



## **AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter** **February 2013**

### **AAUW Pendleton Branch** **February Membership Meeting**

Program: “Birds and Beasts of Brazil”

Speaker: June Whitten



February 2 (Saturday)  
11:00 a.m.

Prodigal Son, No-Host Lunch

Hostesses: Kate Ely and Paula Turner

### **March Membership Meeting**

Saturday, March 2, 11:00 a.m., No-Host Lunch at Prodigal Son

Terry Hill, “Women’s Stories”

Hostesses: Lynn Hampton and Gail Plute

# NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2012–2013 Pendleton Branch AAUW Leadership Team:

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because **equity** is still an **issue**

**February Membership Meeting:** June Whitten will talk about the “Birds and Beasts of Brazil” on Saturday, February 2. The Pioneer Park rebuild will be on the agenda, so please bring your checkbooks if you can contribute to the Branch Donation Match Challenge.

**EO Forum:** The next Eastern Oregon Forum will be Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees speaking on “The Oregon National Guard’s Contributions to the War on Terrorism Post 9–11,” on Tuesday, February 12, 7:00 p.m., at BMCC, Room ST-200. EO Forum membership is \$20 per individual member, or \$6 at the door for nonmembers. For more information, call Karen Parker at 541-966-3177. AAUW Pendleton Branch is one of the EO Forum sponsors.

**February Lunch Bunch:** The next Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, February 21, at 11:45 a.m. at the Saddle on East Court.

**February Board Meeting:** The February board meeting will be Thursday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Melissa Woodbury, 815 N Main St. NOTE: the date has been changed from the usual third Thursday.

**State Convention Delegates:** We need up to three branch delegates to attend the AAUW of Oregon state convention in Garibaldi in April. If you are interested, please contact Jill Heffner by March 1. It’s an important and rewarding experience!

Welcome  
New Member

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# President's Corner for February 2013

*by Marty King & Karen King*

The new year is off to a great start, and we are looking forward to some great programs. On February 2, 2013, we will not only learn if the Groundhog sees his shadow, but we will also learn about the ***Birds and Beasts of Brazil*** from our own member, June Whitten. That will be followed in March with a presentation by Terry Hill entitled ***Women's Stories***.

Did you know that February is National Grapefruit Month? As we celebrate by eating the last of our delicious Texas ruby red grapefruit, know that our grapefruit sales brought our branch just over \$4,000 this year. This money is used to fund all our programs, so it is essential to our AAUW Pendleton Branch activities.

Our AAUW Pendleton Branch website is up and running!! Take a few moments to check it out. The address is: <http://pendleton-or.aauw.net/>.

At the February meeting, we will present Michelle Sitz with a check for \$1,000 to the local Oregon East Symphony to support the Youth Strings Academy. Also at the February meeting, Marty King will update us on the Pioneer Park Playground rebuild project, and we will be asking for your financial support for this community project. The AAUW Board will be recommending to the membership that we amend this year's budget to allow a \$1,000 donation to the Pioneer Park Playground Project. We will also be challenging our members to match that donation, so bring your checkbooks!!

There are also many upcoming AAUW events outside of Pendleton. The state AAUW Convention is scheduled for April 19-21 in Garibaldi, OR. The coast should be beautiful in the spring, and if you are interested in attending, contact Jill Heffner. The national AAUW Convention will be in New Orleans, June 9-12.

We are beginning the process of looking for officers for next year, so if you are interested in taking a more active role in AAUW, Pendleton Branch, please contact Kathy Ward, Karen King, or Mary Davis.

As we move forward in 2013, remember that AAUW is about more than great programs. AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. AAUW supports gender equity in education, pay equity for women, and freedom from sexual harassment.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
PENDLETON, OR

GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 5, 2013

We gathered at Prodigal Son for lunch with 21 members and three guests. Our speaker and two companions were also with us. Hosts were Mary Kinsch and Barbara Brandt.

The Program was presented by Sydney Cave from Helix High School who showed us her documentary video on the Women's Land Army in the United States. Many of us did not know that we had such a thing, and her presentation was very good and very interesting.

Co-President Marty King called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm and began with a new member and a veteran member introducing themselves and telling a few things about themselves.

1. Minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter
2. Finance report presented by Karen King as our Finance VP is out of town. The balances as of 1-5-13 were: checking, \$1,073.45; savings, \$9,261.17. We still need make our donations to the OES Strings program and to the Pioneer Park project.
3. EO Forum will be Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 7:00 PM at BMCC. It is *War on Wolves* and Susan Badger Doyle asked for a couple of people to volunteer to help that evening as AAUW is one of the sponsors of the event.
4. Grapefruit – Kathy Ward. We had an excellent grapefruit sale and netted over \$4,000.
5. OES Strings – Michele Sitz. Everything is going very well. There is a concert on 2/2/13 called Bach & Brews. The website shows all the kids our donation is helping and has schedules of upcoming events. Our membership has met the matching challenge of \$1,000, but they will gladly take more!
6. Website – Mary Kinsch. The website is nearing completion and should be ready for viewing by the next meeting. National supplies the platform for free, and Mary has been sending them information to put up on the site. It looks really good so far.
7. Pioneer Park – Marty King has been busy chairing the rebuild committee. They have chosen an architect, which now needs approval from the City Council, which they hope to get on January 15. The firm is Play by Design. The park will have the same theme, but there are lots of new materials to choose from that should be more maintenance and vandalism free. Also more expensive. They are about to kick off the major fund-raising efforts. The target date is still June 19 for the contractors, then the volunteers, with a grand reopening on June 23.
8. Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:45 am at Salsa Fresh on Court St. on January 17. The next Board meeting is also on the 17th at Karen King's house at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa T. Woodbury, Recording Secretary



January 2013

***The Invisible War* Nominated for an Oscar**

AAUW is thrilled to announce that *The Invisible War*, a film about military sexual assault that features several LAF-supported plaintiffs, received an Oscar nomination for Best Documentary. This nomination comes as no surprise after the film received the Audience Award at the Sundance Film Festival and was listed as the 10th movie and the only documentary on *Time's* top 100 movies of 2012. Last week, RottenTomatoes.com ranked it as the best film of 2012 based on an aggregate of film reviews.

If you haven't seen this powerful film yet, it is available to rent from Netflix and to purchase from Amazon. AAUW members and college/university partners can also host a showing of the movie for just \$150. Download the Program in a Box for more information on how to do so.

## AAUW Shirts

**We will once again place an order for Teal Shirts with the AAUW logo on them. Options will include a short-sleeve polo and a long-sleeve polo and a long-sleeve shirt. To order, contact Karen King, [dekaking@q.com](mailto:dekaking@q.com).**

