



"Overture, curtain, lights!

This is it, the night of nights!

On with the show, this is it ! !"



AAUW FUNDRAISER AT CAMELOT THEATRE!

On **September 18, 2024**, many in the community will be attending a slapstick, Italian Comedy called **SCAPINO!** The performance will be at the Camelot Theatre in Talent, OR. There is no assigned seating but every seat in the theater has an excellent view. The production begins at 7:30 pm, doors open at 7:00pm. Here is a preview of what to expect:

This delightful production brings together a whirlwind of physical comedy, witty dialogue, and hilarious misunderstandings that will have you laughing out loud. Join the charismatic Scapino as he navigates a tangled web of love, deception, and outrageous schemes, all while delivering side-splitting moments that will leave you in stitches. With its energetic performances, expertly choreographed slapstick, and a cast of characters that are as endearing as they are comical, **Scapino!** promises an unforgettable night of entertainment. Whether you're a theater enthusiast or simply seeking a good laugh, this play is a surefire way to brighten your day and remind you of the sheer joy that live comedy can bring. Don't miss the chance to experience the uproarious hilarity of Scapino! and let yourself be carried away by its infectious humor and charm.

Join in the fun! **Tickets sell for \$35.00** of which **\$20.00** is a donation funding our educational scholarships for women and girls. There are no ticket sales at the door on that night, so plan to get your tickets now.

We will also be raffling a case (or 2) of delicious wines. Raffle tickets can be purchased that night in the theater lobby; \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 (please, cash only). The drawing will be at the end of the show!

For performance tickets, please contact Sherry Schroeder at 541-778-7334, or you can email her at ssch121647@q.com.

Tickets can also be purchased at our September 7th meeting. Bring your checkbook! (See page 2 for details.)"



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OUR MISSION

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

President's Message

I hope you all had a lovely summer, and were able to stay fairly cool and smoke-free. I know I'm ready to start being social again. And, of course, there will be lots of ways to connect.

Our first meeting is **Saturday, Sept. 7th**, at the Rogue Credit Union (1330 Poplar Ave., on the corner of McAndrews and Poplar). Our social time is 9:30 am, and our "program" is at 10 am. I'm putting program in quotes because we don't have a guest speaker. Marlene Olson will give a brief presentation on MUWCF, its history, and how it functions. We're also asking the leaders of the different interest groups to say a few words about their group and provide sign-up sheets.



Moving right along, we have bought out the Camelot Theatre in Talent on **Wednesday, Sept. 18th**, for their production of *Scapino!* It sounds like a really fun play! If you haven't already bought your ticket, do it soon. And, of course, there will be tickets for sale at our meeting. (**Bring your checkbook!**) Do think about inviting friends to join us. (more info on "Special Page One.")

Carole Grady and I represented our branch at the **OLLI Open House** at Southern Oregon University on August 6th. We enjoyed the chance to talk to people about AAUW and its mission. If you're aware of other events where we could have a table, let me know. I do think it's important to let people know about the important work that AAUW does, and that we have fun doing it. (more info on page 7).

Many thanks to **Jean Foley**, who has been handling our website, and to **Carole Grady**, who is taking over from Jean.

Barbara Laskin, our program chair, has moved to the East Coast to be near her daughter. Before she left, she lined up a number of programs for this coming year, but we need people to carry on. We already have a few people on the committee, but need a few more. If you're interested in hearing more, contact current committee members **Carol Koszyk** (541-601-6837; thekoszyks@msn.com) or **Pat Stoddard** (541-890-3828; patstoddard@gmail.com) or me. This is a great way to get involved in our branch and keep it active and vital!

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

You are invited to Medford AAUW's 2024-25 kick-off meeting!
Saturday, SEPT 7th (Rogue Credit Union 1330 Poplar Drive), 9:30 am.

- Bring a guest!
 - Catch up with old friends and meet new friends
 - Hear about MUWCF's origins and purpose
 - Sign up for Interest Groups and get the latest information
- Bring a bottle of **wine** to donate to the September 18th fundraiser!

