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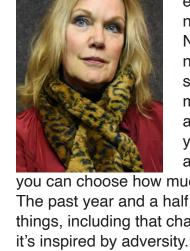


Breaking Through Barriers AAUW Ashland Branch Monthly Newsletter

Hello <<First Name>>,

WELDNESACK **Welcome Back Ashland!**

And welcome to our first edition of The Vision in its



Not like the old newsletter, more like scrolling through an email. For longer articles and in-depth information, you'll be linked to the new and improved website, so you can choose how much information you want. The past year and a half have taught us many things, including that change can be good, even if

new, improved format.

While June and July were beautiful and hopeful in the Valley, as I write this on a very hot, very smoky day, what was true a month ago, is not such a sure thing now. We arranged a new venue for our Branch meetings, Wesley Hall in the First United Methodist Church, 175 N Main, Ashland, but we've been told that they will not allow in-person meetings until further notice. Looks like we're back to Zooming, at least for a

while. **COMING UP IN OCTOBER!** currently looking at a project that will centralize and then disburse any and all information available to aid women in need in the Rogue Valley, many of whom have been seriously adversely affected by the pandemic. We hope to be able to have more details at the September 25 Branch meeting. Please join us because we will need lots of womanpower to fuel this project. And so I leave you with two important questions: Can you help us make a difference in the lives of women in need in the Rogue Valley? To Zoom or not to Zoom? Those, to paraphrase Will, are the questions. Stay tuned...

We have some really great programs planned for

https://ashland-or.aauw.net) and the Board is

you this year (see website for details:

Welcome Back Branch Meeting: When: Saturday, September 25,

10:30 am to noon Where: Via Zoom. Watch your email for the link.

-President, Catherine Lutes

Handler, Chief Strategy Officer, Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon. She'll discuss: • Financial Realities: Many women are in lower-income jobs and may be inadequately

Health Care Program Kicks Off Fall-Winter Programs

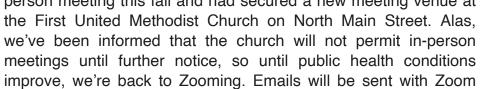
Different women face different challenges, but one that touches all of us is **Equal Access to** Health Care. That's the topic of our first public program of 2021-2022 and the speaker is Amy

covered by insurance. How does that affect access and outcomes? • Racial Disparities: What unique health care challenges do BIPOC women face? COVID-19 Pandemic: How were women adversely affected?

- Mark your calendars now for this informative and inspiring presentation on Saturday, October 23, 10:30 am-noon via Zoom.
- **A Note About Upcoming Meetings** LOOKING AHEAD
- You are all aware of the ever-changing public health situation in **September Branch Meeting** Jackson County due to the resurgence of the Delta variant of Sept 25 COVID-19. We were so looking forward to returning to our in-**Upscale Sale** person meeting this fall and had secured a new meeting venue at Oct 9-10

AAUW Ashland Branch Leadership for 2020-2021

links prior to each meeting. Interest Group meetings are also affected so check with your interest group coordinator for updates.



October Branch Meeting

Oct 23

Celebration of Scholars

Oct 27

Click here to see the Year-at-a-Glance

The AAUW Ashland Branch Board is comprised of elected officers and committee chairs. Each one of our beloved projects is managed by a project coordinator. **READ MORE Remembering Junelee Poe**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Building Membership through

members relocating out of our area, we will welcome back 130 members, including seven new or returning members: Sunny Anderson,

EACH ONE REACH ONE

Despite a year of "zooming" and several

Heidi Dalva-Monjure, Sue Golish, JoAnn Houghton, Connie Minogue, Lan Roberts, and Lisa Verner.

Building our membership is a responsibility for all. How? Each One Reach One! If every member reached out to one new person, our membership surely would grow. If you know of members who

have not yet renewed or women new to our area,

please encourage them to go to our website at

Over this past year we have learned how to

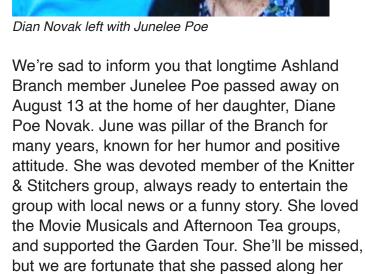
here and join our AAUW Branch

conduct interactive, informative, and fun meetings - all virtually. So what about this year? The most important thing is that each and every member participates as much as possible, whether in person or by zoom. Many members voiced their interest in supporting our Branch via leadership and/or working to support our events and activities. If that enthusiasm and energy is any indication of our coming year, we can look forward to a rewarding year.

