



AAUW Ashland Celebration of Scholars: Our 2018–19 Women Scholars

By Wanda Chin, Scholarship Co-Chair



AAUW Ashland Scholarship 2018-19 recipients: SOU students (l to r): Arismendi Villa-Saucedo, Stacey Vance, Nomi Macadangang, Samara Diab, and Caitlin Diefendorf. RCC students: Mitzi Grannis, Isabella Ruikis, and Amber Stone

The long journey to university for Arismendi Villa-Saucedo began more than 15 years ago when her mother crossed the United States–Mexico border with her nine children in search of a better life for them. Today Arismendi, the youngest child is the first in her family to attend college.

As a mother of three, Amber Stone and her husband supported their children's education as the priority. Returning to school after 22 years, Amber now resumes her own college dream despite a recent setback of serious illness.

Eight women scholars were honored at the annual Celebration of Scholars, hosted by AAUW Ashland members and donors. Family, friends, and college officials were treated to a program and reception. See the Celebration Program for profiles of our students.

Thanks to the generosity of our members and donors, AAUW Ashland awarded \$26,500 to our eight scholars for the 2018–19 academic year. These tuition scholarships are used at Rogue Community College (RCC) and our partner school, Southern Oregon University (SOU).

“Once again AAUW women helping women to succeed was celebrated by our giving academic scholarships for the coming year,” said Kate Wolf-Pizor, Scholarship Co-Chair.

Annual Board Retreat Friday, June 8

The annual Board retreat, which is open to all members, is our last scheduled event of the 2017-18 year. It also is a lot of fun in a casual setting to get better acquainted with your Board and fellow members. We'll meet in the Gresham Room of the Ashland library from 10 am-2 pm and will break for a potluck lunch. Coffee and tea will be available. Please bring your own tableware and mug and something to share for lunch. Topics will include our priorities for next year, a possible change in venue for Branch meetings, suggestions for programs, discussion of fundraising needs and opportunities, and progress on our strategic plan. If you are unable to attend but would like to express your concerns or wishes to the Board, you may send any comments to Gretchen King.

When: Friday, June 8,
10 am - 2 pm

Where: Ashland Public Library,
Gresham Room

Renew Your AAUW Membership

Deadline: June 30, 2018

Please return your renewal form as soon as possible so that we can include you in the new Directory for 2018-19!



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The Celebration of Scholars 2018 is now history, and once again we were overwhelmed with the stories from these amazing eight young women. Thanks to you, the members, for making these scholarships possible.

You are a generous and gracious group of women. Special thanks to Wanda Chin and Kate Wolf-Pizor and their committee for the challenging task of selecting this year's recipients. Also, many thanks to Sherri Morgan and Peggy Moore and their committee for organizing the celebratory evening and mentoring the recipients. Again, big thanks to our honorary member Rob Pippel for the beautiful programs.

With the scholarships celebrated and only the June 8 retreat remaining on our AAUW calendar, we end another successful AAUW Ashland year. It has been such a pleasure for me to serve as your co-president this year with Sandy Theis. She has been such a wonderful example of organization, efficiency, and dedication. I am grateful to her for her insight and thoughtful decisions.

I will continue for my second year as co-president and am thrilled that Pam Shay has stepped up to serve as the incoming co-president. Pam has been a member for 2 years, served as a member-at-large on the Board this year, and worked on the Jean Houston committee. I look forward to her energy, enthusiasm, and known leadership skills.

Although it may appear that AAUW is inactive during the summer, your new program chairs, Sunny Anderson and Diana Versluis, will be coordinating another year of inspiring speakers. Your Board members will be tweaking the strategic plan to keep us mission focused, and financial officers Sonja Friedman and Diana Quirk will be working on next year's budget to maintain our solvency. Speaking of our budget, I am so excited to announce that Bessie Azari and Paula Wiiken have volunteered to coordinate a garage sale for spring 2019 to support our operating needs and bolster our scholarship funds. This will be an upscale operation, so start saving your unwanted treasures.

— Gretchen King, Co-president

Our membership renewal for the coming 2018-19 year is drawing to a close. The Directory will be going to publication this summer, and we want to include every one of our members – but we must have your renewal submitted prior to the **deadline of June 30**. If you have not yet returned the form and check, please do so **TODAY!** A copy of the form can be downloaded from our website at <http://www.ashland-oraauw.net/> Once on the website, look under the tab "Join" to find the printable form.