GENERAL MEETINGS

AAUW Medford Branch General Meeting Schedule 2024– 2025

Saturday, September 7, 2024, 9:30 am Social gathering, Program at 10:00 am, Rogue Credit Union 1330 Poplar Drive, Medford (at the corner of McAndrews and Poplar.) Welcome back, Interest Groups sign-ups, and MUWCF information.

Thursday, October 3, 5:30 pm social / 6:00 pm program, Sun Oaks Club House (2485 Sun Oaks Drive). Guest Speaker Pat Pfemmer (see [article](#)) →

Saturday, November 2, 9:30 Social, 10:00 meeting, Rogue Credit Union, Guest Speaker Phil Meyer, CEO of Southern Oregon PBS,

Sunday, December 8, Holiday Party. Details to follow. Contact Kathy Swarts to assist with planning.

Saturday, January 4. Guest speaker Amber Myre, Living Opportunities

Saturday, February 1, Guest speaker Kari May, executive director of Jackson County Public Libraries

Saturday, March 1 (TBD)

Thursday, April 3, 5:30 Social, meeting at 6:00, Sun Oaks Club House, (TBD)

Sunday, May 4, Sun Oaks Club House, Reception and Tea

Saturday June 7, (TBD)



Thurs., October 3rd
Sun Oaks Club House

2485 Oaks Drive

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.

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

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

Wine donations are needed for our "Scapino!" raffle fundraiser!

You may bring your bottle(s) to the September 7th General Meeting, or contact Vikki Piper vpiper@sti.net or Ellen Jones emjones57@gmail.com to arrange a possible pick-up. Thank you in advance for your donation to the cause.

THE MUSINGS ARTICLES DUE DATE!

THE MUSINGS is published bi-monthly.

Please submit items to any Musings committee member (see pg. 11 for member list) by **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH** for the **NOVEMBER-DECEMBER** 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 MEETING RECAPS

**May Meeting: (High Tea)
GUEST SPEAKER, RICK BAILEY,
SOU PRESIDENT**



Rick Bailey, president of Southern Oregon University, gave a captivating and lively presentation about SOU's current and future endeavors.



Kathy Swarts and team prepared and decorated for a delightful High Tea as we celebrated our scholarship accomplishments.



Barbara Laskin was presented with the certificate for 2024-25 "Named Gift Honoree" by Lisa Hughes and Kathy Swarts, current honorees.



**June Meeting
GUEST SPEAKER, DANN HOUSER,**

Mr. Houser gave us a wonderful dive into the history and workings of one of our local treasures, the Camelot Theatre.



Officers were installed—L-R — Lisa Hughes, Pres.; Sherry Schroeder, installing officer; Carole Grady, Secty Board & General Mtgs.; Sandy Heath, Co-VP Membership. (Ellen Jones, Co-VP Membership was absent)

Barbara Laskin, VP Programs, was honored. She is leaving the area and heading to the East Coast. We'll miss her!



CAMELOT THEATRE



Girl Scouts of Oregon & SW Washington spoke to us about their work in our area..



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.





This past summer, we bid a fond farewell to long-time AAUW member and friend, **Janet Brougher**, and her husband, **Eric Dziurura**. They (and their dog, Tesla) are moving to Eugene at the end of September. Janet and Eric will be missed as they are both very involved in our Rogue Valley community. Janet has been especially active in our Medford AAUW Branch. She jumped right in to help! She has served as Mem-

bership Co-VP, Programs Co-VP, Secretary at General Meetings, Secretary at Board Meetings, Out & About Chairperson, and as part of the Newsletter Committee. Janet also participated in our past fundraisers: Garden Tour and Children's Festival; as well as various Interest Groups. Plus - whenever we needed someone to "fill in" for officers who were absent - Janet volunteered. We have greatly appreciated Janet's positive camaraderie, her service to our branch and most of all her friendship. Now - we wish them the BEST in their new home!



