

# ASHLAND BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS VISION



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## Looking Ahead

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## SOU and Title IX Compliance

Join us on Saturday, March 28, to learn how SOU is facing the challenges associated with current Title IX compliance guidelines.

Colleges and universities across the country are facing increased scrutiny of their Title IX policies by the courts, and are responding to a federal administration that has rescinded over 20 policy guidelines addressing sexual harassment. Conducting effective Title IX investigations requires ongoing education and training, including navigating complex campus policies and creating a solid record of factual documentation. Title IX also involves equal access for women to all levels and fields of education, especially those leading to high-earning careers. SOU has shown a history and continuing practice of program expansion, responding to the developing interests and abilities of members of the underrepresented sex.

A panel of distinguished SOU representatives including Susan Walsh, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Suresh Appavoo, Senior Executive for Equity and Diversity, will discuss the challenges of conducting Title IX investigations into sexual harass-



Susan Walsh



Suresh Appavoo

ment under current federal guidelines. Hear how SOU is addressing compliance through program expansion in both academia and athletics, and about other initiatives that SOU has championed.

Two such initiatives are the Campus Choice system of addressing sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and intimate partner violence, and the Response Review program that meets monthly to review the campus response to Title IX-related reports. This group, composed of Title IX officers, Confidential Advisors, community partners, and representatives from University Housing and Campus Public Safety, looks at overall campus community safety and trends in reporting, and most importantly, reviews how the team has responded to each individual report, the outcome of the report, and how the system can be improved.

**When:** Saturday, March 28

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

**Where:** Asante Ashland Community Hospital  
Conference Room, 280 Maple St, Ashland

## April Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars now for an inspiring Branch meeting on Saturday, April 25, at 10:30 am. We will announce our annual Florence Schneider award recipient as well as the Named Gift Honorees. Many women work hard to make AAUW Ashland viable and successful. It is our privilege to be able to honor them once a year at our April meeting.

There will be some timeset aside for small group discussion. We will also present and vote on the slate of officers for the coming year. Come join us to celebrate and share.

## Calendar: 2019-20

**March 28, 2020**

**SAT., 10:30 am - 12 noon**

**Branch Meeting**

Asante Ashland Community Hospital  
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 Community Hospital  
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

## Did you know?

March is Women's History Month.

March 8 is **International Womens Day, National Oregon Day**, and this year, March 8 is also the first of Daylight Savings time.



As we approach the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, it is important to remember what we are celebrating.

On August 26, 1920, the US Secretary of State certified the 19th amendment. The amendment declares that "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on

account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

Some suffragists believed that only white women should vote, while others believed women of color had the absolute right to participate. Alice Paul (National Women's Party) recognized that many women would still face discrimination; she and her party members drafted the original Equal Rights Amendment in 1923!

Alice Paul's skepticism about the 19th amendment proved true. American women had the right to vote, yet women of color, immigrants, and poorer citizens often faced discrimination at the polls. Intimidation, poll taxes, and literacy tests were regularly used to suppress the vote. Native American women were not even considered citizens until 1924; many states continued to deny them the vote after this date. Chinese American women could not legally vote until 1943. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 finally guaranteed voting rights to women of color, but suppression at the polls continued.

It is right and proper to honor the struggles of the suffragists and their victory with the 19th amendment. It is also crucial that we recognize that the fight did not end in 1920. The fight continues until all women have equal access to voting, and for that matter equal pay, paid family leave—the list goes on...

Pam and I are quite excited about the themes of the dual April Convention in Vancouver. There will be speakers discussing the voting discrimination that African American and Native American women suffered and what Oregon and Washington women did to achieve the vote. We hope some of you will join us to learn, network, and remind ourselves how AAUW is still fighting for women's rights.

—Paula Wiiken, Co-president

At our January Branch meeting 54 members and 13 guests listened raptly to Liz Murphy and speakers on "Women and Money: The Quest for Wealth-Life Balance."

The Membership team hosted a new member orientation at the home of Carryl Breon on February 26. At this fun, informative evening new and seasoned members got to know each other better, and seasoned members shared opportunities to make a difference through AAUW here in Ashland.

