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Get ready for a lively discussion of a topic with endless complexities at the October 23 Branch meeting: Equal

discuss:



Access to Healthcare. Our speaker is **Amy Handler**, Chief Strategy Officer, Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon. She'll

 Racial Disparities: What unique health care challenges do BIPOC women face? • **COVID-19 Pandemic**: How were women adversely affected?

- Based in Eugene, Handler loves bridging the gap between research, community engagement, and political action. At Planned Parenthood, she has overseen internal

strategic planning and external operations, including education, marketing, and development. An Illinois native, Handler is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and holds a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill.

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER! November 20 Branch Meeting: The Student Debt Crisis:

WHEN: OCTOBER 23, 10:30 am-noon, via Zoom. Watch your email for the link.

Join us on November 20 when Kristen Gast, Financial Aid Director of Southern

Unequal Impacts on Women

Oregon University, will discuss this important topic. Mark your calendars now for this informative and inspiring presentation on

WHEN: Saturday, November 20, 10:30 am-noon via Zoom.

Is It Fall Yet?

Ida, Afghanistan, attacks



on our rights through state anti-voter and antichoice bills, as I look at Grizzly Peak, sparkling in the clean air, my spirits soar. It's been a long, smoky summer here in the Rogue Valley and we've needed this badly. Welcome fall!

Although the summer

was marked by many

tragedies, from Hurricane

acceptance." I have accepted the uncertainty of our situation— Delta variant, very little ICU space, smoke which doesn't mean I like it or want it, but means I have chosen to say to

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS 10/2 Susan Stitham 10/12 Nancy Schulman 10/14 Anne Cowden 10/15 Cathe Ledford

Practicing gratitude always helps my anxious worries melt away. Each day, I jot down whatever I'm grateful for, whatever comes to mind. This practice helps me shift my thinking away from 'powerless' to

myself, 'This just is what it is and I cannot

However, while always helpful to focus on

what we can control, focusing on what we

control this situation. I am focusing on

what I can control and practicing

are grateful for is transformative.

gratitude.'

'empowered.' I also choose to enjoy the present moment and not allow anything to take that away. Enjoy each day to its fullest. -Catherine Lutes, President

LOOKING AHEAD **October Branch Meeting**

October 23

Celebration of Scholars Virtual

Presentation

October 27

November Branch Meeting November 20

Upscale Sale: May 28-29, 2022

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UPSCALE SALE

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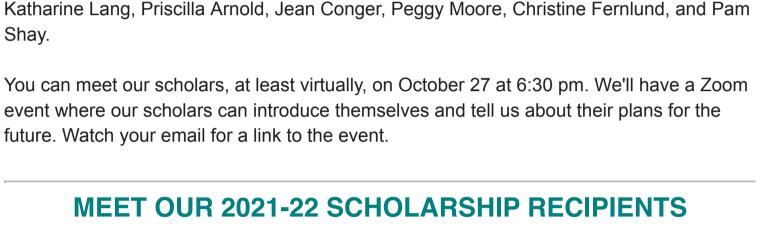
Paula Wiiken 10/16 Diane Novak 10/17 10/18 10/20 Marilyn Hawkins 10/21 10/22 **Candy Gregos** Sue Golish 10/29 10/30 Sandy Theis

Shay.

wonderful items for a few more months until we can hold an amazing and successful event. Thank you all for your participation. —Bessie Azari and Paula Wiiken

the hope of a better crowd. Please hold on to your

The Board voted unanimously to postpone the Upscale Sale until spring, citing the health of our volunteers and



Molly Robinson, the Lang Family Scholar, is pursuing her Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Art. Jennifer Cavalier, the Wolf-Pizor Family Scholar, is a SOU graduate in the Master of Arts in Teaching program. Aida Antonio, named the Judy Yin Shih Scholar, is a graduate student in the SOU Master of Business Administration Online program. **Tara**

Two graduate students and three undergraduates were awarded scholarships at SOU.