Our very own Monica Weyhe in the women's **Air Race Classic!**



Medford AAUW Member pilot **Monica Weyhe** (left), and pilot friend Sherry Kandle, spent 3 weeks in June involved in the all-women's national **Air Race Classic** (ARC). This is the modern version of the race that was started in 1929 by Amelia Earhart and other women pilots, because they were not allowed to fly in the men's race. The ARC mission is to encourage and educate current and future women pilots.

STEA(aviation)M skills were tested in planning, navigation with new instruments, strategy and more over the course of the 4-day, 2500 mile route which changes every year. They flew in Sherry's Cessna 182, shown in this stop in Ohio, down for a short break after flying the timing line. Almost as challenging was flying through the Rockies to the start in southern Illinois and then back through the Rockies again after the terminus festivities in Loveland, Colorado.

This timed race over 9 legs is won by the team who beats their handicapped speed by the most, down to the thousandth of a second! after subtracting time for penalties. Leg prizes are awarded as well. Sherry & Monica were stunned with joy to hear their team, Free Rein, called out as the **first place** winner of Leg 1 and learn that they beat their handicap speed by almost 37 mph!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Nancy Gerhard - Gerhard_nancy@yahoo.com
(see pg. 6 for Nancy's biography)

Ardith Lynch - ardithlynch@gmail.com

Lucinda Olson - lucindao@outlook.com

VOLUNTEER!

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.

Volunteering in the Children's Museum of Southern Oregon

There are several different volunteer positions available in the museum.

Museum Floor Pop-Up Programmer* - Interact with guests and present interactive items like animal furs, musical instruments or building blocks.

Museum Floor Program Instructor* - Present a program on a regular schedule. We can provide the program or we can work with you to develop one that is all your own. This could be dance, science, imagination, storytelling - the sky's the limit.

Museum Program Assistant* - Aid the Program Instructor with various aspects of the program including set-up, delivery and clean-up. Must be available at the times of the programs.

Museum Detail Cleaner - Get into all the nooks and crannies of exhibits to assure that they are clean and sanitized.

There is a required training session before volunteering in the museum. This training session takes about 1 hour (some may be able to be completed from home).

Maslow Projects Hygiene Drive:

Drop off your donated hygiene items in the Maslow Project Barrel at the Children's Museum. All items must be new and unopened. For a list of all needed items and information on Maslow Projects visit <https://www.maslowproject.com/mostneeded>

Most needed items:

Baby shampoo — Baby soap

Toothbrushes (adult & kid) — Toothpaste (adult & kid)

List of needed donations for the Children's Museum:

Bubble solution — Acorns — Muslin fabric — Nuts, bolts, washers

Magnets (all sizes and types) — Kids' rainboots — kids' underwear (new, sizes 3T, 4T, 5T) — Children's backpacks (no characters)

Contact Kristi Reynolds for information: Kristi@tcmso.org



Southern Oregon KidSpree

In partnership with

JCPenney

KidSpree celebrated 32 years of providing a back-to-school shopping experience for disadvantaged elementary school-age children on Saturday, August 10th. Approximately 140 children were paired with an adult volunteer to shop at Penney's from 8 to 10 a.m. before the store opened. From KidSpree fundraising efforts, each child had \$100 on a card plus an additional discount of up to 20% from Penney's to spend on shoes and school clothes. Our AAUW branch secured generous donations from Food4Less, Bi-Mart, Harry & David, Carl's Jr, and Wendy's for a bagged breakfast meal for the children. Four of us, **Carol Koszyk, Monica Weyhe, Sandy Heath, and I** collected the food and coffee, filled the bags and manned the breakfast table during the event. This is a worthwhile and rewarding community project that I hope AAUW will continue to support. KidSpree is always short of volunteer shoppers so I encourage you to think about volunteering next year to shop with a child or assist in providing the bagged meal. From the KidSpree Committee: "Our event helps kids build confidence, children who lack adequate clothing may feel isolated and excluded from their peers."

