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

Women in Russia and Japan: Close-up Views



Join us at the October 18 Branch meeting for a fascinating look at the changing status of women in Russia and Japan. Michelle Carter, author of "From Under the Russian Snow," spent a year in Russia where she worked with newspaper editors to ease their transition from a controlled media to a free and independent press. Michelle will discuss the evolving role of women in Russia from the Soviet period through the blossoming of perestroika and glasnost in 1995 to today's Putin-controlled Russia.

Kimie Oshima is a professor of sociolinguistics and intercultural communication at Kanagawa University, Tokyo. She'll explain how the Japanese language has

"markers" that show whether the speaker is a woman or man and to denote status, which can complicate conversations in the workplace. She is one of the few women performers of Rakugo, a traditional storytelling art, and will talk about women's status in terms of how they were treated in classical Rakugo stories in the 1800s as well as today.



When: Thursday, October 18, 5-7:30 pm
Where: SOU Stevenson Union, Gallery Room

Calendar: 2018-2019

October 18, 2018

THURS., 5-7:30 pm

Branch Meeting
Michelle Carter and Dr. Kimie Oshima, "Women in Russia and Japan: Close-up views."
The Gallery Room, SOU



November 10, 2018

SAT., 9:30 am-12 noon

Branch Meeting
Elizabeth Estabrooks, Oregon Women Veterans Coordinator, "Women Veterans and Intentional Inclusivity."
Diversions Room, SOU

December 7, 2018

FRI., 6-8 pm

Holiday Party and Maslow Project Fundraiser
Diversions Room, SOU

January 12, 2019

SAT., 9:30 am-12 noon

Branch Meeting
Public Policy Presentations
Diversions Room, SOU

February 16, 2019

SAT., 9:30 a-12 noon

Branch Meeting
Samara Diab, 2018 Judy Shih Scholarship recipient, "The Importance of Funding Higher Education for Women."
The Gallery Room, SOU

March 14, 2019

THURS., 5-7:30 pm

Branch Meeting
Julie Benezet and a panel of women leaders will discuss "Leading and Succeeding in the 21st Century."
The Gallery Room, SOU

April 9, 2019

TUES., 5-7:30 pm

AAUW Ashland Annual Meeting Election and Installation of officers, Florence Schneider & Named Gift Honoree Awards
The Gallery Room, SOU

May 22, 2019

WED., 5:30-8:30 pm

Celebration of Scholars
Rogue River Room, SOU

June 8, 2019

SAT., 10 am-2 pm

Annual Board Retreat
Ashland Public Library, Gresham Room

New 2018-2019 AAUW Ashland Membership Directory Available at October Branch Meeting See page 2 for details.

October Branch Meeting
Saturday, November 10, 9:30-12 noon

"Women Veterans and Intentional Inclusivity"

Our November meeting will feature Elizabeth Estabrooks, Oregon Women Veterans Coordinator. Learn about advocacy for women veterans and why Oregon is in the forefront of this movement.

Save the Date
AAUW Ashland Branch
Holiday Party
December 7, 2018





At our first Branch meeting on September 13, we were graced with the presence of Bella Manray, an Ashland High School senior interning for Representative Pam Marsh. Bella explained

a contest called “There Oughta to Be a Law.” This contest presents a great opportunity to submit suggestions about perceived legislative needs at the state level. It asks: “Is there a law you think the State of Oregon should have or eliminate?” If you are interested and want further information, please go to Pam Marsh’s website: www.oregonlegislature.gov/marsh

I have an idea about something that needs our attention at both the state and national level but one that would not qualify for the contest because it is law already. A hard fought one that many Americans take for granted and do not consistently utilize. I am speaking of our right to vote.

I am sure you agree that bright, intelligent, college-educated women--- like AAUW members--- would not hesitate to vote in an election. But the fact is that some have neglected to exercise their rights in the past and many Americans, not just women, have often failed to do so as well.

You may be aware that after women gained the vote, there was great worry that they would “take things over.” However, after gaining the right to vote in 1928, women barely made it to the polls. Sadly, a remark made by a woman suffragist in the 1920s, and cited in *Vote, Run, Lead*, remained apt for nearly half a century: “I know of no politician who is afraid of the woman vote on any question under the sun.”

The great news about recent elections, according to the Center for American

Women and Politics, is that voter turnout rates for women have equaled or exceeded voter turnout rates for men. Women, who constitute more than half the population, are beginning to turn out in force.

