



MEDFORD OREGON BRANCH

MEDFORD Musings

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OUR MISSION:

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

President's Message

Happy New Year! As we enter 2025 we'll be a quarter of the way through the century. The year 2000, with Y2K, feels as if it was just yesterday, and yet it was 25 years ago. We've lived through the Covid pandemic and tumultuous elections. Many of us have moved, changed jobs, retired, lost loved ones, gained new loved ones (grandchildren, anyone?). What will this next quarter-century hold for us? I still hope for the best, because there are so many good people in this world, despite reading so many scary things. It will be interesting!



Speaking of good people doing good things—do you know of a woman here in Oregon who is not a member of AAUW but who exemplifies our mission? Consider nominating her for AAUW's Breaking Barriers Award. (more info on page 8.) Also, we have included nominating information (PDF) with this e-blast.

I was sorry to miss our holiday party, which sounds as if it was a lot of fun and is something I look forward to. But we were in southern California, visiting our son and his family. It was great to see them, and to have a chance to watch our granddaughter playing water polo. I hope that you have had time to visit family and friends in these last two months.

As we move into the new year, we will be needing new officers. Carol Julian is stepping down as Finance Vice President and we will need a nominating committee. Please consider volunteering for either.

We continue to need people to work on Public Policy and STE(A)M. Public Policy keeps our membership informed on what AAUW is doing at the state and national level, and what we might be able to do locally, and STE (A)M promotes girls and women in science (see page 6). While you're welcome to volunteer as a chair, these work well as committees, so check with your friends and think about taking on one of those roles.

I really enjoyed Phil Meyer's discussion of public media in November. We all need to be more aware of the issues he raised! And I'm looking forward to hearing Amber Myre of Living Opportunities speak in January, and Kari May of the Jackson County Public Libraries in February. (more info on page 2)

Enjoy your holidays. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Lisa Hughes, president



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 **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH** for the MARCH / APRIL 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.)



GENERAL MEETINGS



AAUW Medford Branch General Meeting Schedule

Saturday, January 4

9:30 am Social, **10:00 am** Program.
Rogue Credit Union, 1330 Poplar Dr., Medford
(corner of McAndrews and Poplar).
Guest speaker **Amber Myre**, CEO, Living
Opportunities

Saturday, February 1

9:30 am Social, **10:00 am** Program.
Rogue Credit Union (address above)
Guest speaker **Kari May**, executive director of
Jackson County Public Libraries

Saturday, March 1

9:30 am Social, **10:00 am** Program.
Rogue Credit Union (address above)
Guest speaker **Valerie Rachelle**, Southern Oregon
Consortium for Accessibility in the Arts

Thursday, April 3

5:30 Social, **6:00** Program
Sun Oaks Club House
(2485 Sun Oaks Drive)
Guest speaker **Jason Elzy**, Housing Authority of
Jackson County

Sunday, May 4

3:00 pm Social, **3:30** Program
Sun Oaks Club House (address above)
Program TBA

Saturday June 7

9:30 am Social, **10:00 am** Program.
Rogue Credit Union (address above)
Guest Speaker **Toni Wallick**, Homeshare Oregon

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

**REMINDER — PARK IN THE GRAVEL LOT AT
ROGUE CREDIT UNION MEETINGS**

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JANUARY 4TH GENERAL MEETING

Guest speaker **Amber Myre**, CEO, Living
Opportunities



Amber Myre became CEO of the nonprofit Living Opportunities in 2021. Previously Amber was the Director of Employment Services for Living Opportunities for 5 years. She has been supporting individuals with intellectual developmental disabilities since 1996 as a direct support professional, job coach, manager and family member.

As a forthright communicator, her focus on building strong professional relationships has been beneficial throughout her career. Amber is a native Oregonian who loves the outdoors, is a Star Wars fanatic and is married to her best friend. Her blended family includes seven children.