NEW MEMBERS: We still need your bios! Here are two, but we have lots more new members to welcome, so please get your brief bios in to Catherine Lutes (catwomanbsas@gmail.com)

**Maureen Vega** moved to Ashland in 2013 because her husband (Dave) was offered a job here. She has lived in Oregon for over 40 years. She attended George Washington University in Washington, DC and graduated with a degree in history. Her career was largely in the field of nonprofit management. Maureen has served on several boards and enjoys volunteering to work with youth. She is passionate about genealogy and gardening and finds joy in singing with the Rogue Valley Chorale. Maureen and her husband have a daughter (Maura) who is in San Francisco working toward a Masters in planetary science and a son (Zachary) who lives and works in Portland. They enjoy traveling and taking advantage of the many opportunities in the Rogue Valley to attend performing arts events.

**Catherine Greenspan** first joined AAUW in 2009 in Klamath Falls. In the ensuing 10 years, she moved to Idaho, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico, and back to Klamath Falls. With each move, one of her first actions was to locate the AAUW branch and get acquainted. Catherine is somewhat of a duality: She wrote her first book at age 5, has degrees in English and Writing, and owns a writing and publishing company with her sister in Michigan. But by day, she's a financial services professional, working in financial services for over 15 years. She is the only New York Life Insurance Company and NYLIFE Securities agent in Southern Oregon. Catherine is passionate about her AAUW membership and recently served as state secretary and newsletter editor in New Mexico and helped with fund-raising for Tech Trek camp.

Welcome, Maureen and Catherine!

If you have yet to pick up your directory, please contact me ASAP to make arrangements to get it or have me drop it off.

—Catherine Lutes, Membership Chair

## Women's History Month



The Rogue Valley is celebrating Women's History Month and the Centennial of women's suffrage with MANY events, too many for us to list, so here's a link to all of them. Go to: [Stories of Southern Oregon Women](#)

*We do want to highlight two of them:*

### A Day of Women's History

*Sunday, March 15, 12 noon to 5 pm*  
*Ashland Public Library*

- 12 Noon** The National Context of the Rogue Valley Women's Movement, 1970–1990.  
Dr. Linda Schott, President of SOU
- 12:30** The Rogue Valley Women's Movement Timeline
- 12:45** Herstory: The 1970s and 1980s
- 1:15** She, He, They: Why Pronouns Matter
- 1:45** Equal Rights: Then and Now
- 2:15** Women in Politics and the Power of the Vote
- 3:00** Women Working for the Future
- 4:00** "Pankhurst, A One Act Play" by Jeannine Grizzard

Go to: [SOU Events/Day of Women's History](#)

### Women's March of Southern Oregon

*Sunday, March 29, 12 noon to 4 pm*  
*Medford Armory*

The Women's March will be 1 mile, starting and ending at the Medford Armory. More than 20 booths will showcase a variety of Southern Oregon organizations. Immediately following the March:

- Dr. Geneva Craig: "Standing on the Shoulders of Those Who Went Before Us"
- Kamila Long: Sojourner Truth's speech: "Ain't I a Woman?"
- Jeannine Grizzard: "Soliloquy of Emmeline Pankhurst"
- One Billion Rising Flash Mob Dance: "Break the Chain"
- Blister Sisters performing Keb Mo's "Put a Woman in Charge"

Go to: [Women's March Southern Oregon](#)



## Our Power of Scholarship Investment

AAUW Ashland empowers the next generation of women today. Our scholarship program celebrates 30 years! This good idea has grown beyond conversation to lunch and event fundraisers to endowment developments. We are grateful that our members have doubled down to give where it matters. Our financial investment and belief in our SOU and RCC students provide us a new generation of leaders, who can study, write, innovate, and change the course of history.

Our AAUW Ashland scholars are already contributing to the scholarship of women's history.

Sierra Sims has been researching and documenting the literature of murdered and missing Indigenous women. Samara Diab writes about expanding community through diverse points of view. Both Sierra and Samara are contributing to discussion and activism on campus and in their communities.

AAUW Ashland provides a supportive environment, so crucial to learning and living.

We appreciate your continued support of our scholarship programs at RCC and SOU.

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

*p.s.. See an alternative view about why educated women need support. Watch the [SOPBS Independent Lens video Leftover Women](#) online for a limited time. It follows the lives of three successful Chinese women who, despite thriving careers, are still labeled “leftover women,” or sheng nu, a derogatory term used in China to describe educated, professional women in their mid-20s and 30s who are not married.*

## In Her Own Words:

### Sierra Sims

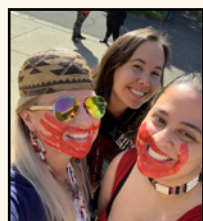
*Wolf-Pizor Family Scholar, SOU Undergraduate McNair Scholar, English major with a Certificate in Native American Studies*

My time since receiving my AAUW scholarship has been an incredible one, allowing me to attend events and participate in engagements that would have otherwise been rife with a constant worry over financial stability. My AAUW scholarship has afforded me peace of mind that I otherwise would not have had and I cannot begin to express my gratitude.