In 2016, only 58% of all those eligible (both men and women) voted in the national election. That election might have turned in a different direction if the remaining 42% had voted. This is not to suggest that that 42% would vote in a monolithic block that might sway the results but rather that the results would have been more reflective of the desires of our entire population had everyone —more women, more men, more minorities—participated.

Here is my plea. I wish to encourage every member of our Branch to do two things in the coming election: Vote and get out the vote! We need to vote and raise the tide to pull along all of those who do not intend to vote at all. Ask everyone you know to take an active step forward and mail in their ballot.

Admittedly, there is a bonus in this for us women. We are in a remarkable moment where more and more of our sisters are running for elected office. So, let’s participate in this process by voting and encouraging others to vote, too.

There is a law and all eligible voters oughta be practicing it! *Vote, Run, Lead*.

—Pam Shay, Co-president

In Our Thoughts

Expressions of sympathy were sent to Elaine Plaisance upon the passing of her husband, Jim Duncan.

—Rosemary Adalian, Contact Secretary

Our Welcome Back meeting on September 13 was attended by 80 members with 9 visitors joining us for this fun and informative meeting. We talked about celebrating what is good in this world, and one of those good things is definitely this wonderful group of women, who are such lights in the world.

The beautiful new directory, with photos, was distributed to members, attending. This is a very useful tool for members with many new features, including a member neighborhood/carpool locator. A special shout-out to Chris Licata and her husband for all the work with the photos and layout!

Members were asked to inform Chris or Catherine of any errors or corrections, and a correction sheet will be issued next month.

Directories that were not picked up will be available at the October 18 meeting, or may be picked by contacting me.

Four new members were introduced at this meeting: two of whom had their bios printed in last month’s *Vision*: Shirley Malcolm and Riah Safady. The two newest members are Wendy Van Camp and Judy Newton.

Wendy Van Camp is a graduate of Mills College and Hastings College of the Law. She practiced law for ten years, and then became a high school English teacher. She and husband, Warren, lived in Palo Alto for ten years where they raised their daughter. They visited the Rogue Valley many times over the years, primarily drawn by the productions of OSF and the Britt Festival, and moved to Medford two years ago.

Wendy enjoys reading, hiking, and spending time with family, friends, and their dogs.

Judy Newton received her law degree from the University of San Diego and then worked as a staff attorney for US Customs Service and also did labor litigation. She later trained as a mediator and worked as a volunteer in the court system. She and her husband, Gary, moved to Ashland 20 years ago when their two children were very young. She was an active founder of the Siskiyou School here in Ashland, where she served as President of the Board for 6 years.

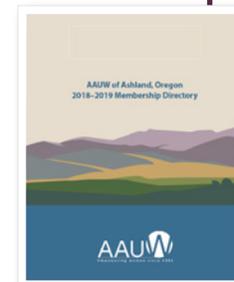
Judy was a teacher of NIA dance, an aerobic dance form that combines, jazz, modern dance, tai chi and yoga. She currently volunteers for the Tudor Guild, and in her free time, she loves to travel with her husband, dance, read and meet new people.

—Catherine Lutes, Membership Chair

Our New Directory

Our new 2018-2019 AAUW Ashland Membership Directory is now available and you can get yours when you come to the next meeting, Thursday, October 18, 2018, 5-7:30 pm. While you’re there, please pick up a directory for an AAUW member who is a friend or neighbor. If you can’t make it, call Catherine Lutes to arrange to pick it up from her.

—Chris Licata, Directory Editor



Donor Spotlight: Diane Novak



Diane Novak, a long-time member of our Branch, has decided to name the SOU Endowment Fund as the beneficiary of her Roth IRA with a current value of \$100,000. She wants to support the “March to a Million” campaign to ensure education for female students in perpetuity. Diane believes women are smart, intuitive, and powerful: “Education is a way to discover those qualities so they can help create a better world.”

Diane grew up in the Antelope Valley in Southern California, where she attended Antelope Valley Community College before transferring to California State University Northridge (CSUN) to continue a liberal arts and sciences degree. After moving to Ashland in 1987, Diane completed a BA in education degree at SOSU. In 2007, she returned to SOU (name change) to earn her Masters in Special Education.

Diane taught first through eighth grades at Chatauqua Ranch School (now named Willow Wind) for one year before moving with her husband, Robert, to Winchester, Tennessee, where she taught fourth and fifth graders for seven years. Diane stays in touch with many of her Tennessee students on Facebook.