— Pat Stoddard

Artists in the Amphitheater

The Rogue Symphony and the Children's Museum have teamed up to bring the community a fun musical day of exploration. Join us in this performing art experience. We'll need a handful of greeters, bussers for the food trucks, program assistants, clean-up crew.

**Sunday, September 22nd
Noon to 5 PM** (Time may shift slightly)

Sign-up for at least 2 consecutive hours

← Contact

Older issues of **The Musings** are available on our Website: www.medford-or.aauw.net.

Follow and "Like" our Facebook page, **AAUW Medford OR**.

The Ashland branch "**Vision Newsletter**" is available on their website: www.ashland-or.aauw.net.

The national AAUW Website has up-to-date information about current issues and involvement: www.aauw.org

New Member Spotlight!



I was born Nancy Lucile Dege in St. Paul, Minnesota. I graduated from a small Lutheran liberal arts college, Gustavus Adolphus, in St. Peter, Minnesota, with a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in English.

I have sung in choirs all my life, beginning when I was five, when I attended Lutheran school. I sang in high school and college choirs as well as church choirs. I have also sung in the Pacific Chorale and the Orange County Master Chorale, both professional level choirs which were hired by orchestras such as the Boston Symphony and the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, among others.

Upon graduation from college, I married and moved to California with my new husband, a native of California.

I began my teaching career in Long Beach and then followed my husband to Los Angeles where I managed an apartment house so I could stay home with my two sons. Later, his job took him to Orange, California, and I began substitute teaching before taking a full time job as an elementary teacher. I later taught English and history in junior high school, and moved to high school as an English teacher when the district changed its grade lineup and sent 9th grade to high school. I was also involved in the Gifted and Talented program and developed methods of identifying diverse populations of gifted children for the program. I wrote curriculum for various programs and was a consultant for the California Writing Project and the Literature Project. I ended my career as a high school counselor in 2004.

I have three grandsons and one granddaughter. I am also blessed with three great-grandchildren and have another due in December. They all are wonderful gifts to me.

I joined AAUW in Tustin, California in 1977 and held various positions in that group. I enjoyed activities and projects with the group, especially the book group and games group. I miss my many friends in that group since moving to Oregon, a move made necessary because of age and various issues related to aging. My brother lives at Rogue Valley Manor, and when researching retirement communities, I found that this one met my needs best. I am looking forward to making many new friends and becoming active again.

Welcome Nancy Gerhard!

Happy Birthday



9/14 Janice Williams
9/29 Glenda Sims

Zodiac signs: Virgo & Li bra
Blrthstone: Sapphire
Flower: Aster, Forget-me-not, Morning Glory

9/2 Labor Day
9/8 Grandparents Day
9/8 Star Trek Day "Live Long & Prosper"
9/11 Patriots' Day
9/16 Anne Bradstreet Day -She was among the most prominent of early English poets of North America & the first writer in England's American colonies to be published.
9/22 Fall Equinox
9/25 National Daughters Day



10/4 Tania Pineda Soria
10/9 Vikki Piper
10/10 Charlotte Park
10/11 Mary Fowler
Kit Nilles
10/12 Robin Smith
10/14 MaryAnn Lyman-Hager
10/17 Christine Hejmanowski
10/25 Deb Radcliffe
10/28 Lillian Maksymowicz
Kathy Swarts
10/31 Donna Wallender

Zodiac sign: Libra & Scorpio
Birthstone: Opal & tourmaline
Flower: Marigold & Cosmos

10/1 Int'l coffee & homemade cookie day
10/2 Rosh Hashanah - begins at sundown
10/5 World Teachers Day
10/11 Yom Kippur - begins at sundown
10/24 United Nations Day
10/31 Halloween



The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Southern Oregon University (OLLI at SOU) held its Open House August 6th. Medford AAUW President **Lisa Hughes** and Board Member **Carole Grady** represented our chapter. OLLI 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.



