



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
December 2013

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December Membership Meeting

Annual Wine Tasting

With Ken Schulberg
Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Company

& Stuff a Stocking for AAUW Funds



December 5 (Thursday)

7:00 p.m.

Vert Clubroom

Hostesses: Jan Bruning, Harriet Isom, Roberta Jones

Tickets for wine tastings: \$2 per taste, or 3 tastes for \$5

January Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 4, No-Host Lunch at Prodigal Son, 11:00 a.m.

Melissa Woodbury, "Ecuador Experiences"

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2013–2014 Pendleton Branch AAUW Leadership Team:

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aauw.org

AAUW of Oregon website
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AAUW Pendleton website
pendleton-or.aauw.net
(password: grapefruit)

December Membership Meeting: In addition to the annual wine tasting festivities on December 5, there will be a holiday stocking available to “Stuff a Stocking” for AAUW Funds.

December Lunch Bunch: The December Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, December 19, at Sisters, at 11:45 a.m.

No December Board Meeting

AAUW Funds Deadline: Fall is the time of year when many branches hold fundraisers for AAUW Funds, and some members wait until the end of the fiscal year to make their donations. Donations must be received in Washington, DC, by December 31 to qualify for this year. For a donation of \$25 or more, you may honor someone with a tribute, or remember someone with a memorial. Include the full name and address, and a lovely card will be sent out in your name.

EO Forum: The theme for the 2014 Eastern Oregon Forum lecture series at BMCC is “Regional Issues—Coal, Drones & Hanford.” The first lecture is Kathryn Brown, “Coal Exports,” on Tuesday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m.

2014 AAUW of Oregon Summer Retreat: Mark your calendars now for the AAUW of Oregon Summer Retreat at Willamette University campus. Lodging will be at Kaneko Commons. The dates are July 25–27, 2014. The focus is “Leadership,” and all AAUW members in the state are invited. It is a great way to get ideas and tips for programming, projects, and working together as a team for 2014–15.

Please send topic/speaker suggestions to Penney Hoodenpyle, lee-hoody@frontier.com; or Joyce Zook, jtzook@comcast.net.

Welcome
New Members

Ann Marie Hardin
Camille Preus



President's Corner for December 2013

by Marty King & Karen King

Happy Holidays! It seems early yet, but we are smack dab in the middle of the season. The Altrusa Bazaar kick started the local frenzy! We sold a few more boxes of grapefruit at our table and have placed the order for the year. Thanksgiving leftovers have been finished off, and up next is our annual branch wine tasting event. It's the most popular general meeting of the year! (*Maybe we should offer wine at every meeting?*) Our yearly grapefruit pick-up day at PGG, two days later on the first Saturday in December, always seems to fall on the coldest day of the year!! (*Maybe we should have wine at the grapefruit pickup?*) It's a busy time for everyone but we hope that all of our AAUW members will join us at one or more of these activities.

Our holiday meeting will take place on Thursday, December 5, starting at 7 p.m. Bring a guest or guests and come on down to the Vert Clubroom. Buy some tickets and join in a taste test of Ken's picks from the Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co. and get into the spirit of the season!! Spouses welcome too! But don't forget to enjoy the event responsibly.



Just a reminder that we will also 'Stuff a Stocking' and collect contributions to supplement the branch's annual donations to the Legal Advocacy and Education Funds. Bring your wallet, loosen up the purse strings, and support these important AAUW programs.



Our grapefruit pick-up event will take place on Saturday, December 7, at the PGG loading dock. **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Each box of fruit must be checked and sorted by AAUW hands before 10 a.m. Please come and help get this done. We will be starting at 8 a.m. As always, spouses are welcome and encouraged to come and help. Be sure to dress in layers; it always seems to be *cooold*.

Don't forget — **ANY** boxes remaining from your list will be YOUR responsibility to deliver.

In support of another Chamber of Commerce member, we are helping to spread the word about an upcoming photo opportunity with Santa — for your pets! Our local animal shelter, PAWS, is sponsoring a fundraising event on Saturday, December 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pendleton Art & Frame shop on SW Court Ave. Local photographer Ric Walters of Wet Nose Studios will be taking the photos. The cost is \$10 for a 4x6" print and an electronic copy. No appointment is needed, but you can contact PAWS at 541-276-0181 for more information. Light refreshments will be available.



Please share with anyone who might want to get a holiday photo and support our Chamber partner.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
PENDLETON, OR

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES November 14, 2013

We gathered at the *East Oregonian* with Renée Struthers as host. There were 19 members and 3 guests.

Our program was presented by Kathryn Brown, Publisher of the EO since January 2013. In 1908 Kathryn's great-grandfather, Edwin Aldrich Brown, became the owner and editor. She talked about the adaptations that the newspaper business has had to make with the advent of the internet. The company now has two printing presses, one here in Pendleton and one in Astoria. We then had a tour of the new press and got to watch some of the action.

Co-President Karen King began our business meeting at 8:20 p.m. We all introduced ourselves and welcomed a potential member, Leslie Langdon. Judy Witte, our newest member, was also present.

