



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
June 2012

AAUW Pendleton Branch
June Membership Meeting

Program: Walking Tour of North Hill
with Local Historian Keith May



June 9 (Saturday)

11:00 a.m.

Potluck at Pioneer Park

(NW 3rd and Despain)

Bring a potluck dish and your beverage
(plates and utensils will be provided)
and a lawn chair or blanket

June Board Meeting — Year End Retreat

Thursday, June 21, 5:30

Potluck and meeting at the home of Mary Kinsch

**2012–2013 Pendleton Branch
AAUW Leadership Team:**

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Co-Presidents

Karen King 278-2151
Marty King 276-8210

Communications Vice President

Lisa-Marie Patterson
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Membership Vice President

Susan Doyle 966-8854

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Gail Plute 925-989-5808

Co-Program Vice-Presidents

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Recording Secretary

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Appointed Leaders:

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EF/LAF

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER for June

By Jill Heffner

It is with bitter-sweetness that I write this, my last President's Corner.

At our next meeting (June 9 in Pioneer Park), Karen King and Marty King will be installed as our new branch co-presidents. Congratulations to you both, and to our branch—we will have two awesome women leading us and it will be a new and exciting time for us. I'm looking forward to their leadership!

I wanted this last message to the branch to be one of UNFORGETTABLE WISDOM, ROUSING ENTHUSIASM, STIMULATING INSPIRATION, AND . . . well, you get the idea☺

Instead, this message is one of LONG-LASTING GRATITUDE. Gratitude for the opportunity you gave me to learn and grow as a leader and as a woman. Gratitude for your support which made it easy to lead the branch and conduct its meetings. Gratitude for the time and work you all gave to make the State Convention 2012 a success! Gratitude for getting to know you more and making new friendships. And gratitude for two exciting, educational, and fun-filled years serving as your president.

And so, Karen and Marty, lead on. You have a GREAT GROUP of women here; they will help and support and guide you, and you will grow and learn and enjoy it all!

Welcome New Members

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AAUW PENDLETON BRANCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 3, 2012

Vert Clubroom

We gathered at the Vert with host Hero Gollany who made her wonderful baklava. There were 13 members and 2 guests.

President Jill Heffner called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. She asked that our guests be introduced and then asked that we all introduce ourselves and tell one good thing about rain.

At this point our speaker arrived and the meeting was suspended.

Michele Sitz, Co-Program Vice President, introduced our speaker, Dr. Rosemary Powers who teaches at Eastern Oregon University. Her field is Sociology with an emphasis on Feminism and questions of power and privilege. She spoke of the unknown and un-named elephant in the room, which is the Crisis in Care. Who is available to take care of the children and the elderly if corporate America doesn't see the need for a change in their thinking on daycare and the responsibilities of parents. It was a great speech, and she graciously answered our questions afterwards.

The meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

1. There were no minutes since our last meeting was a work party.
2. Finance report presented by Gail Plute, Finance VP . The balances as of 5/1/12 were: checking, \$660.27, and savings, \$6,296.60. Scholarship money will be paid to BMCC before the first of July. It will be a \$1,000 scholarship this year. Jill reminded the members that we had voted to spend about \$600 to reimburse Board members for their registration fee for the Convention.
3. Jill alerted us to the need for a two minute activist response. The Violence Against Women Act was passed by the U.S. Senate but has stalled in the House of Representatives. Each of us should contact our representative and urge the passage of this Act.

Jill also reported that she had been in touch with Margaret Gianotti who is with the BMCC Foundation. They have not had to use our Amy Bedford funds for GED tests because CAPECO has been paying for them. Melissa moved and Gail seconded that we make that \$50 available to cover the cost of either a student success class or a college readiness class for those women who have passed their GED. Motion was approved.

4. Susan Badger Doyle reported that the delegates to the Convention had voted to increase the State dues by \$5.00, so that will be added to our dues being collected for the coming year.

The Lunch Bunch will meet on May 17 at 11:15 a.m. at Heritage Station to carpool to Weston to the Long Branch Saloon.

5. Election of Officers: The slate was presented as follows:

Co-Presidents,	Karen King and Marty King
Co-Program Vice Presidents	Mary Kinsch and Jill Heffner
Communications Vice President	Lisa-Marie Patterson
Membership Vice President	Susan Badger Doyle

They were all elected by acclamation.

6. Convention Report, Susan: we had 106 registered attendees. It was very successful and the evaluations were uniformly positive. The Silent Auction was particularly praised for its set-up and organization. Thank you Marty and Karen! The auction made approximately \$3,800.00, which will go to

the AAUW Funds. Jill also asked that we have a motion to send \$150.00 more dollars to the AAUW Funds, which was the amount that people generously donated to cover the cost of the movie that was shown on Friday night. We actually made an estimated \$1,000.00 for our Branch with the Convention, so Jill feels guilty that she asked for more from the audience. It was moved, seconded, and approved.