I would like to thank all of the Membership Committee members who have generously helped welcome and orient new members in my two years of service as Chair. Especially **Kori Calvert** and **Erin Finklea**, who have done an outstanding job as coordinators of hospitality, and **Maureen Wilson-Jarrard**, who has directed our membership email communications. Several gracious hosts have opened their homes for our new member events. **Catherine Lutes** will be assuming the Chair position of this committee, and brings new ideas, energy, and enthusiasm to this important role. Once again this year, Ashland is the largest AAUW Branch in Oregon!

—Priscilla Arnold, Membership Chair



In Our Thoughts

A card has been mailed to Kate Wolf-Pizor on the passing of her mother

An e-card has been sent to Sarah Cottrell who had been hospitalized with an infection.

Directory Business Card Ad

The deadline to submit your business card for the new directory is June 30. Send your business card and a check (\$30 for B&W or \$35 for color) and mail to: AAUW Ashland, 2305 Ashland St., Suite C #406, Ashland, OR 97520

—Chris Licata, Directory Editor

AAUW Oregon State Convention



From left, Susan McLain, Janeen Sollman, Trish Garner (Oregon AAUW Public Policy Chair), Sheri Maelstrom, Jangle Bynum

Four members from our Ashland Branch attended the AAUW Oregon State Convention in Hillsboro on April 20-22: Gretchen King, Pam Shay, Bessie Azari, and Paula Wiiken.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Melody Rose, President of Marylhurst University. Dr. Rose is a nationally recognized scholar of women and politics, and she gave a rousing speech about how to elect more women to public office.

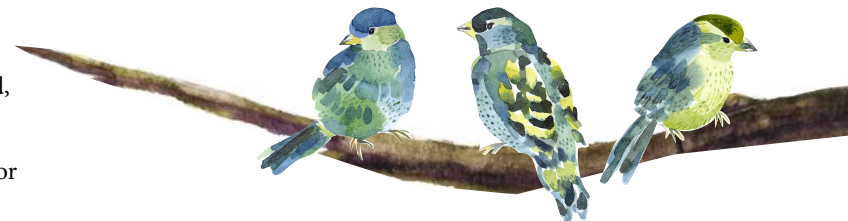
Trish Garner, our AAUW Public Policy Chair for Oregon, moderated a truly interesting panel of women who currently serve in the Oregon legislature. The legislators discussed many issues, including what changes they hope to accomplish while in office, challenges they face, and how to encourage more women to run.

There were many breakout sessions with interesting speakers. Elizabeth Estabrooks, the Oregon Women Veterans Coordinator, spoke movingly of how society ignores women veterans and ways we might honor them better. Her talk, "I am not Invisible," was accompanied by powerful large photos of women veterans.

Amy Neel is the Construction Training Director at Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. At loose ends after college graduation, Amy became a carpenter and worked many happy years in the trades. Her enthusiasm for this career led her to her current job: selecting and training low income women to work in the building trades. The end goal is to earn a living wage and build a successful career. Amy's enthusiasm for working with her hands was infectious.

Sunday morning our attendees enjoyed meeting with other women in the Southern District to share successes and strategies.

—Paula Wiiken, Public Policy Chair



Ashland Councilor and AAUW Ashland member Stefani Seffinger spoke about the significance of the scholarships to the schools and the community.

Often a college education is prioritized for boys and men, and downplayed for girls and women. Using examples from their own lives, Dr. Susan Walsh, SOU Provost, and Dr. Cathy Kemper-Pells, RCC President, encouraged all the scholars to pursue their academic degrees and to continue their own journeys of learning.

“For 28 years AAUW Ashland scholarships have given women the necessary financial boost to continue and finish their degrees, ensuring that they will obtain meaningful work for the future and contribute to their communities and themselves,” said Peggy Moore, Celebration of Scholars Co-Chair.

Priscilla Arnold, MD has mentored AAUW Ashland scholars over the years. She remarked: “While women have been increasingly successful in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) careers, there continues to be disparity in a number of fields.

Our scholarship committee was pleased to award scholarships to women pursuing three different STEM pathways this year: Caitlin Diefendorf, pre-medicine; Nomi Macadangdang, mathematics; and Isabella Ruikis, environmental engineering.”

