



MEDFORD OREGON BRANCH

# MEDFORD Musings

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## OUR MISSION:

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

### President's Message

Welcome back! To new members, we're glad you have joined us! I hope you all have had a good summer! I know I have, and I'm especially grateful for a mostly smoke-free summer.

Our first meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, September, 6**, at the Rogue Credit Union, 1330 Poplar, at the corner of Poplar and McAndrews, in Medford. Our social time starts at 9:30am, and the program at 10:00. At this meeting, we will hear an overview of our interest groups. There are many that are up and running, and are a great way to get together and get to know other members. We will also hear about upcoming programs and speakers. (see page 2)



Thank you to **Patty Herkert**, who organized an outing to the Oregon Cabaret Theater in July, to see the laugh-out-loud performance of Disaster! Many AAUW members attended and had a great time.

**Ellen Jones** and I represented Medford AAUW at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) open house at SOU in August. Thank you, Ellen! We shared a table with an AAUW representative from the Ashland branch and enjoyed talking with many people who were either familiar with AAUW or were interested in learning more about this organization and its mission. It was a good day! (see page 8)

Thank you to **Mary Wright Gillespie**, who is organizing our fundraiser on **October 1**. We've bought out the Camelot Theater for a production **Spotlight on Tony Bennett!** with proceeds going toward AAUW Funds. Three lucky people who entered the raffle drawing at our OLLI table each received a pair of tickets to this show. Tickets are still available. (see page 4)

We are gathering wine donations for our third annual raffle which will be held at the Camelot Theater October 1st. Proceeds from the raffle go toward our local scholarships. Please bring your wine donations to our September meeting. If you are not able to donate wine for the raffle, cash donations are welcomed to purchase items for gift baskets that will also be raffled October 1st. Raffle tickets will be available at the meeting (\$5 ea., 5 for \$20, 15 for \$40).

Thank you to all of the organizers, leaders and facilitators of our programs and interest groups which enrich our time together.

Please wear your nametag to the meetings and remember to park in the gravel lot at the Credit Union.

Looking forward to see you in September and throughout the year!

**Deb Radcliffe**, Co-President

*Dear Members;*

*Buy your Tony Bennett tickets for our scholarship fundraiser at the SEPTEMBER 6TH meeting. **Bring your checkbook** and write your check to MUWCF. **Each ticket is \$35**, \$20 of which is tax deductible. The event October 1st is at the Camelot Theatre in Talent.*

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 4**

*Thanks! Mary Wright Gillespie*

# MONTHLY MEMBER MEETINGS

## AAUW MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

### SEPTEMBER 2025—JUNE 2026

**Saturday 9/6/25**, 9:30 AM Social, 10:00 Meeting  
Interest Groups presented and sign-ups  
Rogue Credit Union  
(1330 Poplar Dr., Medford)

**Thursday 10/2/25**, 5:30 PM Social, 6:00 Meeting  
Speaker Barbara Johnson, Community Works  
Sun Oaks Club House (2485 Sun Oaks Dr., Medford)

**Saturday, 11/1/25**, 9:30AM Social, 10:00 Meeting  
Speaker Celia Canty, Heavenly Harps  
Rogue Credit Union

**Saturday 12/6/25 or Sunday 12/7/25**  
3:00PM to 6:00PM (Holiday Program)  
Sun Oaks Club House

**Saturday, 1/3/26**, 9:30AM Social, 10:00 Meeting  
Rogue Credit Union (Program TBD)

**Saturday, 2/7/26**, 9:30AM Social, 10:00 Meeting  
Rogue Credit Union (Program TBD)

**Saturday, 3/7/26**, 9:30AM Social, 10:00 Meeting  
Rogue Credit Union (Program TBD)

**Thursday, 4/2/26**, 5:30PM Social, 6:00 Meeting  
Annual Election Meeting & Speaker  
Sun Oaks Club House

**Sunday, 5/3/26** from 4:00PM to 6:30PM  
Annual Social / Student Recognition  
Sun Oaks Club House (Program TBD)

**Saturday, 6/6/26** from 9:30AM Social, 10:00 Meeting  
(Program and location TBD)



Guest Speaker  
**Barbara Johnson,**  
**Executive Director**  
COMMUNITY WORKS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

5:30 PM

SUN OAKS CLUB HOUSE

2485 SUN OAKS DRIVE

Community Works strengthens lives and our community through prevention, support services, and advocacy for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and homeless youth and their families.

