



# PINELINES



**The Monthly Newsletter of the AAUW - Medford Area Branch**

## President's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer with time to relax and to do some of those things that lend themselves to warm days and longer daylight hours. It's hard to believe that September is here, and we'll soon be gathering for our September Membership Tea. I encourage you to invite several friends to join us on Tuesday, September 15th, for the kick-off of our new year. Our hospitality chairperson, Rose Mary Bland, and the members of the executive board have planned an evening of reconnecting with current members and reaching out to new members. We'll enjoy tea and desserts while we "meet and greet," and then offer an overview of our mission and programs to our guests. Thanks to Pat Kalata, we have a theme for the year: ***Ourselves, Our World***. Think about what this theme means to you--we'll be sharing our thoughts that evening!

Pat and Dian have lined up enlightening programs for our general meetings, Evelyn has picked an interesting array of books for Lit Group, and Connie and her committee will have details about our November Fundraiser to share. Many members have been very busy over the summer months!

We welcome two of our members to their new positions on the board. Rita Manno is chairing our Public Relations position. She has contacted area newspapers to publicize our meetings and has some great ideas to get our organization's mission and programs into the public eye. Mary Ann Brookes is our newsletter editor. Anyone with information to publish in our monthly editions should send it to [mbrookes@comcast.net](mailto:mbrookes@comcast.net) by the deadline she will give us. Many thanks to Kitty Hartshorn and Tricia Reace for their years of service in these positions.

I am sad to announce that Lois Clair, a long-time member, will be moving on the day of our first meeting. She will be living in Bloomington, Indiana, close to her daughter and other family members. She joined the Medford Area Branch in the late 1970's and has been a consistent presence in our group. She will be missed.

I know she would appreciate a card or a call either before she leaves or at her new home.

See you at our Tea--

Lynne

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## Mark Your Calendar

**Tuesday, September 15, 7:30 pm**  
 Membership Tea  
 Cranberry Hall, Medford

**Tuesday, September 22, 7:30 pm**  
 Lit Group: Plainsong, Kent Haruf  
 Evelyn Goldman's home

## Programs

October's meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13. A representative of the League of Women Voters will present background information on the upcoming election for governor of New Jersey. This will not be a recommendation of any candidate but an informed summary of the issues and positions. The theme for this year's meetings is Ourselves, Our World, so the October meeting will be on the world of New Jersey and the November meeting will be on individual personal health when we learn about health and wellness issues for women of all ages.

*Pat Kalata*

## Membership

Since its first meeting in 1881, the AAUW has played a leadership role in advancing and promoting equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. Today, the AAUW has more than 100,000 members.

Thanks to the efforts of the members of the Medford Branch of AAUW, membership increased last year, and we hope to continue this trend. Please invite interested friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family members to visit one of our meetings this fall and discover the benefits of belonging to an organization that continues to make a real difference in women's lives.

### Who Can Join AAUW?

Anyone with an associate or equivalent, bachelor or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university is eligible for membership in AAUW. Undergraduate students in two- or four-year colleges can join at a student rate.

*Lila Cleaver*

## Scholarship

### "Wish Upon A Star" in "Honor of Women Who Have Made a Difference in Our Lives" Scholarship Gala

6:30-9:00 pm  
 Fri, Nov 13

**Location:** *CareOne at Evesham Assisted Living*  
 Evesboro-Medford Rd, Marlton

**Tickets:** \$25 per person

#### Theme:

Stars with Honorees names will be showcased that evening.

Names of Honorees will be listed in our Star filled Program.

#### Stars will be available at our Tea Opener in September and through Nov 1:

**Star:** \$10 donation 3 for \$25

**Shining Star:** \$25 donation

**Shooting Star:** \$ 50 donation

#### Who are the Women Who Made a Difference in YOUR life?

#### Honor them with A STAR

Contact **Connie Masington** for Stars, Stars and more Stars:

**609.330.8169**

**c.c.masington@comcast.net**

Last year's Gala was a resounding success: Elegant Setting; Enchanting Music; Delectable Wines; Savory & Sweet Hors d'oeuvres & Desserts; Exquisite Coffee Service. A wonderful evening was enjoyed by our delightful guests and members AND **\$3,000** was raised for our scholarship fund!!!

