



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
November 2012

AAUW Pendleton Branch
November Membership Meeting

Program: “Health Care in our Community”

Larry Blanc
Director of Communications,
St. Anthony Hospital



November 1 (Thursday)
7:00 p.m.
Vert Clubroom, Dessert

Hostesses: Meredith Felton and Renée Struthers

December Membership Meeting

Thursday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.
Vert Clubroom

Wine Tasting, Ken Schulberg, Great Pacific

Hostesses: Jan Bruning, Roberta Jones, Marlene Krout

**2012–2013 Pendleton Branch
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NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

November General Membership Meeting: At the membership meeting on November 1, Larry Blanc will talk about Health Care in Pendleton. Larry has been Director of Communications for St. Anthony Hospital for the past seven years.

Dinner Before the November Meeting: Those who can make it will meet for dinner before the November 1 meeting at Joe's Fiesta on Main at 5:30 p.m.

November Lunch Bunch: The next Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, November 15. We will meet at Heritage Station Museum at 11:15 and carpool to Kinship Cafe at Tamastlikt.

November Board Meeting: The November board meeting will be Thursday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. at Marty King's, 3315 SW Marshall Ave.

Welcome

New Members

Meredith Felton
Transfer from Baker Branch
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Lynn Hampton
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and Returning Member

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Presidents' Corner for November

By Marty King

*Ah – those crisp nights and cool, sunny days. Leaves piling up in the streets.
Autumn in Eastern Oregon = GIANT TEXAS GRAPEFRUIT SOLD BY AAUW PENDLETON!*



Grapefruit sales are the main focus for this month. Call everyone on your list. Make some new contacts. Put up posters in new places where new customers will see them. This is it! Our major fundraiser for the year, and we need to sell every box that we can!! Remember – all proceeds are used for local projects, including the GED and BMCC scholarships and the OES junior string education program as well as supporting our state and federal programs.

Remember to collect as much of the \$\$ when taking the order. We have to pay upfront for the fruit. Also, prices went up 50 cents a box this year, but still – what a deal! Let's try selling as many boxes as last year. Don't forget to keep your list updated and paperwork filled out properly. The more completely you fill out your forms, the easier it is to keep accurate records. **Giant, sweet, ruby-pink grapefruit....Sell...Sell...Sell...**

Check your calendars

Did you sign up to staff our table at the **Altrusa Bazaar on Saturday, November 17**? We'll send out an email with a list as a reminder. Also – don't forget to block out the date for sorting and pickup of the fruit on **Saturday, December 8 at the PGG loading dock**. Your help is crucial in this project – sorting has to take place BEFORE 10am. Dress warmly, bring a thermos, and enjoy the morning with friends and neighbors.

Pioneer Park Playground Update



Most of you have heard by now that the Pioneer Park playground structure burned down in the early hours of October 6. Many of our members were part of that awesome community project back in 2000–2001, with AAUW initiating and taking the lead (thanks to co-presidents Michelle Sitz and Janet Pardo-Garber). What an achievement to see hundreds of volunteers coming together to create a community playground loved by so many for years to come.

The City has been working with fire investigators and insurance adjusters; while the official investigation is still pending, it is now believed that an accelerant was used. Samples were collected and sent off for analysis, so now the City can move forward and clear out the debris. It was not a total loss. The swings and the lower play area were deemed safe and will be reopened for use very soon.

On October 18, AAUW members met with City representatives to discuss our roles in the rebuilding effort. AAUW has agreed to once again take the lead in forming a steering committee made up of local citizens, which will guide and focus the community rebuild process. The first meeting will be in mid-November. Both AAUW and the City want to rebuild the same type of structure (we have the original design), allowing for modifications to address vandalism and maintenance concerns. Expansion is a possibility for the upper picnic areas.

A community meeting will be scheduled after the architect has been chosen, most likely after the first of the year. However, local citizens have already started their own efforts raising funds for the rebuild project. Donations have already been accepted by the City of Pendleton and can be taken at City Hall, the library, and the City Parks office.

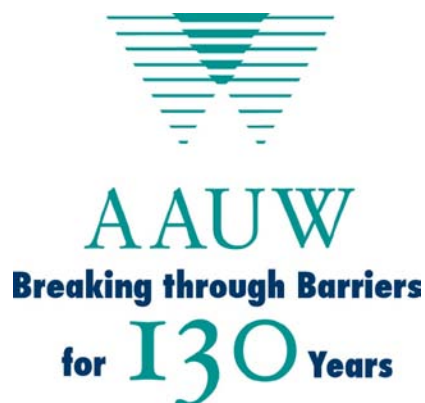
The targeted date for construction is June 2013. The contractor's day would be the last day of school (June 19). The community build would take place over the next three days, Thursday – Saturday, June 20–22, with the grand “reopening” on Sunday. There will be lots of chances in the coming months for AAUW members to help with the project, from fundraising to construction. **SAVE the DATES!**

Oregon East Symphony Music Academy

We are in year two of our three-year commitment to supporting the Oregon East Symphony (OES) strings education program for kids in our community. Music education is such an important part of learning, at any stage of life. The skills and love of music that these kids learn through the OES Music Academy will be carried with them as they move forward in their education, careers, and for the rest of their lives.