June Poe, Diane’s mother, encouraged her to become a student member of AAUW Ashland in 1987. When Diane returned to Ashland in 1998, Diane re-joined AAUW as an active, involved member. She has served on the membership committee, was a co-facilitator for interest groups for several years, and worked on past AAUW Garden Tours. Currently, Diane is facilitator for our Movie Musicals interest group and works with Carryl Breon on the AWSEM program.

Diane has been a substitute teacher in the Rogue Valley since her retirement from full-time teaching. Diane is the foster pet coordination for Friends of the Animal Shelter (FOTAS), volunteers at the FOTAS shot clinic, and helps organize the annual Puss N Boots Ball fundraiser. Due to her love for animals, you will often find her house full of furry friends visiting her adorable dog, Tina.

Diane is a supporter of arts and education and enjoys the eclectic attributes of our community. She is an active volunteer for OSF, contributing her efforts to the Green Show and open mike programs, ushering, and assisting with multi-cultural audience development.

Thank you Diane, for your dedication to our branch and for supporting the “March to a Million” campaign.

\$1,000,000



March to a Million... “Ensuring Education for the Future”

We invite you to join us in an exciting opportunity! Our Ashland AAUW Branch has been challenged to raise \$500,000 in bequests and cash gifts to the SOU Endowment Fund. A generous, anonymous donor has pledged a \$500,000 bequest to match any monies we raise up to that amount. That means that we could potentially establish a \$1 million SOU Endowment Fund that would annually provide SOU scholarships in perpetuity! Your gift, now, of cash and/or a bequest to the SOU Endowment Fund will continue to have an impact on higher education for women in the Rogue Valley forever! So come join us now and be part of the future! For information on how to give a cash gift or how to set up a bequest to the SOU Endowment Fund, check under Donor section on the AAUW website or contact Jean Conger, Endowment chair.

Women in Need

Women in Need (WiN) is an AAUW Ashland interest group that supports Dunn House, a domestic violence shelter in Jackson County.

We have one fundraiser, in January, to benefit the shelter. We have been able to provide funds in the past to purchase a surveillance system, vacuums, bedding, refrigerator, locks for residents’ doors, dishwasher, microwave, and more. We also have periodic book sales at our Branch meetings to purchase bus tokens for the shelter residents.

We will be meeting soon to brainstorm this year’s fundraiser and discuss how to best serve and contribute to Dunn House. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact me.

—Carol Ryan

Fall Salon October 29

The first Salon of the year will be hosted by Gretchen King, Diana Quirk, and Karen Spence at Gretchen’s home on Monday, October 29, 4-6 pm. Wine and appetizers will be provided. This is a great opportunity to spend time with a small group of AAUW members and also learn about the life of a featured member. The Salons this year will provide support for NCCWSL which sends SOU students to Washington D.C. for an AAUW-sponsored leadership conference. Providing future female leaders with the necessary skills to succeed is critical to the mission of AAUW.

Our featured member is Alaya Ketani. Alaya is a Depth Hypnotherapist with expertise in medical, clinical, transpersonal, and alchemical hypnosis plus several advanced specializations. For over 40 years she has helped clients, including athletes and those experiencing medical or life challenges. She is passionate about helping women to develop the awareness, skill, mindset, and empowerment to create a life of vitality, peace, and success. She is in private practice in Ashland, Grants Pass, and Bandon, and also hosts two KSKQ radio shows. Last December Alaya helped create Keeping Ashland Women Safe (K.A.W.S.) following a sexual assault of a female employee in an Ashland restaurant. K.A.W.S. is a task force formed with the assistance of several concerned community members and is intended to be a template for movements in other cities.

The cost to attend the Salon is \$15 per person. If you are interested please contact Gretchen. Space is limited.

Do you hear the Buzz?



We are looking for your “high demand items” to stock the Ashland AAUW Upscale Sale next year. Buyers will swarm to antique and vintage items in good condition. They also love to buy anything new or slightly used.

If you haven’t started your box yet, please think about doing it now. Look around your home for high demand goods and start stockpiling them NOW!

The Upscale Sale is happening at the Bellview Grange next May 18-19.

August 27, 2018 meeting

Financial Report

Sonya Friedman presented the projected 2018-19 Operating Budget to the Board. The Branch budget has projected income of \$8120 and expenses of \$7300.

Public Policy

Paula Wiiken discussed how the Start Smart workshop, aimed at women preparing to graduate from college and entering the job market, teaches the skills and resources needed to negotiate starting salary. The workshop will be offered to 40 participants, focusing on students from SOU and RCC with Linda O'Hare as facilitator. The committee will meet September 12 to discuss the location, school, contract, and marketing of the workshop.

