



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
March 2013

AAUW Pendleton Branch
March Membership Meeting

Program: "Women of the West: Their Stories"

Speaker: Terry Hill



March 2 (Saturday)

11:00 a.m.

Prodigal Son, No-Host Lunch

Hostesses: Lynn Hampton and Gail Plute

April Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 4, 7:00 p.m., Vert Clubroom

Keith May, "Architecture in Pendleton"

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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March Membership Meeting: Terry Hill is a distinguished local author. She co-authored the notable book, *Pendleton Round-Up at 100: Oregon's Legendary Rodeo*.

EO Forum: The next Eastern Oregon Forum will be Fred Ziari and J. R. Cook speaking on "Water: The New Oil," on Tuesday, March 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.

March Lunch Bunch: The next Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, March 21, at the H & P Cafe on Main Street in Echo. We will meet at the Heritage Station at 11:30 a.m. to carpool.

March Board Meeting: The March board meeting will be Thursday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Kate Mace, 1040-C NW 12th Street.

State Convention Silent Auction: If you have something to donate for the silent auction at the AAUW OR state convention in April, please contact Jill Heffner, 278-4791.

At the February membership meeting, the branch voted to donate \$1,000 from our funds to the Pioneer Park Playground rebuilding project. We also decided to ask our members to match that donation with donations of their own.

So, ladies, it would be really great if we would all pitch in and donate to this worthy cause and our Pendleton Branch project. **Make checks out to: City of Pendleton.** Checks can be dropped off at the Parks Department, City Hall, or the Library, or they can be mailed to City of Pendleton, 500 SW Dorion Ave, Pendleton, OR 97801. **Don't forget to put AAUW on the memo line** so that AAUW receives the proper credit.

THANKS a bunch to those who have already donated generously!! Let's build a park!!

—Karen King

www.rebuildpioneerpark.org

President's Corner for March 2013

by Marty King & Karen King

As March winds begin to blow, we have a number of activities to look forward to. We will kick off the month by hearing about "*Women's Stories*" by Terry Hill on March 2. That evening there is a **Pioneer Park Playground Spaghetti Feed and Auction Fundraiser** at the Pendleton Elks Lodge. Tickets are \$7 per person or \$20 for four tickets and there is a choice of a 4:00 pm seating or a 5:30 pm seating. The menu also includes salad, bread, Starbucks coffee, Coke, and a dessert. There are some great auction items that have been donated so plan to attend and support this great cause. Purchase tickets from the PHS Leadership Class, PHS National Honor Society, Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, or at the Pendleton Parks Office.

Speaking of the Pioneer Park Playground Project, the AAUW Pendleton Branch voted to donate \$1,000 to the Pioneer Park Playground Project at the February meeting. We also challenged our members to match that donation. To date, AAUW members and their spouses have donated \$4,220 to the rebuilding project itself and an additional \$2,000 toward the reward fund!! That is just phenomenal!!

The architecture firm, **Play by Design**, came to Pendleton on March 7 for the park pre-design meeting, and AAUW and the City hosted a public meeting in the evening to reveal the preliminary working design. There was a good turn-out with several interested kids and parents participating in the discussion. Sketches collected from the elementary schools were displayed on the walls showing their favorite features from the playground and ideas for additions. AAUW members provided punch and a wonderful assortment of cookies. THANKS to you all for your on-going support of the Pioneer Park Playground Project.

As you can imagine, there is much yet to come on the Pioneer Park Playground Project, and we will be asking for your continued support as we move through the rebuilding phases. Right now, we are in Phase I, which is primarily identifying the key individuals who will act as coordinators of the various committees, signing up volunteers, finalizing the design, and beginning the planning process. We have only 8 weeks to complete Phase I (normally 16 weeks of work per Play By Design's outline). The pre-construction phase, Phase II, starts with another meeting between the committee and Play By Design staff on April 18. Phase III is the actual build week which is still scheduled for June 19–23. There is a lot of work to be done long before the build week – please contact Marty to volunteer.

Fast approaching is the state AAUW Convention which is scheduled for April 19–21 in Garibaldi, OR. If you are interested in attending, contact Jill Heffner. If you have items to donate to the Silent Auction at the state convention, contact Jill for a donation form.

And, if you can't remember when the next meeting is, just look at our website: **<http://pendleton-or.aauw.net/>**. Mary Kinsch is doing a great job as our webmaster.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in AAUW, we are still looking to fill some officer positions for next year. We still need individuals to fill the positions of Treasurer and President-elect. Contact Kathy Ward, Mary Davis, or Karen King if you are interested.

We hope to see you March 2 at the Prodigal Son, but if you can't attend, come join us for another great program on April 4 with Keith May talking about "*Architecture in Pendleton*."

AAUW PENDLETON BRANCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, February 2, 2013

Prodigal Son

Co-president Karen King welcomed 28 members and four guests to the membership meeting at the Prodigal Son. Jill Heffner introduced our speaker June Whitten. June gave a fascinating presentation on "Brazil – The Patanal, Birds and Beasts," while Betty Klepper showed accompanying PowerPoint slides.