A first and a last for SOU programs mark the achievements of two scholars. At SOU, Samara Diab, the Judy Yin Shih scholar, will be the last French major to graduate, while Stacey Vance will be the first graduate in the new Masters program of Outdoor Adventure and Expedition Leadership. Samara: “Throughout my life, following in the footsteps of parents courageous enough to start over somewhere new time after time, I have cultivated the ability to create.”

Without thoughts of higher education, Mitzi Grannis has worked to break the chain of addiction in her family. At RCC, she discovered that she loves learning, and this success has fueled her imagination—so many possibilities to choose from.

Kate Wolf-Pizor: “One of AAUW’s core values is passing the gift of education forward. Our mission and cooperative work with an eye on the prize enriches us all. Consider joining us in this rewarding work.”

Congratulations to our scholars! Look for their personal stories in our monthly newsletter throughout the coming year.

The Scholars

Southern Oregon University

Samara Diab, Junior, English and French, Honors College, awarded The Judy Yin Shih Scholarship

Caitlin Diefendorf, Junior, Biology and Chemistry minor, Honors College

Nomi Macadangdang, Junior, Mathematics

Stacey Vance, Graduate, Masters of Outdoor Adventure and Expedition Leadership

Arismendi Villa-Saucedo, Senior, Health and P.E.

Rogue Community College

Mitzi Grannis, Associate of Arts, focus on criminal justice and psychology

Isabella Ruikis, Pre-engineering

Amber Stone, Nursing

Read more at Ashland Daily Tidings <http://dailytidings.com/news/education/a-boost-to-help-overcome-the-gap>



Wanda Chin and Samara Diab



Priscilla Arnold and Caitlin Diefendorf



Diana Versluis and Nomi Macadangdang



Erin Finklea and Stacey Vance



Arismendi Villa-Saucedo and Lyn Gutierrez



Rae Otto and Mitzi Grannis



Katharine Lang and Isabella Ruikis



Bessie Azari and Amber Stone



NCCWSL recipients: Cameron Diaz and Neisha Bhagwandin



SOU Provost Susan Walsh



RCC President Dr. Cathy Kemper-Pells



Ashland City Councilor Stefani Seffinger



Samara Diab, Judy Yin Shih Scholarship Award student, with Wanda Chin (Scholarship Co-Chair), Jean Conger (Endowment Chair), and Kate Wolf-Pizor (Scholarship Co-Chair and Endowment committee)



Celebration Co-Chairs, Sherri Morgan and Peggy Moore (not shown)

Many thanks to the AAUW Ashland Scholarship Committee members, who review, select, and then mentor our scholars: Priscilla Arnold, Stephanie Bullock, Sharon Dean, Erin Finklea, Lyn Gutierrez, Suzanne Hering, Margaret Humphrey, Katharine Lang, Ann Lovett, Peggy Moore, Mary Renaud, Elaine Sweet, and Wanda Chin and Kate Wolf-Pizor, Co-Chairs.

Gratitude to Lisa Dunagan, Support Specialist, RCC Foundation, and Stephanie Hanigan, Scholarship Coordinator, SOU, for their assistance to the AAUW Ashland Scholarship Committee.

Gifts of donation to the Scholarship Funds can be noted on your annual membership dues form. Write a separate check for each school foundation (SOU or RCC), and add a note in the Memo line: Indicate the fund (Annual or Endowment).



Diane Novak and Sandy Theis



New members Leah Moll and Anne Marie Avegno



Laurie Carter, Carryl Breon and Melissa Grudin

Charitable Partners

These five members have pledged to make a donation to either the AAUW/SOU or AAUW/RCC Scholarship Fund every time an AAUW member uses their services or refers someone who uses their services. We thank them for their generosity and dedication to AAUW.

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Donor Spotlight: Kate and Jim Wolf-Pizor



Kate and Jim Wolf-Pizor have made an incredibly generous cash gift of \$50,000 to the AAUW SOU Endowment Fund, a “March to a Million” Campaign gift that translates into \$100,000 when matched dollar for dollar by the Campaign’s anonymous match donors.

At their home we visited with Kate and Jim and asked them about themselves and why they chose to give so generously to the Endowment Fund.

Kate and Jim have lived in Ashland for four years and Kate has been a member of AAUW Ashland for just about as long. They lived in the San Francisco Bay Area before moving here, but were no strangers to Ashland, having come for vacations for 25 years.