**CareOne at Evesham Assisted Living** has graciously and generously offered their parlor for **"Wish Upon A Star."**

A very special Thank You to residents of **CareOne at Evesham Assisted Living** for again welcoming us into their home.



## Lit Group

Our September selection is "Plainsong" by Kent Haruf. It is the story of two bachelor farmer brothers, a pregnant high school girl, two young brothers, and two devoted high school teachers. This is the interesting group of people, some related by blood, but most not, that are featured in the award-winning Haruf's touching novel. Set in the plains of Colorado, the novel comprises several story lines that flow into one. This is a story about how families can be made between folks who are not necessarily blood relatives and makes for a very enjoyable read.

If you haven't read it yet, there's still time. We'll meet this month on September 22nd. Please note that this is the fourth Tuesday of September, as opposed to our usual third Tuesday. The meeting will take place at my home (18 Ohio Trail, Medford). Please call me at 609-654-9210 if you have any questions or would like directions. Looking forward to seeing all of our regulars and hoping to welcome any newcomers who might be interested in attending.

Listed below are the selections for 2009-2010.

September – Plainsong, Kent Haruf  
 October – The Nine, Jeffrey Toobin  
 November – Sarah's Key, Tatiana de Rosnay  
 December – The Christmas Train\*, David Baldacci  
 January – Elegance of the Hedgehog, Muriel Barbery  
 February - Olive Kitteridge, Elizabeth Stout  
 March – Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows  
 April - The Last Lecture, Randy Pausch  
 May - Confederacy of Dunces, John KennedyToole

\*Unless someone has a better idea!

*Evelyn Goldner*

## Acme Receipts

Please remember to save all your Acme cash register tapes and give them to me or Evelyn at our monthly meeting (or lit group). We receive 1% of the total amount on each receipt and have been donating this money each year to the AAUW education fund. It is a simple and relatively painless way for us to earn money and put it to a good use. If you do not shop at Acme yourself, you may know someone who does. Check with your friends and ask them to save their tapes for you. Thanks so much.

*Bea Chawla*

## Public Policy

### Now this is scary!

You've heard the myths, the lies, and the scare tactics circulating about health care reform. Death panels. Loss of private insurance. Cuts to Medicare. Rationing of care. It's scary stuff. Thankfully, we know you don't buy it. What's really scary is what will happen without health care reform.

Without health care reform, insurance companies could continue the discriminatory practice of gender rating, and women could continue to pay monthly premiums ranging from four percent to 48 percent higher for individually-purchased health care plans than men. That's scary.

Without health care reform, insurance coverage for basic reproductive health care services for women could continue to be denied. That's scary.

Without health care reform, access to and coverage of preventive services like screenings, immunizations, and educational material may not be covered or expanded, and women could continue to die of preventable and treatable diseases. That's scary.

You've told your members of Congress that these three key elements must be included in any final health care reform legislation. **Now, tell a friend to do the same.**

While there is no shortage of proposals for how health care reform should be achieved, AAUW's emphasis is not on pushing one proposal over another, but instead ensuring that whichever program ultimately emerges provides access to quality and affordable health care for all Americans.

Health care is intrinsically tied to economic security; this is particularly true for women, who earn less than men on average and use more health care services than men do. These two factors-less income, more costs-mean women face a high level of health care insecurity. Health care reform is necessary now more than ever, and it must focus on the need for access and affordability-in a way that is equitable to women.

### Take Action!

**Forward this message to a friend**, and ask them to [urge their members of Congress](#) to support legislation that provides Americans with access to quality, affordable health care that is equitable to women.

*- from AAUW Action Network*

Rita Manno, as part of her public relations work, developed this flyer to distribute anywhere and everywhere women might be interested in coming to the September 15 meeting. It's a great example of how we're trying to reach out to other women.

## WANTED

Women--college graduates, college students, and women with associates or nursing degrees-- to join a dynamic organization for lively public policy discussions, good networking and just plain fun.



We are the Medford Area Branch of the American Association of University Women. You can live in or anywhere near Medford to become a member.

Come meet us on Tuesday, September 15, 2009,  
at 7:30 p.m.  
for refreshments,  
good conversation and  
unveiling our theme: *Ourselves, Our World.*

Please join us at Cranberry Hall (behind the Municipal Building at 17 North Main Street) in Medford. For more information call Lynne Poag, 609-268-7034.