AAUW Ashland Awards \$34,500 to SOU and RCC Students

AAUW Ashland awarded \$34,500 in scholarships to five students at Southern Oregon

our scholars: Scholarship Co-Chairs Wanda Chin and Kate Wolf-Pizor, Paula Wiiken,

University (SOU) and three students at Rogue Community College (RCC) for the 2021-22 academic year. Many thanks to our AAUW Ashland members who served as mentors to

Crosswhite, senior in the Honors College and McNair program, is pursuing a major in biology with minors in chemistry and Spanish. Shania Evans is a Business Administration-Management major, with a certificate in Applied Finance and Economics.

The three RCC students are mothers and first-generation college students, returning to their studies after an interruption of their education. Lacie Lacy is a second year nursing student. Katie Weyers, an honor student, heads into her second year and she plans to transfer to SOU to earn her Master's degree in teaching. **Holly Smyth** is an honor student in her sophomore year and she will transfer to SOU with an Associate of Science in Human Services. Read more about our scholars, their education plans, and their contributions to their

communities on our website. **SCHOLARSHIPS**



equity for women and girls.

departments?

-Regina Ayars, Public Policy Chair

PUBLIC POLICY: More Important than Ever

headed by women? Join the Ashland AAUW Public Policy Team and get involved in making the decision on what becomes our priority this year and next.

BOARD NOTES: AUGUST 30, 2021

Here are a few of the August 30 Board meeting highlights.

The full minutes are posted on our website. **READ MORE**

 Membership: Susan Hollandsworth, Membership Chair, reported that as of 8/30/21 the Branch had 130 members and a retention rate of 86%, which compares favorably with other Oregon branches. She expects a few more

welcoming given that meetings will be virtual for the time being.

• Finance: A discussion was held about the allocation of the remaining

endowment funds. The Board voted to defer that decision in light of

proceeds of the 2019 Upscale Sale of \$5400 to annual scholarships or to the

Interest Groups: New IG Coordinator Chris Donchin is hoping to encourage

existing book groups which are at capacity to expand membership to serve

Public Policy: Regina Ayars is encouraging members to join the Public Policy

team, which help get the bill passed in the Oregon House of Representatives.

Team. She recognized the members of the Diversity on Corporate Boards

more members, and to encourage the formation of new interest groups.

renewals. Plans are being developed for new member orientation and

- uncertainties about this year's Upscale Sale. AAUW South District: Pam Shay reported that AAUW Oregon is planning to hold the April 2022 state convention in Ashland. Details to come.
- INTEREST GROUPS Our Branch is proud to sponsor a variety of interest groups to help our members learn,

have fun, and enjoy each other's company. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, some

groups are on hiatus and most others are meeting via Zoom. Go to our website for a

<u>Gretchen King | Annette Lewis | Linda Lipkind | Diane Novak | Colleen Patrick-Riley |</u>

A get well card was sent to Susan Hollandsworth

complete description of each group. <u>Interest Groups</u> Our Interest Group Coordinator is Chris Donchin. Thanks, Chris! Contact the coordinator for more information: Peggy Audibert | Sandra Coyner |

A sympathy card was sent to Dan Kramarenko on the loss of his wife,

A condolence card was sent to Gail Engblom on the sudden loss of her

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15th of the month.

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.

—Chris Licata, Directory Editor

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 Kate and Jim Wolf-Pizor Family —Jean Conger, Endowment Chair

Public policy makes a difference in each of our lives at all levels of government --

national, state, and local. Decisions made by elected officials have far-reaching

impact on how you and I live our daily lives -- the closest park to our house, the

quality of the water we drink, the property taxes we pay. Public policy is important.

Our focus in 2020/21 has been enacting state legislation that mandate diversity on

to identify a local public policy issue that supports AAUW's mission of advancing

So what does our local public policy team take on as a priority in 2021/22? Got an

How can we get more women police officers or firefighters?

issue that you think can be addressed by our municipal government or local officials?

How can we get more women making decisions as heads of municipal

How can we get more rental housing built for low-income families, many

corporate boards, HB3110. READ MORE This coming year 2021/22, the team wants