7. Marlene Krout spoke about our interest in Title IX and how Pendleton Schools do in compliance. We will make a full study in the Fall with the start of the school year.

The next Board meeting is May 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Marty King's house.

The next General Meeting is on Saturday, June 9, and will be a picnic potluck in Pioneer Park, after which Keith May will lead us on a walking tour of North Hill.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa T. Woodbury, Recording Secretary

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Goodbye Lunch for Barbara McCanne: Please join us for lunch on Tuesday, June 5, at 11:45 a.m., at Joe's Fiesta (on Main Street) to say goodbye to Barbara McCanne who is moving to Portland at the end of the month.

June General Meeting: Our June 9 meeting takes place at Pioneer Park at 11 a.m. for a brief meeting and potluck, followed by an Historical outdoor strolling tour of North Hill Pendleton Homes, hosted by Keith May. Keith is an author, historian, city councilman, and outstanding (now retired) first grade teacher. Please bring a summer dish to share, beverage of choice, a lawn chair or blanket, and weather-appropriate clothing (or umbrellas!). Plates and tableware will be provided.

June Lunch Bunch: The next Lunch bunch will be Thursday, June 21, at 11:45 at Su Garden, on Emigrant behind the Library/Vert.

June Board Meeting: The May board meeting will be a potluck year Thursday, June 21, at 5:30 p.m. at Marty Kinsch's home, 3315 SW Marshall Ave.



It's Annual Dues Time, a Reminder

If you haven't already paid your dues for 2012–2013, please do so as soon as you can. If you mail them to treasurer Gail Plute, please include the form on the back of this newsletter. Forms will also be available at the June 9 meeting.

Please renew as soon as possible

End of the Year Reflections

By Marty King
Incoming Co-President

It's the end of another busy year for the Pendleton Branch. The state convention was a huge success. We had nothing but wonderful feedback from other branches and made some money for our local branch and the state office as well. Michelle and Mary did a fantastic job of finding interesting and diverse programs for our monthly meetings. We are so fortunate to have this amazing pool of talented people in Eastern Oregon.

Be sure to join us for the end of the year potluck in June at Pioneer Park. We'll have a short business meeting and a 'gentle' tour of the North Hill with local historian Keith May. Here's to great weather, lots of members coming to share their favorite potluck dish, and ideas for next year!

The board members will be meeting later in June to discuss planning ideas for the upcoming 2013 season and . . . WE WANT YOUR INPUT!!! The board would like to hear from members as to what programs they liked (and even didn't like) from this year or past years. What did you find especially interesting, educational, inspiring, entertaining. Was there a speaker from years past who you think deserves an encore? Is there someone new who we haven't heard from that would be of interest to our membership? Send in your ideas. You can bring suggestions to the June potluck or email to Marty King at mking@wtechlink.us by June 20th. Here's your chance to tell us what you really think!

Named Grant Honorees for 2012

By Kate Mace
Branch AAUW Funds Chair

The branch's AAUW Funds Committee selected Barbara McCanne and Melissa Woodbury as our Named Grant Honorees for the year. Both Melissa and Barbara moved to town, joined our branch, and immediately took on board positions—right out of the shoot! They really got into the spirit of Pendleton and our branch. They have been active and welcome additions to the community and us.

They were each presented with a potted flower at the AAUW Funds Dinner on Saturday evening of the state convention in appreciation of their service. They were also given a certificate by the state AAUW Funds chair, Claudia Gray. They joined a special group of people recognized by their branches all over the state for their special contributions.

Thank you, Barbara. And, thank you, Melissa. You're terrific!

P.S. If you haven't already, there is still lots of time to make a donation to AAUW Funds--either the Legal Advocacy Fund(LAF) or the Educational Foundation(EF). Send your check to me so I can do the paper work for you. Thank you!

In Memoriam



Mary Lee Bates



Longtime branch member Mary Lee Bates, born August 28, 1926, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on May 22, 2012. Mary was born in Ordway, Colorado, the third of eight children. She married Mel Bates in August 1947. Mary received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Linfield College, and Masters in Library Science from the University of Washington.

Mary enjoyed music throughout her life, and she and Mel traveled extensively, visiting all U.S. states, many Canadian provinces, and seven European countries. Mary taught at the elementary through graduate level. She was the founding librarian at Blue Mountain Community College and served as the Director of Library Services. She was active in many organizations. She served as president of several library associations, the Pendleton Women's Club, and was our AAUW branch president 1970–72. She was selected as First Citizen of Pendleton in 1971.

Mary is survived by her husband Mel, two sons, two daughters, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She was an important member of our community, and her always cheerful presence at branch activities will be missed.

Kate Mace has a form that can be used to send a memorial to AAUW for Mary. She can send it to you, or you can send your checks to Kate and she will fill out the form and get it to the proper place.



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