



MEDFORD Musings

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February Meeting

Saturday, February 4, 2012
at the
Medford Public Library
205 S. Central Avenue

Social: 9:30 a.m.

Program: 10:00

Business Meeting: 11:00

Remember to bring a FULL mug

Back door to the Library
closes at 9:30

A Reminder

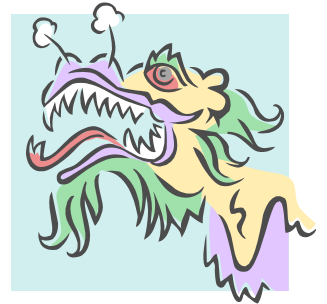
*Last chance to make
corrections to the Addendum to
the Directory Handbook.
Contact Regula Pepi with
any changes.*

General Meeting

“ The History of Chinese in Early Jacksonville ”

Larry Smith, Speaker

The AAUW program for February 4, 2012, will remind us that it is time to celebrate Chinese New Year, the year of the dragon. Larry Smith, teacher and historian, will use his storytelling skills to talk about the Chinese in early Jacksonville during the time of the Gold Rush. Larry has been teaching for 33 years and continues his work today.



Larry’s interest in history, and especially Jacksonville history, began as a child. He found his grandparents and local residents to be good sources of information. Another resource is the book *On Gold Mountain: The One-Hundred-Year Odyssey of My Chinese-American Family* by Lisa See. Join us to hear about Chinese coins and other artifacts and gold still being found in the Jacksonville hills.

Leadership Team Perspectives

By Joyce Ellis, Leadership Team

With the publication of *Hostile Hallways* in 1993, AAUW helped raise awareness concerning sexual harassment in grades 7-12. The events leading up to the shootings at Columbine and other schools revealed several similar conditions. One stood out: The students who fired the guns were bullied, teased, harassed. A new AAUW publication, *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*, provides fresh evidence about students’ experiences with harassment. Those surveyed offered ideas for reducing sexual harassment in their schools. This report concludes with a discussion of practices that are making a difference in schools, along with recommendations for how administrators, educators, parents and other concerned adults, students, and community groups can contribute to efforts to make middle and high schools free from sexual harassment.

Tea Party Still Going Strong

By Jackie Baker, aka The Phantom

The Christmas tree is down, the wrappings recycled and the New Year's confetti swept up, so the party is over, right? Wrong! Our Phantom Tea Party is still going strong. It is so important in these uncertain economic times to help boost our younger people toward an education. Thanks to one generous member in particular who contributed an entire scholarship and to all those who have contributed so far we will be able to donate one scholarship to Southern Oregon University and three to Rogue Community College, each for \$1,000. Your gifts of any size are welcome at any time. You have been most generous these past few months. The New Year has brought additional support. Please remember that our "Party" is not over until the 31st of March, so if you plan to donate or would like to donate again please send your check to me: Jackie Baker, 6001 Hillcrest Rd. Medford, OR 97504.

NEWS ITEMS

Looking Forward to March:

"Women's History Month: Breaking Through Barriers"

This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in Oregon -- an important milestone. There are many important battles still to win, however. AAUW's Public Policy Program is dedicated to promoting equity for women and girls at both the state and local levels. Public Policy Chair Elizabeth Blue and other branch leaders will remind us of the barriers still in place at the General Meeting at the Medford Central Library on March 3.

February Board Meeting:

The next Board meeting will be at 5:30 PM on Thursday, Feb. 16th in the Club Room at the Rogue Valley Manor. All members are welcome to attend.

AAUW Oregon State Convention:

The State Convention will be held in Pendleton, April 19-22.

Scholarship Committee:

By Dee Wittenberg, Scholarship Chair

A sign-up sheet will be available at the next few branch meetings for volunteers for the Scholarship Selection Committee. This is a rewarding opportunity to review the accomplishments and plans of college applicants. The selection process will occur during the last 2 weeks in April and all applications will be reviewed on-line. You can be a judge for either SOU or RCC or both. The number of \$1,000 recipients is determined by funds available and contributions. By the way, thanks a lot to Jackie Baker for her efforts in obtaining contributions. For volunteering for the committee, I can be contacted at 541/535-9317 or deewitte77@charter.net.

It's Never Too Late to Say Thank You

Many workers made our Holiday Tea a success!

