



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
April 2013

**AAUW Pendleton Branch
April Membership Meeting**

Program: “Architecture in Pendleton”

Speaker: Keith May



April 4 (Thursday)

7:00 p.m.

Vert Clubroom, Dessert

Hostesses: Lynn Hampton and Melissa Woodbury

May Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 2, 7:00 p.m., Vert Clubroom

Program: PBS film *Half the Sky*

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President's Corner for April 2013

by Marty King & Karen King

Daffodils are blooming, signaling spring is finally here. We are looking forward to the April 4th presentation by Keith May on *Architecture in Pendleton*. Don't forget that we are shifting back to the Vert Clubroom and a 7:00 p.m. time for the April meeting.

State convention is taking place this month in Garibaldi. Jill and Marlene will be representing our branch. Thanks to them and to members who donated items for the auction.

It is with a touch of sadness that we say farewell and good luck to two longtime members. Both Barbara Brandt and Julianne Sawyer are moving to the Portland area in the next couple of months. They have been AAUW members for many years and are, in fact, responsible for bringing the grapefruit fundraiser to our branch. The fruit was first sold locally by the AFS (American Field Service) exchange program for local students, a common way for AFS chapters to make money to send students overseas and to help bring students to the U.S. When the number of helpers and families involved dropped, Barbara and Julianne (the local AFS chapter) offered the AAUW Pendleton Branch the unique fundraising opportunity to support our programs. This was in the mid-'90s, and the rest is branch history!

We also want to acknowledge that two other members, Beth Read and Kathryn Youngman, are facing incredible health challenges in the coming months. We just want to let them know we are thinking of them and are here to support them in whatever they need. Please keep them in your thoughts.

Pendleton Branch continues working towards the Pioneer Park Playground rebuild project. There will be lots of opportunities for members to help out during the June rebuild. Sign up now online through Pendleton Connect at www.pendletonconnect.org and choose a day(s) and shift(s). Read Marty's update on the project in this month's newsletter for more information.

We have excellent programs in May and June to look forward to. Keep updated on what's happening by visiting our website at: <http://pendleton-or.aauw.net/>.

AAUW has a new logo. The new logo is now on the branch newsletter masthead. To the left it is printed with the tagline "empowering women since 1881." The old logo is still on some AAUW printed materials.



NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Membership Meeting: The annual dues membership drive will begin with the April meeting. The membership form is on the last page of this newsletter, and forms will be available at the meeting. **Dinner before the meeting** will be at the Thai Crystal on Court Street, at 5:30 p.m.

EO Forum: The next Eastern Oregon Forum will feature Declan Forde, Irish storyteller, on Tuesday, April 16, 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.

April Lunch Bunch: The next Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, April 11, at Sisters Cafe on Main Street.

April Board Meeting: The April board meeting will be Thursday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Jill Heffner, 3303 SW Ladow.

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



Slate of Officers

(to be voted on at the May meeting)

Vice President, President-Elect: Needed, please volunteer

Program Co-Vice Presidents: Jill Heffner and Renée Struthers (Renée for 2013–14)

Secretary: Melissa Woodbury

Finance Vice President: Dianne Barnes (with Marlene Krout's assistance)

Water Works Open House

Pendleton Public Works Department is hosting an open house at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Thursday, April 25, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided. This is an opportunity to view the \$19,000,000 in upgrades recently completed at the treatment plant. It is also an opportunity to bring your family and help them to better understand what happens to when the water “magically” disappears at your house.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
PENDLETON, OR
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2013

We gathered at the Prodigal Son with 20 members, one guest and our speaker. We were hosted by Kate Mace, Gail Plute, and Karen King.

Co-Program Chair, Jill Heffner, called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. and introduce our speaker, Terry Hill, who is a free-lance writer and authority on Old Time Cowgirls. She talked with us about both cowgirls and ranch women, all of whom did a man's job and looked good doing it.

At 12:05 p, Co-President Karen King called the business meeting to order.

Our new member to introduce herself was Dianne Barnes, a retired teacher. The longtime member was Better Klepper who has been a member since 1974.

1. Minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter
2. Finance report presented by Gail Plute, Finance VP. The balances as of 3/1/13 were: checking, \$958.55, and savings, \$7,261.17.
3. Jill reported that Keith May will be our speaker at the April General Meeting on Thursday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m. back at the Vert.
4. Susan Badger Doyle said that the membership dues' drive will commence at the April meeting. Everyone should bring her checkbook.
5. Marty King reported on the Pioneer Park Project, and that the committee is waiting to hear about the insurance money. Time is getting short and word of the amount of that money needs to come this week or next or the rebuild date might have to be pushed back. She passed around Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets. People can also go on line to Pendleton Connect and volunteer on that site. She reminded us that there is a Spaghetti Feed at the Elks Club tonight and some of us would be volunteering at that event. AAUW presented Marty with a check for \$1,000 for the Park Project. Our members more than matched it with a total of over \$4,000 so far.
6. The EO Forum will be held on March 12 with the topic: Water, the New Oil.
7. The Nominating Committee reported that we still need to find a Finance VP and a President-elect. Renee Struthers will be the Program co-chair, and Melissa will stay on as Secretary.
8. We need silent auction items for the State Convention in April. Jill and Marlene Krout were elected to be our delegates.