Kate was introduced to our Ashland branch of AAUW by Rae Otto, who took Kate to a Celebration of Scholars event just after she relocated here. “That event moved me so deeply,” Kate said, “The impact of those scholarships on those women’s lives was something I never forgot.”

Asked why she and Jim decided to contribute to the SOU Endowment Fund, Kate replied, “Everybody’s daughter deserves a chance for an education. We are still living in a society that does not value women enough. It is the job of women who have completed a degree to help the next generation.”

Jim, too, was affected by what he has witnessed at the Celebration of Scholars events. “So many of these women are the first in their families to attend college. That takes a lot of courage and hard work. I feel lucky that we are able to help them with scholarships that enable them to pursue their educational goals.”

Kate’s mother died in April this year and Kate talked about her as an example of philanthropic generosity. “My mother was a long-time member of AAUW and a generous contributor to scholarships for women.” Kate and Jim are definitely continuing her mother’s legacy.

Thank you so much, Kate and Jim, for your generosity and caring!

Beginning in 2019, a Named Scholarship entitled Wolf-Pizor Family will be presented to an SOU Scholarship recipient in perpetuity.

—Jean Conger and Sylvia Whitman

\$1,000,000



March to a Million Campaign Update

Our SOU Endowment match campaign to raise \$500,000 in bequests and cash gifts is gaining momentum! Several more generous gifts have been received recently. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the following donors:

- Kate and Jim Wolf-Pizor gave a \$50,000 cash gift.
- Elaine and Wayne Hamlin pledged a \$10,000 bequest.
- Sylvia and Keith Whitman pledged a \$10,000 bequest.
- Elaine and Dick Sweet gave a \$1000 cash gift.
- Anonymous gave a \$5000 cash gift.

Because of a generous anonymous \$500,000 match donation, these gifts will be matched dollar for dollar. Each of these donors knows that their generosity now will have double the impact on the future of higher education for women in the Rogue Valley --forever!

If you attended the Celebration of Scholars event on May 22nd, you saw and heard first-hand what a scholarship gift can accomplish in the life of a woman seeking a college education. You heard about their hopes, struggles, and ambitions, and how the scholarships made a significant difference in their lives.

You can help make that happen, now and into the future for countless women. Please consider giving a gift of either cash or a bequest to the SOU Endowment Fund now and help us reach our goal of \$1,000,000.

For information on how to give a cash gift or how to set up a bequest to the SOU Endowment Fund, please email or call the Chair of our Endowment Committee, Jean Conger.

Calling all Crafters! Help the Maslow Project!

Do you sew? Knit? Paint? Fold origami? Create greeting cards? Make earrings? If so, please consider donating your finished goods to our annual AAUW fundraiser for the Maslow Project. We are planning to repeat last year’s gift bazaar at our December Holiday Party – and could really use your help! So get busy and start stockpiling your beautiful wares for this event .

The Maslow Project supports homeless youth in our area, and they really appreciate our support. Last year we raised over \$800 for the girls from Ashland High School who are part of the Maslow Project.

If you have questions about what sorts of items we are looking for, the Maslow Project, or any other aspect of this fundraising effort, please contact Vicky Giffin.

WIN Update

The Women in Need (WIN) team’s annual January fundraiser helped Dunn House purchase a new microwave, dishwasher, and an oven. In the past, our contributions have aided in purchasing a security system, vacuums, secure locks, bedding, and much more! Our WIN book sale, held at some of our Ashland AAUW meetings, purchases bus tokens for Dunn House residents. If you have any questions about donations for the shelter, please contact me. Thank you for your generosity!

—Carol Ryan, WIN Chair



AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund

Over the years, I have attended AAUW Oregon conventions and listened to the personal stories of brave plaintiffs seeking legal redress for Title VII, Title IX, equal pay, and sexual harassment. This year, Paul Thein, former athletic director at Feather River Community College, in the small town of 8,000, told his story of “turning in an abuser in the California mountains.”

I will tell you more about Paul after an introduction to AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF).

For 33 years, AAUW's LAF has supported more than 100 cases and supplied millions of dollars to balance the scales for people working toward gender equity through the legal system. The Fund pays legal fees, becomes an amicus signatory, and AAUW members attend legal proceedings. The program supports cases that have the potential to set or reinforce precedent for future cases on gender discrimination.