Amber's presentation will be an overview of the nonprofit organization that is celebrating their 50th anniversary, Living Opportunities. Their mission is to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live in the same neighborhoods, work for the same employers and share in the same experiences to which we all aspire. Ambers presentation is sure to be enlightening on the services they provide which includes residential homes, supported living and employment to name a few.

FEBRUARY 1ST GENERAL MEETING



Guest speaker **Kari May**, executive director of
Jackson County Public Libraries

Kari May is the Library Director for Jackson County Library Services. She has 25 years of experience working in libraries in Colorado, Utah, and Oregon. Kari believes that libraries have a vital role to play in a community's vibrancy. She has served as the President of the Colorado Library Association and was named Chamber Member of the Year when she was Library Director of a rural system in southeastern Colorado. JCLS received the Star of Excellence Award from the Medford/Jackson Chamber of Commerce in 2019, and the Ashland Chamber Community Partner of the Year Award in 2024.

Kari is a member of the Rogue Rotary, serves on the steering committee for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Jackson County, and is the Chair of the Community Advisory Board for SOPBS. Kari moved here in 2018 and enjoys exploring Southern Oregon, from Crater Lake to hiking trails and wineries. She lives in Medford with her chocolate lab, Sydney, who makes sure they get out and walk the hilly streets around their home. Kari stays active walking, running, and swimming and enjoys cooking and, of course, reading.

GENERAL MEETING AND HOLIDAY LUNCHEON RECAPS

NOVEMBER MEETING

Phil Meyer, CEO of Southern Oregon PBS, gave an engaging presentation to our members. He has worked 30+ years in public media. The recipient of four Regional Emmy Awards, he is a past PBS Communication Professional of the Year.

As an Adjunct Instructor at Indiana University for 11 years, Meyer taught Promotion and Marketing in Telecommunications. He has taught at SOU's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) since 2023. Meyer has two degrees from the University of Cincinnati and a Nonprofit Management Certificate from IU.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON!

Our annual AAUW Holiday Party was held on **Sunday, December 8th**, at the Sun Oaks Clubhouse. Kathy Swarts prepared a culinary delight for the 45 in attendance. A special thank you to her and the planning committee. Also thanks to Carole Grady who organized the charitable giving by our members to Medford Community Works (and baked a wonderful gluten-free cake). See page 11 for info. And thanks to Carol Koszyk for her efforts to invite our scholarship recipients. Three accomplished young women and their guests attended and each spoke to the group and expressed thanks.



Sophie Grow, SOU
("Thank you so much!")



Emma Anguiano, RCC
("Thank you, it was wonderful to meet everyone, and it was such a lovely event. I can't thank you enough.")



Isabel Balmaceda Wiley, RCC
(Expressed her thanks.)





The phantom will be mailing out invitations to the **Phantom Tea Party** the first of the year, so keep an eye out for your invitation. This fundraiser has been extremely successful in past years because so many of you participate. Thank you all for being so generous. The proceeds go toward scholarships for women to attend SOU and RCC and it will be our only major fundraiser of the year. Incorporated into this fundraiser is the National Organization AAUW Funds for Advanced Degrees. Indicate on your checks memo line where and how much you wish to donate to each organization. Detailed instructions will be on the back of the invitation.

Happy New Year from your acting phantoms, Marlene and Pat.

MARK YOUR 2025 CALENDARS!

GET READY TO BE SWEEP AWAY!

Our next big Camelot fundraiser will be
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st.

Enjoy an unforgettable evening celebrating the legendary solo artist and his iconic duets.

Spotlight on Tony Bennett

Details to come!

(Proceeds support National AAUW Funds scholarships.)



MUWCF Report

(Medford University Women's Charitable Fund)

GREAT NEWS! Medford AAUW is the recipient of a donation of more than \$15,000. The MUWCF Board will discuss how best to use this generous donation at our next Board meeting.

Many thanks to the generous donors.

**Paulette Avery, President
MUWCF**



MERCY FLIGHTS

BECOME A MEMBER OF MERCY FLIGHTS!

