

## OUR MISSION:

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

### President's Message

Greetings, all!

Spring has sprung, the grass has riz—and I know where the flowers is. It's so much fun seeing all the bulb flowers come up!

I'm looking forward to our **"Spring Buffet" on May 4**, and hope to see you there. Kathy Swarts and her committee always do a lovely job! We will be installing our new officers, **Deb Radcliffe** and me as co-presidents for a one year term, and **Marilyn Stein** as Finance VP and **Sandi Cameron** as Program VP, which are both two-year terms. (more info on page 2)

As President, I receive AAUW's annual report. (If anyone wants to see it, let me know. I'm happy to share.) Some of the things that I found interesting are that AAUW is the oldest non-institutional major funder of graduate women's education, providing \$146 million to over 14,000 women in 152 countries since 1888. It's diverse (75% has gone to women of color), global (international fellows come from 43 countries), and local. 45% of the awards support individuals and projects focused on STEM. It's a good reminder that the work we do is important.

AAUW has offered NCCWSL (The National Conference of College Women Student Leaders) for 39 years. Nearly 500 women from more than 125 institutions came together in 2024, engaging in a variety of sessions focusing on leadership development, professional growth, activism, and discussions on pressing women's issues. The attendees had a chance to network with peers and mentors, and to hear from renowned speakers. Half of the students received an AAUW National Scholarship or direct support from branches across the country (including Medford, which gave one scholarship). In 2025, it moved to NASPA, an organization for student affairs administrators in higher education, although AAUW will still be there and will continue to support students (see page 8 for more info.)

We have earned a 4 Star Charity Navigator Rating and a Platinum Transparency Seal from Candid in 2024, recognizing AAUW's commitment to transparency and impact.

AAUW is working to raise awareness of the ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) and have it recognized as the 28<sup>th</sup> Amendment, believing that it has met all the constitutional requirements for ratification.

**Claudia Gray**, who is the AAUW of Oregon Funds Chair, also sent out information. Of AAUW's 33,000 members, only 17% donate to AAUW. In Oregon, 31% of our members donate and 93% donate to the Greatest Needs Fund. Mary Wright Gillespie has more information about donations and two new funds on page 4. She also reminded us that our dues are now 100% tax deductible.

**Katie DuPraw** is willing to take on the role of Public Policy Chair. Thank you, Katie! I'm looking forward to being more informed about what we might be able to do to affect public policy, both here in Oregon, and nationally.



Lisa Hughes, President

(lhlistastitch@gmail.com)

IT'S TIME TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION!



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SPRING BUFFET



## GENERAL MEETINGS

### AAUW Medford Branch General Meeting Schedule

**Sunday, May 4**  
**SPRING BUFFET**  
**4:00-6:30**

Sun Oaks Club House  
(2485 Sun Oaks Drive)

**Saturday, June 7**  
**9:30 am** Social, **10:00 am** Program.  
Rogue Credit Union, 1330 Poplar Dr.  
(Corner of McAndrews & Poplar)  
Guest Speaker **Toni Wallick**, Homeshare Oregon

*(Sandi Cameron, the incoming V-P for Programs and her Program Committee members are busy lining up excellent speakers for our 2025-2026 General Meetings. The schedule will be announced in the September/October Musings)*

**IT'S TIME TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION!**

### SPRING BUFFET

Members are invited to the Annual AAUW Spring Buffet, on **Sunday, May 4th**, from 4-6:30pm, at the Sun Oaks Clubhouse, 2485 Sun Oaks Drive, Medford.

This will also be our time for **installation of new officers**. In addition, **Meri Walker** will give a short presentation about her multi-media class. (Please see her bio on page 5.)

A menu of plated meats, cheeses, four salads, and a variety of breads will be served. Beverages will include prosecco, red and white wines, coffee, and tea. Desserts will include cakes and cheesecake with strawberries.

Please call/text **Carol Koszyk or Kathy Swarts** to reserve your space. The cost for the event will be **\$10.00**, which can be paid at the door.