In 2005, Paul Thein advocated for equal treatment of women's and men's coaching staffs at Feather River. He supported hiring a gay woman as a full-time tenured basketball head coach. That same summer, a male faculty member supplied alcohol and sexually assaulted female students at an Upward Bound sports camp for disadvantaged students, sponsored by the college. Paul was called to the camp and subsequently reported the incident to police. The perpetrator's father was an influential tenured faculty member. Paul and two female coaches lost their jobs in retaliation. Overwhelmed and drained, they came to LAF for help in 2007. LAF reimbursed \$90,000 in lawyer fees, sat in court many times and gave Paul's family a Christmas that year. The case took 14 years to settle, the longest in AAUW's history. The female coaches settled in 2014. Paul was awarded \$2 million in 2016. He now speaks to AAUW members across the country through LAF Case Support Travel Grants.

You can make a charitable gift to the Legal Advocacy Fund online at aauw.org/Donate. Thank you to the four Ashland members who donated in 2018 and were recognized at the Fund's dinner at the convention.

—Bessie Azari, Public Policy

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)

The month of April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and this year's goal was to reach beyond the campus into the community. One of the ways we did this was to hang a banner across E. Main St. the first week of April. Mimi Pippel applied for a grant to pay for the banner and the fee to hang it, and AAUW of Oregon sent a check for \$500 to cover the expenses. When the week was over it was moved to the SOU campus to use as a backdrop for other events happening throughout the month such as Denim Day, which grew out of a 1998 Italian Supreme Court decision that overturned a rape conviction because the victim wore tight jeans.

Another very moving event was a Survivor Art Installation entitled “What I Was Wearing.” This consisted of a various selections of outfits worn when a victim be it male, female, or child, was assaulted.



The month ended with Navy veteran Timothy Jones as the keynote speaker, talking about being sexually assaulted and overcoming the aftermath during his time in the Navy. Jones shared his personal story of survival and resiliency to the assembled students detailing how he was stalked, raped, and hazed while serving on active duty in 1999. Students marched from the Raider Village Quad to the Ashland Plaza with signs saying “TAKE BACK THE NIGHT” following the speech.

—Mimi Pippel,
College/University Partnership Co-Chair



Keeping Ashland Women Safe



Keeping Ashland Women Safe (K.A.W.S.) is a task force comprised of concerned citizens who have come together in response to violence and threats of violence against women in Ashland. The mission of K.A.W.S. is to provide a platform for ongoing community awareness and action to ensure women's safety in Ashland, through social media; safety, prevention, and empowerment training; and active culture change. This group was initiated by Alaya Ketani, an AAUW member and Co-Chair of the Jackson County Council Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. (Please note: This task force is a separate entity from the Jackson County Council.) She was motivated to create this task force by the women who have contacted her to share their stories of assault and abuse, and by the recent assault of a female employee in an Ashland restaurant.

K.A.W.S. has rallied support from key organizations in Ashland, including Chief O'Meara of Ashland Police Department, Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), Community Works Advocacy Team, Ashland Culture of Peace Commission, and Peace House.

—Alaya Ketani



INTEREST GROUPS

Contact the Coordinator to join a group.

Arts and Language

AFTERNOON MOVIE GROUP meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month to watch a movie at the Varsity or Ashland Street Cinemas. We will meet in the lobby ten minutes before the selected movie begins. If you wish, we can discuss the movie at a local hotspot afterwards. We will meet during the summer. The selected movie and the time will be announced by email. *Coordinator: Jean Conger*

MUSICALS meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 4:30 pm, usually at the home of Ed Perkins. Look for a group e-mail. *Coordinator: Diane Novak*

OPERA meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 4 pm. Our next meeting is June 5 at the home of Ed Perkins. The opera will be “L'elisir d'amore (the Elixir of Love)” by Donizetti. Bring an appetizer or potluck dish, and wine or other beverage to share. We will continue to meet throughout the summer. *Coordinator: Nancy Kramarenko*

PLAY READING is the fourth Friday of each month throughout the year alternating between Annette Lewis's home and Carolyn Peak's, from 4-7 pm. On June 22 we will be at Carolyn's house, July will be at Annette's, August at Carolyn's, and September at Annette's. Bring a snack and beverage if you choose and a copy of “Snow in Midsummer.” *Coordinators: Annette Lewis and Carolyn Peake*

SHAKESPEARE AT OSF meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 12:30-3 pm at Annette Lewis's house. We will not meet during the summer and will resume after fall interest group sign-ups. *Coordinator: Annette Lewis*

Book Groups

ADELANTE! Online book group sponsored by AAUW. Go to www.aauw.org/resource/adelante-book-list. In recognition of LGBT Pride Month, this month's selection is “Then Comes Marriage: United States V. Windsor and the Defeat of DOMA” by Roberta Kaplan.