Over the summer I was embroiled in my McNair summer research, wherein I wrote a literature review detailing the historical and contemporary issues surrounding murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls, and what this issue looks like in Oregon. I presented my research at the end of August and intend to further my knowledge in graduate school. Currently, I'm engaged in the rigorous application process, with my end goal to earn a [doctorate] PhD.



(Center left and right) Sierra Sims and mentor Dr. Brook Colley with two other McNair Scholars at the Institute on Teaching and Mentoring (October 26, 2019), at Atlanta, GA. For 26 years, the Institute has worked to enhance the professional development of underrepresented minority PhD scholars. [Read more about the McNair Program at SOU](#)



Sierra Sims (right) and students at SOU Indigenous People's Day observance. We were wearing red handprints in solidarity with Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. This movement raises awareness about the epidemic of Native women going missing or being killed. The red hand symbolizes the silenced voices of these women.

## Fostering Community to Spark Change

### Samara Diab

*First-year law student, University of Arizona College of Law 2018–19 AAUW Ashland Judy Yin Scholar and SOU Alumna*

Reflecting on my first semester in law school I am struck by the intensive immersion in learning but also with the strong sense of community. I knew that by going to law school I would be entering a highly competitive environment and that a majority of my peers would hold views which differed significantly from my own, so I made a conscious choice not to sacrifice community for the sake of competition, or friendships and study partners for the sake of polarized political views. Together my fellow first-year students and I built a strong, positive community despite our differences and I believe that we are all better off thanks to the support we showed one another.

I developed many unexpected yet rewarding friendships. As a young woman, this resolution to create community was challenged many times when classmates felt at liberty to use my age to discredit my views. However, having spent many years growing up surrounded by strong women, I was inspired to confront these classmates in a respectful yet direct manner and keep talking, keep expressing my views.

My commitment to community by no means smothered my fiery, opinionated self. I noticed the student organizations that had better funding, more events, and a larger presence on campus tended to only reflect one political view so I set out this spring semester with the goal of bringing other voices into the campus conversation so that students can be exposed to other perspectives as they further develop, shape, and educate their beliefs. I hope to turn a monologue into a dialogue because conversations foster community and have the ability to spark change.

Samara Diab (2nd from left) and classmates stand outside the University of Arizona College of Law Library.



# Writing Your Scholarship Checks

## Where do you want your money to go?

You could be writing one, two, three, or four checks depending on your answer to that question.

First question is easy: SOU or RCC? If both, then you will be writing at least two checks, one to SOU Foundation and one to RCC Foundation.

Second, do you want students this year to receive your donation (Annual), or do you want to put your donation into the Endowment fund for use for future students? Or do you want to do both?

- If you want to help students this year, then write “AAUW Annual” in the Memo line of your check.
- If you want your donation to be placed in the endowment fund to help future students, then write “AAUW Endowment” in the Memo line of your check.
- If you want to do both, then write one check with “AAUW Annual” in the Memo line and another check with “AAUW Endowment” in the Memo line.

## So you can see how you might be writing 4 checks:

- ▶ SOU Foundation, with AAUW Annual in the Memo line
- ▶ SOU Foundation, with AAUW Endowment in the Memo line
- ▶ RCC Foundation, with AAUW Annual in the Memo line
- ▶ RCC Foundation, with AAUW Endowment in the Memo line

Whew! We know this is complicated, but we want your contribution to go where you intend. Diana Quirk is happy to answer questions on check writing—please call her if this is not clear: 541-488-8328.



Check 1: Payable to SOU Foundation, Memo: AAUW Annual



Check 2: Payable to SOU Foundation, Memo: AAUW Endowment



Check 3: Payable to RCC Foundation, Memo: AAUW Annual



Check 4: Payable to RCC Foundation, Memo: AAUW Endowment

# Endowment News



We want to thank Margaret Humphrey, our first participant in the Lang Match Challenge, for making a substantial donation to RCC Foundation. Remember every donation to the Lang Match Challenge will be matched dollar for dollar with the goal of raising \$100,000 within the next two years.