CONTACT SANDY HEATH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MED-FORD AAUW GROUP RATE.

TEXT OR CALL (503) 701-2644

(LOOK FOR AN E-BLAST IN MARCH TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.)

IN MEMORIUM

Patricia Ann (Riehl) Collins
April 13, 1935 - November 8, 2024

We honor Pat Collins, who was a member of our Medford AAUW Branch from 1966 to 2021. She was an Association Life Member of AAUW, and then became a "50 Year" Member in 2006.

Pat attended the University of Oregon by winning a full music scholarship, due to her talent playing the oboe. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education in June of 1956, and married Dana Collins the following week.

Pat was very active in AAUW by serving as Branch President from 1969 to 1970. She volunteered on many committees and was active in several Interest Groups, such as International Cuisine. Pat was awarded our Named Gift Honoree for 1975-76.

Pat continued with her musical activities throughout her life. She was a founding member of the Rogue Valley Symphony, playing first chair oboe. Pat also played clarinet in the Ashland City Band, and taught after-school private oboe, clarinet and saxophone lessons.

Pat and Dana loved to sail. This was another of their passions that was central to their family. They shared 68 years of marriage until Dana passed last July.

Pat is survived by her children Elaine Wilson (David), Marilyn Collins, Dana O. Collins (Mary) and grandchildren Kaitlin Kallweit (Mark) and Emily Collins. Pat's family will gather at a later date. In the meantime, if you want to make a memorial donation, her family suggested two organizations that Pat thought were important: Planned Parenthood and Alzheimer's Association.

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.)



A New Benefit for AAUW Members!! AAUW UPS® Savings Program

Save 65% on UPS Next Day Air® and 42% on UPS® Ground as an AAUW member! Get your packages there on time without breaking the bank. Learn more at UPS.com.



VOLUNTEER!

Oregon Center for Creative Learning Volunteer Opportunities (Children's Museum of So. OR)

Join Our Home Support Team

Projects pop-up throughout the year that we need help with from **people at home**. Examples of these projects include assembling kits, folding maps, or cutting materials. We provide all the materials for these projects.

When one of these projects pops up we will email you with the project details and deadline. You will let us know if you'd like to complete that project. There is no requirement to accept projects. Once you accept a project we do require that you complete it within the provided time frame.

Contact Kristi Reynolds (Kristi@tcmsso.org) to be added to the Home Support Team emailing list

Spring Bulb Planting and Rose Trimming

Join us for the most popular volunteer work party of the year. We trim all the roses back, cut grasses and plant daffodil bulbs; laying down the groundwork for beautiful spring flower displays.

January 4th - 10 AM to 2 PM

Sign-ups: <https://forms.gle/4SUptyfAu5omW9Ei7>

Want to help with this fun event but can't come? **We need lots and lots of spring flower bulbs.** Contact Kristi at 541-772-9922 or Kristi@tcmsso.org with questions.

Program Assistants Needed for Food Programs

Join our Food Instructors at these very popular programs in the culinary studio. Come 30 minutes before the programs start to help with preparation and set-up. If clean-up is more your thing then stay after to help wash dishes and clean up the culinary studio. As a bonus you get to sample the fun foods.

Program Times:

Wednesday 1:30 to 3 or 2 to 3:30

Thursday 1:30 to 2:30 or 2:30 to 3:30

Saturday 1:30 to 2:30 or 2:30 to 3:30

Musicians Needed for Program "Sound Painting"

During "Sound Painting", kids explore the interface of visual and audio art in this program - as music plays, kids paint what they hear. Guest musicians are needed to expand kids' exposure to different instruments and styles.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday - Arrive by 2:45; start playing at 3 and play for 30 to 45 minutes.

Are you interested in being a guest musician for one day or multiple weeks? Contact Kristi at kristi@tcmsso.org or 541-772-9922

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

- Bubble solution
- Spring bulbs (daffodils, tulips, crocus)
- Acorns
- Magnets - all sizes and types
- Mardi gras beads
- Kids' underwear & socks (new, sizes 3T, 4T, 5T)
- Nature items like sea shells, pine cones, seed pods, antlers, lichens, fleece/fur, driftwood etc.