Founded in 1996, Community Works is the only domestic and sexual violence resource center serving Jackson County. The organization was created as a merger between three community organizations that had been providing crisis intervention in Southern Oregon since the mid-1970s. As a 501(C)(3) non-profit, Community Works is funded by government and private grants, and United Way, and the generosity of our community. All services are free and confidential.

Community Works offers one-on-one support and advocacy to over 13,000 people each year.

Barbara Johnson holds the role of Executive Director. Her involvement with the organization began as a volunteer, then in an advisory capacity and later the Board of Directors. She transitioned to the agency as Program Director for Advocacy Services. In 2016, recognizing her contributions and dedication, she was promoted to the role of Executive Director.

Outside of her professional commitments, Barbara finds joy in gardening, reading, and gathering for dinners with family and friends. Her commitment to Community Works stems from a strong belief that everyone deserves safety and the opportunity to live with hope.

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

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

"Be yourself, Everyone else is taken."



## Named Gift Honorees

### May 4th Spring Buffet

Named Gift Honorees are selected for their outstanding work in supporting AAUW programs and goals. The previous year's Named Gift Honorees select the individuals to receive this honor. Donors also are granted the privilege of selecting a Named Gift Honoree. Carole Grady as one of last year's Named Gift Honorees selected four individuals for the 2025 Named Gift Honoree award and presented them with certificates at the **Branch's buffet and recognition ceremony on May 4, 2025. This year's Named Gift Honorees are Pat Stoddard, Mary Wright Gillespie, Lisa Hughes, and Carol Julian. As a donor, Joan Rycraft selected Marlene Olson. Also, as a donor, Sherry Schroeder selected Mae Boren.**

**Pat Stoddard:** This past year Pat served on the Program Committee and as Hospitality chair. She also was involved with several interest groups. Pat was selected for her energy and enthusiasm in all that she does for the branch. As well as the previously mentioned offices, Pat volunteered to lead our efforts in supporting KidSpree last year, and volunteered to do so again this year. These are just a few of Pat's contributions to AAUW Medford. It is an honor to present Pat as a Named Gift Honoree for providing remarkable service and making a significant impact on AAUW Medford.

**Carol Julian** has served as our VP of Finance for the past four years, certainly a position of great responsibility. Carol brings attention to detail and forward thinking to her AAUW responsibilities. She rose to the challenges of dealing with National AAUW and its changes in the process for membership renewals, which added significantly to the time required for her to fulfill the responsibilities of her position. Carol identified the need for the branch to change its banking partner, and after careful consideration of options, completed the process in setting up our accounts with a new bank. In appreciation of her dedication, time, and service, we offer our sincere congratulations with this honor .

**Mary Wright Gillespie** has been an AAUW member for 50 years. Mary is the MUWCF Liaison to the branch, and is responsible for AAUW Funds. Mary was out of commission for a bit this past year because of a fractured ankle. But she carried on! Mary has seen many changes in AAUW over her 50-year membership. Through it all, she has maintained her commitment to helping our branch fulfill the AAUW mission to advance gender equity and economic security for girls and women. Mary graciously and wholeheartedly walks the talk.

**Lisa Hughes** has a huge job as our branch president. Presenting Lisa with a Named Gift Honoree award is one way we can publicly recognize her for all that she has done for the branch as its president over the past two years. Most of us know that Lisa loves the color purple. If your favorite color is purple, you are sensitive, wise, compassionate, supportive, a free spirit, creative, intuitive, and possess a quiet dignity. Thank you to Lisa for bringing those characteristics to her service, time, and hard work for the branch. What we accomplish as a branch is due to the collective efforts of many individuals. Thank you to Lisa for providing the leadership that allowed us to accomplish so much as a team.

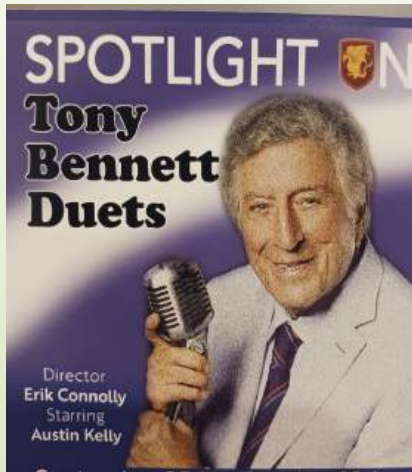
—Carole Grady

### AAUW Interest Groups are resuming in September!

Whether it's reading a good book, playing Bridge and Bunco, doing Needlework, or sharing an enjoyable meal, there are a wonderful variety of activities available for our AAUW members!

Contact the group leaders for information, and consider joining. It's a great opportunity to meet our members, and make new friends!