When asked why she wants to support RCCF, Margaret replied:

“I donate to the Rogue Community College AAUW Endowment Fund because I know it is an excellent investment. Rogue Community College (RCC) offers a path to higher education for many students that otherwise might not be able to attend college. These are often the non-traditional students who may realize several years after high school that they want to continue their education. Rogue Community College also provides high school graduates with a more affordable option to begin a four year degree program by enrolling for their first two years at RCC and then transferring to SOU or another four year institution for their last two years.”

We invite you to join our efforts to increase the AAUW Ashland endowment funds at RCC and SOU. Checks are made payable to SOU Foundation and RCC Foundation with memo AAUW Endowment and mailed to AAUW Ashland, 2305 Ashland St, Suite 406.

Thank You  
—Endowment Committee

## 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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## 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.

## The Florence Schneider Award

Florence Schneider was a lifetime member of AAUW and passionately believed that AAUW should be an important part of every educated woman's life. Florence and her husband, Bill, had a dynamic impact on SOU, OSF, and other community programs. The most visible signs today are the Schneider Museum of Art and the Schneider Children's Center.

In the Ashland Branch, Florence is most remembered as an active recruiter and mentor for new members, especially younger women. As one of her recruits, Joan Thorndike said, "Florence . . . forced us to keep learning, she pushed each of us beyond what seemed comfortable, she acted as an unbeatable role model, she expected us to question, and she expected us to show up and contribute."

At our 2017 April meeting, Claire Carroll told the story of how Florence recruited her: "She had charm and ways to sway people. . . I kept saying I do not even know Oregon. . . Before I knew it I was president of the branch. . . Florence had done so much herself, you could not do anything but be agreeable with her."

Our Branch established the Florence Schneider Award in 2000 to honor other members with outstanding service to AAUW and the Ashland Branch. Each year a committee of former recipients selects an Ashland Branch member for this award from nominations submitted by our membership.

The recipient should exemplify the following values drawn from the life of Florence Schneider:

- Longstanding service to and loyal membership in AAUW
- Commitment to AAUW's goals of lifelong education, equity for women and girls, and positive societal change
- Service as a strong mentor for strong women
- Support for cross-generation friendships
- Sharing personal talents in a thoughtful and deliberate manner.

We invite you to e-mail your nomination, with a description of the service this member has given to the Branch, to Sandy Theis by March 22. This award will be presented at the April meeting.

Past recipients: Norma Curtis and Betty Lou Dunlop, Helen Seiber, Treva Tumbleson, Laura Patton, Bettie Henry, Claire Carroll, Jan Waitt, Eleanore Perkins, Jean Conger, Suzanne Duncan, Diana Quirk, Nancy McLaughlin, Pat Brewer, Sherri Morgan, Carryl Breon, Elaine Sweet, Bessie Azari, Mimi Pippel, Chris Donchin, Sandy Theis.

January 27, 2020

- AAUW Ashland has approved childcare as a legitimate expense (along with tuition, room and board, books, fees, etc.) to be added to the list of expenses allowed for scholarship recipients.
- Carol Ryan stated that \$1,400 was collected in donations at the January Branch meeting for Dunn House.
- Jean Conger reported a new matching grant from Ron and Katharine Lang in the amount of \$50,000. All monies donated over a period of two years to the RCC/SOU Endowment funds to benefit students will be matched by this grant.
- Chairpersons are being solicited for the Celebration of Scholars program, to be held May 20, 2020. [late news: Sunny Anderson and Carol Mockridge have volunteered!]
- Ellen Fowler reported that work on the website is in process. Old content is being reviewed and deleted, and the goal is to keep on the website two years of Newsletters and Minutes, the current AAUW Ashland Directory, and the Branch calendar.
- Lobby Day will be held in Salem on February 24, 2020. See Pam Shay for further information.

—Peggy Audibert,  
Recording Secretary



## Women's Inequality in Politics

Our last three months of public policy articles have documented the lack of women's equity in leadership on corporate boards, non-profit boards, and in higher education STEM graduation rates and faculty leadership. This month we will explore women's vast inequity in politics (Dittmar).

- Only 21% of the 535 seats in the current U.S. Congress are held by women (including the largest Democratic women surge, flipping 54% of seats to Democrats in the House). 13 states still have no women representing them.
- As of September 2019, women represented 28.9% of nationwide state legislators (17%R; 42%D).
- In 2019, Nevada reached parity in representation in their legislature for the first time, a harbinger for the nation.
- 2018–2019 saw no change in Oregon women legislator representation, while both Washington and California increased.
- Today, only 6 of the 50 governors in the United States are women. 20 states still have not elected a woman governor.