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

MEDFORD AAUW INVOLVEMENT

OPPORTUNITY!!

STE(A)M Director

An Appointed, Voting Officer on the Medford AAUW Board

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. **(Recruit Branch members for project committees, as needed.)**

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.



Help us reach out to our young women to introduce them to the fun and wonder of STE(a)M!

Oregon Shakespeare Festival Seeks Volunteers

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival is an award-winning, internationally recognized, regional theatre company that has been thrilling audiences with Shakespeare and contemporary productions for 89 years. People from all 50 states and 37 different countries travel to Southern Oregon to see plays with the best actors, designers, directors, crews, and artists.

But something is missing. YOU! To produce 10 plays on three stages for eight months, we need hundreds of volunteers to serve as ushers, ticket takers, greeters, gift shop volunteers, and more. Come play your part and volunteer at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Benefits include comp tickets, access to behind-the-scenes information, fun coupons, and more!

To sign up to volunteer, visit: osfashland.org/volunteer

For questions, email osfvolunteers@osfashland.org.

New Member Spotlight!



Elizabeth "Liz" Andersen

Some fun facts from Liz:

- My husband and I have a blended family of 10 children. He has six children and I have 4 children (3 girls and a boy). We are even on grandchildren, with 7 grandchildren each.
- I retired and moved to Medford from Southern California 10 years ago.
- I spent my career in development/fundraising for Meals on Wheels, Alzheimer's Association, American Red Cross, BSA, and Free Wheelchair Mission.
- My BA is in Communications/Journalism.
- We love to travel. Since I retired, we have visited England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales; Iceland, Germany, the Netherlands, France, Italy, Turkey, Slovakia, and Greece. This year we are debating between visiting Machu Picchu or walking the Camino.
- We also enjoy hiking. During the pandemic we visited the Golden Circle National Parks in Utah and Colorado, Yosemite, and Death Valley.
- We also love our weekly bike rides to Ashland for brunch overlooking the Ashland Creek. Don't be too impressed with my athletic abilities because I ride an E-bike.
- I enjoy reading and taking classes through OLLI at SOU. I also like taking YOGA at the Medford Recreation Center.

Thanks so much for your kindness and your welcoming friendship.

Welcome, Liz!

Happy Birthday!

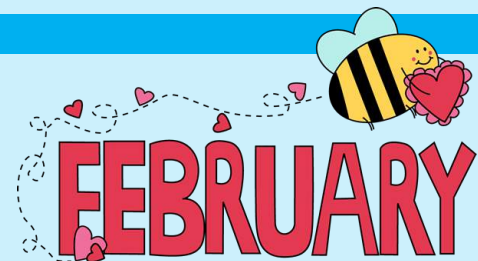


- 6th Carol Rugg
- 8th Loma Dies
- 11th Patty Herkert
- 12th Lucinda Olson
- 16th Judy Blue
- 19th Terri Nabozny
- 22nd Ellen Jones
- 28th Lisa Hughes

Zodiac signs: Capricorn & Aquarius
Birthstone: Garnet & Rose Quartz
Flowers: Carnation & Snowdrop

HOLIDAYS

- 1st NEW YEARS DAY!
- 6th Epiphany
- 8th Elvis's birthday
- 20th MLK's birthday
- 20th Inauguration Day
- 29th National Puzzle Day



- 8th Christine Bate
- 19th Regula Pepi
- 19th Nancy Walden
- 20th Bonnie Bergstrom
- 21st Tanya McHenry
- 24th Carol Julian
- 27th Janis Taft

Zodiac signs: Aquarius & Pisces
Birthstone: Amethyst
Flowers: Violets & Irises

- 2nd Groundhog Day
- 9th National Pizza Day
- 9th Superbowl #59
- 12th Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 14th Valentine's Day
- 17th President's Day

Nominating Committee Members Needed

THIS IS IT!!