Pictured from left, Carole Grady & Lisa Hughes, (Medford AAUW); Susan Jain & Regina Ayres (Ashland AAUW)

The **2024 NCCWSL** (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) conference held May 31st-June 1st got rave! reviews from all 12 of our Oregon scholars who attended. NCCWSL is a two day leadership training and inspiration building event held in Washington, D.C. for college women nationwide. Participants learn from speakers, educational panels, and work sessions. Along with peer networking skills, participants take what they learn back to their respective school, community, or job. You can "feel" the energy in their photo below! (Unfortunately, 1 of our 13 scholars missed the conference due to cancelled airline flights.)

AAUW Oregon funded 3 scholarships, Medford Branch funded 1, and other branches funded 9. We created a centralized process at the state level, doubled the number we funded this 2nd year following the pandemic, and will work to increase awards again in 2025. Thanks to Scholarship Committee members **Tanya McHenry, Judie Salter, Bonnie Bergstrom, Gayle Clason and Monica Weyhe** for selecting our Medford scholar.

Oregon NCCWSL scholars (minus 2). Front row left is **Tiffany Hyde**, RCC student funded by Medford Branch



To all our AAUW of Oregon members,
Well, it's official! I am now honored to be the new President of AAUW of Oregon. I cannot begin to thank Linda Lybecker for her generous mentorship and loving encouragement. We are so lucky to have her continue as our new Technology Chair, and I thank Georgia Applegate, from the bottom of my heart for her tireless chairing of the Technology Committee and also the AAUW of Oregon Online Branch, which she will continue to lead.

I'd like to tell you a little about myself and my goals for the next two years. My background is in education, and some, but certainly not all, of my passions are getting more girls and women into STEAM occupations, another is affordable, loving childcare, and another is reducing student loan debt. I would love to visit each one of our branches in the next two years, so please invite me to attend your branch meetings. If you can put me up, as well, that will save the State budget a fair amount of money. I really don't want to see any more branches fold, because we need all of us to work for equity, so please reach out and let me (and the rest of the board) know what we can do to support you in this important work. We are looking into videoing additional programs of interest to the entire state and putting them up on our YouTube channel, so everyone may share them with their branches. This should be of special interest to those branches that are small, but mighty!

Our Public Policy team will sponsor a **Lobby Day in February 2025 in Salem at the Capitol Building** and offer some members the opportunity to meet virtually, so I hope to see many of you there. It will be a long legislative session, and we will follow and advocate for many bills.

The new and former board members met the first weekend of June at the lovely Oregon Gardens, where we got to know each other, say thank you and farewell to outgoing board members, started working on the strategic plan, did some planning for our **Centennial Celebration in April in Lebanon**, discussed some Lobby Day ideas, and prioritizing supporting branches, among other topics.

More to come. I'd like to thank you all for the invaluable work you do for equity. May we remember to always do it with passion, integrity, and love.
Catherine Lutes
President, AAUW of Oregon



It is with such sadness we share that **Jean Simutis**, our State Parliamentarian, passed away quietly Tuesday, July 30th.

She was a Lifetime member of AAUW, joining in 1977, and a current member of both Eugene-Lane and California Online Branches.

If you would like to send a card to her husband, his address is:
John Simutis
1393 Elm Ave.
Cottage Grove, OR 97424

Out and About!

Lunch Bunch enjoying a get together at Cicily's.



The Wine & Whine group tip a glass at Dancin' Vineyards in August.

Busy Summer!
Pat Stoddard and partner Bud fishing on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska.



Ellen Jones and husband, Tom, visit Newport, OR.



Monica Weyhe on the ferry to Port Townsend, WA. Beautiful Day!

Pat with her sister in Portugal.



Pat rafting the Deschutes with family.



Ellen and friend Gail in front of Rockefeller Center.



Also fishing the Kenai!
Sandy Heath, husband Danen, and kids Scott and Laura with a limit of sockeye salmon.

