



MEDFORD OREGON BRANCH

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OUR MISSION

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

President's Message

It's slowly getting warmer, and is starting to feel as if we're really in spring, with summer just around the corner. Lovely time of year!

Thanks to our "new" officers, who were voted in at the last meeting. Sandy Heath and Ellen Jones will continue as Membership VP's for another two years, and Carole Grady, who stepped in as Secretary for both Board Meetings and General Meetings, will continue in that role for two years. Next year, Carol Julian's term as Finance VP ends, so we will need someone to fill that position. I've committed to another year as President, but would be happy to let someone else take over for the 2025-2026 year. It's a great way to get involved!



We would love to have a **STeAM Director** (see page 3 for job description) and someone to take over as **Webmaster**.

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, and Kathy Swarts arranging the High 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. If you can help Kathy, please let her know. (See page 2 for more information.) And remember to get your \$10 to Pat Stoddard to cover the cost.

Our final meeting of the year will be on Saturday, June 1, with our social gathering, at 9:30am and our program at 10:00am. Our speaker will be Dann Houser, Executive Director of the Camelot Theater in Talent, Oregon, or, as Dann would say, where Broadway meets Talent! It will be at our usual meeting spot, Rogue Credit Union, 1330 Poplar Drive, Medford (at the corner of McAndrews and Poplar). Please remember to park in the gravel lot to the left of the driveway. Thanks!

Then we'll go dark over the summer, picking up again in September. However, we have received a request from the Rotary Club to help with KidSpree. On Saturday, August 10, approximately 200 children will be taken shopping. We are being asked to organize breakfast for the event, which would mean contacting the three restaurants who have donated in the past to see if they are willing to donate again and arranging for people to pick up and deliver the food. If you might be willing, please contact me, Lisa Hughes, 408-316-0004, lhiasastitch@gmail.com (more info on page 9).

Our State AAUW Meeting via Zoom is the end of April and open to all members. You should have received an email from "AAUW of Oregon <hello@aauworegon.org>". There are three sessions, with separate registrations for each: a panel discussion on book and school challenges in Oregon, the general meeting, and an awards ceremony. You are all eligible to vote.

On the National level, you should have received an email from "AAUW <vote@simplyvoting.com>", with voting for the Board of Directors (you can vote for up to four people and there are four people running) and a by-laws amendment so that we would no longer require a college degree for membership. Voting ends May 15 at 9 pm Pacific Time.

Remember to bring cash to our meetings—we're experimenting with a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$1 / 6 for \$5. The winner receives half the cash, with the other half going to our operating budget.

Looking forward to seeing you at our tea!

Lisa Hughes, President

GENERAL MEETINGS

FYI: AAUW Medford Branch General Meeting Schedule

Sunday, May 5, 3:30-6:00 PM, Sun Oaks Club House, (2485 Sun Oaks Drive) **High Tea and guest speaker, Richard Bailey — SOU's Path Forward: Adaptation, Collaboration, & Creative Solutions.** (see this page for details) →

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.) Dann Hauser, CEO Camelot Theatre. (see below for details.) and Installation of Officers and announce the AAUW Funds Named Honorees. ↓

Saturday, September 7, 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.) Welcome back, Interest Groups sign-ups, and MUWCF information.

Saturday, June 1 Dann Hauser, Executive Director Camelot Theatre Guest Speaker



A seasoned marketing professional with more than 40 years experience in Marketing, Fundraising and Business Management, Dann is the Executive Director for Camelot Theatre, in Talent Oregon. He directs Camelot's business operations, sponsorship, fundraising, advertising, marketing and public relations efforts.

Dann earned a Bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Wisconsin - Madison and an MBA and Master's degree in Marketing from Webster University. He also holds an international certification in Fundraising (CFRE).

Dann is on the Board of Directors for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and the Ashland Rotary Foundation.

Dann will provide an overview of the exciting 42nd Season's productions and new initiatives lined up for their 43rd (2025) Season at Camelot Theatre. From captivating performances to innovative programming, discover how their theatre continues to thrive and evolve in the ever-changing landscape of Southern Oregon's arts.

This presentation is a unique opportunity to engage with Dann Hauser, gain insider perspectives on the state of Camelot Theatre, and join fellow arts enthusiasts in celebrating passion for theatre and creativity.

