



# MEDFORD Musings

December 2011-January 2012

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## December Tea

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011  
at Lidgate Hall  
First Congregational Church  
Jackson St. at Berkeley  
Enter parking lot from  
Jackson St.

**Tea: 2:00 p.m.**  
**\$12 at the door**

## January Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012  
Medford Public Library  
205 S. Central

Social: 9:30 a.m.  
Program: 10 a.m.  
Business Meeting: 11 a.m.

Front door open from 9-10 a.m.  
Back door from 9-9:35 a.m.

## Annual Celebration

# Holiday Tea

This annual social event will be made more jolly by centerpieces of gently used holiday decorations available as silent auction purchases. (Proceeds go to our fellowship and scholarship funds.) All are welcome to donate superfluous holiday pretties on the day of the tea.

Tea-goers are invited to bring a holiday mug or a favorite teacup. (Plain white cups will be available for those who do not bring their own.)

Savories and desserts will be catered by Nora of Medford's Downtown Market. Scones will be provided by the Take Time for Tea interest group.

Lovely and meaningful music will be sung by the Peace Choir Ensemble.

If you made a reservation for the tea, plan to pay the \$12 charge as you enter Lidgate Hall.

Donations to Jackson County Foster Kids will be received with joy by our ACT volunteers. Gifts should be unwrapped. Checks for outings may be donated, too.



## Annual Project

### Gifts for Children in Foster Care

*A Project of ACT (Action Community Team)*

At Christmas time, AAUW remembers the children in Foster Care with gifts or—for middle school age and older foster children—gift certificates.

At the Tea you can bring an unwrapped gift for the Foster Family organization or you can give money donations in denominations of \$5.00. The money collected is used to purchase gift certificates (and many more are donated by the businesses) for Family Fun Center, the Rrink, bowling alleys, movies and Science Works.

ACT volunteers will be at the Tea to assist you. Make checks payable to AAUW. Speakers from Jackson County Foster Parents Association have told us in the past how much these gifts mean to these young people. Open your hearts this year. The need is greater than ever before.

## January General Meeting

### “The Burden of Too Much Stuff”

*Speaker: Connie Battaile*

Will you be part of the majority making a resolution in 2012 to get rid of excess clutter? If so, this meeting is especially for you.

Stuff can be such a burden; can we together envision how it would feel to lighten our lives and be less burdened? Connie Battaile, a one-time reference librarian and Hospice volunteer, has been teaching OLLI classes in Ashland on Final Arrangements and End Game, and in the process has been giving a good bit of thought to her own problems and progress with lightening her life. She and we will share our learnings about too much stuff.



Connie Battaile

## NEWS ITEMS

**Looking Forward to February:** "History of The Early Chinese Population in Jacksonville" will be the subject of our February meeting. Local storyteller, Larry Smith, will tell us how the discovery of gold brought Chinese people to our area.

**January Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012, in the Club Room at the Rogue Valley Manor. All members are welcome to attend.

### Concern For Members

The following member received a card in November:  
Mickey Ketchum

*By Jody Sorensen, Correspondence Secretary*

## Public Policy

*By Elizabeth Blue, Public Policy*

Women Voters in 2012: President Barack Obama will target women voters as a key electorate in his re-election campaign. Obama carried the women's vote in 2008, but the 2010 midterm elections saw women evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans. However, when asked who they trust to better create jobs, women favored Obama over congressional Republicans by a 45 to 37 margin. To reach out to women, Obama's campaign has begun to conduct women-to-women phone banks to tout the president's key legislative and executive accomplishments concerning women's issues.



AAUW believes that the women's vote is critical. We are proud to launch a serious investment in getting out the women's vote for the 2012 election. With our new It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard campaign, we will work to educate women across the country about the rights and privileges that are at stake in the upcoming election. We will increase the volume and direction of women's voices and commit ourselves to getting women to the polls in record numbers.

### Mark Your Calendars, Please!

**JUST FOR YOU on Thursday, January 26, 5 to 7 p.m.**

Gail Etchie's home  
1120 Steamboat Drive, Central Point  
541-664-3744

**Invitations to new members are forthcoming!**

Come join us for a special celebration for new and prospective members. Appetizers and good conversation will abound. All members are welcome!

## Membership Matters

*By Gail Etchie, Membership Co-VP*

Our Medford Chamber Membership has helped to broadcast our mission to numerous businesses in our Valley. AAUW information is electronically printed on their calendar with a blurb about the program prior to our monthly meetings at the library, as well as in the Business Review. Our brochures are on display at the Visitor's Center as well as in the Chamber Offices.

Our Winter Tea is a great place to reconnect with an AAUW friend you have not seen for a while. Remember that this is a great event to get to know people you have not had a chance to meet and greet or just an opportunity to visit with people you already know!

**We congratulate our newest Member Dave Baker.**

Beginning January 1 is our half-year dues time for new members. Dues for new members will be \$37.50 which includes \$24.50 for Association, \$5.50 for State, and \$7.50 for Branch. Please continue to invite prospective members to general meetings and branch activities.