**Join us for an evening of fun!**



**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 1, 2025 @7:30pm

**WHERE:** Camelot Theater, 101 Talent Avenue, Talent, OR

Proceeds from the ticket sales go to AAUW Funds for grants and fellowships to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education & advocacy.

Tickets are \$35.00.

**Make your check payable to:  
MUWCF**

(Medford University Women's Charitable Fund)

**Mail your check to:** Vikki Piper, P.O. Box 1062, Shady Cove, OR 97530

Write "Tony Bennett" on the memo line and include your address.

**Tickets will be mailed to you!**

\*We will also be raffling off ..

**Four 6-packs of Wine**

One specialty basket with **"All Things Italian"**

One specialty basket with **"Sweet Delights"**

One ticket – \$5.00

Five tickets – \$20.00

Fifteen tickets—\$40.00

***Proceeds from the raffle go to local scholarships in the Rogue Valley***

*\*Raffle tickets can be purchased at the event, cash or check only.*



An update from **Charity Woodrum**, our keynote at **AAUW Oregon Conference** last April:

## "Quarterback of Life"

Charity recently shared *SPACE, HOPE and CHARITY* and spoke with students through the **Beating the Odds Foundation**, which strives to help middle and high school students imagine and realize their futures.

When students were taken to Goddard Space Flight Center a few weeks later, Charity was invited to join them for lunch. She was stunned to arrive to find she'd be sitting across the table from former Astronaut Scott "Scooter" Altman, who flew four space shuttle missions and performed many of the aerial stunts in the film, "Top Gun!" As they toured with the group, Altman told people that he fixed the Hubble Space Telescope and that Charity works with the data that it still sends down to Earth. We love these connections, and Charity loves meeting astronauts!



Charity Woodrum, Scooter Altman and Beating the Odds Founder Rocco Scalzi speak to students visiting NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

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Also, a word of thanks to Sherry Schroeder who asked the question and made this happen:

"Our time with the women of **AAUW-Oregon** (American Association of University Women) was wonderful. A light moment during the Q&A was a question directed at Charity: "You grew up in Oregon, graduated from UO... earned a Ph.D... why aren't you a member of **AAUW-Oregon**?" That got a big laugh from the crowd! The woman who asked the question then gifted Charity with a membership. The attendees were so bright, engaged, energetic and kind. We loved our time with them."

### ***THE MUSINGS ARTICLES DUE DATE!***

**THE MUSINGS is published bi-monthly. Please submit items to the Musings committee member (see pg. 12 for member list) by WEDNESDAY, 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](mailto:sgheath2@outlook.com))**

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

## New Member Spotlight!



Kit McCotter

My name is Kathryn McCotter (Kit), and I joined AAUW in January of 2025. I grew up in New Orleans, Louisiana. I moved out to northern California to attend college and enjoy the beauty of mountains. Starting at College of the Siskiyous in 1985, I transferred to Southern Oregon University in 1987, where I got my Secondary English & Social Studies Teaching Credential and a M.A. in Education in 1990. I retired in 2023, after 27 years working as an independent study teacher and school administrator for a school in Mt. Shasta, California.

I moved back to Southern Oregon when I retired, and now I live in Phoenix. I enjoy skiing, swimming, hiking, live music and theater. I enjoy visiting our beautiful wineries. I'm an avid reader and occasionally try my hand at poetry and fiction writing. I raised one beautiful daughter, who now lives with her husband in Eugene.

It has been fun meeting all the ladies at AAUW, and I look forward to contributing to our good times and important work in the future.



Ruth Dowden

Along with many current residents of Oregon, I lived in California prior to moving to the green state of Oregon. My time in CA was in San Diego, Orange County, Los Angeles, and the Bay Area. I attended San Diego State with a General Major of English, History, and Sociology. My working career was in Insurance, Construction, and High Tech. The Penguin Exhibit was one of my many projects at Sea World while living in San Diego.

After moving to Los Altos, I worked at Adobe Systems and was invited to join the San Jose/Cleveland Ballet Council, which involved fund raising for the ballet. The annual highlight was always the gala held at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose. Then, after moving to Orange County, I worked at IBM and joined Women of Vision, a division of World Vision. It was founded in Newport Beach and currently has branches in multiple states.

So, when moving to Southern Oregon, it was a natural fit to join AAUW in Ashland, where I was active until 2016. Now, I'm very happy to be part of the AAUW Chapter in Medford, and I hope to get to know more of the members through your various support causes and activities.

