This is an invitation.

How many times you have heard of opportunities for getting involved in something of interest and then learn, "Oh, I need to drive to Bend for that one"!! Now because of work by COCC and some of our friends we can say this: An event of interest is happening in Redmond also!!! Yes, we can join up with a Redmond group to read a book and discuss the power of stereotypes. I am one of many who decided to become a part of a team that is leading conversations and learning while getting acquainted over a book study that begins this month.

We will discuss this book: Whistling Vivaldi: How Stereotypes affect us and what we can do By Social Psychologist author, Claude M. Steele, Vice President and Provost U. of CA. (Available at local bookstore)

What will we get from this?

To raise our own awareness of stereotypes we hold To learn ways to overcome the limitations of stereotypical thinking To exchange reflections about the book, <u>Whistling Vivaldi.</u> To gain further insights from a variety of area residents.

Here is more information so you can "join us. Check this out!

This book conversation is happening throughout Central Oregon under sponsorship of Central Oregon Community College and Building Common Ground <u>Redmond dates, time and place</u> Mondays: February 1, 8, 16 & 22 Redmond Library, 827 SW Deschutes Ave, Time: 5 to 6 pm To register contact: Jennifer Pedersen, Redmond Library at 541-617-7089 jenniferp@dpls.lib.or.us

Mondays: January 25-- February 1, 8, 22, 29 High Desert ESD Redmond Education Center, 2804 SW Sixth St. Time: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm To register contact: Whitney Swander at whitney.swander@hdesd.org

Wednesdays: Begins January 20 COCC Redmond Campus: Multicultural Center, Room 303, Building 3 Time: 12:00 Noon to 1 pm To register: contact Tina Redd at tredd@cocc.edu

Thursdays: January 21–February 25

Ponderosa Room of St. Charles Hospital Redmond, 1253 NW Canal Blvd. Afternoons 1:30 to 3:00 or Evenings 7:30-9:00 To register contact: Gloria Olson, 541-548-6255 or gloryo76@gmail.com