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Looking Ahead

November Branch Meeting Nov 23



Get to Know Nataki Garrett

Our special guest Nataki Garrett will share the life journey that brought her to Ashland and her artistic vision for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

Nataki is Oregon Shakespeare Festival's sixth artistic director. As the former associate artistic director of CalArts Center for New Performance, she has been hailed as an experienced, savvy arts administrator.

Nataki's forté and passion are fostering and developing new work. She is responsible for producing the world premieres of "The Book of Will" by Lauren Gunderson, "Two Degrees" by Tira Palmquist, "Zoey's Perfect Wedding" by Matthew Lopez, "The Great Leap" by Lauren Yee, and "American Mariachi" by José Cruz González. She also directed the world premieres of BLKS by Aziza Barnes and Pussy Valley by Katori Hall, and the U.S. premiere of Jefferson's Garden by Timberlake Wertenbaker.

Nataki is a recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts and Theatre Communications Group Career

Development Fellowship for theater directors and is a member of the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society. She is also a member of the board of directors for Theatre Communications Group, a company member at Woolly Mammoth, and an advisory board member for Mixed Blood Theatre.

Nataki is a graduate of California Institute of the Arts with an MFA in directing.

Please join us in this wonderful opportunity to learn more about Nataki Garrett and the future of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, which is such an important part of our community. Feel free to invite a friend to share in this informative program.

When: Saturday, November 23

Time: 10 am Social Time
10:30 am Program begins

Where: Ashland Asante Community Hospital
Conference Room
280 Maple Street, Ashland

Parking: See page 29 of your 2019-20
Membership Directory

Happy Holidays to all!

Our Branch will not be hosting a holiday party this year because no one volunteered to take on the task of planning an event. We'll probably miss the opportunity to gather and socialize during the holiday season, so let's start thinking ahead.

Do you have ideas/suggestions for what we might do next year? Gather at a local winery nibbling on catered snacks? Meet-up at the Hamazons or Nutcracker or Messiah holiday performance? Plan a belated New Year's celebration in January? All ideas are welcome!



Calendar: 2019-20

November 23, 2019

SAT., 10:30 am - 12 noon

Branch Meeting

Asante Ashland Conference Room
Meet Our New OSF Artistic Director

January 25, 2020

SAT., 10:30 am - 12 noon

Branch Meeting

Asante Ashland Conference Room
"Women & Money: The Quest for
Wealth-Life Balance"

February 22, 2020

SAT., 10:30 am - 12 noon

Branch Meeting

Asante Ashland Conference Room
"Uftuddies: A Secret Women's
Society at SOU"

March 28, 2020

SAT., 10:30 am - 12 noon

Branch Meeting

Asante Ashland Conference Room
"Diversity, Inclusion and Title IX at SOU"
Panel of SOU Presenters

April 25, 2020

SAT., 10:30 am - 12 noon

Branch Meeting

Asante Ashland Conference Room
Election and Installation of officers,
Florence Schneider & Named Gift
Honoree Awards

May 20, 2020

WED., 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Celebration of Scholars

Rogue River Room,
Stevenson Union, SOU

June 6, 2020

SAT., 10 am - 2 pm

Annual Board Retreat

Location TBD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

I am seeing stars! Imagine a cartoon character who just got bonked on the head so stars of every shape and size are circulating above her. That is how I am feeling after reading an excellent piece describing the work and inspiring story of Dr. Janet Kavandi.

Dr. Kavandi retired earlier this month as Director of the Glenn Research Center, a facility that designs innovative technologies for NASA. But her significant role at the Center tells only a small piece of her story. Astronaut Kavandi orbited the earth in the space station on three separate missions. She was one of the few female astronauts in the program. When Dr. Kavandi ended her missions, she became a NASA administrator. There, as the rare woman in a senior leadership position, she oversaw how astronauts were selected. By imploring NASA selection panelists for greater diversity, she impacted the astronaut classes to be better balanced by gender. As the New York Times article explains, "She's credited with adding fairness to a process that for the first time chose an astronaut class that included as many women as men."

