



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
February 2017

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February Membership Meeting

Program: “Disparities in Health for Women Who live in
Rural Oregon”

Speaker: Dr. Cynthia Perry, Director of the Nurse
Practitioner Program at OHSU



February 4 (Saturday)
11:00 a.m.
Prodigal Son

Hostesses: Karen King and Kathy Ward

March Membership Meeting

Saturday, March 4, 11:00 a.m., Prodigal Son
History Film Projects, Griswold High School Students

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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February Membership Meeting: Dr. Cynthia Perry, Director of the Nurse Practitioner Program at OHSU, will speak on the “Disparities in Health for Women Who live in Rural Oregon.” Nursing students at BMCC have been invited to attend the program part of the meeting.

February Lunch Bunch: The February lunch bunch will meet for lunch on February 16, 11:45, at Buckin’ Bean.

February Board Meeting: The February board meeting will be Thursday, February 16, at **7:00 p.m.** at the home of Karen King. Note the time has been moved back to 7:00 p.m. as it had been.

Eastern Oregon Forum The February EO Forum of 2017 will be Tuesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m., at BMCC in the Science and Technology Building. A panel of a geologists and emergency communications specialists will speak on “Cascadia Aftermath.” AAUW Pendleton Branch is one of the sponsors for EO Forum.

AAUW Walla Walla Book Sale: AAUW Walla Walla would like to invite your AAUW members to attend our 42nd annual Book Sale, February 24–26, at the Marcus Whitman Hotel, 6 W. Rose St, Walla Walla. Hours are Friday and Saturday, 9 am–7 pm, and Sunday, 9 am–4 pm. We will have approximately 40,000 books organized into 40 categories, including a rare and collectible section, which is individually priced. Prices for the regular collection range from \$.50 to \$4.

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President's Corner for February 2017

By Susan Doyle

Marlene and I wish you a great beginning to the New Year. AAUW Pendleton Branch has a terrific lineup of programs and gatherings this spring and we hope to see many of you there. Sharing the presidency has made the job so much easier and more pleasant for both of us. It's nearly time to begin the nominating process for next year's officers, and we will need a new co-president among other positions. Please consider accepting a position if you are asked. It's important that we all share in the leadership of our branch.

One of the first tasks completed this month was a revision of the bylaws. Kathy Ward made the revisions according to requirements from National and State. The board reviewed and accepted the changes, and the revised bylaws have been submitted to State. One of the required changes was in wording. Branches are now known as Branches or Affiliates, and the terms are used interchangeably in the new bylaws. It caused some initial confusion, as we must now call the BMCC group Associates (instead of the former Affiliates). This process was a reminder we are part of a larger whole and the ways in which we must conform to AAUW structure.

A dozen members of our branch participated individually in the Women's march on Pendleton on Saturday, January 21. Each of us took part for our own reasons, not as an AAUW group, to express our concerns for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families. Over 400 people walked from City Hall to the County Courthouse to Heritage Station Museum parking lot, some carrying signs such as, "Women's Rights are Human Rights." At the courthouse, Elizabeth Scheeler presented the history of AAUW and contributions the organization has made for women's issues and social justice. Her speech is on page 5; photos below. Elizabeth is our branch Public Policy Chair, and this event was an excellent opportunity to bring awareness to AAUW's mission, work, and influence.

In spite of our Co-Program V-Ps' excellent work, our April and May programs will have some changes. These will be announced in the upcoming newsletters.

I hope to see you at the Prodigal Son theater.



Elizabeth speaking with the megaphone.



Listening to presentations at the courthouse.

AAUW PENDLETON BRANCH GENERAL MEETING

January 7, 2017, Prodigal Son

The meeting was held at the Prodigal Son. Brigit Farley presented a very interesting background of how the actions of 1917 contributed to the current state of affairs of the Middle East.

There were 25 people at the program. There were 16 members, 1 new member Carolyn Featherston and one guest at the business meeting.

Susan Doyle opened the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

After no corrections, the December minutes were approved as distributed.

Dianne Barnes stated there is \$1,767.00 in the checking and \$8,270.00 in the savings accounts.