### Homeshare Oregon

Sat., June 7,  
Rogue Credit Union, 9:30 social, 10:00 program

Toni Wallick has been working with the homeless since 2016 mostly at the Housing Authority of Jackson County. She has also worked at Head Start, Family Nurturing Center and RV Council of Governments with the elderly. She has been a board member since the beginning 4 years ago.

The program started as a way to put some of the 1.5 million empty bedrooms in Oregon to use and help with loneliness. It has evolved now into being more women centered since 70% of our participants are women. We have home providers in most Oregon counties and want to work with organizations to spread the word that we are a viable alternative to preventing access. In addition, we are working to stabilize access to affordable housing.

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

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

## GENERAL MEETING RECAPS



### MARCH 1ST MEETING, Rogue Community Credit Union

Southern Oregon Consortium for Accessibility in the Arts (SOCAA) was founded in 2024. 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 to support arts organizations.

SOCCA's website, [www.socaa.net](http://www.socaa.net), has a calendar of all their activities. How to help: donate, volunteer, provide housing or transportation for out-of-town providers, or space for workshops or meetings.



### APRIL 3RD MEETING, Sun Oaks Club House

**Jason Elzy**, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Jackson County (HAJC), presented 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.

The 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.

## 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 **FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH** for the **SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER** issue.

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

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

**MUWCF REPORT**  
(Medford University Women Charitable Fund)

**2025 Phantom Tea Party / Scholarships!**

The MUWCF Board is delighted to report that the 2025 Phantom Tea Party brought in \$14,765 to provide scholarships for women in southern Oregon. In addition, AAUW members donated \$1,800 to AAUW Funds to support women throughout the United States in their graduate studies.



From the donations and MUWCF funds, we voted to award four \$2,700 scholarships to Rogue Community College, three \$2,700 scholarships to Southern Oregon University, and one \$960 scholarship to ACADEMY.

ACADEMY, a week-long camp for academically talented students completing grades 5-8, will be scheduled in June on the SOU campus. This will be the 44<sup>th</sup> year that ACADEMY has provided this residential camp to students in the Pacific Northwest. Two of the MUWCF Board members shared how their children had benefitted from this camp. The \$960 tuition includes housing and meals with outstanding programs and activities.

This outreach could only be done by the strong support of our branch members. **THANK YOU!**

Marlene Olson, MUWCF Vice-President

**AAUW Funds**

The branch's contributions to National for this year, 2025, are to date, \$2150. Our total giving for last year, 2024, was \$6,298.50. Last year over 6 million dollars funded 277 Fellows. At the present time the Greatest Needs Fund currently covers communications, public policy, program development, and operating costs. Many of the Funds that we specially supported have reached their goals. In light of that we have two new funds to support. They are: #4513 Defend Higher Education and #4337 Public Policy. When you contribute to AAUW Funds you can designate a specific fund. And I checked with Claudia Gray, our State Funds chair, and now our total dues amount is deductible on our taxes.

Mary Wright Gillespie

AAUW Funds Chair



**GET READY TO BE SWEEPED AWAY!**

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

***Spotlight on Tony Bennett***

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

Mary Wright Gillespie will bring tickets to the June meeting to sell for the Tony Bennett event. They will be the same price as last year, **\$35**. Twenty dollars of it is a donation through MUWCF for AAUW Funds.

**(SEE PAGE 8 FOR INFORMATION ON THE WINE RAFFLE!)**





## DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY LUNCHEON

We were so pleased to have a full AAUW members table at this celebratory luncheon on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Rogue Valley Country Club, represented by 2 of our branches. Thank you



to Ellen, Peg, Lisa, Mary G., Marlene, Karen Spence (AAUW Ashland), Betty and Monica (see photo) for supporting this important program!