As a 6-year-old, Dr. Kavandi recalled that she "stretched across her parents' back porch in Cassville, Missouri, and stared at the stars. "I kept that in the back of my mind for my entire life," she said, "until it became possible for me to apply [to the astronaut program]." In 1994, she was one of 2,962 candidates and one of only 19 people ---and just five women---to be accepted. Descriptions of her remarkable achievements in space and her amazing leadership abilities are inspirational. To enjoy the entire article and view some terrific photos, see the link included here: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/02/science/janet-kavandi-nasa.html>

Dr. Kavandi was inducted into the United States Astronaut Hall of Fame--- only the tenth woman to achieve the honor. Dr. Kavandi's story is just one among many of women who take steps to ensure gender equity. Her commitment to impacting an historically white, male-dominated institution like NASA is an inspiration. Join me in lifting up women who take a stand to create equity for all.

In AAUW, we know we all deserve to see stars—and be stars!

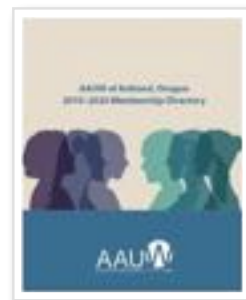
—Pam Shay, Co-President

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

2019-2020 Directory

Pick up your new 2019-2020 AAUW Ashland Membership Directory at the November Branch meeting, Saturday, November 23, 2019, 10 am, Asante Ashland Conference Room. Please pick up one 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



In Our Thoughts

Cards were sent wishing speedy recoveries to Kate Wolf-Pizor, who is recovering at home from a lower leg infection, and Catherine Lutes, who recently broke her leg while entertaining her dog at the dog park.

We love our members! If you know of a member who could use some encouragement and loving thoughts because of a health challenge, bereavement, or other situation requiring compassion, let us know. We want to let them know we are thinking of them and how much we care.

—Linda Moreland, Corresponding Secretary

Women In Need Update

Thank you for patronizing our bus token book sale at the September meeting! We were able to purchase \$80 worth of tokens for Dunn House residents' use. We were also able to donate 4 new queen-sized blankets because of a member's generosity when renewing their membership.

Dunn House is in the midst of their annual renovation and clean up. When I stopped by to deliver the blankets and bus tokens, they were replacing flooring. Once the shelter staff has met and decided on what is needed, the WiN team will meet and plan our January fundraiser. Stay tuned!

—Carol Ryan

AAUW OREGON NEWS

AAUW Medford Branch

November Branch Meeting

Saturday, November 2, 10 am
Rogue Credit Union, McAndrews & Poplar

Program: Butte Creek Mill Tour & History, presented by Marianne Pitcher (carpools TBA)

AAUW Grants Pass Branch

November Branch Meeting

Saturday, November 16, 9:45 am
Fruitdale Grange

Program: College Dreams: "The Harder I Work the Luckier I Get!" presented by Kim DeSimone

Jewelry Sale

Ladies, bring any jewelry you wish to donate to the next AAUW meetings. We'll periodically be selling jewelry at our meetings to benefit our scholarship fund.

Pass along jewelry you never wear to be loved and worn by others. And bring a bit of cash with you!

—Annette Lewis

Giving Thanks and Sharing Our Gifts

If you're feeling thankful for how your life has been enriched and improved by the advantage of an education, you may want to consider a year-end gift to the AAUW Ashland scholarship funds and help a new generation of women students share in the gifts we've enjoyed.

Give Local—what a great way to remember and honor others with your gift to support women's education in the community.

Did you know age has its benefits? If you are age 70½, you may use a tax-free IRA distribution known as a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD). Consult with your financial advisor on the details.

Be inspired and read our scholars' updates in this issue and future newsletters. They tell their stories best, from their experiences and their heart.

—Wanda Chin and Kate Wolf-Pizor,
Scholarship Co-Chairs



Gift Women's Education Journeys. Our Students Thank You!

Note: Write separate check/s to the school of your choice:

- Southern Oregon University (SOU) Foundation
- Rogue Community College (RCC) Foundation.

Write on the Check Memo Line, the account:

- AAUW Annual Fund
- AAUW Endowment.

Make a separate check to each account, when you wish to support more than one.

Giving Thanks

Now is the time to gather for Thanksgiving. We share our best recipes and our memories of what was gathered this year to sustain us as we move into winter and a new year. At AAUW Ashland we say our annual scholarships are one of "the premiere efforts of our branch" and certainly a wonderful annual "harvest." That is because we all had the good fortune to have an education as a principal tool to building our lives. Research shows that we are all more able to succeed in the world because of the gift of an education. Congratulations on being a lucky and competent woman, partially because of your family, community, and/or your own hard work to make it through. You succeeded.