- MCUCC set up tables and chairs per our request and took them down again at no extra charge beyond space rental. They lent us linens, too (which Marianne washed).
- Marianne, Virginia and Camille were the planning committee.
- The "Take Time for Tea" interest group made scones, helped set up, served as hostesses, washed and put away dishes.
- Marlene staffed the entry table and took cash for tea.
- Sharon handed out tea bags.
- Numerous members brought decorations to enhance our tables and sell to benefit AAUW Funds.
- Sherry brought Mrs. Claus to help us celebrate.
- Sharon, Ces and Camille donated door prizes.
- Peace Choir Ensemble members donated their time to come and entertain us (though we gave the organization a donation).

Membership Matters

By Gail Etchie, Membership Co-VP

A big thanks to all who served as greeters for branch meetings this year. Your role is so important as you are the first person the guest or speaker meets and your friendliness sets the tone for the morning.

We had our *Just for You Membership Social* for new and prospective members. We have invited prospective members to join in any interest group or meeting until our membership drive in the spring. Please welcome them to your groups. As we come to the spring dues collection for our membership, keep in mind the names of prospective members and give me a call at 541-664-3744 or email gigidesigns007@yahoo.com.

Dues collection for 2012-2013 will begin in April. Dues will remain \$75 until further notice depending on the state vote to raise it to \$80. A renewal form will be in the April *Musings*. You can turn in your form and check at the April, May, or June meetings or mail them directly to Cathy deWolfe. By paying your dues early, your name will be entered in prize drawings at the April, May and June meetings. This is a great incentive for us to renew early.

Public Policy

By Elizabeth Blue, Public Policy

Unemployment Rate Drops: Men Hired in More New Jobs than Women - The Dept. of Labor announced that employers added 200,000 jobs in December, pushing the unemployment rate down to 8.5%. However there is a troubling trend - men got nearly 2 out of 3 new jobs created last year. Nearly 1.28 million men gained jobs in the 12 months that ended in Nov., compared with 600,000 women. This gain was primarily in retail, a field traditionally dominated by women, with retailers hiring 216,900 men compared to about 9,000 women. Faced with a still-bleak job market, women are dropping out of the labor force in large numbers, many to pursue graduate and professional education.



AAUW believes that to promote economic recovery, the president and Congress must focus on creating jobs, training our workers, and ensuring those jobs are good ones - the kind that pay equitably and provide economic security. AAUW strongly believes that access to high-wage, high-skill jobs should be a right for women and especially those from diverse racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, age, and disability backgrounds and that access includes training for nontraditional jobs. Additionally, any job creation legislation must promote equal pay - women who work full time earn about 77 cents on average for every dollar men earn.

Concern for Members:

By Jody Sorensen, Correspondence Secretary

Gayle Clason received a card last month.

OLLI Opportunity

By Elly Cannon

Attention all AAUW and OLLI members! We have an opportunity to take part in a focus group immediately after the February 4th general meeting. An OLLI ad hoc committee is setting up meetings with a variety of Medford organizations to determine interest in offering more classes in Medford at HEC. Two facilitators will lead a discussion with a group of us for 30 to 45 minutes at the library. AAUW's commitment to learning makes our views especially important as OLLI considers expanding its program to meet the needs of residents in the northern end of Jackson County. To indicate your interest, please contact Elly Cannon at cannonrvm@charter.net or 541-857-6396.

Fall Garden Tour Gardens

By Ronnie Budge, Fall Garden Tour Co-Chair

If you know of gardens in East Medford that are suitable for the 2012 Garden Tour please submit them to me at rebudge@earthlink.net. Each person who submits the names of two suitable gardens will win a free ticket to the tour.

Jackson County Foster Kids

By Shiena Polehn, ACT

At the holiday tea, we collected gifts for younger children and cash and checks for certificates and tickets for older ones. With the help of six volunteers, who visited the venues and picked up the certificates, many happy teenagers were treated to a visit to the skating rink, Tinseltown movies, the Family Fun Center, Science Works, Lava Lanes bowling alley or to the Roller Rink. Volunteers Cathy de Wolfe, Carol James and Shiena Polehn collected \$850 for this purpose. Joan Enloe wrote letters and made phone calls to put this activity together. Thanks to all.