Why, you might ask? The Dolly Parton Imagination Library embodies our mission of education and equal opportunities by becoming ready for that first day of kindergarten and being successful in school. Monica Weyhe hosted the table as this was not officially sponsored by AAUW or our branch; sponsors were United Rotary Clubs of Southern Oregon and Jackson County Library Foundation (JCLF), with Phil Meyers, CEO of Southern Oregon PBS as MC and one of our former presenters. Kari May, library system director, introduced this program to us as our February presenter.

This luncheon was the celebration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIL) in Jackson County, and it is growing quickly. Dolly Parton launched this program in 1995 to benefit the children of her home county in East Tennessee to ensure that every child would have books, regardless of their family's income.

DPIL is a book gifting program that mails free books to children every month from birth to age five in participating communities, now including Jackson County, and including 2 million children nationwide and in other countries, e.g. Canada, the UK and Australia. Each participating child receives a book every month by mail, addressed specifically to them. Much brain development occurs in early childhood, and studies have found that if we can support development during these years, it is a predictor of success in school which creates the potential for significant benefits for our children and our community.

Rotary and JCLF and its libraries, as Local affiliates or sponsors, are responsible for enrolling children in their geographical area and securing funds to cover the wholesale costs of these quality books and mailing, about \$5 per child per month. You can help make an impact by donating financially or volunteering your time, like your AAUW sisters did.

**Meri Aaron Walker** is a fire-forged artist, writer, and lifelong communication researcher whose work spans five decades of reporting, visual storytelling, digital imaging, teaching, coaching, and organizational development. She's been the grateful recipient of well over 100 grants and professional awards and her artwork has been included in museums and public and private collections across North America and Europe. A lifelong writer, photographer and printmaker, Meri lost her home and studio in Talent to the 2020 Alameda wildfire. Recovering from the trauma, she recently decided to teach other senior adults her method for making and publishing short, personal narratives as multimedia EBooks.

Her current passion is focused on supporting elders' creation of modern, soulful EBooks that can preserve and pass on their lived wisdom while also sparking intergenerational conversation that strengthens connections between friends and family in a world drowning in noise.

These days, Meri lives and works in Phoenix where she's continuing to make her own mobile digital art, write, teach and publish her own multimedia EBooks. She finds great joy stoking the fires of other elders' storytelling using their own photographs and a few well-chosen words.

Meri will join us at our May 4th Spring Buffet.



## *New Member Spotlight!*

### **Terri Nabozny**

I grew up in Silicon Valley back in a time when it was more cherry and prune orchards than technology companies. After graduating from Santa Clara High School I went to work in an office of a manufacturing company and to College part time. After doing this for many years, and wanting to complete my college education sooner rather than later, I left the Bay Area in the late 80s and moved to East Texas, where my Mother and Grandmother lived. There I was able to complete a Bachelors Degree in Business. Soon after graduating I started to work in an office in a manufacturing company. And I hated it! My Grandmother, who had been an LVN, encouraged me to return to school to become a Registered Nurse. So, I did and I graduated with a Bachelors in Nursing in 1995.

I moved from East TX to the DFW area and worked as a Registered Nurse for about ten years. During this time, I thought it would be a good idea to return to College part time to get a Masters in Nursing. And after almost 5 years of working full time and going to school part time, I graduated with a Masters in Nursing as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. From there I worked in a Cardiology Clinic as an NP for fourteen years. I retired from the University of Texas Southwestern (UTSW) in Dallas in 2023 and moved to Southern Oregon shortly thereafter. I loved being a Nurse and truly miss caring for patients and their families.

I had been visiting the Rogue Valley since 2008 as my Father had moved here the year before. I always enjoyed my time visiting here as the valley is beautiful and I was needing a change of scenery from Texas, so it was an easy choice on where to retire. My sister Nancy, me, and 2 dogs drove from Texas to Oregon in June of 2023 and have never looked back. Well...Nancy did go back and get her cat, but I'll let her tell you that story.

I have rescued or taken in many dogs and cats over the years and love having animals in my life and home. My dog Haley is 15 years old and is a Lab mix and is the sweetest, best girl ever. My other dog Zoe is 11 years old and is a Corgi mix. She is quite a handful but is also very sweet and loving, when she's not chasing the cat!