In our representative democracy where women are over half of the population, they still find themselves excluded from the halls of political power where an entrenched male-dominated institution still exists. Yet, once in Congress in its polarized partisan environment, women secure roughly 9% more in federal funding for their districts and introduce about twice as many bills. They are also more likely to cross party lines and work collaboratively.

These resilient and action-oriented women report that the greatest obstacle confronting them is paying for child-care expenses at the initial campaign stage (Dittmar Rutgers). Oregon's current short legislative session has proposed a bill, **HB4104**, which allows the use of campaign funds for childcare, supported by our own Representative Pam Marsh. California and Washington are among 17 states that have already implemented the measure (with 9 more pending this year). **You can make a difference by contacting Senator Jeff Golden (503-986-1703) and Pam Marsh (503-986-1405) immediately during this short session in February to encourage them to pass HB4104 (available to view on OLIS).**

Creating equal representation for women in politics will give women a true governing seat at the table of democracy. Stay tuned for next month's article on Lobby Day in Salem on February 24.

—Ann Bard, Public Policy Committee



## AAUW Medford Branch

### March Branch Meeting

Saturday, March 7, 10 am  
Rogue Federal Credit Union, 1330 Poplar

**Program:** “College Dreams” presented by Kim DeSimone and Jenifer Perry. *College Dreams* offers students academic encouragement and support, along with paid work experience and innovative community connections.

## AAUW Grants Pass Branch

### March Branch Meeting

Saturday, March 21, 9:45 am  
Fruitdale Grange

**Program:** “Days for Girls: Turning Periods into Pathways” presented by Ann Loeffler. *Days for Girls* increases access to menstrual care and education, see [www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org)

## AAUW of Oregon and Washington Convention 2020

Friday, April 17–19, 2020  
Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, WA



- “Together Women Make History” is the theme of this 2020 Convention, and Saturday night will be Suffrage Night.
- Meet AAUW chief executive Kim Churches—she will speak on Friday and Saturday.
- A sampling of sessions:
  - ▷ “They Persisted: How Oregon and Washington Women Achieved the Vote”
  - ▷ Three passionate visionaries talking about child care and early childhood education as an economic issue
  - ▷ “How to Reach Different Age Groups: Recruiting more Women to Our Cause”
- Three fun and educational tours on Friday:
  - ▷ The new waterfront district in Vancouver
  - ▷ The historic Providence Academy, founded by Mother Joseph
  - ▷ The Pendleton Woolen Mill and Market in Washougal

For more info and registration: <https://aauw-or.aauw.net/>

## Spotlight on Interest Groups

### Our Very Special Day Nonfiction Book Club

*“The nice feeling of camaraderie and preparation and intelligence in the book club coupled with the travels and other personal experiences of our group are so special to me.”*  
—Terrie Jensen

When I moved to Ashland in the summer of 2009 I looked for a book club and learned of this amazing AAUW group from my new friend and neighbor Jean Conger. Legendary member Eleanore Perkins had started the nonfiction interest group the year before, and Jean and Eleanore were co-chairs until 2011. That year I joined Eleanore as co-chair, but when Eleanore passed away in August I became the coordinator of the group. Original members who are still participants include Jean, Diana Quirk, and Colleen Searle. We currently have 17 members, with an average attendance of 10 to 12.

Not only has the group become more educated by reading and discussing a huge number of books since 2008 (116 since I joined!), but we have also strengthened and formed new friendships throughout our 11 years of meeting together.

We are most interested in American and world history, including books about heroic explorers, American

presidents and world leaders, immigrants, Native Americans, African Americans, political and social issues, and natural disasters. We’ve also discussed books on Shakespeare, scientific topics, psychology, philosophy, and women’s issues.

To illustrate our wide range of interests, this year we have chosen books on John Wesley Powell’s Grand Canyon exploration, Michelle Obama, China’s “Age of Ambition,” Rodgers and Hammerstein, Laura Ingalls Wilder’s homesteading family, the “Lost City of the Monkey God” in Honduras, and “The Men Who United the States: America’s Explorers, Inventors, Eccentrics, and Mavericks, and the Creation of One Nation, Indivisible.”