The mid-year Directory Addendum will be coming out soon. If you have changes to information in the directory, send them to Regula Pepi, Directory/Data Manager, 779-1329, or [repepi@clearwater.net](mailto:repepi@clearwater.net).

## AAUW Funds

*By Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds*

Our year to date giving for AAUW Funds totals \$3,506 as of November 5, 2011. To make a contribution for 2011 I need to receive your check by December 10. Please make your check to AAUW Funds and send to me at 2127 Quail Point Court, Medford, OR 97504. Thank you for your generosity.

## Plans For Garden Tour 2012

*By Barbara Basden, Fall Garden Tour Co-Chair*

A post-tour wrap-up of Garden Tour 2011 held on October 27, resulted in much discussion and the following decisions about next year's tour:

- (1) Set a specific day for the tour, the second Sunday after Labor Day in September;
- (2) Set the tour hours as 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.,
- (3) Ask AAUW Garden Greeters to recruit friends and family to help as greeters,
- (4) Charge \$12 per ticket,
- (5) Encourage AAUW members to buy tickets as a donation to the scholarship fund, whether or not they plan to attend or participate in the Garden Tour,
- (6) Develop a Garden Tour logo to be used in all publicity,
- (7) Reinstate ticket sales at vendors such as the Grange Coop.

Ronnie Budge will chair the Garden Tour Committee in 2012 with Barbara Basden as co-chair.

The 2011 Garden Tour earned \$3,250 in "profits" compared with \$3,500 in 2010.

## INTEREST GROUPS

### BOOK GROUPS

**Great Decisions:** An educational and discussion activity sponsored by the US Foreign Policy Association. Contact: Janice Williams, 541-857-6300.



**Happy Bookers:** The group reads and discusses a variety of fiction and non-fiction books. Happy Bookers will meet on Dec. 15 (date change) at 1 p.m. at the home of Gail Etchie, 541-664-3744. This month's book selection is *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff.

On Jan. 17 at 12 noon we will meet at the Rogue Valley Country Club, 2660 Hillcrest Road, Medford. January's book selection is *My Family and Other Animals* by Gerald Durrell. This month will be our annual Book Exchange so bring one unwrapped!

**Morning Book Discussion:** Morning Book Group Holiday Gathering will be Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. in the Club Room of the Manor. Remember to bring a book for the gift exchange and your contribution for our coffee and treats. Books should be gift-wrapped, may have been pre-read, but should not be on our schedule for the year.

The January meeting is Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Shiena Polehn will lead the discussion of *Half-Broke Horses* by Jeanette Walls. Contact: Mary Wright Gillespie, 541-857-6083.

**Murder Most Literary:** The group meets on Dec. 1 to discuss holiday mysteries at 7 pm in the Chetco Room. Mary Wright Gillespie will lead the discussion.

On Jan. 5 the mystery readers will hold their annual potluck supper at 6 p.m. at the home of Mary Wright Gillespie, 541-857-6083. (Note new address in the Directory.)

### BRIDGE PLAYERS

**Afternoon Dessert Bridge:** Afternoon Bridge Group meets the first Wednesday of the month at members homes. The December meeting will be hosted by Mary Hill. It will be for lunch and bridge at 11:30 a.m.

The January meeting will be for dessert and bridge on Jan. 4 at Gloria Wilson's. Contact: Vera Alexander.

**Bridge For Fun:** Meets once a month in member's homes and often the night starts with sharing dessert. Usually we have two tables and we rotate players to have the opportunity to play with different partners. Our main goal is to have fun while playing bridge. Contact: Carol Koszyk, 541-608-7799.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**Act (AAUW Community Team):** ACT will be collecting gifts for foster children at the Holiday Tea. Contact: Shiena Polehn, 541-773-4177.

### DINING

**International Cuisine:** International Cuisine will have their December dinner at the home of Dana and Pat Collins on Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. It will be a Festive Mexican Dinner.

Planning meeting for International Cuisine will be Jan. 5 at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Vera Alexander. Contact: Mae Boren, 541-826-4427.

**Lunch Bunch:** The Lunch Bunch meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 12:30 at various restaurants in the Rogue Valley. December's luncheon will be on Dec. 12 at Rogue Valley Country Club, 2660 Hillcrest Road, Medford.

January's luncheon will be on January 9th at the 4 Daughter's Pub, 126 West Main (541) 779-4455, Medford. Questions, contact Judy Miller 541-779-4940.

**DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough):** Dec. 15, Porters, at 6:30 p.m., 147 N. Front St. Medford. Reservations call Ellen Wakefield, 541-772-3614.

Jan. 26, Cicily's, at 6:30 p.m. 1251 E. McAndrews, Medford. Reservations call Virginia McGraw, 541-245-6035.

**Take Time For Tea:** Meets third Friday of the month in the afternoon. Contact: Camille Korsmo, 541-858-4100.

### DOMESTIC ARTS

**Antique Studies:** Meets last Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. We will meet on Nov. 30 in the library at Barnett Woods. The subject will be "Old Letters."