Our mission to help annually with the education of girls and women in the Rogue Valley is truly the gift that goes on and on through all the Thanksgivings to come for the women who are prepared and lucky enough to receive these scholarships. As a Branch we have been doing this for 30 years. Our annual scholarships come from two sources: Our annual drive to raise money, and our endowment funds which go on earning the interest that we use every year. Contributing to one or both of these scholarship vehicles keeps us helping women and girls at SOU and RCC and keeps us all paying it forward out of our collective bounty for the year. We all win in this one.

I have asked some of our donors who have set up scholarship legacy gifts to the scholarship fund to say a few words about how they see their legacy now. Here are some excerpts from their responses:

Chris Donchin says, "My bequest means I can die with a smile. My legacy will also be that those students will help others."

Elaine Sweet says, "I was given a scholarship that helped change my life. A group of women believed that I was worthy of an education and that was the key to claiming my own rights as a woman. My long-range plans will always include scholarships for local women."

Jim Wolf-Pizor says, "Within my family of origin, I witnessed the strength of character, independence, and effectiveness of a century of educated women. I can honor them by helping to pass their torch forward to a new generation of women beginning to walk this same path to the future."

So, because you took your turn and became a college educated woman, you are among those who know the profound benefit of what you have accomplished for yourself, your family, and your community. If you have the resources and the interest in "passing it on" please join us as we "March to a Million" in our SOU Endowment Fund this year or consider an annual gift. Do both if you can. Your investment will be your legacy as you help the future by funding the women and girls of the Rogue Valley. They are the ones who will manage the future for us all.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING to you and yours.

—Kate Wolf-Pizor, On behalf of the
Scholarship and Endowment Committees



Mission

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

Vision

Equity for all.

Values

Nonpartisan.
Fact-based.
Integrity.
Inclusion and
Intersectionality.

In Her Own Words

*Edited by Wanda Chin, AAUW Ashland
Scholarship co-chair*

We hope you'll join in celebrating our 30th anniversary of AAUW Ashland scholarships with a gift. Throughout the year you'll learn about our scholars and their endeavors!

Valerie Miller—
Rogue Community College

"Thanks again to the AAUW for so much support. Everyone I have met through this organization has been wonderful."

Valerie Miller, AAUW Ashland scholar (RCC), wrote these words and emailed photos of her work with Girls Build to show us what our scholarship support can do to empower women. Already she is inspiring girls to build and strengthen their capabilities, potential, and cooperative power.

Handy Mam: New Meaning

By Valerie Miller, Rogue Community College

After a summer of hard and rewarding work, I have just begun my journey into full-time student-hood — pursuing my community college education in ecological restoration, in order to transfer toward the Natural Resources major at Oregon State University.

Rogue Community College has been a wonderful starting point for me on this journey because of the excellent advising department and the inspiration and mentorship that many RCC science instructors offer.

I was fortunate to spend the summer working as an instructor with Girls Build, a non-profit that teaches girls (ages 8 -14) skills in the trades during weeklong summer camps. Girls Build strives to bring programming to rural areas in Oregon, which led me to travel and participate in kids' camps at Tillamook, Warrenton, Cave Junction, and Grants Pass.

My time spent living off the grid in rural areas when I was younger taught me, out of necessity, to be handy. Those handy-mam skills eventually turned me into working as a carpenter once I relocated closer to town.



My job with Girls Build taught me that I love working with kids, and that passing on the carpentry skills I acquired over the years to the next generation of young women brings a whole new meaning to the work for me.

I hope to bring these experiences of working with youth and empowering women to my chosen field of ecological restoration. I also foresee a career of working in the non-profit sector, and I am grateful for the experience I've gained in that department.

Between the money I was able to save from working this summer and the generous assistance from the AAUW Ashland scholarship, I am currently able to let school be my full-time job and let work be a secondary priority. I also have the ability to seek part-time work in the field of restoration while I settle into a full-time school schedule. This coming June will mark my graduation from RCC and transition to OSU.



Valerie Miller supervises the girls in the use of a speed square to line their chair slats up during assembly of a chair project.