May 5th General Meeting And High Tea

In the past we have hosted a scholarship luncheon for our recipients. (Sun Oaks Club House) 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. Contact Pat Stoddard-
patstoddard@gmail.com.*

Rick Bailey, SOU President, Guest Speaker



Richard Bailey, Jr. and his wife Diana joined the Southern Oregon University family in January 2022, after 5 1/2 years as the president of Northern New Mexico College and a 24-year career in the United States Air Force. Dr. Bailey received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Sciences from the United States Air Force Academy, a

Master's Degree in International Affairs from Washington University in St. Louis, and a Doctorate in Government from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

In his first years at SOU, Dr. Bailey led a collaborative and inclusive campus-wide initiative, SOU Forward, which tackled SOU's \$13 million budget shortfall and planted seeds for a more entrepreneurial approach to achieve a thriving and more resilient fiscal future.

Dr. Bailey's Air Force career included service as an aircraft commander, instructor pilot, and flight examiner. He retired from the Air Force as a full colonel and command pilot. He has served as a military liaison and defense trade analyst at the US State Department and Chief Air Operations Officer at NATO Joint Force Command in the Netherlands. He was an associate professor of strategy and security studies at the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies at Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; served as the school's first-ever Dean of Students and President of the Air University Senate. He was awarded the Faculty Excellence Award and received the Muir S. Fairchild Award (for the most outstanding contributor to Air Force Education).

GENERAL MEETING RECAPS

MARCH 2nd-GENERAL MEETING

(was cancelled due to inclement weather. Pat Pfremer, woman private detective who works on complex research projects, has graciously rescheduled for our October meeting.)

-APRIL 4th GENERAL MEETING Guest Speaker Danielle Kauzlarich, Fitness training

Barbara Laskin introduced **Danielle Kauzlarich, Superior Athletic Club Fitness Director**. Danielle shared her personal journey in weight training. She tried to exercise off her calories, then realized she also needed to change her diet, and eventually lost 50 lbs. while acquiring a love of fitness teaching.

Danielle began teaching classes including kickboxing while still teaching science. In 2015, she became certified in personal training and is now the gym's fitness director. Her goals include getting people to move better. She believes it is not always about people losing weight, but how they feel on the inside. Danielle had our group practice deep belly breathing, then presented other fitness tips that included: the importance of strength training, adequate protein in our diets, good balance, 150 minutes per week exercise, and social connection.

(Thank you, Carole Grady, for this informative recap.)



50-50 RAFFLE!!!



50/50 raffle at monthly meetings.

**Bring your cash! Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 6.
Proceeds will support branch operating expenses.**

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 **THURSDAY, AUGUST 15th** for the **SEPT/OCT 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.)



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.



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 pages 10-11 for detailed information.)

Phantom Tea Party Results!

MUWCF (Medford University Women Charitable Fund) is delighted to report that the 2024 Phantom Tea Party brought in **\$11,750** to provide college scholarships for women in southern Oregon. At the April MUWCF meeting we voted to award five scholarships at **\$2,700** each with three to Rogue Community College and two to Southern Oregon University. The Phantom Tea Party also raised **\$1,945** for AAUW Funds to support women in graduate studies.



For many years our branch has contributed to **ACADEMY**, a week-long residential camp, long recognized as an outstanding educational opportunity, held each summer on the SOU campus. Students attending are from the Pacific Northwest who have completed grades 5-8 and have been identified by their teachers and counselors as academically talented and highly motivated. **ACADEMY** began 43 years ago and we are delighted to sponsor the program this year with a **\$950** scholarship. One of our MUWCF Board members had a son attend **ACADEMY**!

All of this outreach could only be done by the strong support of our branch members who recognize and value the importance of education.

THANK YOU!

Pat Stoddard & Marlene Olson, Phantom Tea Party Coordinators

Announcing the Installation of our Officers

At the AAUW Medford Branch Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2024, our 2024 Slate of Officers received a unanimous "YES" vote.

Shortly after our program at the June 1st General Meeting, we will install

Lisa Hughes as our President
Sandy Heath and Ellen Jones as our co-VP's Membership
and
Carole Grady as our Secretary, for Board & General Meetings.

We sincerely thank our newly-elected officers!

Happy Birthday!