The defeat of the Defense of Marriage Act before the Supreme Court is one of the most significant civil rights victories in our nation's history. But how did the case that brought it down — Windsor v. United States — come to be? In “Then Comes Marriage”, lawyer Roberta Kaplan — who argued the case before the Supreme Court — pulls back the curtain on this landmark case, chronicling the story of how she met plaintiff Edie Windsor and their journey together to defeat DOMA and gain federal recognition for same-sex marriage.

BRAIN BOOKS discussion group meets the 4th Tuesday at 1:30-3:30 pm at the Ashland Public Library (Guanajuato Room) and will meet throughout the summer. Our summer reading selections are:

- **June 26**, “Before You Know It: the unconscious reasons we do what we do” (2017) by John Bargh.
- **July 24**, “The Chickenshit Club: Why the Justice Department Fails to Prosecute Executives” (2017) by Jesse Eisinger.
- **August 28**, “From Bacteria to Bach and Back: the Evolution of Minds” (2017) by Daniel C. Dennett.

Coordinator: Sandra Coyner

DAY NONFICTION We usually meet on the 1st Wednesday at 1 pm. During the summer we will meet on the following dates:

- **June 6**, Maria Geigel will host and lead us in discussing “Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right” by Arlie Russell Hochschild.
- **July 11** (the 2nd Wednesday), Ann Bard will host us in Jacksonville at 12:00 noon for lunch and Diana Quirk will lead us in discussing “The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland” by Jim DeFeve.
- **August 1**, Jean Conger will host and lead us in discussing “Stranger on a Train” by Jenny Diski.

Coordinator: Linda Lipkind

EVENING NONFICTION meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. We will not meet during the summer and will resume in September. We would welcome new members! *Coordinator: Ellen Fowler*

FICTION DAY BOOKS meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (except July) from 1-3pm. The group is currently closed to new members due to size. Please contact Kate Wolf-Pizor, to be put on our waiting list. We will read “Cat's Table” by Michael Ondaatje in June and “Underground Railroad” by Colson Whitehead in August. *Coordinator: Kate Wolf-Pizor*

MONDAY EVENING BOOKS

- **June 11**, we will meet at Caroline Morse's home to discuss “Sing, Unburied, Sing: A Novel”, by Jesmyn Ward. Caroline will be leading the discussion.
- **July 9**, Charlotte Abernathy will be leading the discussion of “The Summer before the War” by Helen Simonson, at her home.
- **August 13**, Jean Conger will be leading the discussion on “A Gentleman in Moscow” by Amor Towles at her home.

Coordinator: Shannon Stuver

THURSDAY EVENING MYSTERY meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. On June 14 we will meet at the home of Anne Marie Avegno to discuss “Glass Houses” by Louise Penny. In keeping with our tradition, the September gathering will take place at the home of Sally Peterson, and chosen title is “Dark Lake” by Sarah Bailey. We would very much enjoy the company of any member who has either read the book or might be interested in joining the group. Please let Rosemary know if you are planning to attend. *Coordinators: Carol Ryan and Rosemary Adalian*

Games, Genealogy, Knitting & Dining

BOARD GAMES meets the 4th Wednesday at 7 pm. We will meet on June 27 at the home of Sylvia Whitman and on July 25 at Cheryl Goldman's home. Please RSVP to the host and coordinator. *Coordinator: Marcella Theeman*

GENEALOGY GROUP We meet at 1:30 pm on the 4th Thursday at the Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford. We are meeting throughout the summer on June 28, July 26, and August 23. Any AAUW Ashland member interested in genealogical research (beginning or advanced) who likes to share family discoveries, stories, photos, and tips may join us. *Coordinator: Linda Lipkind*

KNITTERS AND STITCHERS will meet on Thursday, June 14, 1-3 pm, at the home of Michaele Rae. We will be working on hand projects and discussing all topics knitting. Please RSVP to Michaele if you plan to attend. *Coordinator: Peggy Audibert*