December Antique meeting will be Dec. 28. Location to be announced. We will share antique Christmas Items. Please bring your favorite Christmas goodies.

Jan. 25 will be the date of our meeting. We will meet at Barnett Woods in the library. Wanda Powell will present a program on antique spoons and Barbara Larson will furnish refreshments. Contact: Mae Boren, 541-826-4427.

**Evening Needleworkers:** No December meeting.

In January the group will meet on Tuesday, the 17th, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Joann Nadell. Please call her at 541-779-2082 if you plan to attend. Bring any kind of handwork. Contact: Sandi Cameron, 541-245-1646.

### OUT-OF-DOORS

**Garden Joys and Tribulations:** Meets several times a year at different places. No meeting scheduled for December. Contact: Pat Walls, 541-773-3339.

**Outdoor Adventure Group:** We're a group out to experience our beautiful valley in a variety of activities. A hike will be on Dec. 9, place and time to be determined.

January 13 we will take a hike or cross-country skiing outing depending on snow pack. For details or questions contact Jan Purkeypile at [janpurkeypile@yahoo.com](mailto:janpurkeypile@yahoo.com) or 541-621-4916.

## Leadership Team Perspectives

By Marlene Olson, Leadership Team

### A Branch New Year's Resolution

At the November branch meeting I was sitting next to a new member. During the business portion of the meeting she often looked confused and once asked me when an activity was mentioned, "What is it?" Her question made me realize how many acronyms and words we use specific to our branch and how confusing and frustrating it must be to someone unfamiliar with these terms. In 2012 let us resolve when writing articles for the Musings, discussing branch events at an interest group, or in giving reports to remember our new members and make our message clear and comprehensible. As I recall, it took me two years to understand LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund) from EF (Educational Foundation) and now that has changed!

## Phantom Tea Party

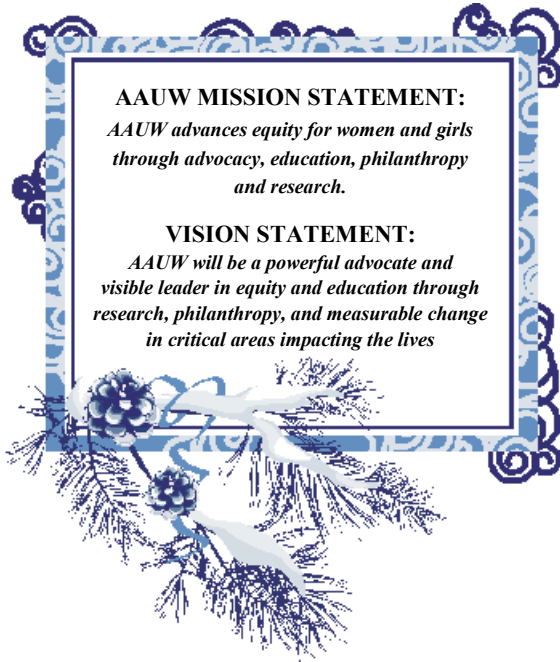
By Jackie Baker, aka The Phantom

Our tea party is in full swing with responses coming in. Our party will last until March 31, 2012, and then we will let the Scholarship Committee know just how many \$1,000 scholarships they will be able to award. We will meet our winners at the luncheon in June. This is the real party, and I hope that you will plan to be there, to meet them, and to hear their stories. All of us come away from the luncheon inspired and touched deeply.

I hope that you will take the time, if you haven't already done so to write a check. Not only might your name be drawn for a prize but you will be helping a student on her journey. Thanks again for all you do! You will be helping a student on her journey for an education and better opportunity in life.

# AAUW

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**AAUW MISSION STATEMENT:**

*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.*

**VISION STATEMENT:**

*AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives*

## Wonderful AAUW Volunteers

*By Shiena Polehn, RCC /AAUW Liaison*

The Oregon Humanities/RCC conference on October 28 has produced raves in the community from the quality of the speakers, and the interest produced by the panels and the table discussions. However, none has surpassed the praise of our AAUW volunteers, who greeted, registered, served lunches and above all, ran the discussion groups. “Amazing” is the word used by many to describe their service so thank you for a job well done. And thanks to Marlene Olson for ‘subbing’ for me.

NOTE: The Parent-Daughter Fair, an event that AAUW has supported for several years, is “in limbo” because of uncertainty about sponsorship, location and time in 2012. We will keep you informed of any changes. *Shiena Polehn, ACT*

## Treasurer’s Report

*By Cathy de Wolfe, Finance*

Balance in checking as of 11/17/11	\$ 6,045.10
Balance in M/M Savings Acct 11/17/11	\$11,065.87
Local Scholarship Fund as of 11/17/11	\$ 805.25
Sterling Bank CD 11/17/11	\$ 2,388.39

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**Newsletter Deadline:** Deadline for the newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the meeting. Send articles to:  
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