Upscale Sale

Bessie Azari and Paula Wiiken gave a progress report on the AAUW yard sale scholarship fundraiser to be held on May 18-19, 2019 at the Bellview Grange. The rental fee is \$800 and we will be responsible for removing all unsold items at the end of the sale. Steering Committee members are: Bessie Azari and Paula Wiiken, co-chairs; Pam Shay, Gretchen King, Sonja Friedman, Carole Forgan, Priscilla Arnold, and Kathleen Mackris. The café will be chaired by Nancy Kramarenko and Kori Calvert.

The Board agreed that sale proceeds will be distributed as follows: The first \$2000 will go to the operating budget, \$2000 will go to the Scholarship endowments at SOU and RCC. The remainder will be dedicated to scholarships for this year's recipients. A similar sale made \$10,000 in 2016. A mini-sale and wine raffle will be held at the April Presidents' Branch meeting. Jean Conger and Cheryl Goldman will chair the wine raffle.

Endowment Committee

Jean Conger reported on the March to a Million Campaign, noting that the SOU Endowment principal is \$275,000 with SOU bequests totaling \$230,000. Projected scholarship money available in May 2019 from the SOU Foundation is \$9,650. \$14,565 from the Annual Fund has been invested in the Endowment Fund, and the Endowment Committee has planned a reception at the home of Diana Quirk on October 24, 5-7 pm.

Open Positions

Three positions remain open: South District Representative, Celebration of Scholars Chair, and AAUW Funds Chair. If you are interested in serving AAUW in one of these areas, please contact Gretchen King or Pam Shay.

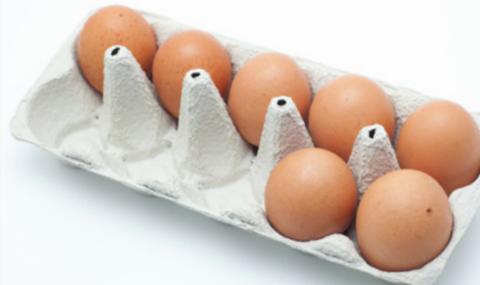
—Peggy Audibert, Recording Secretary

Help Wanted: Additional Newsletter Editor

The award-winning Ashland Branch newsletter, the "Vision," is looking for a new team member to join us in helping to keep our members informed and energized. It's a wonderful opportunity to stay engaged in our mission and use your skills as an editor and grammar geek. You'd work independently on up to 3 issues per year, gathering, organizing, and lightly editing articles from our Branch members. The good news is that there are no committee meetings involved! You can work in your slippers and jammies. When your issue is done, you are footloose and free for a few months! You don't need to be an experienced writer, just be able to use Microsoft Word, and organize and edit articles provided by our able fellow members.

Interested?

Contact Ellen Fowler or
Pat Brewer



The November elections are soon upon us. In addition to voting for candidates there are several measures to consider. Of particular interest to AAUW are Measures 103,104, and 106.

Measure 103 would prohibit state and local governments from enacting taxes on "groceries," which are defined as "any raw or processed food or beverage intended for human consumption except alcoholic beverages, marijuana products, and tobacco products." The main groups pushing this Measure are the manufacturers of sugary drinks and sodas. They want to counter a growing movement for cities to ban such products. There is no effort to impose sales taxes in general or sales taxes on groceries. AAUW is of the opinion that the Measure enshrines a special interest into a Constitutionally mandated loophole, which is not a good way to govern and to manage state budgets.

Measure 104 would extend the requirement for a 3/5ths majority vote in both the House and Senate in order to enact tax exemptions, credits and deductions. Right now a 3/5ths supermajority vote is required to raise revenue, i.e. taxes, and that provision will remain as is. The primary reason AAUW opposes this Measure is that it does not make sense to mandate fiscal policy via a Constitutional amendment. By focusing attention on each and every legislative vote, it also fosters the winner-take-all, hyper-partisan approach that our political parties feel they must adopt in order to enact their platforms. Even more importantly, there is no need to reduce funding for much needed educational, health care, social services, law enforcement, and other services.

