

## OUR MISSION:

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

### President's Message

Dear Friends,

I hope you've all stayed warm and dry this last month. We cheated and went south, so I'm writing this in New Zealand's summer. Such fun!

Elections are coming up quickly. Many thanks to **Deb Radcliffe**, who is willing to run as Co-President with me, **Marilyn Stein** for volunteering to be on the slate for VP Finance, and to **Sandi Cameron** for volunteering to be on the slate for VP Program. Many thanks to our nominating committee!

Thanks also to the other officers who will be continuing in their roles, **Monica Weyhe** as Communications Director, **Sandy Heath** and **Ellen Jones** as Membership Co-VP's, **Carole Grady** as Secretary, **Kathy Swarts** as Interest Groups/ACT Chair, **Tanya McHenry** as Scholarship Liaison, **Mary Wright Gillespie** as MUWCF Liaison, and **Pat Stoddard** as Hospitality Chair. A special thank you to **Carol Julian** for all of her work over the last few years as VP Finance. We will be voting on this slate at our evening meeting on Thursday, April 3.

We always need people to volunteer, so I hope some of the newer members will consider running in another year. It's a fun way to contribute to our branch and to get to know others in the branch.

Our branch consistently donates to AAUW, with the result that we can select up to eight Named Gift Honorees. This is the highest honor a branch can bestow on its members, and is given to members who have contributed greatly to our branch. Carole Grady and Barbara Las-kin were our Honorees last year. If you would like to suggest someone you think should be considered, please let Carole Grady know.

We will all be receiving (have all received?) an email from AAUW State regarding the upcoming Oregon Lobby Days March 17-21. While it would be wonderful to travel to Salem to meet with legislators in person, it is also exciting that we will have a chance to meet via Zoom to express our opinions and get a chance to support bills on education and healthcare. Our mission statement is to support gender equity for women and girls. This is a chance to speak up and do something, which feels especially important in these times.

Congratulations to our branch for achieving a Star in AAUW's FY24 **Five Star Program!** We attained the Communications & External Relations Star. This recognition is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and commitment of our branch members to advancing AAUW's mission of gender equity for women and girls.

The Five Star Program is designed to honor branches that align their work with AAUW's strategic priorities in areas such as Advancement, Public Policy & Advocacy, Governance & Sustainability, Programming, and Communications & External Relations.

Remember that our **state convention is coming up April 25-26**. It's a great chance to meet other members and hear more about what we are doing. At least a few of us from our branch will be going. Please consider joining us.

Looking forward to seeing you in March!

Lisa Hughes, president

lhlisastitch@gmail.com



Join our new Interest Group!  
"Fourth Friday Coffee & Convos" (See Page 11)



# GENERAL MEETINGS

## **AAUW Medford Branch General Meeting Schedule**

### **Saturday, March 1**

**9:30 am** Social, **10:00 am** Program.

Rogue Credit Union

1330 Poplar Dr. (corner of McAndrews and Poplar)

Guest speaker **Julie Simon**, 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

## MARCH 1ST MEETING

### **Consortium for Accessibility in the Arts**

The Southern Oregon Consortium for Accessibility in the Arts (SOCAA) works with cultural arts organizations, such as theater arts, visual arts, music arts, and literary arts, in Jackson and Josephine counties to enhance accessibility for patrons with disabilities, their family and friends. SOCAA's work includes collaborating with regional arts groups, providing education and training on disability awareness, and developing a pool of service providers (e.g., audio describers, caption operators, ASL interpreters, sighted guides) to support arts organizations. Together, we aim to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment, where everyone, regardless of ability, can enjoy the communal experiences of cultural arts and tourism.

Julie Simon, Ph.D., RID CI & CT (she/her) is an arts administrator, consultant, educator, interpreter, and accessibility activist. After a lengthy career as an ASL/English interpreter in post-secondary and conference settings, she has spent the last 15 years working in performing arts settings, including 10 seasons at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival as Lead Interpreter and as Access Services Coordinator, and 3 years as the Box Office and Accessibility Manager at the Oregon Cabaret Theatre. She is Co-Founder and Board Secretary/Co-Treasurer of the Southern Oregon Consortium for Accessibility in the Arts (SOCAA), and serves on the Program Committee for the Kennedy Center LEAD Conference. As a life-long theatergoer, Julie is working to ensure arts environments are accessible to working professionals and to patrons.