Announcements:

The next Lunch Bunch will be on March 21 – meet at heritage Station at 11:30 a.m. to go out to Echo.
The next Board Meeting is on the 21st as well, at the home of Kate Mace.
The Dinner Divas will meet at the Thai Crystal before the next General Meeting on April 4.
May 12-18 will be a neighborhood clean-up.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa T. Woodbury, Recording Secretary

Playground Project: an AAUW Branch Update for Members

The Pioneer Park playground build project is still set for June 2013. The committee has been reviewing the design, materials, and costs associated with the project. From the beginning, the intent for the rebuild project was to look at using different materials and design updates to address issues of maintenance, vandalism, safety, accessibility, and fiscal responsibility while staying with the popular fort theme from the original project.

Materials used will be similar to the original build, with some modifications. The lumber and construction materials are fire-resistant (nothing is fire-proof). Materials will be treated to enhance cleanup issues due to graffiti and vandalism (but again, nothing is fool-proof). Composite materials will be used that will lessen the yearly maintenance needed to be completed by Park staff.

A major component that the committee was trying to incorporate was a poured-in-place rubber pathway which would allow full access to all areas of the structure for citizens with mobility issues. However, after looking at the logistics and the timing of installation, the very short timeframe of the rebuild project, and the associated costs of this product alone (up to \$80,000), the decision was made by the committee that this isn't feasible at this time. So, an alternative was suggested.

Here's the plan we are proposing to AAUW Pendleton Branch:

Phase I: rebuild the fort structure in June 2013 as designed. We will use engineered wood fiber chips for the entire playground surfacing, just like what was there originally. This does meet current ADA requirements, although it's definitely not an ideal surface and will still limit accessibility for some citizens.

Phase II: get a sense of priority from the community regarding the pathway and accessibility; complete planning and fundraising goals towards possibly installing the rubber pathway and making this very popular playground fully ADA compliant either in 2014 or 2015. Funding sources outside the community that focus on ADA compliance will be sought for this component. This will require a further commitment from the Pendleton AAUW Branch and the City to continue with this project.

Either way, will rebuild the playground in June 2013. Question: What's the opinion of the members to this plan?

June 2013 Construction: All hands on deck! This is an AAUW Pendleton sponsored project and committee. Our presence is needed (required!) during the build week. Please sign up right now to help out. We are partnering with the Pendleton Connect group in town; they are focusing on connecting volunteers with all sorts of organizations and activities that take place in our community and depend on volunteers. Go online at <http://pendletonconnect.org/> to sign up or contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Chuck Wood, directly at 541-310-7306. Select a day, shift, and type of work. Volunteers will be needed to do construction, painting/staining, sawing, hammering, food service duties, child care/activities off site and in the park, and site cleanup. Food will be served to volunteers after they have worked a shift (lunch and dinner) on Thursday – Sunday. We are planning on a community celebration picnic or barbeque Sunday afternoon/evening when the playground is reopened to the public.

Donated breads and desserts made by individuals are allowed IF they do not require refrigeration. Examples include apple pie, cookies, cakes etc. No cream cheese items. A sign will be displayed indicating that these items were not made in a licensed facility. **Contact Marty if you have questions.**



On February 28 the House approved the inclusive Senate-passed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) by a bipartisan vote of 286-138. VAWA protects all victims and includes critical campus safety protections. This has been a long, hard battle.

AAUW fought for this version of VAWA because it will create meaningful change on college campuses, which is essential in light of high-profile cases of rape and sexual assault. We celebrate that colleges and universities will now be required to create prevention programs for students and have greater transparency in reporting and better services for victims. Additionally, we should all be proud that the House and Senate acted quickly in the 113th Congress to move a bipartisan Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act.

Today is a great day to be part of an organization whose volunteer Lobby Corps and members across the country have knocked on Congress' door for almost two years urging a VAWA that would protect all victims and improve campus safety. Thank you again for your advocacy and your support.

Yours in AAUW,
Lisa Maatz, AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations



The all-star AAUW public policy staff celebrating victory!

Equal Pay Day is April 9

Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day when women's earnings catch up to men's earnings from the year before. It takes almost three months each year, because of the gender wage gap. This year's Equal Pay Day, April 9, will be especially important, as 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of the 1963 Equal Pay Act.



IT'S ANNUAL DUES TIME

The AAUW membership year begins July 1, and collection of membership dues begins in April each year. The membership form is on the last page of this newsletter, and copies will be available at the next three meetings. The convention delegates voted to increase the state dues by \$5.00, so the total dues will be \$74.00—unless you are a new member or a second year member, in which case you may take advantage of reduced dues as explained on the membership form.

Please renew as soon as possible or mail your check, along with the filled-out membership form, by June 30. We need the form to fulfill state and national requirements, and it also provides the information needed for the membership directory that is printed in the fall.

Note: Lynn Hampton, Jane Hill, Mary Johnson, and Renée Struthers will be second year members and pay the reduced rate of \$37.00.

Life members (Kate Mace, Julianne Sawyer, and Sue Waldman) pay only state and branch dues, or \$25.00.

Honorary Life members (Alerita Burns, Hope Fischer, and Andrea Timmermann) pay no dues at all.

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Email _____

Also, if you are a second year member and have not used the second year scholarship you may do so, which is half dues for each category: **\$37.00.** Signature _____
*(\$1.00 of State Dues pays for a subscription to the State’s quarterly publication **Oregon News.**)

New Members only need to fill this in: College/University _____ Date _____
(Add additional degrees below) Degree & Date earned _____ Major _____

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