In addition to spending time with family, I am a member and a volunteer at the First United Methodist Church in Medford and also attend classes at OLLI in Ashland. I enjoy walking in my neighborhood and hiking one of the many local trails, weather permitting. Spending time with friends at one of the many beautiful local wineries or seeing plays at OSF or other local theaters is also a favorite. I also enjoy travelling and will be taking a Rhine River cruise in May with Nancy. Finally, I enjoy being a member of AAUW Medford and getting to know such a great group of women.

### **Nancy Nabozny**

I was born and raised in California, and graduated from Santa Clara High School. While attending West Valley Junior College and San Jose State University, I worked as a reception/ clerical staff for several start-up companies. After doing this for years, and wanting to complete my degree, I moved to Longview, Texas, where my Mother and Grandmother lived. While living in East Texas, I completed my degree in Business from The University of Texas at Tyler (UTT). I then moved to Long Island, New York to be the office manager of an optics company. I worked for 18 months in New York before realizing I missed my family and hated my job. I moved back to Texas, and completed my degree in Education from UTT.

I moved from Longview to Arlington, Texas (DFW Metroplex) and worked for Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD) for 28 years. At FWISD, I was a teacher and vice principal at 2 different middle schools and worked in the administration offices for the last 6 years of my career. I retired in 2023 and moved to Central Point, Oregon in July of 2023 with my cat Sydney.

I enjoy traveling, photography, and spending time with family and friends. I am also quite busy taking classes at OLLI, Rogue X, Central Point Parks and Rec, and volunteering at my church First United Methodist Church, Medford. My future plans included several plays at OSF, a few concerts at the BRIT, and a 10-day Rhine River Cruise in late May.



*Welcome our NEW MEMBER!!*

Virginia Hodgson (joined April 3, 2025)  
951-378-7043      vhodgson2@verizon.net

*Please welcome Virginia to our Branch!*

**Join our new Interest Groups !**

**"Fourth Friday Coffee & Convoos"**

and

**'Out & About' at the Cabaret Theatre**

**(For more info, see Page 11)**



# VOLUNTEER!

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS



Make a difference at the organizations below

AARP Tax Aide  
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Asante  
Britt Music & Arts Festival  
Camelot Theatre  
City of Shady Cove  
Collier Center for the Performing Arts  
Consumer Credit Counseling Service  
Friends of the Medford Library  
Habitat for Humanity  
HOPE Equestrian Center  
Jacksonville Senior Thrift Store  
Medford Police Department  
Rogue Retreat  
Food and Friends  
SMART Reading  
St Vincent de Paul  
Teresa McCormick Assistance Center  
Travel Medford  
United Way of Jackson County  
VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center

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## Happy Birthday



**7th Betty Wolfe**  
**11th Leslie Claassen**  
**13th Susan Bash**  
**15th Liz Andersen**

Zodiac signs -- Taurus & Gemini  
Flowers -- Lily of the Valley & Hawthorn  
Birthstone -- Emerald

### HOLIDAYS

1st May Day      5th Cinco de Mayo  
11th Mother's Day      17th Armed Forces Day  
26th Memorial Day

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



Zodiac signs -- Gemini & Cancer  
Flowers -- Rose & Honeysuckle  
Birthstone -- Pearl, Alexandrite & Moonstone

### HOLIDAYS

5th World Environment Day      14th Flag Day  
15th Father's Day      19th Juneteenth  
20th Summer Solstice      25th Global Beatles Day



**13th Olena Black**  
**23rd Nancy Gerhard**  
**24th Cecilia Thorp**  
**30th Carol Bogedain**  
**30th Dee Wittenberg**

Zodiac signs -- Cancer & Leo  
Flowers -- Larkspur & Water Lily  
Birthstone -- Ruby