## APRIL 3RD MEETING

5:30 Social, 6:00 Program

Sun Oaks Club House



The Housing Authority of Jackson County (HAJC), is a leader in the Southern Oregon Community, providing affordable housing options to Rogue Valley residents. HAJC's mission is to provide, develop, and preserve decent, safe and affordable housing to families and individuals while promoting efforts toward self-sufficiency. Over the past twenty years, the agency has grown to be the largest developer, owner and operator of multi-family rental housing in Southern Oregon, and today provides housing stability for more than 4,000 Jackson County Households.

**Jason Elzy**, Executive Director, will present a high level overview of the Housing Authority of Jackson County, the role it serves in the community, and its initiatives underway now and into the future.

## GENERAL MEETING RECAPS

### JANUARY 4TH GENERAL MEETING Guest speaker **Amber Myre**, CEO, Living Opportunities

Pat Stoddard introduced Amber Myre, CEO of Living Opportunities (LO) at the January 4th meeting. Living Opportunities is a non-profit organization that provides advocacy services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

LO began in 1974; celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024. Its 4 focuses are "live, work, create, and learn." LO began with one home supporting 15 individuals. Lithia Place in Medford—a 24-hour residential facility—was added in 2006 and supports 80 people and 40 staff. Another service LO provides is The Studio in Rogue Valley Mall, which offers art, music, and drama classes and other events. LO also provides employment services and assists clients with the employment process.

Community business partners support LO's work. Funding includes Medicare/Medicaid, grants, and fundraising events. LO currently supports 180 adults and 200-300 families each year. 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.

A question-and-answer period followed Amber's presentation.



### FEBRUARY 1ST GENERAL MEETING

Guest speaker **Kari May**

Executive Director, Jackson County Public Libraries



With 25 years of experience working in libraries in Colorado, Utah, and Oregon, Kari May believes that libraries have a vital role to play in a community's vibrancy. 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.

Last year: circulated 1 ¼ million books, 500,000 digital offerings. 684,000+ individuals physically visited the libraries. 70,000 accessed the libraries for computer usage. The system is now almost back up to pre-pandemic levels.

Library funding is provided primarily (about 95%) from property taxes. Federal funding and library foundation fund-raising are also utilized.

She provided handouts for distribution to those members who were interested: event guide, general brochure, stickers, and sign-in sheet for monthly newsletters.

Ms. May stated her intention was to get us to think, "I didn't know the library did that!" The system was started in 1919-1920 and currently has 15 branches. Libraries were closed for 6 months in 2007 due to budgetary limitations and reopened with limited hours until voters approved a Special Library District in 2014. All libraries are now open with expanded hours, though Kari noted that it has been a "rocky road" with the pandemic and local fires.

The mission of the Jackson County Library District is to connect everyone to information, ideas, and each other. A Q&A period followed Kari's informational and interesting presentation.

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

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

"Age is something that doesn't matter, unless you are cheese." Luis Bunuel



### **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 TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH for the MAY/JUNE 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.)**

## PHANTOM TEA PARTY



Please continue to send in your contributions to the Phantom Tea Party. (Detailed instructions are on the back of the invitation.) MUWCF members get excited when they see the brightly colored envelopes arrive as we know your donation will increase the number of scholarships we can award.



Thank you,

MUWCF Board members.

(Contact Pat Stoddard or Marlene Olson for information.)

## MUWCF Report

(Medford University Women 's Charitable Fund)

### What's an RMD?

Recently our branch received a generous donation from a friend of a branch member. This gift may have been a donation from a TRUST or in the form of a required minimum distribution (RMD).

For those not familiar with RMD's, when we reach approximately age 73 (depends the year you were born) we must withdraw every year from those retirement savings accounts and the amount is taxed fully under Ordinary Income. However, you can request a distribution for a charity (as MUWCF) and that money is not taxable to the charity and you pay no ordinary income tax on the withdrawal from your IRAs or employer-sponsored plans. You do not list it as a deduction on your tax return. The method is the most tax advantaged way to use the money saved over the years.

When the RMD time arrives for you, charitable giving is an excellent way to avoid unnecessary taxes and benefit a worthwhile organization of your choosing.

Marlene Olson, MUWCF

\*Info – NOT tax advice: Seek professional Tax Advice.

Mary Wright Gillespie, Funds Chair

Our branch gave to national AAUW in 2024 a total of **\$6,298.50**. This includes the \$1,336.50 that came from our Fundraiser. That is a great record and a special thanks to all who gave individually. We are keeping our donations at a good level.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## GET READY TO BE SWEEPED AWAY!