POTLUCK DINNERS: The next AAUW Potluck will be held on Wednesday, June 13 at the home of Dick & Elaine Sweet. We will gather at 6pm to enjoy a potluck meal together. Please bring a dish to share and a bottle of wine (if you drink wine). As always, it is important that you RSVP if you can come (regrets not necessary). Your RSVP will ensure that you have a space at the table(s) and a chair to sit on. *Coordinator: Elaine Sweet*



From the April 2018 Board Meeting

FINANCIAL REPORT Diana Quirk reported that we earned over \$1,000 in the Vanguard account this year. Julie Benezet suggested that we provide a graph showing how much of our budget goes to each expenditure area at our September meeting. This would be very helpful for all of us but particularly for new members.

MEMBERSHIP Priscilla Arnold reported there were 51 attendees at the April branch meeting. Currently we have 190 members.

TABLE TALK Gretchen led a discussion on the feedback she received on the table talk exercise held at the last meeting. Several good suggestions came forward from the members attending and various ideas will be part of the agenda for the Board Retreat in June. Members are welcome to attend and participate.

MEETING VENUE We currently spend \$ 1,700 a year to rent space at SOU. This is almost 33% of our total annual dues revenue. The space at SOU is nicer than our previous venue but there are other possible venues that might be less expensive. According to Priscilla, we average between 50 and 80 members at branch meetings. Several Board members will contact other possible venues keeping in mind the need for parking, space, and proximity and report back.

BOARD RETREAT Sandy, Gretchen, and Pam will develop the agenda. Suggestions from the Board for topics were invited. The event will be held at the Ashland Library on Friday, June 22 from 10am – 2pm. Members are invited to attend all or part of the meeting.

CONVENTION REPORT Sandy informed the Board that we were #1 in the state for the most new members, #3 in percent of increase. We received a partnership award for SOU and NCCWSLE.

THANKS Gretchen thanked Sandy Theis for serving as Co-President for the past two years, Priscilla Arnold for serving as Membership Chair the past three years, Diana Quirk for service as Financial Officer the past couple of years, and Peggy Moore for serving as Secretary for the past seven years.

—Peggy Moore, Recording Secretary



AAUW Medford Branch Spring Garden Tour

Saturday, June 9, 10 am–4 pm

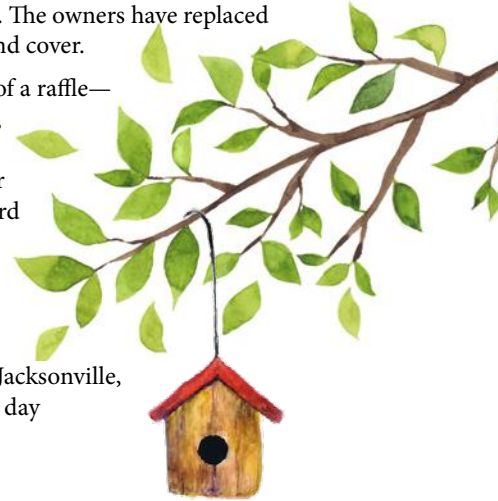
Four gardens in Eagle Point and two in Medford

In Eagle Point: Art by Northwest glass artist Randy Perkins will be displayed at a woodland-themed garden and wildlife habitat with a wonderful water feature. Exotic perennials that thrive in our Rogue Valley climate are the focus in another. A historic bungalow across from the Old Butte Mill has an heirloom garden and antique gates. The Tour also includes a stop at the Resort at Eagle Point Golf Club.

In Medford: Four sets of garden scale trains zoom over trestles and under waterfalls in this garden, featuring appropriate tiny villages and miniature rock gardens, plus a 3000-gallon koi pond, as well as our Hospitality Garden with cookies and beverages. The second garden is a series of select, small spaces to encourage both square foot and vertical gardening in a resortlike setting. The owners have replaced their lawn with decorative ground cover.

This garden is also the location of a raffle—a one-week stay in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. Raffle tickets may be purchased on the day of the tour at 2180 Duncan Drive in Medford and at the Resort at Eagle Point Golf Club (until 4 pm).

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at all Grange Co-ops, The Blue Door Garden Store in Jacksonville, and at any of the gardens on the day of the tour.



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