lunch Bunch

The "Lunch Bunch" is a congenial group of ladies who like to go out for lunch! Our next get-together will be Our next date for lunch is Monday, March 11th, noon, at the Silver Dragon Restaurant., 1011 Spring Street, Medford.

The group meets the second Monday of the month. The participants will decide the next location for the **April 8th** get-together.



Call or text Kathy Swarts at 541-821-7165.

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 — CONTACT KATHY SWARTS, 541-821-7165)

OUT & ABOUT

(We need suggestions!)



Community activities are back! (Theatre, art shows, music or other events). Anyone may suggest an outing.

All are welcome to attend — Contact Kathy Swarts, 541-821-7165 .

*ACT — AAUW Community Team



Interested in volunteering for the Children's Museum of Southern Oregon?

This is one of the community organizations that we support through volunteerism. (ACT*)

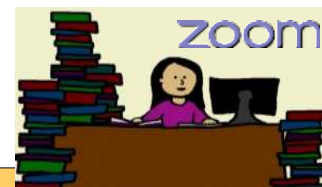
Join the New Grounds Committee

This volunteer advisory and work committee will help manage and maintain the gardens at the Children's Museum and Ivy School. This can include planning what plants will go in gardens, maintaining a plant database and general maintenance of the grounds (trimming, planting). This committee is important to the continued success of the new outdoor gardens, exhibits and future classroom. The committee will meet the first Saturday of each month unless that Saturday is a holiday weekend. Meetings will generally be scheduled for 2 hours starting at 9 AM.

Want to help but can't volunteer? Here is a list of needed donations:

- Bubble Solution
- Clean white sheets
- Magnets (all types sizes)
- Kids' underwear (new, sizes 3T, 4T, 5T)
- Kids' pants (new or gently used, sizes 3T, 4T, 5T)
- Children's backpacks - no characters
- Wooden tree cookies of all sizes
- Nature items like seashells, pinecones, driftwood, acorns etc.
- Large tree stumps for outdoor seating

To arrange for donation drop-offs or pick-ups, contact Kristi at kristi@tcmsso.org or 541-778-0597 (cell) or with questions.



To set up a **ZOOM** meeting for your Interest Group or other AAUW gathering, you can email **Vikki Piper** at vpiper@sti.net with this information: meeting name, meeting date, time and duration; and if this meeting is recurrent. 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 2023-2024

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 and individuals who want 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
Vikki Piper, Treasurer
Mary Gillespie, Liaison to AAUW Board
Janis Taft, Secretary
Ellen Jones
Pat Stoddard
Sandy Heath



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Medford AAUW Officers and Board, (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)

Elected Officers (Voting)

- President: *Lisa Hughes*
- 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 and
Board Meetings: *Carole Grady*

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: *Mary Bourne*
- Scholarship Liaison: *Tanya McHenry*
- S.T.E.M. Director: *OPEN*

Appointed Chairs (Non-Voting)

- Hospitality: *Pat Stoddard*
- In Our Thoughts Secretary: *Ellen Jones*
- Phone Tree Secretary: *OPEN*
- Webmaster: *Jean Foley*
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