Meet our new members **READ MORE** —Susan Hollandsworth, Membership Chair My Friend Nancy, by Sherri Morgan Nancy Kramarenko passed away on August 21 from complications

touched. A longtime member of AAUW Ashland, Nancy was a named gift honoree in 2016. Trained in nursing, she took caring for

others seriously and was often asked to help with caretaking older relatives or friends of AAUW members. Nancy was an



love of Ashland AAUW to her daughter, Diane

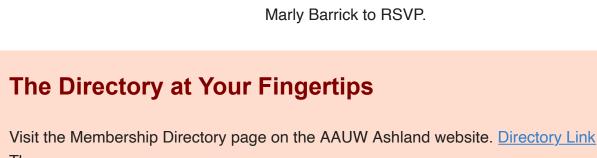
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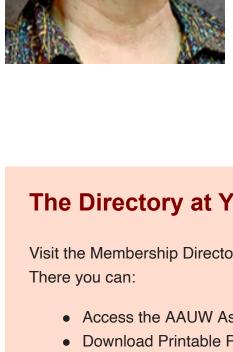
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS Elaine Plaisance 9/6 • Bea Bacher-Wetmore 9/15 Barbara Davis 9/12 Alice Mallory 9/28 Sally Peterson 9/7 Peg Sjogren 9/16 Nicola Stanke 9/8

of bone cancer. She will be missed by all of us whose lives she

accomplished cook, a member of one of the AAUW cookbook clubs, and one of the main recipe testers and contributors to the Tudor Guild cookbook, "Much Ado About Noshing." She helped the AAUW wine tasting group know their pinot noir from their

tempranillo. As facilitator of the AAUW opera group, she worked with Ed Perkins to learn about and share operas from around the





Three Sales in One Yard sale — Bake sale —

Wine case raffle

honored by their support.

she's organized.

world. Nancy loved dogs. She and her husband Dan cared for many of their friends' dogs and doted on their own Mr. Darcy, and, now, Carley. We mourn Nancy along with her devoted husband, Dan, a friend to many of us. A celebration of Nancy's life will take place on October 1 at 2:30 pm at Grizzly Peak Winery. Contact Access the AAUW Ashland Membership Directory as a live, password-protected page Download Printable PDF of the directory with instructions on how to print and assemble it. Instructions on how to send in a photo to accompany your listing —Chris Licata, Directory Editor

UPSCALE SALE WHAT: The Upscale Sale at the Bellview Grange The Buzz is On!

- Saturday, 8:30am 4pm, 8:00 early birds pay \$5 Sunday noon to 2:30pm, half-price sale **WHO:** AAUW Ashland members
- **HOW:** Donate, bake, volunteer, tell your friends, shop the sale **WHY:** Proceeds go toward scholarships for local women If you don't love it or you don't use it, why not sell it? Gather

WHEN: October 9 & 10, 2021

AAUW ASHLAND ANNUAL BOARD RETREAT

-Bessie Azari and Paula Wiiken

up your upscale items. Check this list for donation ideas.

The Board and several Branch members gathered via Zoom on June 26 to brainstorm and plan for the upcoming year. It was a lively and productive session, with lots of good ideas discussed. Here are a few highlights. The full minutes are posted on our website. **READ MORE**

• The Economic Security Committee reported on their recommendation that the Branch develop a project to help compile and disseminate information about available services and opportunities for women in the Rogue Valley struggling with economic insecurity. More information to come.

The Upscale Sale and Celebration of Scholars are in the final planning stages.

Our Branch received an unexpected windfall of \$2500 from the Ashland Art Center, which

• Marilyn Hawkins, our new Program Chair, reported on the fabulous lineup of programs that

has unfortunately closed down and distributed to several Ashland nonprofits. We are

- **Endowment Report**

A huge thank you to all of our generous Branch members who

The AAUW Endowment Committee acknowledges the following members for their recent contributions to the SOU and RCC

• Kate and Jim Wolf-Pizor, for their gifts of \$7,000 to SOUF and \$7,000 to RCCF.

Elaine Sweet, for a \$7,000 gift to RCCF.

Chris Donchin, for a \$1,000 gift to SOUF.

Stephanie Bullock, who honors the memory of

Suzanne Duncan with her annual donation to SOUF.

Branch contributed \$2,788 in the first two quarters of 2021. There are four open funds to direct donations: • Economic Security Fund: includes Pay Equity, Start Smart, and Word Smart • Education and Training Fund: includes STEM, Title IX, Research, and Public Policy • Leadership Fund: includes NCCWSL and Campus Action

Endowment Chair

-Bessie Azari, Funds Chair



Be sure to attend the

wonderful scholarship

recipients.

in action!