7th Betty Wolfe

Zodiac signs: Taurus / Gemini
Birthstone: Emerald
Flower: Lily of the Valley

HOLIDAYS --

1st May Day
5th Cinco de Mayo
6th Nat'l Nurses' Day
7th Teacher Appreciation Day
12th Mother's Day
27th Memorial Day



2nd Joyce Ellis
6th Judie Salter
9th Carol Koszyk
20th Mary Bourne
24th Ellie Hall
Peg Riehlman

Zodiac signs: Gemini / Cancer
Birthstone: Alexandrite
Flowers: Rose & Honeysuckle

PRIDE month

16th Father's Day
19th Juneteenth
20th Summer Solstice



2nd Barbara Laskin
13th Olena Black
24th Cecilia Thorp
30th Carol Bogedain
Dee Wittenberg

Zodiac signs: Cancer / Leo
Birthstone: Ruby
Flowers: Larkspur & Water Lily

HOLIDAYS --

4th Independence Day
14th Bastille Day



8th Jackie Baker
11th Sandi Cameron
16th Andrea Reeder
Therese Stevens
21st Marilyn Stein

Zodiac signs: Leo / Virgo
Birthstone: Peridot
Flowers: Gladiolus & Poppy

HOLIDAYS --

4th Coast Guard Birthday
7th Purple Heart Day
14th Nat'l Navajo Code Talkers Day
21st Senior Citizen Day
26th Women's Equality Day



New Member Spotlight!

Mary Ann Lyman-Hager is a resident of Rogue Valley Manor. She and her husband Wayne came to the valley from San Diego, where Mary Ann was associated with San Diego State University for 25 years. She also taught at the University of Massachusetts and Penn State before coming to San Diego State. Focusing on second language acquisition, Mary Ann earned degrees from Cornell College and the Universities of Arizona and Idaho. She taught at several institutions within the five-college consortium, Pennsylvania State University, and retired emerita from San Diego State University.

An Iowa native, she hails from the small town of Anamosa, home of the state reformatory (though she was not a resident).

While at Penn State, Mary Ann and Wayne married, blended their families, and developed an innovative exchange program with a French university that combined engineering and language study. While at SDSU, Mary Ann directed a language resource center centered on Middle Eastern and lesser-taught languages, focusing on language and culture education for military personnel after 9/11.

She has three children and three step-children, and between their blended family, they have 18 grandchildren and 3 (soon to be 4) great grandchildren. Mary Ann's interests include discussing social justice issues, travel, and singing. Wayne's are travel, golf, mentoring and photography, but not singing.

The Hagers love living in Oregon.



Mary Ann Lyman-Hager

AAUW Funds Report

(submitted by Mary W. Gillespie)

In the year 2024 our branch has donated **\$3,295** to National. This includes gifts in memory of Virginia McGraw.

At our June 1 Branch meeting, Dann Hauser, CEO, of Camelot is our speaker. The MUWCF fundraiser this year will be a play at the Camelot. The tickets for the play, Scapino, will be ready to sell at that meeting.

The date of the play is Wednesday, **September 18, 2024**. The tickets will cost \$35 of which \$20 is a fully deductible charitable contribution. **Please bring your check book and make the checks payable to MUWCF.** We look forward to another great evening! As always, ask your friends to join us for this evening of entertainment.

Tickets sales begin June 1st.

MUWCF NEWS!

At the April MUWCF Board Meeting, two AAUW members stepped forward to be on the MUWCF Board:

Carole Chumbler and Judie Salter

Welcome and thank you!!

(Please see Page 12 for a complete list of our MUWCF Board)

NATIONAL AAUW VOTE!

All members received their ballot concerning a change in our **National Bylaws**. Voting began April 3rd and ends **May 15th**, at 9 am, Pacific 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!



This year, we have **three** days of content on Zoom for you. Each session has a **UNIQUE Zoom link** so you must register for each session separately (but it's easy).

Monday, April 29, 7:00 PM: Panel: Book & School Board Challenges in Oregon

Led by April Younglove, Lake Oswego Public Librarian, a panel of distinguished Oregon librarians and book store owners will share their experiences and expertise, including things we can do.

Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 PM: AAUW of Oregon Annual Business Meeting:

Participate in the first every-member-votes state business meeting. Vote for state officers, bylaws changes, and the public policy platform for 2024-2026. Be a part of the process from the comfort of your own home.

Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 PM: Annual Awards Celebration

Hear from 2024 Breaking Barriers Award recipient, Jenifer Willer, and celebrate the branches and members who have supported our mission with their individual efforts and financial gifts

AAUW members received an email March 29th at 2:07 pm from AAUW Oregon about the Annual Meeting. All one needs to do is click the link to register — very easy!

Oregon AAUW resent the email and links on April 26th. You can still register up to the time of the event. We encourage to join in.

Save the Date for the August 6 OLLI Open House

Planning has begun for the **Tuesday, August 6**, OLLI Open House, which will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the SOU Stevenson Union. AAUW Medford has participated in the past and is considered a valued exhibitor. Our Branch has been sharing a table with Ashland AAUW which has been an enjoyable way to meet our "sister" AAUW folks. **Would you like to help?** We need volunteers from our Branch to help set up our table and meet and greet the people who attend the Open House. If you volunteer - you would be telling people about our Medford AAUW Branch. If you are interested in assisting - please call **Carol Koszyk at 541-601-6837**.

You may be asking: What is OLLI?

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Southern Oregon University (OLLI at SOU) is the Rogue Valley's premier choice for staying intellectually stimulated and socially connected. This 1,700-member organization offers noncredit courses geared to those aged 50+. Classes are held in Ashland, Medford, and offered online.

An annual \$150 membership fee entitles members to enroll in courses from over 100 offerings during three academic terms (September to June). There is no per-course tuition. Course topics include the arts, history, languages and cultures, life planning, literature, movement, nature, personal exploration, recreation, social sciences, and STEM. Learning is a pleasure for members and instructors alike because there are no tests, grades, or academic prerequisites.

Members can establish connections with other curious minds through lively class discussions, social activities, and shared interest and discussion groups, and well as by volunteering on committees or in governance.

Anyone interested in **teaching at OLLI** is invited to investigate that option. It is not necessary to be an OLLI member to become a volunteer OLLI instructor. A course can be from 2 to 10 sessions from 60 to 120 minutes in length and can start and stop anytime during the term. OLLI also has a course to help one organize their class. The course proposal period for the fall 2024 term runs May 1 - May 31, 2024. Call the OLLI office directly for information about becoming an instructor. Please know that OLLI at SOU membership fees are kept low through member donations and the generosity of the Bernard Osher Foundation.



SAVE THE DATE!!

Grants Pass AAUW

Annual GARAGE SALE

Benefitting RCC scholarships.

June 21 and 22 in Grants Pass
from 9am to 3pm.

Location to be announced closer to the event.

2024
Self-Guided Garden Tour

Walk through 4 beautiful Rogue Valley gardens

May 18 10-4 pm
Tickets \$20

Tickets Available at

Judy's Flowers 337 East Pine Street
541-664-1878 Central Point

Country Quilts 130 North Fourth St.
541-899-1972 Jacksonville

Online at SI-Medford.org

For tickets & information 541-840-2918

Win one of these great **RAFFLE** prizes
Tickets available day of tour. \$5 ea. or 5 for \$20

Pre-planned Plant Collection
NURSERY

Large Hanging Basket
FOUR SCHOOLS

Tickets available at Judy's Flowers in Central Point and Country Quilts in Jacksonville or online at si-medford.org or call 541-840-2918 for more information.

See you on Saturday May 18 10-4

Out and About!

The Schroeders and Pipers enjoy dinner at Vinny's to celebrate friendship. SALUTE!



Lisa Hughes and Carol Koszyk at the WESO (Women Entrepreneurs of Southern Oregon) show on March 9th with Susan and Regina, from Ashland, exposing people to the idea of AAUW, at the EXPO.



Luck of the Irish March Bunco winners Sandi, Lisa Robin, Carol J. & Sue! (at Peg Riehlman's) — see more winners on pg. 11



April Fools Day Bunco winner Mary Fowler! (at Carol Koszyk's)

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR AAUW NAMETAG AT OUR MEETINGS!

**BECOME A MEMBER OF MERCY FLIGHTS!
CONTACT SANDY HEATH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
OF THE MEDFORD AAUW GROUP RATE.**

TEXT OR CALL (503) 701-2644

Southern Oregon Kidspree

In partnership with

JCPenney



**Saturday, August 10th,
2024 from 8:00 a.m. to
about 10:00 a.m.**

A non-profit community project to provide school clothes to about 200 low-income children in cooperation with community organizations, including AAUW Medford.

Prior to Co-Vid, our branch volunteers arranged for the food and drink donations: McDonalds—breakfast for children.

Human Bean and Roosters— coffee and cake for volunteers.

Can you be our volunteer to contact McDonalds, Human Bean, and Roosters? Please consider heading this effort. We need a new person to organize it now. You will be mentored. We do have other volunteers to help on Aug. 10th.

Contact Lisa Hughes, 408-316-0004,
lhlistitch@gmail.com.



Q: Where do sheep go for spring break?

A: The Baa-hamas

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

The May meeting is Thursday, May 9, with Judie Salter leading. She has prepared a bibliography of Disabilities and Murder. The meeting is at 7:00 pm on zoom. Our June date is the 14th with Cathy deWolfe, also on zoom.

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 May-September:
May 16—Del Rio Vineyards
June 20—Daisy Creek Vineyard
July — dark—no winery
August 15—Dancin Vineyards
September 19 — Kriselle Cellars

AAUW Morning Book Group

10:00 AM in the Chetco Room of Plaza building at RVM
If you have not already done so, please submit nominations for next year to Gayle Clason, sew2day20132@gmail.com

May 6 - Betty Wolfe, Leader
Everyone Brave Is Forgiven by Chris Cleve

June 3- Jackie Baker, Leader
The Rose Code by Kate Quinn

(And voting on Selections for next year)

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**.

May 10th—Sandy Heath
June 14th—Sandi Cameron
(Dark July and August)

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

Happy stitching!

HAPPY BOOKERS! Join us for a fun time with a fun group of readers! Happy Bookers meets the third Wednesday of each month at 2 pm. The next meeting will be on **May 15**. The following meeting, on June 19th, will be our potluck and book selection for the 2024-25 season. Please be thinking of what book(s) you want to nominate for next year's reading list! We'll be soliciting your suggestions approximately 2 weeks before the June meeting so that we can compile the list for voting.



The location of each meeting will be sent in a reminder email approximately one week before the meeting. We're anticipating beautiful weather for an outdoor gathering in June!

If you would like to join Happy Bookers or have any questions, please contact the group coordinators:

Robin Smith robjag@hotmail.com (541) 646-5724

Monica Weyhe monicaw655@gmail.com (541) 326-8042

GREAT DECISIONS:

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

Great Decisions will meet the 2nd Saturday of each month May 11 to November 9. We meet at 9:30 am at the Chetco Room in the Plaza building at Rogue Valley Manor. 2025 meetings will start in January or February depending on when we receive our books from the Foreign Policy Association. Contact Janet Brougher (541-326-1767) or Pat Dege (831-392-6845) for information and questions.



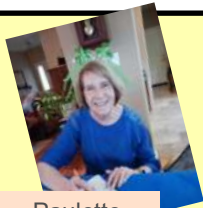
First Wednesday Bridge (same group, new name) meets the first Wednesday of each month for lunch and bridge. Typically we play at the Rogue Valley Country Club. We will meet for a no-host lunch at 11:30, bridge to follow by 1pm.

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



'Veni, Vidi, Velcro'
- I came, I saw, I
stuck around.

Interest Groups/ACT*



Paulette



Marilyn

BUNCO GROUP

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

On **May 6th** the group will meet at Ellen Jones'. 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 date for lunch is **Rogue Salad Company**, 1251 E. McAndrews Rd., Monday, **May 13th, noon**.

The group meets the second Monday of the month. The participants will decide the next location for the **June 10th** 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



AUGUST 22, 2024, join us for the matinee (1:00 pm) "**Legally Blonde**", at the Oregon Cabaret in Ashland. Tickets cost \$39.10. **If you want to attend, you must contact Patty Herkert as soon as possible at (503) 810-7599.**

*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*)

Rogue Comic Con

The Children's Museum is going to Comic Con. Come be a superhero and play with kids. We will have lots of fun activities for the whole family at Pear Blossom Park in downtown Medford.

Saturday, May 4th. 10 am to 7 pm

To sign up: <https://forms.gle/Y75E816GkyxtEL1r5>

Select at least 2 consecutive hours

Juneteenth Celebration with BASE

Celebrate Juneteenth in style. The Children's Museum will be joining BASE Southern Oregon at Pear Blossom Park. We will have lots of fun activities for the whole family.

Saturday, June 15th - 11 AM to 8 PM

Sign-up at: <https://forms.gle/mkuNL5p1VZB7GwMY9>

Select at least 2 consecutive hours

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

- Bubble solution
- Clean white sheets
- Burlap bags or pieces
- Magnets - all sizes and types
- Corks
- Beach towels
- Kids' underwear (new, sizes 3T, 4T, 5T)
- Children's backpacks - no characters
- Wooden tree cookies of all sizes

Nature items like pine cones, seed pods, lichens, fleece/fur, driftwood etc.

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



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)



MEDFORD AAUW MEMBERS

It's easy to stay informed!

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

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MUSINGS
CONTRIBUTORS!



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
Judie Salter
Carole Chumbler



DON'T FORGET ME...

'm always here!

I'M YOUR LOCAL AAUW

WEBSITE: medford-or.aauw.net

Stay informed!

Webmaster: Jean Foley



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)

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