### HOLIDAYS

4th Independence Day      17th World Emoji Day

**8th Jackie Baker**  
**11th Sandi Cameron**  
**21st Marilyn Stein**



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

### HOLIDAYS

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

## NCCWSL UPDATE by Monica Weyhe

As you've recently read, the NCCWSL (The National Conference of College Women Student Leaders) leadership training program has been transferred from National AAUW to NASPA, an organization of Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. AAUW Medford funded one student last year, but the new short timeframe did not work to be able to do so this year through either our branch or MUWCF. However, the good news is that AAUW Oregon included funding for scholarships to send 3 students to this training in Washington, DC, from May 28-30; Salem is funding 2, Hillsboro/Forest Grove will award 1 to a Pacific U student and Gresham will send 2 from Mt. Hood CC, making it 8 attendees from Oregon.

Past recipients have been extremely appreciative of this leadership training and what it means for their future success, with all of them intending to share the strategies learned with others too. Monica is on the state NCCWSL committee and helped select and now pay for the students' costs for travel and training. One of the state recipients is a senior at SOU majoring in healthcare administration and nursing, so she is from our AAUW South District. Medford Branch and MUWCF will explore possible funding from us next year.

## Oregon News

There have been many questions about how we can engage in events protesting decisions and actions taken on a national governmental level while retaining a non-partisan stance. (Thanks to Diana Ricks for sharing the following information.) Here is an article written and shared with AAUW of Indiana members:

*"AAUW is non-partisan, but we are **not** non-political. We stand for equity for women and girls which includes education and economic security for women. We know that some of our branches and individual members plan to participate in one of the many Saturday's Hands Off! National Day of Action gatherings alongside our friends in LWV and other groups. We want to send this note of encouragement but also remind you that if you are going as an AAUW member or branch to keep signs (comments to the press, etc.) AAUW priorities related. As a non-partisan organization, any sign/communication indicating AAUW must not have comments pro or con about a politician or political party, but must deal with issues only. Use our Public Policy Priorities for messaging, conveying what our organization supports. For example, instead of messaging "AAUW says Deport Musk", you might say "AAUW Supports Public Education". Of course, many of us may be going as individuals, not as representatives of AAUW and can say or demonstrate however we choose! **Thank you** for your advocacy and membership in AAUW!"*

### Third Annual Wine Raffle! More Winners, More Prizes!

Once again we're gathering your quality wine donations for the October 1st benefit at the Camelot Theatre.

Proceeds from the raffle go toward our local scholarships.

Please bring your wine donations to our May 4th and June 7th Meetings.

Contact Ellen Jones or Vikki Piper for more information.





## Out and About!

Sandy & Danen Heath in Kauai on vacation!



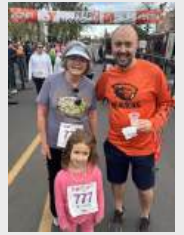
Full moon over southern Kauai! (There is an upside to insomnia)



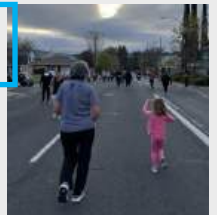
Members at a free speech, "Hands Off" rally in Medford.



Pat Stoddard, her son, Phil and 6 year old granddaughter, Rosemary at the Pear Blossum 5k.



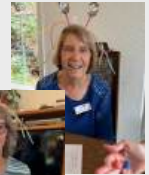
Pat trying to catch up with Rosemary!



Ellen Jones supervises husband Tom during insulation project. "Tom will be in the attic above the garage with the hose while I stand in the back of the truck dumping bales of insulation into the hopper. Such fun!"



3 of the Bunco queens at the April get-together, Mary Fowler, Paulette Avery, Robin Smith Fun for all!



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!



New Interest group! 4th Friday Coffee & Convo—March get-together



**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!**

### MEDFORD AAUW INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITY!! STE(A)M Director\*

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 other AAUW 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.

**An Appointed, Voting Officer on the Medford AAUW Board**

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

\*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.

# 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!

Tuesday, May 13, will be the date for the next meeting. Judie Salter has prepared a reading list of mysteries that has "lies" in the title. The meeting is on zoom at 7:00 pm. Happy reading.