Valerie Miller leads the squat walk over to the workstation to help girls stay warm on a rainy day in Warrenton, Oregon. An AAUW Ashland scholar, Valerie was an instructor for Girls Build (<http://www.girlsbuild.org>). She (aka Stevia Eldritch) was featured in a Grants Pass Daily Courier article (July 11, 2019). Photo by Trish Paredes



Girls built and donated a playhouse in Grants Pass. Photo by Rene Allen.

Bequest Believe BE THE FUTURE

Our branch of the AAUW has established two special ways to recognize donors: Our **Named Scholarship Program** honors a contribution of \$50,000 or more. Two SOU scholarships have been named in perpetuity by:

- › Judy Yin Shih
- › Kate and Jim Wolf-Pizor

Platinum Society AAUW Ashland honors a bequest or contribution of \$10,000 or more to RCC or SOU. Current donors are:

- › Jean Conger
- › Chris Donchin
- › Suzanne Duncan
- › Victoria Giffin
- › Elaine and Wayne Hamlin
- › Margaret Humphrey
- › Katharine and Ron Lang
- › Peggy Moore
- › Diane Novak
- › Judy Yin Shih
- › Elaine and Richard Sweet
- › Sylvia and Keith Whitman
- › Kate and Jim Wolf-Pizor



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

Our March to a Million campaign for Southern Oregon University continues to move forward! As of June 30, the balance in our endowed fund at SOU is \$297,276. Interest and earnings earned on the principal are used to award SOU scholarships in May. The campaign has received cash gifts and bequest pledges of \$354,000, which leaves \$146,000 more to raise before our anonymous donor can match our gifts. Thanks to our Upscale Sale last May, the principal increased \$2,000.

Thank you to donors who contributed to SOUF in memory of our dear friend and fellow member, Suzanne Duncan. Suzanne chose the AAUW Ashland SOU Endowment Fund as one of two charities for friends and family to contribute to in her memory: \$1,650 in contributions were received in Suzanne's honor.

Please consider making a gift today!

—Jean Conger, Endowment Fund Chair

SOU College/University Partnership Update

Rising tuition costs make it harder for students to pursue higher education. AAUW National invests more than \$3.7 million each year in fellowships and grants for women pursuing graduate and doctoral study and community programs. Our Ashland Branch offers over \$30,000 in undergraduate and graduate scholarships to SOU and RCC students every year. Students can also apply for local and national scholarships to attend the National College Conference for Women Student Leaders where they will learn to build their leadership edge. Students can move to the front lines of social justice by becoming a Two-Minute Activist and receiving AAUW's public policy newsletter and Washington Updates for the latest legislative news and advocacy tips.

Mimi Pippel, Christine Fernlund, and Anne Cowden were available on Monday, September 30 at the Meet Ashland event on the SOU campus to share the many ways our Branch can assist students and faculty throughout their educational journey. They met lots of new students during the three-hour event, a positive step in enhancing the college/university partnership.

If you're interested in working on this partnership, contact Mimi Pippel, the AAUW College/University Chair.

Charitable Partners

These two 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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September 26, 2019

CELEBRATION OF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The AAUW Ashland Branch has sent a letter of support to Maureen Battistella in sponsorship of a grant award for Women's History Month activities. It was proposed that Ashland AAUW participate in the celebration through a supportive activity.

UPSCALE SALE COMMITMENT

AAUW Ashland Board has agreed to commit to continue the Upscale Sale bi-annual fundraiser. The next event will be held in Spring 2021.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The October General Meeting will be held Saturday, October 26, at the Ashland Community Hospital Conference Room, 10:30 am-12 noon, with Pam Marsh, State Representative, as speaker. The event is sponsored by the Public Policy Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ellen Fowler, Communications Chair submitted a proposal for Publication/Social Media Policy Guidelines, in which she stated that all of our communications (newsletter, Facebook, website, etc.) should be consistent and mission-focused. Also noted was that the AAUW Ashland website is under construction, with current information posted.

—Peggy Audibert, Recording Secretary



National AAUW's Public Policy Themes: Focus on Improving Retirement Security

AAUW's public policy work connects and rallies advocates at the local, state, national, and global levels to empower women and girls. Our AAUW National public policy themes are civil rights, education, economic security, and Title IX. Looking at the economic security theme, AAUW has taken positions on health care, pay equity, the Paycheck Fairness Act, paid leave, and retirement security.