AAUW Funds

By Mary Wright Gillespie, AAUW Funds

It is my privilege to announce that because of some gifts in November and December our Medford branch of AAUW gave to AAUW Funds \$4000 in 2011. According to my addition we contributed \$4050. Breaking through barriers for women and girls is accomplished through the AAUW programs. The Funds are grouped in the following way: #9110 is unrestricted funds going where there is the greatest need; #3999, Legal Advocacy Fund; #4336 Educational Opportunities for fellowships and grants; #9170 Eleanor Roosevelt Fund includes research report such as "Behind the Pay Gap"; #4339 Leadership Programs Fund with the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders; and #4337 Public Policy Fund which includes government relations. Find more information on the web site: www.aauw.org.

INTEREST GROUPS

BOOK GROUPS

Great Decisions: The first meeting will take place Saturday, Feb. 18, from 9:30 -11:30 in the lower level Club Room at Rogue Valley Manor. Contact Janice Williams, 541-857-6300.

Happy Bookers: Happy Bookers meets the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. On Feb. 21, at Marcia Simon's, the group will discuss *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese, email: northlight@97520.net.

Morning Book Discussion: Meets at 10 AM on Wednesday, February 1st in the clubroom of the Rogue Valley Manor. A discussion of *City of Thieves* by David Benioff will be led by Dee Wittenberg.

Murder Most Literary: Meets on Thursday, February 2, at 7:00 pm in the Chetco Room at Skyline Plaza. The theme is "Sheriffs in Mystery Fiction" with Camille Korsmo as the leader.

BRIDGE PLAYERS

Afternoon Dessert Bridge: Will meet Wednesday Nov. 1st at Sherry Schroeder's home at 12:30 p.m. Vera Alexander

Bridge For Fun: Meets once a month in members' homes and often the night starts with sharing dessert. Our main goal is to have fun while playing bridge. Contact: Carol Koszyk, 541-608-7799.

DINING

International Cuisine: Will meet Sunday, Feb. 26th at 5:30 pm at the home on Mae Boren in Eagle Point for a dinner of light cuisine. Contact Mae Boren at 541-826-4427

Lunch Bunch. February's luncheon will be on Feb. 13 at 38 Central Restaurant & Wine Bar, 38 N. Central Avenue, Medford. Please contact Judy Miller, judymiller@johnlscott.com to be included on our reservation list.

DINE (Dinner Is Never Enough): Will gather at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Cafe Dejeuner, 1108 E. Main in Medford. Reservations to Virginia McGraw by the 20th.

Take Time For Tea: Fri., Feb. 17, 2:00. "Biscotti Making and Tasting" presented and hosted by Cathy de Wolfe. Call 541-773-7350.

DOMESTIC ARTS

Antique Studies: Meets last Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. We will meet at Barnett Woods in the library on Feb 19. Topic to be announced. Contact Mae Boren, 541-826-4427.

Evening Needleworkers: Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 7:30 PM at the home of Camille Korsmo. Please call her at 541-858-4100 if you plan to attend. Bring any kind of handwork.

OUT-OF-DOORS

Garden Joys and Tribulations: Meets several times a year at different places. Contact: Pat Walls, 541-773-3339.

Outdoor Adventure Group: February 24 a cross-country skiing outing depending on snow pack. For details or questions contact Jan Purkeypille at janpurkeypille@yahoo.com or 541-621-4916.

Thank you all for the prayers, greetings, food, flowers, calls and visits during my illness. I'm not 100% yet-- more like 70%. Tough way to lose 20 pounds. —

Mickey Ketchum

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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

Reminder to Mercy Flights Members

By Virginia McGraw

Our membership must be renewed in March. I will be traveling the last two weeks in March so I need your checks by the first week. I will accept them any time now. The cost is still \$50. Make checks payable to Mercy Flights. You can give them to me at the next meeting instead of mailing them.

I will not send them in until March. Thanks.

Treasurer's Report

By Cathy de Wolfe, Finance

Income:	\$0
Expenses:	\$19.50
YTD Net Income:	\$5805.44
Bank Accounts	
Sterling Checking:	\$5,984.16
Sterling Savings/MM:	\$13,457.96
Home Federal Savings:	\$805.52

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Newsletter Deadline: Deadline for the newsletter is the 15th of the month preceding the meeting. Send articles to:

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