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The Monthly Newsletter of the AAUW - Medford Area Branch

AAUW's Mission

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research

President's Message

Here we are in December already--where has the year gone? Hope you are all anticipating the upcoming holidays and enjoying the annual preparations.

Speaking of holidays, I hope to see you at our Holiday Dinner at Zinc Cafe on December 8 at 6:30 pm. This is always a festive evening where we can enjoy sharing a meal and socializing with good friends. At the October meeting we voted to earmark this year's holiday donations for Girls Matter, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose goals focus on building self-esteem, setting goals and developing leadership skills to inspire more emotionally and physically healthy and confident young women. Our own Dian Hatrick has organized an after-school club at her school and, at last report, the group includes 28 girls. Dian's school district has allocated no money for after-school clubs this year so our donations will help support the work she is doing.

Wish Upon A Star and your dreams come true! Congratulations to Connie Masington, gala committee chairperson, and her committee members--Mary Ann Brookes, Kitty Hartshorn, Lois Kling, Lynne Poag, Rita Manno, Sylvia Somers, and Mary Strickler. They did a spectacular job of organizing the scholarship fundraiser. Many thanks to all our members who purchased stars and tickets and contributed to the success of the event. It was a great evening--good food, entertainment, and company--and the silver stars decorating the space reminded us of the wonderful women who have made a difference in our lives! At this point, I'm haven't heard how much money was raised, but I'm sure we'll get an update at our December gathering.

Wishing all of you peace and joy in this season,

Lynne

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 pm

Holiday Celebration
Zinc Café
679 Stokes Road, Medford

Tuesday, January 12, 7:30 pm

Speaker Cathi Readfrey, Women's
Opportunity Center
Cranberry Hall, Medford



Programs

We are all looking forward to our **Holiday celebration** this year on Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30 pm at Zinc Café, 679 Stokes Rd, Medford. \$25 pays for a three course, family style meal, including three entrees, salad, bread, coffee, tea, and choice of dessert – plus a wonderful night to celebrate ourselves and our friendships.

If you're planning to attend, make sure that you get your twenty-five dollar check made out to *AAUW Medford* to Dian Hatrick **no later than Dec. 5**. We need the count so we have enough food but, more importantly, enough space.

For donations to Girls Matter, please make checks out to *AAUW Medford* and give to Bea Chawla at the dinner. Bea will reimburse Dian for the club's receipts after they have determined their activities.

As you start filling in your new 2010 calendars, remember that, on Jan. 12, our speaker will be Cathi Readfrey of the Women's Opportunity Center in Burlington. In keeping with the year's theme of Ourselves, Our World, Cathi will be sharing with us the variety of ways that the center helps and can help women in transition. The evening promises to be inspiring and heart touching.

Pat Kalata, Dian Hatrick

Scholarship



When You Wish Upon A Star

*When you wish upon a star
Makes no difference who you are
Anything your heart desires
Will come to you*



*If your heart is in your dream
No request is too extreme
When you wish upon a star
As dreamers do*



*Fate is kind
She brings to those who love
The sweet fulfillment of
Their secret longing*



*Like a bolt out of the blue
Fate steps in and sees you through
When you wish upon a star
Your dreams come true*

Music by Leigh Harline / Lyrics by Ned Washington
Performed by Jiminy Cricket (Cliff Edwards)

We filled the room with Stars and our dreams did come true. The 2009 Scholarship Gala was a star-filled success. We shared beautiful stories about women who made a difference in our lives and honored them each with a Star. The Stars were displayed on the pillars at CareOne, the site of our grand event. Special thanks to all the women honored with a Star. Without them, this event could not have been possible. Thanks to AAUW Medford members for stars, contributions, support, and ticket sales. Many thanks to our patrons for their generous contributions to our Program, Silent Auction, Baskets and Raffle & Door Prize donations. Please be sure to mention our Gala when using their business services.

The scholarships will go to non-traditional female students who are in college now or want to return to college. These women could be older or they might have left college at some point for other responsibilities and now want to return for a degree. We will have the scholarship application ready soon and ask that all of us circulate it to organizations and colleges and anywhere else where we can reach students. The scholarships will be awarded in the spring of 2010.

Special recognition and appreciation to our Scholarship Gala Planning Committee for their dedication and tireless efforts to create our successful event:

Committee Chairperson	Connie Masington
Committee Vice Chairperson	Sylvia Somers
Committee Secretary	Kitty Hartshorn
Committee Treasurer	Lois Kling
Committee PR Representative	Rita Manno
Committee Communications	Mary Ann Brookes
Committee Calligrapher	Mary Strickler
President AAUW Medford	Lynne Poag

A meaningful thank you to Lisa Hughey of CareOne at Evesham Assisted Living for her graciousness & hospitality. Our appreciation to CareOne at Evesham Assisted Living for its generosity in providing location, catering and service. Lastly, a very special thank you to the residents of CareOne at Evesham Assisted Living for welcoming us into their home and for their generous donations to our fundraiser.

*Connie Masington
Scholarship Chairperson*



Shopping Discounts

Barnes&Noble.com will be offering AAUW members new lower prices on books for the holidays! From now until December 31, you will receive a minimum of 10 percent off on all books, with free shipping on orders of \$25 or more (see site for details). Just go to www.bn.com/aauw to get your discounts! (Discounts applied at checkout.)