According to Michelle, we have raised \$700 to date in our goal of a \$1,000 match to the AAUW branch contribution. Michelle will be keeping a list of our member's donations, so please mark your check with AAUW match or something to that effect.

Checks can be made payable to OES and sent to the symphony office at PO Box 1436 in Pendleton or directly to Michelle at 72259 Tutuilla Creek Road, Pendleton. Thank you again for your contributions.



AAUW PENDLETON BRANCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 4, 2012

Vert Clubroom

We gathered at the Vert with hosts Susan Badger Doyle and Janet Groat. There were 30 members and 3 guests, and all enjoyed the program presented by city officials: Jane Hill, City Council; Steve Chrisman, Economic Development; and Robb Corbett, City Manager. There will be an emphasis on cleaning up neighborhoods, building middle-income housing, and making use of the airport property.

Co-President Karen King called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. She asked two of our members, one a long-time member, Juliette Sawyer, and a new member, Renee Struthers, to each introduce herself.

Reports:

1. Gail Plute, Finance – We have \$1,219.39 in the checking account and \$6,297.38 in savings. The budget as approved by the Board was passed out. Kate Mace moved that we accept the budget, Marlene Kraut seconded the motion, and the budget was approved.
2. Kathy Ward, Grapefruit Chair – There is a sign-up sheet for the Altrusa Bazaar, and Kathy started that around. She reported that all the packets are ready, and we should start calling our list on or about October 15. They have gone up \$.50 a box to \$17.50. A half box is still \$9.00. We will deliver the grapefruit off the PGG dock on Saturday, December 8.
3. Meredith Felton, Voter Registration – She reported that she and Renee still need people to take some slots at the Library and Great Pacific on Tuesday and Friday. She asked that volunteers speak to her after the meeting.
4. Susan Badger Doyle, Membership – She has the directories ready and each member should pick her's up before she leaves the meeting. The number on the front is your AAUW number and is used when you log into the AAUW web site.
The Lunch Bunch will meet on October 18 at 11:15 a.m. at Heritage Station to carpool to Pilot Rock for lunch at Archies.
5. Michele Sitz, OES – Our branch of AAUW has designated \$1,000 to the Oregon East Symphony for the Playing for Keeps program. We are asking that our members match that gift this year as they did last year. All the funds were pledged by November 8 last year. The checks should be made out to OES Music Academy with AAUW somewhere on the check so we get credit.
6. Karen King – Shirts. All that were ordered have been delivered.

Announcements:

The Friends of the Library Book Sale is October 11–13.

The next Board meeting is October 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Marty King's house.

The next General Meeting is on Thursday, November 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Vert.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa T. Woodbury, Recording Secretary

Umatilla County Historical Society Presents

NOT FOR WOMEN ONLY

Stories, Suffragettes, Celebration!



Saturday, November 10th, 11am-2:30pm

Pre-registration \$20 * Day-of-event \$22

Join us as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Oregon women winning the right to vote. Festivities include presentations, lunch, a special exhibit, and an afternoon of entertainment by storyteller, Debbie Dimitre. Take advantage of this opportunity to view the highly-praised *Votes*

for Women! The Oregon Story, an exhibit created by the Oregon Women's History Consortium. Event will be held in the Vert Club Room and Little Theater. To register or for more information, call Heritage Station at (541) 276-0012



The Umatilla County Historical Society is presenting a program on women's suffrage on Saturday, November 10, 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., at the Vert Clubroom and Little Theater. Harriet Isom will begin the event with a talk on Abigail Scott Duniway, leading Oregon suffragist. After a catered lunch, storyteller Debbie Dimitri will perform as Alice Paul, a leading American suffragist and activist who suffered brutal treatment in prison for the cause. This promises to be a memorable event.

The event is a celebration of 100 years of women's suffrage in Oregon. It is also the launch of the exhibit *Votes for Women! The Oregon Story*, which will be at the Heritage Station Museum through December. The exhibit has been installed at several locations around the state, and if you missed it elsewhere, this is your chance to view this outstanding portrayal of the suffrage movement in Oregon.

For tickets call Heritage Station at 541-276-0012