Our next big Camelot Theatre 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.)

## IN MEMORY

**Charlotte Sue Sylvester** was born on October 10, 1948, in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and passed on February 4, 2025, in Medford, Oregon. For those of you who knew Charlotte - she was a special soul with a very kind heart and a "can-do" spirit.

Charlotte joined AAUW in July of 1973, and we all honored her in 2023 at our September General Meeting with a 50 year Honorary Member Certificate. Charlotte was an active member for all but the last few years. She served as Interest Groups VP for 2 years; Membership VP for 3 years; the Chair for various groups - Needlecraft (3 years), Gourmet Cooking Skills, Tennis Chair, The Great Outdoors, Dealing With Stress, and the Christmas Lunch Meeting. In 1981-1982, Charlotte was given the Named Gift Honoree Award. Her longer AAUW commitments included being in charge of Meeting Set-up for 10 years, organizing ticket sales for various fund raisers; and being a part of the core group who made the Garden Tour hugely successful. Charlotte's longest contribution to our Medford Branch was being our Yearbook and Directory Chair for 30 years. Wow! One could always count on Charlotte!

She also had a full life outside of AAUW. Charlotte was one of 5 children. Her older sister and brother have passed, but she is survived by her twin brother, Charles Sylvester of Baton Rouge, LA, and their youngest brother, Marcus Sylvester of Atlanta, GA. Since Charlotte's Mother was one of 7 children, Charlotte and her siblings grew up with LOTS of cousins, aunts and uncles.

In 1969, Charlotte earned her BA and Teaching Credential from McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana. She had met Ed at the Methodist Church in Lake Charles and they married in July of 1970. Ed was serving our nation in the Navy at the time, and their first move as a Navy couple was to Key West, Florida. It was a short stint as they moved back to Lake Charles in July, 1971. After Ed's tour of duty was completed - they moved to Medford in the winter of 1972 where Ed started his career in Forestry at the Bureau of Land Management and they reared their two sons, Edward and Steve. In Medford, Charlotte was a teacher for "home bound" students (they were not able to attend regular school due to illness, discipline issues or pregnancy). She also became very involved in the United Methodist Church, lending her hands to countless projects. She was a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer, and served on their Board of Directors. Her hobbies were yard work, flowers and sewing. The latter was especially appreciated by family, friends, friends of friends and actually the entire community; because Charlotte would sew the softest baby blankets for anyone who asked her. If she and Ed were out having a meal in a restaurant, and the waitress was pregnant - Charlotte would make a blanket for her baby-to-be, too!

Charlotte is survived by her husband of 54 years; her brothers as mentioned above; son, Edward and his wife Beth; son, Steve and his wife, Anna and their 2 daughters.

A memorial service in her honor will be planned at a later date.

Charlotte will be greatly missed by all.



**BECOME A MEMBER OF MERCY FLIGHTS!**

**IT'S TIME TO RENEW or JOIN THE MEDFORD AAUW GROUP.**

**CONTACT SANDY HEATH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR YEARLY GROUP RATE: \$75.00.**

**YOUR CHECK OR CREDIT CARD IS NEEDED BY MARCH 5TH.**

**TEXT OR CALL (503) 701-2644**



**MERCY FLIGHTS**

**TAX DEDUCTIBLE — AAUW MEMBERSHIP NOT REQUIRED**

# 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.

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.
  - Museum and Preschool Grounds Care - Pull weeds, pick up sticks, trim plants. This position is partly seasonal - check with the volunteer coordinator on current needs.
- \*Museum Program Positions require a commitment of at least 1 hour per week. 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).

### 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](mailto:kristi@tcmsso.org) or 541-772.9922

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

- Acorns
- Magnets - all sizes and types
- Mardi gras beads
- Kids' underwear & socks (new, sizes 3T, 4T, 5T)
- Wooden tree cookies of all sizes
- 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](mailto: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](http://osfashland.org/volunteer)*

*For questions, email [osfvolunteers@osfashland.org](mailto:osfvolunteers@osfashland.org).*

"Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud."  
Maya Angelou

# New Member Spotlight!

*Welcome NEW MEMBERS!!*

*Please welcome new members to our Branch!*

**Leslie Claassen**, (541) 414-7209  
*lclaassen333@gmail.com (joined Jan. 4th)*

**Kit McCotter**, (541) 535-6201  
*kitmccotter@gmail.com (joined Jan. 4th)*

**Ruth Dowden**, (541)-499-0976  
*ruth\_dowden@yahoo.com (joined Jan. 10th)*

**Shelly Rue**, (408) 607-1224  
*shelrue@gmail.com (joined Jan. 29th)*

**Marcia Gabriel**, (360) 798-8692  
*gaicram64@hotmail.com (joined Feb. 1st)*

**Linda West**, (808) 987-5748  
*lindawest63@gmail.com (joined Feb. 1st)*



"Memories are everyone's second chance at happiness."