Send us your vacation and out-and-about photos to share!
sgheath2@outlook.com

AAUW Funds Report—Mary Wright Gillespie

There has been a good beginning with our fundraising for the Camelot Theatre presentation on September 18. We have paid back the MUWCF treasury for the advance to buy out the house. From now on all sales are what we will give to AAUW Funds. Now, we need to sell the rest of the tickets. The show is the comedy, Scapino!. The tickets are \$35. Twenty dollars of the cost is a donation.

At our in-person meeting on September 7 bring your check book so you can purchase tickets. Invite your friends to help us in this fundraising effort.

Contributions to date: Our branch has contributed \$3905 to National AAUW.

EVER WONDERED —
“WHAT IS MUWCF?”

COME TO OUR SEPTEMBER 7TH MEETING TO FIND OUT!

Marlene Olson and Paulette Avery will make a short presentation to explain!

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 Book Group

Our Zoom meeting is Thursday, September 12, at 7:00 pm. The topic is a mystery from the list from Murder on Demand. Mary Gillespie will lead the discussion. Many good mysteries to choose from this list. The October date is the 10th and Patty Herkert will provide the bibliography.

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



AAUW MORNING BOOK GROUP

Meetings: 1st Monday, 10:00 am in Chetco Room of Plaza building at Rogue Valley Manor.

Fearless Leader, aka Gayle Clason, is moving to Portland. New contact for our group is Betty Wolfe, betty_wo44@yahoo.com

Sept. 9 - leader, Joyce Ellis (meet 2nd Mon. due to holiday)

The Covenant of Water, Abraham Verghese



Oct. 7 - leader, Gayle Clason
Mink River, Brian Doyle

Q: What do you do if you're addicted to seaweed?

A: Sea kelp.

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.

September 13th—Sandi Cameron
October 11th — Pat Stoddard

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

Happy stitching!

HAPPY BOOKERS!



Welcome back! We're looking forward to another year of thought-provoking and entertaining books. Normally this book group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. However, to avoid conflict with our AAUW fund-raising play on September 18th, the first meeting will instead be held on the 2nd Wednesday, September 11th. Each month a reminder e-mail is sent with the location for that month's get-together.

New member sign-up, continuing member contact updates, or requests to be removed from the email list can be done at the first AAUW branch meeting on September 7th. See you soon.

Any questions contact co-chairs:

Robin Smith - robjag@hotmail.com, 541-646-5724 or
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 September 14 to November 9. We meet at 9:30 am at the Chetco Room in the Plaza building at Rogue Valley Manor.

Books for 2025 will be 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.



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.



Q: What is a thesaurus's favorite breakfast food?

A: A synonym roll

Interest Groups/ACT*

BUNCO GROUP

We've come full circle to the start of another fabulous year of Medford AAUW Bunco! The first Monday of September is Labor Day, therefore we will play our first game on Monday, August 26th @1:00 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 September 9th at **Cicily's** (1251 E. McAndrews)..

The group meets the second Monday of the month. The participants will decide the next location for the **October 14th** get-together.

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



OUT & ABOUT

Let us know of your events that include AAUW members!



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)

*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:

September 19 — Kriselle Cellars

October 17 — Vikki Piper's home, Shady Cove

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)

Things to Ponder:

- What if my dog only brings the ball back because he thinks I like throwing it?
- Which letter in "scent" is silent...is the S or the C?
- If you replace the "W" with a "T" in "What, Where, and When you would have the answer to each one.

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

TEXT OR CALL (503) 701-2644

MEDFORD AAUW MEMBERS

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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
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Mary Gillespie, Liaison to AAUW Board
Janis Taft, Secretary
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Medford AAUW Officers and Board, (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

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- 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)

- Hospitality: *Pat Stoddard*
- In Our Thoughts Secretary: *Ellen Jones*
- Phone Tree Secretary: *OPEN*
- Webmaster: *Carole Grady*
- Newsletter Editor: *Committee:*
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