Mary Wright Gillespie, contact for Murder Most.



### AAUW MORNING BOOK GROUP

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



**May 5:** Dinners with Ruth by Nina Tottenburg. (The Ruth is R. Ginsberg.) Leader: Jackie Baker

**June 2:** Dark Star Safari: Overland From Cairo to Cape Town by Paul Theroux. Leader: Mary Gillespie

**Please send your book suggestions for next season to Betty Wolfe** (betty\_wo44@yahoo.com). We must vote on them at the June 2 meeting. Contact Betty Wolfe with any questions.

*The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The realist adjust her sails.*

### 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**.

Sandi Camerson will host on Friday, May 9th,

Marilyn Stein will host on Friday, June 13th.

(No meetings in July or August — too hot for yarn!)

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 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, usually at 2 pm. We will meet on May 21. However, in June we will be having our end of year book selection and potluck on June 18. For this special event, our gathering will begin at 11:30 am. Details regarding the submittal of proposed titles, as well as location, will be provided in a separate email in early June. Please start to consider books that you'd like to propose for inclusion in our 2025-2026 reading list. We've had a lot of good reads this year and anticipate great suggestions from which to choose for next year.

If you have any questions, please contact group leaders:

Robin Smith  
Robjag@hotmail.com  
541.646.5724 (text)  
Or  
Monica Weyhe  
Monicaw655@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.



### Advice from a Sea Turtle...

Swim with the current  
Be a good navigator  
Stay calm under pressure  
Be well traveled  
Think long term  
Age gracefully  
Spend time at the beach!

Myadviceforlife.com



# Interest Groups/ACT\*

## BUNCO GROUP

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](mailto:emjones57@gmail.com)

May's Bunco will be hosted by Sandi Cameron, Monday, **May 5th**.

Robin Smith will host Bunco on June 2nd.

Email Ellen Jones ([emjones57@gmail.com](mailto:emjones57@gmail.com)) 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! The group meets the second Monday of the month. Call or text Kathy Swarts at **541-821-7165**.

Our next date for lunch is Monday, **May 12th** at noon, at Kaleidoscope Pizza.

After our June lunch (TBD), we'll take summer break.

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



## 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. No RSVP is needed, just show up!

If you're interested, please email **Ellen Jones, [emjones57@gmail.com](mailto:emjones57@gmail.com) or Sandy Heath, [sgheath2@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto: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:

May 15 — Daisy Creek

June 19 — Dos Mariposa

August 21 — Belle Fiore

## OUT & ABOUT

### "Disaster" at the Cabaret , July 24th

AAUW member Patty Herkert is again organizing an AAUW group to go to the Oregon Cabaret Theater as to a matinee for Thursday, July 24th. The show is **"Disaster"**, a 1970's Musical Comedy as the ship the revelers are on becomes subject to a tidal wave and an earthquake and everyone struggles to survive. The comedy is high and the songs are familiar: "I Will Survive" and "I Am Woman". It promises to be an afternoon of fun on the high seas.



Our group rate tickets are discounted at **\$41.50** and we pay for our dining and beverages ourselves. Patty will make our deposit to Cabaret on our behalf. We need a minimum of 12 to keep the group rate. If you would like to join us, contact Patty Herkert, at her [email: pattyherkert@gmail.com](mailto:pattyherkert@gmail.com) or her phone number: 503-810-7599. Hope to hear from you soon.

THANK YOU FOR ORGANIZING THIS EVENT, PATTY!



To set up a **ZOOM** meeting for your Interest Group or other AAUW gathering, you can email **Vikki Piper** at [vpiper@sti.net](mailto: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  
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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](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  
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Vikki Piper, Treasurer  
Mary Gillespie, Liaison to AAUW Board  
Janis Taft, Secretary

Ellen Jones	Pat Stoddard
Sandy Heath	Judie Salter
Carole Chumbler	Liz Andersen
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## 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: (Pending installation)
- 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: *Katie DuPraw*
- 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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