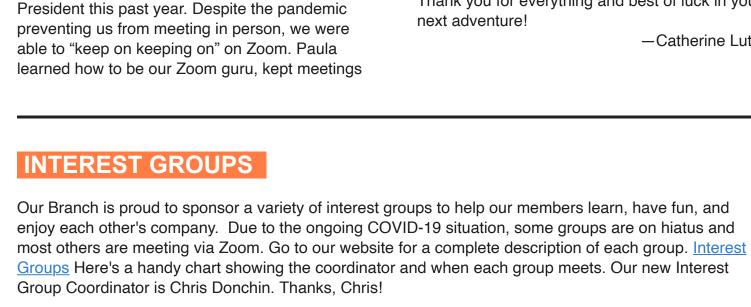
Celebration of Scholars event

on October 27 where you will be able to meet all of our

You can see your generosity

—Jean Conger,

mingle from 5:30-6 and after the program. Specifics addressing pandemic concerns will be announced in October. AAUW will follow SOU requirements and CDC guidelines. Gretchen King and Annette Lewis have volunteered to chair the event and Wanda Chin and Kate Wolf-Pizor continue to head the Scholarship



Fiction Fans Shannon Stuver 7 pm

1st Week

2nd Week

4th Week

It was a real joy to work with Paula as Co-Thank you for everything and best of luck in your

moving, and was able to share her screen with us -- something I'm still learning to do! She was a great mentor, always willing to hear me out and help when I didn't know the answer. Paula spearheaded our successful journey through the National 5 Star program, and as far as I know, we are the only branch in

> Oregon to have achieved all 5 stars. It is really helping us to chart a path and keep on course to make a real difference to women and

children in the Rogue Valley. Together with

next adventure!

Shakespeare

12:30 pm

ON HIATUS

Shakespeare

12:30 pm

Gaming Gals Sylvie Whitman 7 pm ON HIATUS

Contact the coordinator for more information: Peggy Audibert | Sandra Coyner | Gretchen King | Annette Lewis I Linda Lipkind I Diane Novak I Colleen Patrick-Riley I Esther Stone I Shannon Stuver I Silvie Whitman

The Newsletter Team took advantage of the brief respite from the COVID 19 restrictions in

Bessie Azari, Paula is chairing the Upscale Sale (October 9&10) and after that plans to move to the Portland area. You will be missed, my friend.

our impressive eight scholars from RCC and SOU. The event will start promptly at 6 pm with some light refreshments and time to

FRIDAY

Play Reading

Annette Lewis

THURSDAY

Knitters & Stitchers

Peggy Audibert

1 pm

Mystery Mavens Esther Stone 7 pm

Genealogy

Linda Lipkind

1:30 pm

—Catherine Lutes

OF THE MONDAY **TUESDAY** WEDNESDAY MONTH Daytime Nonfiction Opera, Linda Lipkind 4 pm **ON HIATUS** 1 pm

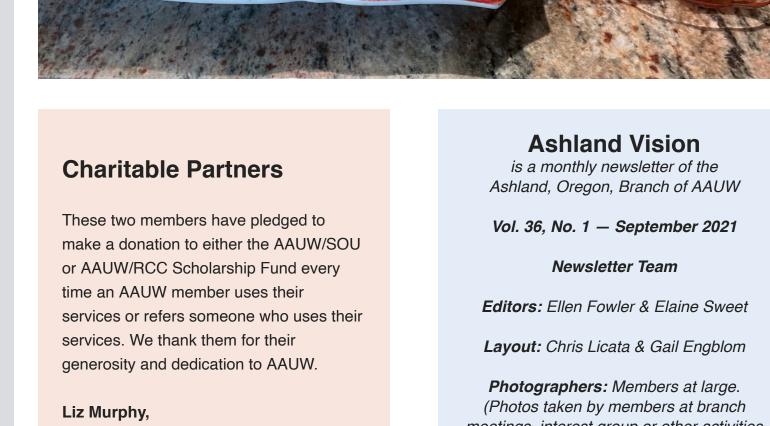
Musicals Daytime Fiction Diane Novak Colleen Patrick-Riley 4:30 pm 1 pm **ON HIATUS** 3rd Week Nighttime Narrative Nonfiction Gretchen King 7 pm

Brain Books

Sandra Coyner

3:30 pm





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meetings, interest group or other activities are welcome. Please submit photos for consideration to one of the newsletter editors.) Readers: Patricia Brewer, Alice Mallory,

Rae Otto, Sylvie Whitman

Newsletter deadline is the

15th of the month.

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and seeks a diverse membership. There

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endowment/foundation funds:

- Thank you for your contribution to AAUW! Your generosity fuels the AAUW's critical mission work during these exceptionally challenging times. Charitable gifts are tax deductible and can be made at the AAUW national website.
- **Celebration of** On Wednesday, October 27 we will meet in the Rogue River Room of the Stevenson Union at SOU to meet and congratulate **Scholars is Back!**
 - Committee.