Measure 106 would ban using public funds for abortions. A Yes vote supports the ballot initiative to prohibit public funds from being spent on abortions in Oregon, except when medically necessary or required by federal law. A No vote opposes the ballot initiative and retains current law that places no restrictions on spending public funds for abortion or health plans covering abortion when approved by a medical professional. Under the Measure, an abortion would qualify as medically necessary if a licensed physician determines that a woman would suffer an injury or death unless an abortion is performed. Under current law, public funds may also be spent on abortions in circumstances of rape or incest or diagnosed ectopic pregnancies. Additionally, the Measure would amend the Oregon Constitution to restrict abortions for women who receive their health care through the state and Medicaid recipients. AAUW is of the opinion that if this Measure is passed, it is only the first step down the road to complete eradication of the right to reproductive choice.

AAUW supports a NO vote on all three measures. The most important thing, however, is to vote, so be sure to complete your ballot and mail it in.

—Sonja Friedman

Attention Working Women



Are you still in the work force? Still focusing on your career? Do you feel like AAUW is all about retirement?

There are actually quite a few AAUW members who are working full or part time. If we have a response from a critical mass, we plan to host a wine and appetizer get-together one Friday after work this fall for our employed members. There will be no program, just an opportunity for you to get to know each other better and let the AAUW leadership know how we can serve you better. If you are interested, please contact either one of us. Thanks!

—Gretchen King and Pam Shay



Vision - September Issue Correction

Ginny Dugan was incorrectly listed as Webmaster in the “New Leadership” listing. Please note the following correction:

Communications Chair & Board Liaison: Ellen Fowler

- *Webmaster:* **Chris Licata**
- *Newsletter Managing Editors:* **Ellen Fowler & Pat Brewer**
- *Newsletter Designer:* **Chris Licata**

AAUW Medford Branch Meeting

*Thursday, October 4, 6–8 pm,
Sun Oaks lower clubhouse*

“The #MeToo Movement/Sexual Harassment in Schools and Title IX.”

Presenters: Medford Police and Susan Moen, Jackson County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).

AAUW South District Meeting

Friday, October 12, 9:30 am to 1:30pm

**Taprock Restaurant,
971 SE Sixth Street, Grants Pass, OR 97526
PH: 541 955-5998**

Meet and greet your South District Branch members over coffee

Listen, Ask Questions, and Learn about Title IX from Coordinators in 4 different school districts in Southern Oregon: Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, Three Rivers

Eat a delicious lunch and enjoy the scenery at Taprock

Learn how to use Google Drive to store and retrieve AAUW documents from Marguerite Damewood, Grants Pass, State Communication Chair

Share

- What your branch members think about having State conventions each year or every other year
- Fundraising projects and ideas – ideas for mentoring and retaining members
- Leadership successes and problems – activities and dates for branch events open to guests

RSVP by October 3 to barbarapaulson@msn.com

Pay \$22 when you sign in at Taprock. This includes your activities, choice of lunch & drinks.

If you are planning to attend, please let Pam or Gretchen know so we can arrange car pools.



Kitchen Tour

14th Annual

**Grants Pass University Women Charitable Fund
Fundraiser for College Scholarships**

**Saturday October 20, 2018 –
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM**

Fun, food & fabulous kitchens



\$20 Tickets can be purchased from:

- **The Kitchen Company**
- **Oregon Books**
- **Any AAUW Member**
- **On the day of the event at Newman United Methodist Church – Bazaar location**



Visit us on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/AAUWKitchenTourGrantsPass

Explore our website at
<http://grantspass-or.aauw.net>

For more information, contact: Susanne Harmony
at 541-226-2194 or syharmony@gmail.com

Contact the Coordinator to join a group.

Interest Group Sign-ups a Success!

There was genuine excitement among our members who explored the many interest group options being offered at the recent Branch meeting. Interest group coordinators were there to answer questions and assist with sign-ups.

The following groups have waiting lists for openings:

- Fiction Books – Day
- Fiction Books – Evening
- Non-Fiction Books – Day

I'd like to highlight two interest groups, Lunch Buddies and WIN.

Lunch Buddies is sponsored by the Strong Women/Strong Girls program of the Ashland Soroptimist Club. The program is supported by the school and parents and provides mentors to meet monthly with a student to share lunch at Helman Elementary School. The selected twosome will meet for that entire school year. The mentors provide a friendly relationship with the child to encourage a positive educational experience. It's an opportunity to connect with the student in a safe and friendly environment. We would welcome more mentors. Please contact me for more information.

Women In Need (WIN) provides support to a Jackson County shelter for women and children fleeing abuse. In the past our Branch has raised funds for a new refrigerator, vacuum cleaners, linens, and many other projects. New members are welcome. Please contact Carol Ryan for more information.