**AAUW members get free shipping at
www.globalsistergoods.com**

Global Sistergoods (<http://www.globalsistergoods.com>), a fair trade marketplace for jewelry, handbags, accessories and more made by women from around the world, offers free shipping on your first order to AAUW members. Just enter AAUW09 at checkout to get the discount, and support women entrepreneurs in emerging economies.

Public Policy

Stop Stupak National Day of Action

On Wednesday, December 2, AAUW and coalition partners will join forces for a National Day of Action to protest the Stupak amendment, anti-choice legislation that would jeopardize women's access to complete and safe reproductive health care coverage. **Join us in Washington, D.C.** to lobby Congress and rally on Capitol Hill to protect women's reproductive rights as negotiations over health care coverage move forward.

The Stupak amendment, which greatly limits women's access to reproductive health care and was included in the House-passed health reform bill, is the biggest attempt to effectively ban abortion services in years. Similar amendments are already in the works in the Senate. Now is the time to make your voice heard to ensure that language like the Stupak amendment is not included in the Senate bill or the final conference bill.

While federal law currently bans the use of federal funds to cover abortion services, the Stupak amendment would effectively force private insurance companies to eliminate abortion coverage for all members, instituting what amounts to a domestic gag rule. Millions of women, including those in private plans, would lose the coverage they currently have. Tell Congress that health care reform should not come at the cost of women's reproductive health.

If you haven't already done so, [email your senators](#) and urge them to oppose any amendments that jeopardize women's access to complete reproductive health care coverage. Then, [contact your representative](#) about [his or her vote](#) on the Stupak amendment. Read more about AAUW's position on [health care reform](#) and [reproductive rights](#).

Author Interviews

On National Public Radio, I heard Terry Gross interview the author of *The Family: The Secret Fundamentalism at the Heart of American Power* by [Jeff Sharlet](#). It was a very informative

interview. If you have any interest, you can find it archived at the link below.

[The Secret Political Reach Of 'The Family'](#)

November 24, 2009. A secretive fellowship of powerful Christian politicians includes some names that have recently been prominent in the headlines: Sen. John Ensign, Rep. Bart Stupak and Rep. Joe Pitts. Writer Jeff Sharlet describes the men's involvement with the Family, and discusses recent developments within the group. <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=13>

Below Source: Wikipedia (usually I am not fond of using this site as a source, but there's not much info available about this group. Lynne)

The core purpose of this group as stated by its leader [Douglas Coe](#) is to provide a private forum for public officials to hold [Bible Studies](#), prayer meetings, worship services, or to share their troubles.^{[9][10]} In *Newsweek*, Lisa Miller writes that the common love for the teachings of [Jesus](#) binds this group together and all approaches are acceptable; Jesus the historical figure, the rabbi, the prophet, the shining example, the Son of God.^[11]

The group is most widely known for organizing prayer groups throughout the United States and around the world, including the Presidential Prayer Breakfast, later renamed the [National Prayer Breakfast](#). Every sitting United States president since 1953 has attended the event.^{[8][12][13][14]}

The Fellowship generally practices strict secrecy about its members or activities and as such, eschews publicity and asks its members not to speak about the group; some members have denied that the Fellowship exists.^[15]

In 2008, Jeff Sharlet released *The Family: Secret Fundamentalism at the Heart of American Power* published by HarperCollins.

Prominent evangelical and fundamentalist Christians, and the Family themselves, have described it as one of the most, or the most, politically well-connected fundamentalist organization in the US.

Lynne

Member of the Month

Pat Kalata has been a member of AAUW at the national level since 1978. In 2001, Pat decided to join an affiliate, visiting several local branches before deciding on Medford. What drew her to the Medford branch was encountering an active and interesting group of women.

After receiving a BA in English Literature from Mundelein College, an affiliate of Loyola University in Chicago, Pat went on to earn a Master's degree in Communications from Rowan University and a PhD in Psychoeducational Processes at Temple University.

As a member of the faculty at Burlington County College (BCC), Professor Pat Kalata taught Psychology and pursued special interests that included Life Span Development, Women's Studies, and Educational Psychology. Pat no longer works full-time, but serves as a part-time counselor at BCC. She is actively involved in a number of organizations in addition to AAUW, such as the Community Colleges Humanities Association, a national organization dedicated to strengthening the humanities in community colleges, and the American Psychological Association (APA).

Pat and her husband have two grown children and four grandchildren, who live near Washington, DC. In her spare time, Pat likes to quilt, read, and travel.

Lila Cleaver

Lit Group

Since December is such a busy month and we have our dinner at Zinc's on the 8th, the Lit Group has decided not to meet in December.

If you want to get an early jump on the January book, our selection is The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery. For those of you hoping to get the book through the Burlington County Library, you might want to get on the reserved list early. The library only holds five copies of this book and the waiting list is currently 22. The meeting will take place on January 19th. We haven't yet determined where we will meet, but I will try to arrange to reserve the reading room at Cranberry Hall.

Evelyn Goldner

Occasions

We wish a happy birthday to Bea Chawla, Lois Clair and Dian Hattrick in December.

If you know of anyone who is ill or has an event that we should remember with a greeting card, please let Lynne or Nancy know. And please let us know if you are not yet on our Birthday list....month and day of your special day.

Nancy Sauer

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