\$500.00 was sent to National AAUW for each of the AAUW EF and LAF funds.

Project Reports:

- BMCC Student Associate: Karen King received information from Abigail, who is President of the group:

-They would like to partner again with our group in an equal pay activity

-They are participating in Ask for Angela with restaurants. This is a code name that can be given to a bartender if a girl feels threatened and needs help.

-They participate in the College Clothesline. This is a room where nicer donated clothes, such as suits, can be accessed by students in need of clothing for interviews, etc.

- STEM: Karen K. has pictures of two girls in welding attire from PHS. The jackets have arrived and gloves are on back order

- EO Forum starts 1/17/17: Mary Davis will be in charge of the cashbox in January, Susan Doyle will do February, and Karen King will do March. Helpers can contact these women.

- Grapefruit: Kathy Ward stated that 684 boxes were sold. The net profit was \$4,304.

- Mother/daughter Choices: Susan stated Mary emailed that information has been distributed to the middle school. Anyone interested in helping should contact Mary or Kate Ely.

New Business: Equal Pay Day is 4/4/17. We will plan an activity with BMCC Associates.

- A new climate change group has been established with a board of nine people. The emphasis is on education to the public. More information about how to volunteer will be in a future newsletter.

Announcements:

-January Lunch Bunch: January 19, at PBC Bistro, 11:45 a.m.

- January Board Meeting: January 19, at Melissa Woodbury's, 6:30 p.m.

-February General Meeting: February 4, 11 a.m., at the Prodigal Son. Director of the Nurse Practitioner Program at OHSU. BMCC nursing students may attend.

Susan adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Witte, secretary

Brief History of AAUW's Contributions

Presented at the Women's March on Pendleton, January 21

By Elizabeth Scheeler

In January 1882, 65 women established the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, which later became the American Association of University Women, AAUW. While the original focus was on education, notably publishing statistical research on education, the mission quickly evolved to include many other issues important to women, culminating in AAUW's current mission statement: "Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research."

In 1885, they issued their first report, *Health Statistics of Women College Graduates*. They surveyed half the female college graduates in the country and were able to disprove the commonly held belief that college education was detrimental to women's health. Over the next 132 years, AAUW would publish another 65 reports covering everything from Poll Taxes and the United Nations to sexual harassment, STEM education, and Pay Equity.

In fact, it was 100 years ago, AAUW first addressed the issue of equal pay for college educated women. Three years later, the group released a report on Civil Service jobs, showing that women earned only 78% of what men with the same education earned.

In 1945, AAUW supported the first federal pay equity legislation, and in 2009, its members worked tirelessly for the passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and were at the table when President Obama signed the bill into law.

Disgracefully, women still earn an average of 80% of what men earn, though that does vary considerably depending where you live, with Oregon falling close to the national average, at 81%. Obviously, a lot of work still needs to be done in this area.

Additionally, recognizing that racial bias was an issue, in 1949 AAUW revised its bylaws to state that the only requirement for membership is a college degree, thereby reaffirming that female college graduates of all races are eligible.

Quick plug, everyone needs go see the movie *Hidden Figures*. Not only is it an amazing true story, it perfectly illustrates what discrimination on the basis of race and gender looks like.

Since its inception, AAUW has played a vital role in promoting women's rights as well as addressing broader social issues. Its members have worked for positive social change at the local, state, and federal level. The marches around the country today show the power and passion of women and all those who believe in equity and social justice. When we work together in a positive, inclusive way, we can achieve great things.

2017 AAUW Pendleton Branch STEM Project Equipment for PHS Girls' Welding Program

Our jackets finally came in, today! Attached are a couple of pictures of students wearing the new jackets. Both of the ladies that tried them out today, raved about how much easier they were to work in. The gloves are on back order, still, so I am hoping they will be here soon.

Thank you very much.

Marty Campbell
Pendleton High School



PHS students wearing the jackets that are part of the equipment sized for girls funded by AAUW Pendleton Branch for the PHS welding program. Having equipment that fits them is much appreciated by the young women who want to learn this useful skill.