Your opportunity to help in a very "short" way!! Yes, it is the time of year to search for candidates to serve as officers in our branch for the upcoming 2025/2026 Elections.

HOW IS THIS DONE?

Our bylaws state that five members from our branch serve as the Nominating Committee to solicit members for the elected officers. This year is an "odd" year, so the committee is looking for a President, a VP Finance and a VP Programs (in "even" years, it is President, VP Membership and Secretaries).

The Nominating Committee meets just once by the beginning of February for a couple of hours to do this task. This is a minimal time commitment job, and you do not need to "know" everyone in our branch.

CAN YOU HELP?

Please call Lisa Hughes to volunteer or if any questions.

BREAKING BARRIERS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The nomination deadline is fast approaching! The **Breaking Barriers Achievement Award** (BBAA) has been awarded for the last 10 years to accomplished and successful women from all over Oregon. Specifically, the award recognizes and celebrates a woman in Oregon who is not an AAUW member, but who exemplifies our AAUW mission. And/or the award recognizes and celebrates an organization that demonstrates an impact on women and girls in Oregon.

You know those in your own community who are worthy of our Breaking Barriers Achievement Award. Nominate them by following the **nominating process**.

This is a grand opportunity for your branch – visibility, achievement, pride! Get started now!

Please send the completed nomination form to [Mardy Stevens](#), AAUW-OR Breaking Barriers Achievement Award Facilitator.

(See PDF included in this e-blast for information.)

Oregon News

Excerpt from Oregon AAUW President's message:

"It's time to be thinking about our **2025 Conference & 100th Annual Meeting Celebration in Lebanon**, Oregon on April 25, 26. We have amazing speakers and presentations for you: *Space, Hope and Charity* film and speaker, Senator Deb Patterson, artist Betty La Duke, and lots more.

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year. **Keep on educating, enlightening and empowering.** Now more than ever. . ."

Catherine Lutes
President
AAUW of Oregon

January Calendar
National Blood Donor Month
National Mentoring Month



NEWS FROM NATIONAL AAUW CEO (excerpt)

Thank you for standing with AAUW in 2024

Your unwavering support means the world to us. Because of you, we've made strides in:

- Expanding opportunities in education
- Training women in financial literacy and salary negotiation
- Fighting for laws that uplift and empower women

AAUW recently celebrated its 143rd anniversary. We wouldn't be able to stay in the fight for women and girls without you, so please accept my deepest gratitude for your support

In solidarity,

Gloria L. Blackwell
Chief Executive Officer

Out and About!

Lisa Hughes hanging out in a ventilation shaft at Hoover Dam, and a selfie at Lake Mead in December.



Sherry Schroeder and Pat Stoddard partner with success at National Bridge Convention In Las Vegas in December!



Ellen Jones spends the holiday with her grandson Isaac in California.



Sandy Heath and husband, Danen, visit his parents (and beautiful golden retriever, Lacie) in the Santa Cruz area for Christmas.



Ellen helping the elves serve hot chocolate at the Polar Express. (Oregon Center for Creative Learning)

Send us your vacation and out-and-about photos to share!

sgheath2@outlook.com

Medford's AAUW Website has had a makeover!! Carole Grady, our webmaster, has given it a great new look. Be sure to let her know what you think.

medford-or.aauw.net

And....

Follow and "Like" our Facebook page,

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Year-end Interest Group Celebrations!



Bunclo!



Happy Bookers!



Lunch Bunch at the Bella Union

What flower gives the most kisses on Valentine's Day?



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!

Our Zoom meeting is *Thursday, January 9th* at 7:00 pm. The October date is *Thursday, February 13th* at 7:00 pm. Contact Mary for schedule and information. (541)301-6012 or mwgillespievm@gmail.com.



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.

January 10th—Sandi Cameron's
February 14th — Sandy Heath's

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

Happy stitching!

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. We meet at 9:30 am at the Chetco Room in the Plaza building at Rogue Valley Manor.

Books for 2025 were ordered in October. 2025 meetings will start in January or February depending on when we receive our books from the Foreign Policy Association. Contact Pat Dege (831-392-6845) for information and questions.



AAUW MORNING BOOK GROUP

The morning book club meets in the **Chetco Room at the RV Manor**. We will discuss The Songbirds by Christi Lefteri at **10:00 on Monday, Jan. 6, 2025**; Carole Chumbler is discussion leader. Then on **February 3** the book is The Mystery Guest by Nita Prose; discussion leader is Cathy de Wolfe.

We want to thank Jackie Baker for again hosting the group's Holiday Party! It was a fun gathering.



Contact Wolfe,
betty_wo44@yahoo.com

Q: Why do cats make good warriors?

A: Because they've got nine lives.



HAPPY BOOKERS!

Happy Bookers meets on the third Wednesday of each month, usually at 2 pm. However, in January we will be having our annual potluck and book exchange party. This month only, our gathering will begin at noon, on **January 15th**. Lan Roberts has graciously offered to host the potluck at her home. In addition to a potluck dish, each member should select a book they've enjoyed, to be part of a round robin book exchange. Details will be included in the reminder email that is sent out approximately one week before each meeting, and will identify the location of our gathering. Our following meeting will be **February 19th** with the usual **2 pm start time**.

If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact group leaders:

Robin Smith
Robjag@hotmail.com
541-646-5724 (text)
Or
Monica Weyhe
mon-icaw655@gmail.com
541-326-8042 (text)



First Wednesday Bridge 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.



Interest Groups/ACT*

BUNCO GROUP

Happy New Year! The AAUW Bunco group meets the first Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Each player will need to bring \$5.00 for the "kitty".



Connie Smith is our host for the **January 6th** bunco. Connie lives in Eagle Point, so see if you can carpool as it's a bit farther out. **Please RSVP** Ellen Jones, emjones57@gmail.com by Friday, January 3rd, so we can get a headcount. Hooray ... see you all soon!. (February 3rd at **Marilyn Stein's** home.)

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 **January 13th at noon at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Medford**. February is TBD.

It is important to RSVP Wednesday prior to the lunch date.

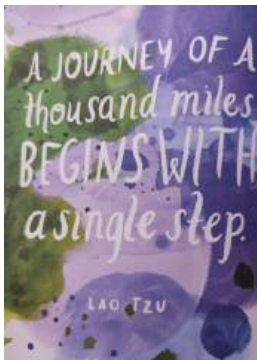


The group meets the second Monday of the month. Call or text Kathy Swarts at **541-821-7165**.

OUT & ABOUT



Let us know of your events that include AAUW members!



*ACT — AAUW Community Team

Wine & Whine



Wine and Whine meets the **third THURSDAY** of every month at **2pm**. Each month we visit a different winery. 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:

January 16— Paschal Winery and Vineyard

February 20 — Dancin Vineyards

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)

- **Community Works** accepted
- our generous donations (from
- our Holiday Luncheon) to benefit
- **Dunn House**, the emergency
- shelter that supports survivors of
- domestic violence, sexual as-
- sault, and human trafficking. Our
- members donated clothing, nonperishable food, toiletry
- items, coffee pots, a microwave, and other needed
- items. **Susan Aaronson**, CW Director of Develop-
- ment, accepted the donations, and expressed her im-
- mense gratitude to AAUW Medford for its generosity.



— Carole Grady



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 2024-2025

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



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I'm always here!

I'M YOUR LOCAL AAUW
WEBSITE: medford-or.aauw.net

Stay informed!

Webmaster: *Carole Grady*



Medford AAUW Officers and Board, (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

Elected Officers (Voting)

- President: *Lisa Hughes*
- Immediate Past President: *Carol Koszyk*
- Vice President/Finance: *Carol Julian*
- Vice President/Programs: *OPEN*
- 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)

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- In Our Thoughts Secretary: *Ellen Jones*
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