Queen Elizabeth



- 9th Emily Hoque**
- 13th Sue Thornburg**
- 17th Michele Rue**
- 19th Teri Moser**
- 20th Sandy Heath**
- 31st Joan Avery**

Zodiac signs -- Pisces & Aries  
 Flowers -- Daffodil & Jonquil  
 Birthstone -- Aquamarine & Bloodstone

#### HOLIDAYS

- 7th Employee Appreciation Day
- 8th Int'l Women's Day
- 9th Daylight Saving Time
- 14th Nat'l Pi Day
- 17th St. Patrick's Day
- 20th 1st Day of Spring



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

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

#### HOLIDAYS

- 1st April Fool's Day
- 2nd Autism Awareness Day
- 5th Nat'l Deep Dish Pizza Day
- 12th 1st Night of Passover
- 15th Tax Day
- 20th Easter
- 22nd Earth Day
- 25th Nat'l Arbor Day

*Reach for the Stars*



# AAUW of Oregon

2025 Conference  
&  
100th Annual Meeting

April 25-26, 2025

## Join us in Lebanon, Oregon

Our special keynote presentation is definitely out of this world!!!

You will meet **NASA astrophysicist, Charity Woodrum!**

Saturday, we'll view the award winning documentary film [Space, Hope and Charity](#), following Charity's remarkable journey through poverty (in Canyonville, OR) and much tragedy as she chased her dream of becoming a NASA astrophysicist. screening will be followed by Q&A with Charity and **filmmaker Sandy Cummings**.



Friday afternoon options include **tours** of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the PNW, the second medical school in Oregon, and the Kurisu Gardens, designed by world-renowned Japanese landscape designer. The evening keynote speaker is artist **Betty LaDuke**, followed by dinner and the readers theater production "**AAUW of Oregon Centennial History: 100 Years of Progress for Women's Rights**" written by Salem's Gloria Holland and performed by Salem Branch members.



Saturday morning is the **100th annual meeting of AAUW of Oregon**. Plus, it is our first in-person annual business meeting where all attendees can vote instead of just branch delegates.

Saturday afternoon we'll have an Oregon legislative update from State Senator Deb Patterson (District 10), followed by two sessions of concurrent breakouts. Saturday night, we'll cap off our celebration weekend by honoring our Breaking Barrier Achievement Award recipients and 2024 Funds donors and honorees.

Watch for more complete information and registration access very soon. If you want to reserve your hotel room first for \$149.99 + taxes, call the Boulder Falls Inn at 541-451-1000, and say "AAUW 2025 Annual Meeting" to get this special rate by March 24, 2025.



## Out and About!

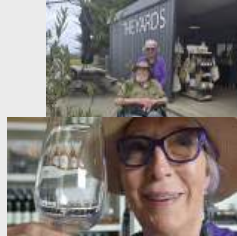
Wine & Whine group met in January at Paschal Winery & Vineyard. Fun for all!



January's Bunco, hosted by Connie Smith



Paulette Avery's grandchildren visiting in January.



Lisa and Mike Hughes on their Australia/New Zealand adventure.

Have you recently traveled, or will be traveling to foreign or domestic lands during 2025? Will you be hiking through the Rockies Mountains, fishing in Alaska, cruising the Suez Canal or strolling the cobblestone streets on Europe? If the answer is yes, let us travel with you, metaphorically speaking, of course. Send us your itinerary and we will use our imaginations to explore the world with you. We won't include names in case your travel doesn't work out, but when you return, share your experiences & pictures with us.

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



Ciao!



### April 12th, Rogue Valley YMCA Fun Run / Walk

Medford YMCA is excited to announce that registration is now open for the Pear Blossom Run, our YMCA's largest fundraiser, taking place on **Saturday, April 12th!** This annual event features something for everyone, with options for a **Mayor's Cup Fun Run / Walk, 5K, and 10 Mile** race.

Registration is \$15 and includes a t-shirt!