Let's focus on AAUW's positions on women and retirement security. Fewer women wage and salary workers participate in employer-based retirement programs than men, and many women work in industries or occupations that don't offer 401(k)s or other defined contribution plans, so many women do not have these or other private savings to rely on. Thus, Social Security is especially important to millions of older women: 48% of non-married women, age 65 and older, get 90% or more of their income from Social Security.

AAUW supports Social Security reforms that improve retirement security for women. One possible reform: Lift the payroll tax cap, thus putting wealthy Americans on an equal footing with everyone else. This action would extend full solvency of Social Security for the next 75 years. Another potential reform: Create a caregiving credit, which would give Social Security credits to men and women who step away from paid work to provide family care. AAUW is actively lobbying for these reforms and hopes for legislative action.

National AAUW's other major themes also have specific subthemes:

- Civil rights: Equal Rights Amendment, reproductive rights, human trafficking, and LGBTQ rights;
- Education: charter schools, higher education, STEM, school vouchers, Every Student Succeeds Act, sexual harassment, and violence in school; and
- Title IX: Title IX and violence in school.

You can learn more about these issues and what AAUW is doing about them at <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/>.

—Bessie Azari, Public Policy Team

AAUW National Legal Advocacy Fund Takes Important Oregon Case



In September National AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund supported a new pay equity lawsuit, Freyd vs. University of Oregon. This case challenges pay discrimination faced by Jennifer Freyd, a senior psychology professor at the University of Oregon. She is paid substantially less than her male colleagues who hold the same position, are junior to her, and are no more accomplished. The disparity is primarily due to retention raises, i.e., male colleagues who use higher offers at other institutions to negotiate higher salaries. Dr. Freyd lost at the trial court level on the legal (not factual) issues and the case is now being appealed. The case will help establish whether such raises are considered a "factor other than sex" under the Equal Pay Act. The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund is supporting the case and has filed an amicus brief to support her case. For more information about this case and other important cases supported by the Legal Advocacy Fund, go to <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/strategic-case-support/laf-cases/>

Ashland Public Policy Team to Facilitate Statewide Lobby Day

Our Public Policy Team has accepted the invitation from the AAUW State public policy coordinator, Trish Garner, to coordinate and facilitate Lobby Day in Salem on February 24, 2020. This demonstrates a lot of confidence from the State AAUW in our Branch and gives us an opportunity to set an example of involvement and leadership for other branches. The Public Policy team is reaching out to the rest of the membership for assistance. We will need a minimum of 5 members on site in Salem for Lobby Day to assist with tasks such as registration, coordinating with a caterer, and placing and removing signage. Regardless of whether you have attended Lobby Day in the past, this would be a great year to get involved. If you are interested in attending Lobby Day in Salem in February or willing to help in upfront tasks prior to February, contact Regina Ayars. Members who have attended Lobby Day have always felt they came away with a better understanding of our state government and our legislators.

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 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 pm, usually at the home of Ed Perkins. Look for a group e-mail. *Coordinator: Diane Novak*

OPERA meets the first Tuesday of each month at 4 pm at the home of Ed Perkins. Our next meeting is November 5. We will be watching Richard Strauss's "Salome." Bring an appetizer or potluck dish, and wine or other beverage to share. *Coordinator: Nancy Kramarenko*

PLAY READING meets the fourth Friday of each month at Annette Lewis's home. We will continue to watch and read "The Iceman Cometh" through the end of 2019 and then begin with a new choice. Occasionally the date is altered due to circumstances. *Coordinator: Annette Lewis*

SHAKESPEARE AT OSF meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 12:30 to 3 pm at Barbara Willson's home. We read aloud those plays being performed at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and share interesting information regarding both the subject being read and the writing itself. We invite everyone to join us from 12:30-3 pm, and enjoy a social time ½ hour before we begin. If you would like further information or to join our group, please contact Barbara or Peggy Audibert. *Coordinators: Michaelae Rae and Peggy Audibert*

Book Groups

BRAIN BOOKS meets on the 4th Tuesday from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Ashland Public Library Guanajuato Room. On November 26 we will discuss "Amsterdam: A History of the World's Most Liberal City" by Russell Shorto (2013), acclaimed history of a great city, from the first canals in the 1300s, through the struggle for Dutch independence and its golden age, to a complex present. *Coordinator: Sandra Coyner*

DAY NONFICTION We meet on the 1st Wednesday at 1 pm. Our next meeting is November 6 at the home of Linda Lipkind. She will lead us in discussing "The Age of Ambition" by Evan Osnos. *Coordinator: Linda Lipkind*

DAYTIME FICTION meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in members' homes. In November we will read "The Death of Mrs. Westaway" by Ruth Ware. Currently we are not accepting new members due to the size of the group. For information, please call *Coordinator: Colleen Patrick-Riley*.