1. The minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter.
2. Dianne Barnes, Financial VP, reported that we have \$182.00 in the checking account and \$2,262 in savings.
3. Susan Badger Doyle passed out the new directories. Each directory has a number under the member's name, which is the member's number that needed to log into the AAUW website.
4. Karen reminded people that we have a phone tree and to please sign up if you want to be called before each meeting.
5. Karen reported that we have done all that is necessary to be in compliance with the IRS with our 501(c)4, but there is a long backlog and we will probably not hear about our status for many months.
6. Grapefruit – Kathy Ward reminded us to CALL!! You can take the checks to Kate Mace at the Safeway pharmacy. All the slots are filled for the Altrusa Bazaar on November 23. Everyone needs to get the grapefruit count in by the Bazaar because she has to place the order. Pick-up is on December 7, and we need workers starting at 8:00 a.m. for sorting. Pick-up is from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the PGG dock.
7. AAUW Funds – Kate mace announced that she would have a fancy Christmas stocking at the Wine Tasting on December 5 so people can "Stuff the Stocking" for AAUW Funds. We had to cut back this year in our budget, but we could make up the difference with our members' generosity.

Announcements –

November 21 – Lunch Bunch will meet at the Thai Crystal at 11:45 a.m.

November 21 – the Board will meet at the home of Jill Heffner

Altrusa Bazaar – November 23

Next general Meeting will be December 5 – our annual wine tasting!

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa T. Woodbury, Recording Secretary

AAUW Funds Appeal

Want To Help...?

Due to our reduced “circumstances” because of our IRS responsibilities, our branch will not be able to support the Legal Advocacy Fund(LAF) and the Educational Foundation(EF) of AAUW as we have in past years. In the past, we have been very generous and topped the list of both state and national donors. In order to make up at least some of the difference, we will be asking branch members for donations of any amount to put in our “Holiday Stocking” at the December Wine Tasting on December 5th. If you’d like to contribute, make out your check to “AAUW Funds” and drop it in the stocking. The contributions are tax-deductible.

Many of our branch members already contribute individually, and we thank them for their continued support. If any of those members would like to have their checks included in this tax year, I’d be glad to take their checks anytime before December 31st.

I have forms available to have your donation made as a memorial or a tribute to anyone you’d like to recognize. The state AAUW Funds chair will send an acknowledgement to the family or individual.

Thank you,

Kate Mace
AAUW Funds chair

New Branch Recycling Program

SAVE YOUR CARTRIDGES!!



FundingFactory

We are starting a mini-fundraiser by recycling old printer cartridges and toners. Save your inkjet and laser printer cartridges, toner cartridges, old cell phones, and burner phones. Bring these items to an AAUW meeting for collection. We will send them off to Funding Factory and receive some money in return. Check at your office and with friends to see if you can collect their cartridges and other recyclables, too.

This mini-fundraiser will probably bring in only a modest income, but more important, it prevents these items from filling up the landfill. Call Karen King (541-278-2151) if you have any questions. And **SAVE YOUR CARTRIDGES!!**

Library Program

By Karen King

Dr. Susan Jensen will be at Prodigal Son on Saturday, December 7, 5:00–7:00 p.m., to present a program on rural India. She recently spent five months in rural India climbing, working with NGOs, and observing farming practices in the country. Susan (Susie as I know her) is the granddaughter of my friend Roberta and will be here in Pendleton for a short visit. She is a fascinating speaker, and I hope you can join us after a tough day handing out grapefruit. More information to follow by email.

An Untold Slice of History, 132 Years Later

Excerpted from aauw.org

On November 28, AAUW celebrates our birthday. Our history begins in 1881 with Marion Talbot, a then-recent graduate from Boston University, and Ellen Swallow Richards, Talbot's mentor and also the first woman professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. On November 28, 1881, they invited 15 alumnae from eight colleges to a meeting in Boston. Out of this meeting, they created the idea for the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, which would become AAUW. The plan was to join together to help other women attend college and to assist those who had already graduated. On January 14, 1882, a group of 65 college women graduates met and officially formed the Association of Collegiate Alumnae to "unite in practical educational work."

This year we uncovered some "new" history. In May 2013, the AAUW archives received a donation. The gift was a 1928 photo album that once belonged to Miriam Clarke Andrus and was donated by her daughter, Maren Larsen. Andrus was a student at the University of Chicago, and our founder Marion Talbot was her mentor. The photographs were taken in the 1920s at Talbot's lake house, Pine Tree Cove, in New Hampshire, where she invited students to spend their summer break. The photos show us another side of Marion, as an older mentor and adviser to the younger generation of women college students. We also realize she was a woman working toward the mission of the association that she created many years prior: ensuring that younger women did not face obstacles because of their gender, as she had in her youth. The photos offer a rare glimpse into Talbot's life, and how she lived out the AAUW mission. And who knew—we even discovered our beloved founder was a baker, as tucked into the book was a recipe for "Miss Talbot's Brown Bread"!

Talbot once said, "My hope is that I may live through my influence. I have no desire for any other kind of immortality." Well, Marion, on AAUW's 132nd birthday, your wish remains true. At AAUW, your influence lives on every day.



Marion Talbot at her New Hampshire home with a University of Chicago student, summer 1928. AAUW Archives.