Register online: [rvymca.org](http://rvymca.org) by **March 12**

### Oregon Lobby Days 2025 - Save the Dates! by AAUW of Oregon Public Policy Committee

Get ready to advance legislation that makes a difference! This spring the AAUW Oregon 2025 Lobby Days event will be held over the week of **March 17-21** with in-person and virtual meetings over Zoom. We encourage all AAUW of Oregon members to participate in this opportunity for advocacy that is essential to achieve our legislative priorities!

Starting in January, the Public Policy Legislative Reporter Committee began evaluating new bills introduced in the state legislature which are aligned with the following:

- The two specific areas, **Education** and **Healthcare**, recently chosen by AAUW of Oregon members,
- The AAUW **Public Policy Priorities**, as seen at the bottom of this letter, and
- We will also be following the progress of HB 3187 Anti-Age Discrimination Bill on which we collected petitions earlier in favor of the bill.

Training materials on the selected bills will be posted on the state website and a **mandatory** training meeting will be held on March 13th at 7 pm.

**A registration form will arrive in your inbox in early February 2025. Please be sure to complete and return the form so that you get necessary updates about Lobby Days, including your team and meeting details.**

# 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 group is working on changing our meeting night. The topic for March is Theater Drama and Carole Chumblor has prepared the bibliography for us. We still meet by **zoom at 7:00 pm** and the new date is the **second Tuesday of the month**. In March we will meet on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Contact is **Mary Wright Gillespie**.



### AAUW MORNING BOOK GROUP

The morning book club meets in the **Chetco Room at the Rogue Valley Manor at 10:00 am**.

**Mar. 3: In the Blood.** Leader: Janice Williams.

Our book is non-fiction, about a deadly problem: soldiers from 1993 on were dying from blood loss before they could get to an operating table. Quik Clot was developed, cheap, and easy to use in the field. This book details the greed, corruption & power in the Army fight against Quik Clot.

**April 4: Crow Mary.** Leader: Anne Pelish. From a Goodreads review: "saga inspired by the true story of Crow Mary—an indigenous woman torn between two worlds in 19th-century North America."



Contact Betty Wolfe,  
[betty\\_wo44@yahoo.com](mailto:betty_wo44@yahoo.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**.

Pat Stoddard will host on Friday, March 14,

Jackie Baker will host on Friday, April 11th.

Contact Sandi Cameron for more information:  
[sandicameron@gmail.com](mailto: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 meets the **2nd Saturday of each month**. We meet at **9:30 am at the Chetco Room in the Plaza building at the Rogue Valley Manor**.

Contact **Pat Dege** (831-392-6845) for information and questions.



### HAPPY BOOKERS!

Happy Bookers meets on the third Wednesday of each month at **2 pm**. A reminder email will be sent out approximately one week before the meeting and will identify the location of our gathering. Our next meeting will be **Weds., March 19th**, followed by one on **Weds., April 16th**.

We welcome new members to our friendly group! If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact group leaders:

Robin Smith  
[Robjag@hotmail.com](mailto:Robjag@hotmail.com)  
541.646.5724 (text)  
Or  
Monica Weyhe  
[icaw655@gmail.com](mailto: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.



Q: Why do leprechauns hate running?

Q: They'd rather Jig than Jog!



# Interest Groups/ACT\*

## BUNCO GROUP

Happy St. Pat's Day! 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". Please RSVP Ellen Jones, emjones57@gmail.com  
March's Bunco will be hosted by Lucinda Olson.



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 Monday, March 11th at Tap n Vine at noon. April 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.



## JOIN A NEW INTEREST GROUP!

### Fourth Friday Coffee & Convo --

Do you enjoy a hot cup 'o' joe, or tea, and lively conversation with friends? Then please join us on the fourth Friday of the month from 10:00 - 11:30ish.

A different establishment will be chosen each month. You'll receive an email telling you where we'll meet & to please RSVP so we can let them know how many to expect.

If you're interested, please email Ellen Jones, emjones57@gmail.com or Sandy Heath, sgheath2@outlook.com.

\*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:

March 20 — Rellik Winery  
April 17 — Dunbar Farms

## DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough)

Good friends, laughter and wine enhance the experience. We met at a different restaurant on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm.

(ON HOLD — A GROUP LEADER IS NEEDED — CONTACT KATHY SWARTS, 541-821-7165)

## OUT & ABOUT



Let us know of your events that include AAUW members!

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

Our Website is [medford-or.aauw.net](http://medford-or.aauw.net)



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](http://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](mailto: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...

I'm always here!

I'M YOUR LOCAL AAUW  
WEBSITE: [medford-or.aauw.net](http://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)

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

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