# Veteran Member Spotlight



## SHERRY SCHROEDER: ADVOCATE, LEADER, FRIEND

Sherry Schroeder was born Sherry Mast in 1948. Born in Moscow, Idaho, she grew up in Medford after her family moved here in 1957 where her dad was a teacher at Medford High School. Her parents divorced in 1962 with custody of four girls going to the father.

Sherry helped raise two younger sisters during Jr. Hi and Hi School. She graduated with a double major from the University of Oregon in 1971 with a BS in Health Education and Physical Education.

In 1969, Sherry married Steve Schroeder, her neighbor from Medford since 3rd and 4th grade, also a DUCK! After graduation, in 1971, they moved to Pensacola, Fla. to begin Steve's career as a Navy pilot for 7 yrs. In 1972, and during the Vietnam war, they returned to the Bay Area where Steve was based at Alameda Naval Air Station, flying out San Diego to aircraft carriers.

Sherry began a career in business. Steve flew as a United Airlines captain for 32 years. In the Bay Area, Sherry worked in management in the male dominated steel industry, where, after 11 years, she hit the proverbial glass ceiling. She began a real estate career in management with Century 21 in 1983.

Moving to Tahoe in 1988, she played golf, camped, hiked, skied, and served as AAUW Tahoe Branch President for 4 years. She continued her business associations in the Bay Area by being a consultant to business firms. She notably expanded the Tahoe branch from eighteen original members to 150 members and served on the AAUW Nevada State Board.

Sherry lived in London for 2 months in 1991 and came home to the custom home they had built in 1982, ready to finish her working career. She became a Management Consultant before retiring to do volunteer work in AAUW. As a consultant with her own firm, SHARE IDEAS, she continued her involvement with AAUW.

After 18 years, in 2005, Sherry moved back to Medford and settled in Evans Valley in a log home for 3 years. Moving to east Medford in 2008, where she lives currently, she helped the Medford branch create their Strategic Plan, tries to volunteer her services wherever needed, plays bridge, and has enjoyed the privilege of being the Installing Officer. A supporter of LAF, she belongs to the Legacy Circle, attends AAUW OREGON State Meetings, and enjoys the many friendships she has formed.

This year in September, Sherry and Steve will celebrate their 56th Anniversary! Life is good, family precious, and friendships and connections remain important!



14 Janice Williams  
28 Marcia Gabriel  
29 Glenda Sims

Zodiac signs: Virgo & Libra

Flowers: Aster & Morning glory

Birthstone: Sapphire

### Holidays -

1 Labor Day  
7 Nat'l Grandparents Day  
11 Patriot Day  
15 1st day of Nat'l Hispanic Heritage Month  
22 Equinox  
22 1st Night of Rosh Hashana



1 Lori Doherty  
4 Tania Pineda Soria  
9 Vikki Piper  
11 Mary Fowler  
11 Kit Nilles  
12 Robin Smith  
14 Mary Lyman-Hager  
25 Deb Radcliffe  
26 Kit McCotter  
28 Lillian Maksymowicz  
28 Kathy Swarts  
31 Donna Wallender

Zodiac signs: Libra & Scorpio

Flowers: Marigold & Cosmos

Birthstone: Opal & Tourmaline

### Holidays -

2 Yom Kippur  
6 Child Health Day  
13 Indigenous Peoples' Day  
20 Diwali  
31 Halloween

## AAUW Community Involvement



### KidSpree

Medford Branch members assembled breakfast bags for over 150 children participating in the 33rd annual KidSpree at JC Penneys.

Many thanks to Wendy's,

Carls Jr., Harry & David, Food4Less, and Fry Family Farms for their food donations. (Pat Stoddard serves on the KidSpree committee.)

(Pictured: Carol Koszyk, Ellen Jones, Carol Bogedain, Sandy Heath, and Linda West)

### OLLI OPEN HOUSE

Deb Radcliffe and Ellen Jones represented our AAUW branch at the recent OLLI Open House and shared a table with an Ashland AAUW member. It was a fun event!



**REACH OUT AND SHARE OUR AAUW WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS!**

"Like" and join our Facebook page: **AAUW Medford OR**  
(contact: Ellen Jones)



## CELEBRATE WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY AUGUST 26

On Women's Equality Day, we honor the progress made while recognizing the challenges that remain, especially for the underrepresented groups. Student debt, policy rollbacks and the urgent need to expand opportunities for diversity, equity, and inclusion continue to stand in the way of true access and opportunity.

**Stand with AAUW.**

Women's Equality Day is celebrated in the United States on August 26 to commemorate the 1920 adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex

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



## Members enjoyed their summer!!



Peg Riehlman and daughter Ann cruise NYC after seeing a performance of Lion King!