A few years ago, this popular group got too large to fit comfortably in some of our homes, so we split and Ellen Fowler formed an evening nonfiction group. That group too is approaching capacity, but the good news is that any AAUW member is welcome at any time to start yet another group to read nonfiction books together!

—Linda Lipkind



Daytime Nonfiction book group: Pat Brewer, Christine Fernlund, Karen Hueston, Terrie Jensen, Priscilla Arnold

## 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. Afterward, we discuss the movie at a local hotspot. Movie selection and 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 email. *Coordinator: Diane Novak*

**OPERA** meets at 4 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the home of Ed Perkins. The opera will be named in a group email. Bring food and wine or other beverage to share. *Coordinator: Nancy Kramarenko*

**PLAY READING** meets the 4th Friday of each month at 4 pm at Annette Lewis's house. *Coordinator: Annette Lewis*

**SHAKESPEARE AT OSF** meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at Barbara Willson's home from 12:30 to 3 pm. Please join us for gathering snacks, then two hours of exciting tales from the pen of William Shakespeare, which are being presented in 2020 by OSF. *Coordinators: Michaelae Rae and Peggy Audibert*

### Interested in playing bridge?

A new member is hoping to form a group. Contact Ellen Fowler.

### Book Groups

**BRAIN BOOKS** meets on the 4th Tuesday, 1:30-3:30 pm, at Ashland Public Library. On March 24, we will discuss "Amsterdam: A History of the World's Most Liberal City" by Russell Shorto (2013). *Coordinator: Sandra Coyner*

► **DAY NONFICTION** We meet on the 1st Wednesday at 1 pm. Our next meeting will be on March 4 at the home of Patt Rao. Karen Hueston will lead us in discussing "The Men Who United the States" by Simon Winchester. *Coordinator: Linda Lipkind*

**DAYTIME FICTION** meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month in members' homes. Currently our group size is so large we are not accepting new members. In March we are reading "Winter" by Ali Smith. For information please call *Coordinator, Colleen Patrick-Riley*.

► **EVENING NONFICTION** meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. On March 18, Kori Calvert is hosting and leading "Last Boat Out of Shanghai" by Helen Zia. *Coordinator: Ellen Fowler*



Evening Nonfiction holiday book exchange: From left: Candy Gregos, Gretchen King, Sylvie Whitman, Janet Curry

**MONDAY EVENING BOOKS** meets the 2nd Monday at 7 pm. On March 9, Mimi Pippel hosts and leads "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah. *Coordinator: Shannon Stuver*

**THURSDAY EVENING MYSTERY** meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. On March 12, we'll meet at the home of Sally Grady to discuss Pierre Le Maitre's "Irene." Newcomers are most welcome! *Coordinator: Phyllis Fernlund*

### Games, Genealogy, Knitting & Dining

**BOARD GAMES** meets the 4th Wednesday at 7 pm: March 25. Marcella Theeman will be hosting. *Coordinator: Sylvie Whitman*

**GENEALOGY GROUP** We meet at 1:30 pm on the 4th Thursday at the Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy., Medford. Our next meeting will be on March 26. All AAUW Ashland members interested in genealogy are invited to join us in sharing family histories, stories, photos, and research tips. *Coordinator: Linda Lipkin*

**KNITTERS AND STITCHERS** meets the 2nd Thursday from 1-3 pm. On March 12 we meet at Marlyn Barrick's home. RSVP to Marlyn if you plan to attend, and bring a hand project to work on. *Coordinator, Peggy Audibert*

**POTLUCK DINNERS** gets together 4-6 times a year for casual dinners. *Coordinator: Elaine Sweet*

## Ashland Vision

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Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month.

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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.





Some of the ASHLAND Branch members who participated in Lobby Day 2020. From left: Pam Shay, Sonja Friedman, Julie Benezet, Paula Wiiken

# AAUW LOBBY DAY 2020



Regina Ayers, who worked tirelessly to organize the meetings with legislators, tells us where to go.



Panel discussion on working with lobbyists. From left: Dave Hunt, Barbara Ross, former legislator and tireless activist for over 60 years, Amanda Hess, Trish Garner



Trish Garner, AAUW Oregon Public Policy Chair (right), introduces Rep. Cheri Helt (R., Dist. 54, Bend, Vice Chair of House Committee on Education).



We had a productive meeting with Sen. Jeff Golden. From left: Julie Benezet, Sen. Jeff Golden, Paula Wiiken, Lesley Kaufman, Ellen Fowler, Sonja Friedman, Ann Bard, Gayle Clason (Medford Branch)