EVENING NONFICTION meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. On November 20 we will meet at the home of Sylvie Whitman to discuss "Dorothea Lange: A Life Beyond Limits" by Linda Gordon. *Coordinator: Ellen Fowler*

MONDAY EVENING BOOKS On Monday, November 11 at 7 pm Charlotte Abernathy will host and lead the discussion of "Rules of Civility" by Amor Towles. *Coordinator: Shannon Stuver*

THURSDAY EVENING MYSTERY meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm. On November 14 we'll meet at the home of Jean Conger to discuss Daniel Silva's "The Black Widow." Newcomers are most welcome! *Coordinator: Phyllis Fernlund*

Games, Genealogy, Knitting & Dining

BOARD GAMES will meet on Wednesday, November 27 at 7 pm, with Jean Conger hosting. *Coordinator: Sylvie Whitman*

GENEALOGY GROUP We ordinarily meet at 1:30-3:30 pm on the 4th Thursday at the Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford. Because holidays fall on the 4th Thursday this year, there will be no meeting in November and our holiday meeting will be on Thursday, December 5. In January we will be back to our 4th Thursday schedule. 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 We meet on the second Thursday of each month from 1-3 pm at the home of a member, where we work on hand projects and talk about the news of the day. On November 14 we will meet at Marlyn Barrick's home. If you would like more information, or to join our group, please contact the *Coordinator: Peggy Audibert*

POTLUCK DINNERS Our next Potluck Group Dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 19 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 in order have a chair for your use. *Coordinator: Elaine Sweet*



Potluck Group Dinner at Elaine Sweet's home:

Left: Front row, Candy Gregos, Catherine Lutes, Mike LeTorneau, Claudette Paige,

Back row, Bob Carter, Christine Fernlund, Laurie Carter, Sunny Anderson, Dick Sweet, Wanda Chin, Terry Dickey, George Paige

Below: Laurie Carter, Sunny Anderson, Claudette Paige, Elaine Sweet, Catherine Lutes (seated)



Friendship Circles Kick Off Another Year

One of our members' favorite activities is the friendship circle, which allows our members to get to know each other in a casual and intimate setting. Many new friendships have resulted from these gatherings.



One of the AAUW Friendship Groups:
Kori Calvert, Leslie Dawson, Elaine Hamlin, Adrienne Simmons, Jean Conger, and Susan Stitham



Election Day November 5

The only issue on the ballot in Jackson County is Measure 15-186, Emergency Communication Systems Bond of up to \$28 million. If approved this measure would authorize the county to replace the current outdated public service communication system. The county estimated property owners would pay \$9 per \$100,000 of assessed value per year. Actual rates would vary depending on interest rates and other factors. The bonds would mature in 21 years or less. You should have received the Voters Pamphlet with your ballot along with the paid postage. For specifics on how communication would be improved in an emergency situation see your Voters Pamphlet.

Ashland Vision

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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.



Branch Meeting

October 2019

New Venue: Ashland Asante Community Hospital



Pam Marsh, our Oregon State Representative, fills us in on the achievements (and challenges) of the recent legislative session.



Pam Marsh, our Oregon State Representative, and Regina Ayars



Kathleen Mackris and Paula Wiiken



Wanda Chin and Helen Halderman



Pam Shay, Co-president, takes care of business



Catherine Lutes recovering from her dog park accident, introduces new members.



Pam Shay and Vicky Giffin: And the winner is!... Sallie Ehrman won the raffle of Charlotte Abernathy's painting.



Lesley Kaufman, Channing Penna, and Candy Gregos



We welcomed two new members, Beth Essex and Barbara Davis.



The meeting at our wonderful new venue was light-filled and well attended. Thanks to New Venue: Ashland Asante Community Hospital for its generosity!



Annette Lewis and Phyllis Fernlund