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!



Terri & Nancy Nabozny on a European vacation!

4th Friday "Coffee & Convo" had a great turnout at The Phoodery in Talent, Great "convo"! →



Ellen and Tom Jones enjoy the cool Calif Coast.



Monica and Joel Weyhe at a family black tie wedding in Idaho.



Monica w/ 6 cousins on the exciting Hiawatha Bike Trail with 15 tunnels & 6 scary trestles.



Patty Herkert proudly watched her granddaughter, Ella, give a speech at graduation from Ashland High School. She will be attending UC San Diego, majoring in Chemistry.

**AAUW Funds Report:** We have given \$3,803 to National AAUW in 2025. We will add to that amount after completing our fundraiser for the Tony Bennett event on October 1.

—Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds Chair



**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!

We will meet on **September 9**, reading *Mysteries in Retail*. That means any store, from a coffee shop to a book store. The time is 7:00 pm, and we meet by zoom. I will lead that meeting. In October we meet on the 14th with Nancy Gerhard in charge. The topic is female mystery writers with female protagonists. If you love mysteries, please join us.  
Mary Wright Gillespie



### AAUW MORNING BOOK GROUP

The morning book club meets in the **Chetco Room at the Rogue Valley Manor, 1200 Mira Mar Ave at 10:00 am.**



**Sept. (TBD) The Lost and Found Bookshop** by Susan Wiggins.

Presenter: Dee Wittenberg

**Oct. 6 The Hazelbourne Ladies**

**Motorcycle...** by Helen Simonsen

Presenter: Janice Williams

Contact **Betty Wolfe** with questions. (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**.

Sandi Cameron will host on Friday, September 12th.

Sandy Heath will host on Friday, October 10th.

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

*Happy stitching!*



### HAPPY BOOKERS!

Welcome back! Happy Bookers book group is looking forward to another year of thought-provoking and entertaining books as well as camaraderie and good food!

This book group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Wednesday, **September 17th** will be the first gathering of our new year. 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 6th. 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 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.

(Pat will discuss the Great Decisions material for 2026 at the Sept. 6 mtg.)



### First Wednesday Bridge

This is a party bridge group of two tables that meets the first Wednesday of the month at either the Rogue Valley Country Club for a no-host lunch and bridge, or at a member's home for dessert and bridge. We meet at 11:30 if having lunch and 12:30 if just dessert.

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



# 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". (There is no Bunco in September because of the Labor Day Conflict — 9/1).

Email Ellen Jones (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, **Sept. 8th** at noon, at Chen's Family Dish, at 718 S. Riverside, Medford.

The Oct. 13th and Nov. 10th locations will be announced!

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

## Fourth Friday Coffee & Convos



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.

We'll meet Friday, **September 26** at Mellelo's on Main St. in downtown Medford, and Friday, **October 24th** at the McCully House in Jacksonville.

No RSVP is needed, just show up!

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](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:

Sept. 18th — Kriselle Cellars  
October 16 — Vikki's House  
November 20 — Dana Campbell Vineyards  
December 18 — Padigan Winery

## REMINDER!

**Don't forget Medford AAUW's 2025-26 kick-off meeting!**

**Saturday, SEPTEMBER 6th** (Rogue Credit Union 1330 Poplar Drive),

9:30 am. Social, 10:00 Meeting

- Bring a guest (and get a ticket for a drawing!)
- Catch up with old friends and meet new friends
- Sign up for Interest Groups and get the latest information
- Buy your tickets (checkbook, pls.) for the October 1st Camelot Theatre fundraiser!
- Bring a bottle of fine **wine** or \$\$ to donate for the October 1st raffle at the Camelot.



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  
CONTRIBUTORS!**



### Medford University Women Charitable Fund (MUWCF) Board 2025-2026

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. 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  
Sandy Heath  
Carole Chumbler  
Carol Julian

Pat Stoddard  
Judie Salter  
Liz Andersen



**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, 2025 - June 30, 2026)

### Elected Officers (Voting)

- President: *Lisa Hughes, Deb Radcliffe*
- Immediate Past President: *Carol Koszyk*
- Vice President/Finance: *Marilyn Stein*
- Vice President/Programs: *Sandi Cameron*
- 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 and South District  
Director, *Monica Weyhe*
- Interest Groups/ACT (AAUW  
Community Team) Chair: *Kathy Swarts*
- MUWCF Liaison: *Mary W. Gillespie*
- Public Policy Chair: *Katie DuPraw*
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