—Lyn Guitierrez

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 meet in the lobby 10 minutes before the selected movie begins. If you wish, we can discuss the movie at a local hotspot afterward. The selected movie and the time are announced by email. *Coordinator: Jean Conger*

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

OPERA meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 4 pm. Our next meeting is October 2 at the home of Ed Perkins. We will watch the Met's 2018 production of Rossini's "Semiramide." Bring an appetizer or potluck dish, and wine or other beverage to share. *Coordinator: Nancy Kramarenko*

PLAY READING will meet on Friday, October 26 and November 30 at 4 pm at Annette Lewis's house. We are reading "Vanya, and Sonia, and Masha, and Spike" by Christopher Durang. Find copies at Bloomsbury, Tudor Guild, and online. Bring a beverage and nosh if you choose. *Coordinator: Annette Lewis*

SHAKESPEARE AT OSF meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3 pm at Barbara Willson's. The first play we're reading is "As You Like It." If you need more information, contact Michaelae Rae. *Coordinators: Michaelae Rae and Peggy Audibert*



Book Groups

BRAIN BOOKS will meet on Tuesday, October 23 from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Ashland Public Library to discuss "The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate" (2015) by Peter Wohlleben. The book presents recent scientific findings showing amazing ways that trees exchange signals with each other, in the frame of deep love of woods and forests. The group will select books for future months. *Coordinator: Sandra Coyner*

DAY NONFICTION meets on the 1st Wednesday at 1 pm. Our next meeting is on October 3 at the home of Janet Curry in Talent. She will lead us in discussing "38 Nooses: Lincoln, Little Crow, and the Beginning of the Frontier's End" by Scott W. Berg. Carpools to Talent will be formed for those who need a ride. *Coordinator: Linda Lipkind*

DAYTIME FICTION meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in members' homes. Currently we are not accepting new members due to the size of the group. For October we are reading "LaRose" by Louise Erdrich. For information please call Kate Wolf-Pizor.

EVENING NONFICTION meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. On October 17 we will meet at the home of Margaret Karsten to discuss "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah. We would welcome new members! *Coordinator: Ellen Fowler*

MONDAY EVENING BOOKS meets on the 2nd Monday at 7 pm. On October 8 we will be meeting at Diane Novak's home to discuss "Little Bee: A Novel" by Chris Cleave. Cheryl Goldman will lead the discussion. *Coordinator: Shannon Stuver*

THURSDAY EVENING MYSTERY will meet on Thursday, October 11 at 7 pm at the home of Phyllis Fernlund to discuss Raymond Chandler's "The Big Sleep." *Coordinator: Rosemary Adalian*

Games, Genealogy, Knitting & Dining

BOARD GAMES meets the 4th Wednesday at 7 pm. On October 24 Shannon Stuver will be hosting. *Coordinator: Marcella Theeman*

GENEALOGY GROUP We meet at 1:30-3:30 pm on the 4th Thursday at the Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford. Our next meeting is on October 25. Please note that due to Thanksgiving our November/Holiday meeting will be on November 29. Any AAUW Ashland member interested in genealogy is invited to join us in sharing family histories, stories, photos, and research tips. Beginners and experienced family researchers are equally welcome. *Coordinator: Linda Lipkind*

KNITTERS AND STITCHERS meets on the 2nd Thursday at 1 pm. Should you wish to join us, please call Peggy. I look forward to seeing all of you. *Coordinator: Peggy Audibert*

POTLUCK DINNERS: will have its first get together on Tuesday, October 2 at 6 pm at the home of Elaine Sweet. Please bring a dish to share and a bottle of wine (if you drink wine). The potlucks are casual but you do need to RSVP if you want a chair to sit in at the table. Please let me know you want to participate, even if you participated in the past. *Coordinator: Elaine Sweet*



September 2018



Mimi Pippel introduces our new SOU Liaison, Riah Safady



Sandy Theis Welcomed members



Bella Manray explained "There Oughta Be a Law" contest



Co-president Pam Shay with Catherine Lutes as she introduced our new members



Paula Wiiken (left) and Lesley Kaufman discussed this year's Public Policy program



Bessie Azari and Lyn Gutierrez did a skit for the Public Policy



Priscilla Arnold (center) passed the baton to Catherine Lutes (left) to take over as Membership Chair



Diana Quirk (left) helped Chris Licata hand out the new Directories



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Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month. Photos of interest group activities are welcome.

AAUW Ashland Website:

<http://ashland-or.aauw.net>

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

Charitable Partners

These four 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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