After lunch, Karen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. She thanked the hosts Kate Ely and Paula Turner. The guests were introduced.

Minutes were accepted as published in the newsletter.

The members who were asked to give "Getting to Know You" introductions were longtime member Harriet Isom and new member Kathryn Youngman.

Officer Reports:

Finance – Gail Plute did not bring the checkbook, but she reported the checking balance is virtually zero and savings is about \$8,000.

Program – Jill thanked June and Betty for their program. The next meeting will be March 2. Terry Hill is scheduled to speak, but it is uncertain if she will be available for medical reasons.

Membership – Susan Doyle reported that since our membership year begins July 1, and National will begin accepting renewals on March 15, the annual membership drive will begin at the March 2 meeting. A form will be in the newsletter and forms will be available at all upcoming meetings. It is hoped that most of the renewals this year will be in by June 30, the date they are to be turned in to National.

Committee & Project Reports:

AAUW OR State Convention – Jill and Marlene are planning to go to state convention in Garibaldi in April, but we are allowed two more delegates from the branch. Jill asked anyone interested to contact her and spoke about the convention.

Rebuild Pioneer Playground – Marty King gave an update on the rebuild project. She reported that the project fund recently received \$5,000 from Wal-Mart, \$2,000 from Kiwanis, and \$500 from Keystone. The fund is now at \$37,000. The project is still waiting on the insurance payment and can't proceed unless it is received. She showed an insert with basic information about the project that will be sent with this month's water bill. She then told about other media efforts at supporting the project. She said a form was sent to the elementary schools for students to draw their design for the park. The architect will look at the sketches.

Dennis Will, the original designer who now works for Play By Design is coming to Pendleton next week. Dennis will present a preliminary design at a public meeting on Thursday, February 7, at the Vert Clubroom at 7:00 p.m. Marty asked for members to provide the refreshments. Karen is organizing the refreshments and asked for volunteers to help. A number of members raised hands to bring cookies. Karen asked that they be there by 6:00 p.m. Deb Jones will bring a beverage dispenser.

Marty said that since several local groups have already donated to the rebuild project, she asked if AAUW could donate \$1,000 and ask members for a challenge match. This would be a one-time donation and would require a budget amendment.

Deb Jones moved that the branch donate \$1,000 to the Pioneer Park Playground Rebuild Project and that members contribute to a Challenge Match. Kate Mace seconded. The motion passed.

EO Forum – Karen announced that the next EO Forum will be Tuesday, February 12, at BMCC. Maj. Gen. Raymond Rees will speak on “Oregon National Guard Contributions to the War on Terrorism.”

OES Music Academy – Gail presented a check for \$1,000 to Michelle Sitz for the OES Symphony Academy. This is the second of our three-year commitment to the program. Michelle gave an update on the program.

Nominating Committee – Karen reported that the officers to be elected this year are Program, Finance, President Elect, and Secretary. Melissa Woodbury is willing to continue as secretary, and Karen asked that anyone interested in any of the other positions to contact her, Kathy Ward, or Mary Davis.

AAUW Shirts – Karen said that shirts may now be ordered. She asked for people to let her know as soon as possible as she will turn in the order in a couple weeks.

Branch Website – Mary Kinsch reported the website is online at pendleton-or.aauw.net. She talked about the website and said she can easily update it or make changes.

Civics @ the Library – Karen told about a proposed project on civics education at the library and asked if anyone is interested in it to let her know.

Announcements / New Business:

Neighborhood Cleanup – There will be a neighborhood cleanup project May 12–18, with a celebration on May 19. They are looking for volunteers.

Upcoming meetings – **Next Lunch Bunch**, Thursday, February 21, 11:45 a.m. at the Saddle on East Court Ave.; **next Board Meeting**, Thursday, February 28, 7:00 p.m., at Melissa Woodbury’s home; **next General Membership Meeting**, Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m., at the Prodigal Son.

Barbara Brandt announced that she and Dale are moving to Portland in a month. She thanked AAUW for welcoming and mentoring her when she moved here in 1967.

Deb Jones announced that after four years she is now employed. She will be the assistant safety and compliance officer at PGG.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Doyle, Acting Secretary

Pioneer Park Playground Spaghetti Feed & Auction Fundraiser



March 2nd at the Elks Lodge, 14 SE 3rd Street in Pendleton. Tickets are \$7 per person or \$20 for four tickets. Choice of a 4:00 pm seating or 5:30 pm seating. The menu includes salad, bread, Starbucks coffee, Coke, and dessert.

Thanks to sponsors including the Elks Club, Premium Lube, and Food Services of America. Auction items donated by Starbucks, Prodigal Son, Pendleton Electric, Cattle Barons, and the Buckin' Bean, with more to come.

Purchase tickets from the PHS Leadership Class, PHS National Honor Society, Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, or at the Pendleton Parks Office.

SUPPORT THE PIONEER PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT!