



**AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter**  
**February 2014**

**AAUW Pendleton Branch**  
**February Membership Meeting**

Program: “Local Air Quality with a  
Little Help from NASA”

Speaker: Jodie Harnden,  
7/8th Grade Earth Science Teacher



February 1 (Saturday)  
11:00 a.m.  
Prodigal Son, No-Host Lunch

Hostess: Michelle Sitz

**March Membership Meeting**

Saturday, March 1, No-Host Lunch at Prodigal Son, 11:00 a.m.

History Film Projects, Griswold High School students

## NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2013–2014 Pendleton Branch AAUW Leadership Team:

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Co-Presidents	
Karen King	278-2151
Marty King	276-8210
Communications Vice President	
Mary Davis	983-2481
Membership Vice President	
Susan Doyle	966-8854
Finance Vice-President	
Dianne Barnes	276-5547
Co-Program Vice-Presidents	
Jill Heffner	278-4791
Renée Struthers	377-0504
Recording Secretary	
Melissa Woodbury	276-0268

### Appointed Leaders:

BMCC Liaison TBD

EF/LAF

Kathleen Mace 276-1006

Newsletter & Directory Editor

Susan Doyle 966-8854

Bylaws

Kathy Ward 276-0308

AAUW Association website  
[aauw.org](http://aauw.org)

AAUW of Oregon website  
[aauw-or.aauw.net](http://aauw-or.aauw.net)

AAUW Pendleton website  
[pendleton-or.aauw.net](http://pendleton-or.aauw.net)  
(password: grapefruit)

**New Fundraising Opportunity:** Pendleton Branch is starting a new mini-fundraiser through a recycling program called Funding Factory. Save your used inkjet printer cartridges, laser or copier toners, or old cell phones and bring them to an AAUW meeting for collection. We will send them off to Funding Factory and receive some money in return. While this fundraiser may not bring in very much income, it is added income AND prevents these items from filling up the landfill. Call Karen King (541-278-2151) if you have any questions.



**FundingFactory**

**EO Forum:** The theme for the 2014 Eastern Oregon Forum lecture series at BMCC is “Regional Issues—UAVs, Coal, & Hanford.” The next program Brett VandenHeuvel and Kim Puzey, “Coal Exports,” on Tuesday, February 11, at 7:00 p.m. AAUW Pendleton Branch is a co-sponsor of the series.

**February Lunch Bunch:** The February Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, February 20, at Cadillac Jack’s, 1703 SW Emigrant, at 11:45 a.m.

**February Board Meeting:** The February board meeting will be Thursday, February 20, 7:00 p.m., at Marty King’s home, 3315 SW Marshall Ave.

**2014 AAUW of Oregon Events:** The AAUW of Oregon and Washington Joint State Convention is April 25–27 at the Embassy Suites Portland Airport hotel. The theme is “Connect, Collaborate, Lead – AAUW Bridging the Columbia.” Please let Jill Heffner know if you would like to attend. A number of branch members have already expressed interest in going.

### A Reminder

Please bring your used inkjet printer cartridges and laser and copier toners for our new branch recycling fundraiser to the February 1 meeting.



# ***President's Corner for February 2014***

*by Marty King & Karen King*

Well, it's another strange start to winter in Eastern Oregon. Deep cold freeze, then 60° and sunny, then a polar vortex hits. It's now day 3, 4, 5 (I've lost count) of cold and freezing fog. It feels like we'll never see spring again. But you can beat back those mid-winter blues by getting more involved in local AAUW! Meet up for lunch. Join us for dinner. Participate in monthly board and general membership meetings. Attend the next EO Forum presentation this month.

We are also looking for some members to get involved and take on some active roles in the Branch. Here's what we need in elected positions, 2-year terms:

- President (or Co-President if you can find a partner)
- Communications
- Membership
- Programs (this person will work as part of a 2-person team – we are looking for one person)

We also have some appointed positions that need to be filled. Can you help with one of these?

- Webmaster – with help from an AAUW resource at National in Washington, DC, we were able to put together a Branch webpage. It's been a great start, and we thank Mary Kinsch for her work getting it going. However, Mary would like to step down now, and we need someone who is willing to take on this project. This could be a very important position for our Branch. It's a great resource that we can share with prospective members. How would you like to learn about websites?
- Chamber of Commerce Liaison - We all agreed to continue our Chamber membership, but we need to get better about taking advantage of what they can offer us. Can you participate in Chamber luncheons, Kick Up at 5 events, and whatever else comes up? Talk up the Pendleton AAUW branch in these community meetings? Then this is for you.
- Branch historian and/or librarian – June Whitten and Sue Waldman created a Branch timeline a few years back. It's an interesting look back at snapshots of what this Branch has done. But we need to pick up from where they left off and keep it going. There are also some papers and files that need to get better organized for safe keeping and to help with our record keeping. Is anyone willing to take this on? This could be the same person or two different people.

Don't forget to attend the February 1st general meeting with guest speaker Jodie Harnden, an earth science teacher at Sunridge Middle School, talking about her experiences at NASA and predicting air quality in Pendleton. Also coming up is the EO Forum on February 11 with speakers discussing "Coal

Exports." Feel free to join the Lunch Bunch on February 20 at 11:45 at Cadillac Jack's. The next Board meeting will be at Marty King's on February 20; all members are welcome at Board meetings.

We look forward to seeing you at any and all of these activities in February!!

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## ***Pioneer Park playground project update (Yep, we're not done yet!):***

- The City finally received the last payment from the insurance carrier, which added a considerable amount to the remaining project balance.
- We are working with the two community members (also both AAUW members) who donated to the reward fund. The money will be repurposed back to the project for security issues, possibly as a second camera to provide 100% coverage of the playground.
- We will remove the cinder block walls along the west-side pathway and install benches facing into the playground and into the grass park. We received a \$1,000 grant (the project was submitted by an anonymous, local supporter – Thank You!) and this will be used as requested for landscaping purposes, most likely in this new seating area.
- Other projects: a new ADA drinking fountain; install 'horse mats' under some swings and equipment; extending the asphalt pathway around the entire play area for better access; and a designated handicapped parking space in the parking area south of the playground with better signage. If money is still available, the addition of a handicapped ramp onto the bandstand will be considered.

The committee met with Darrin Umbarger, a local contact regarding ADA issues. Discussion was about the viability and necessity for the additional poured-in-place rubber pathway that we've discussed before. Darrin felt that the current surface was adequate (with those changes listed above), and the City indicated that regardless, they do not have the staffing to maintain the mixed surface (wood chips and pathway) inside the fenced area. The cost for covering the entire play surface would be excessive for the project, so the plan is to move forward with these new additions shown above instead. Please pass along any questions or concerns regarding the Pioneer Park Project to Marty King.



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
PENDLETON, OR

GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 4, 2014

We gathered at Prodigal Son for lunch with 25 members and our speaker present. Host was Mary Kinsch. Co-President Karen King asked that guests be introduced and that each member say her name. It was announced that long-time member Sue Waldman will be moving to Suttle Care.

The Program was presented by Melissa Woodbury, one of our members, on her two-week trip to Ecuador last March, including the Amazon Basin and the Galapagos.

Karen King called the brief business meeting to order.

1. **Minutes** were accepted as printed in the newsletter

2. **Finance** report was presented by Dianne Barnes, Finance V.P. The balances as of 1-4-14 were:

Checking, \$4,143.27

Savings, \$2,261.93

The grapefruit sale was a huge success once again, though a little down from last year. We sold 697 boxes with a profit of at least \$4,200.00. Everyone was very happy that we were able to use the staff room at PGG instead of standing out in the loading dock in sub-zero weather! A huge thank you to Kathy Ward!!

3. Discussion of whether or not we should continue as a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Mary Davis had done some research, and the membership voted to keep our membership. We hope to get someone to attend the monthly luncheon on the 3rd Wednesday.

4. **Program** – Jill Heffner – our next meeting will be on February 3 at the Prodigal Son, and our speaker will be Jodie Harnden on “NASA: Weather & Climate.”

5. **AAUW FUNDS** – Kate Mace said that the year-end report was not complete.

6. **Website** – We need a new Webmistress. Many thanks to Mary Kinsch who has gotten the website up and running, but she is ready to pass the job on and is willing to help the new person learn the job.

**Announcements:**

The Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:45 at the Buckin’ Bean on January 16. The next Board meeting is also on the 16th at Karen King’s house at 7:00 p.m.

There is a Martin Luther King Day celebration on Monday, January 20, at the First Christian Church at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa T. Woodbury,  
Recording Secretary

# *OES Music Academy*

Three years ago, amid massive Pendleton School District budget cuts, elementary stings education became one of the casualties. As a concerned parent and AAUW member, I made a plea to AAUW Pendleton Branch to make a three-year commitment to support continued string education through Oregon East Symphony Music Academy. AAUW enthusiastically stepped up and has contributed over \$2,000 each year for the strings education program. This month will mark the final year of the commitment that will conclude with a member match goal of \$1,000, and I am confident we will again exceed that goal thanks to the generosity of AAUW Pendleton Branch members.

Where would music education in Pendleton be without the support you and other community members have provided? Orchestra would be completely absent from our schools, and symphony concerts by OES would be greatly diminished. String music education that begins in elementary school provides musicians for middle school orchestra, which provides musicians for high school orchestra, who then have an opportunity to be players in OES Orchestra or our preparatory orchestras.

What has happened with community support of string education? The OES Music Academy is thriving! The Pendleton School District has been awarded the prestigious NAMM award for “Best Communities for Music Education,” twice! Music education in our small, rural community is strong and is happening every day.

These are a few highlights:

- PHS orchestra and choir students from performed Mozart Requiem with Eastern Oregon University in two sold out performances.
- Currently, 75 elementary students are learning strings in Symphony Strings after school program.
- Raising the Bar, a new OES music mentorship program, matches student players with experienced adult orchestra members to facilitate the students’ ability to play with OES. Twelve students are participating in our pilot season.
- Raising the Bar students, their high school orchestra peers, and the PHS choirs partnered with OES Orchestra and Chorale this season to present the Holiday Music Festival to nearly 500 audience members.
- Band, orchestra, and choir combined works are performed every year during the PHS concert season.

“Be the Music” is the theme for OES this season, because in Pendleton every community member can be the music – through learning, teaching, performing, or supporting. You are the music AAUW Pendleton Branch – thank you!

Michelle Sitz  
AAUW Pendleton Branch Member & OES Executive Director

# Eastern Oregon Forum *Presents*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (BMCC), 2411 NW CARDEN,  
PENDLETON, OR. SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY BUILDING, ROOM ST-200

FEATURING: BRETT VANDENHEUVEL & KIM PUZEY  
COAL EXPORTS



**Brett VandenHeuvel** serves as the Executive Director for Columbia Riverkeeper, where he works to protect and restore clean water and salmon habitat on the mighty Columbia. Brett is an environmental attorney who graduated with honors from Lewis and Clark Law School. He previously taught at OMSI Science Schools throughout Oregon. Brett also conducted research on climate change during field expeditions to Antarctica and Alaska, earning an M.S. in Quaternary Science and Climate Change. Brett lives in Hood River.



**Kim Puzey** has been the general manager of the Port of Umatilla for 20 years. In the 1980s, he started a company to convert wheat straw into ethanol. Kim is currently serving as president of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, and is a member of Blue Mountain Community College's board of trustees. He is past president of the Association of Pacific Ports. He lives in Hermiston.

*For more information about the EO Forum, please contact: Karen Parker at 541-966-3177. Fee is: \$20.00 for membership or \$6.00 at the door and students are free.*

*The EO Forum is a collaborative effort among leaders from Blue Mountain Community College, InterMountain Education Service District; the East Oregonian; American Association of University Women; and Harriet Isom; a former United States ambassador who also serves on the committee. For more information on the festival go to [www.bluecc.edu](http://www.bluecc.edu).*





December 18, 2013

## **Altrusa International Inc. of Pendleton needs your help!**

In 2008 our club members created a project called “Feed the child” to provide food to low-income students each weekend throughout the school year. We started with two schools and filled bags for 20 students. During the 2012–2013 school year, we were averaging 138 bags each week. We are now providing weekly food bags for 142 students in all nine schools in the Pendleton School District. Feedback from teachers and counselors tells us that by providing students with food on weekends, those students start each school week more alert, focused, and ready to learn.

In collaboration with our Literacy Committee, we also include a book once a month for students in K–5th grades to feed both their “stomachs and minds.” The many benefits of good reading habits are well known – better communication and logical skills, enhanced concentration and discipline, acclimation to new experiences, and academic excellence.

**If you have contributed in the past – Thank you! If you are just learning about Altrusa’s “Feed the Child” project – please consider giving. The numbers of students in need continues to grow and we need your help more than ever!**

All donations to the Altrusa Foundation are tax-deductible, and a receipt will be provided. You may mail your check to: **“Feed the Child” Project, c/o Altrusa International Inc. of Pendleton, PO Box 1735, Pendleton, OR 97801.**

Thank you for your generosity,

Jan Loughary and Melissa Price  
Feed the Child Committee





# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES INC. OF UMATILLA AND MORROW COUNTY

January 7, 2014

Dear Community Partners:

Save the Date for Domestic Violence Services' Annual Soup Bowl Supper scheduled for March 15, 2014 at Hamley's Slickfork Saloon in Pendleton. Watch for an invitation soon! We are seeking your help in making this a big success.

Domestic Violence Services (DVS) provides emergency and supportive services for families in crisis from domestic/sexual violence and stalking. We have served Umatilla and Morrow counties since 1977. DVS provides crisis intervention, emergency shelter, meals and supportive services to victims and their children twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year.

*Our mission is to provide emergency services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and to work toward ending this violence within the community, now and in the future.*

We ask you to consider donating to this annual fundraiser. Any generous donation you make will help us continue to provide excellent services to victims in our communities. You can help by providing a cash donation or a donation of a themed basket to be auctioned in the silent auction. Enclosed is a donation form for the silent auction.

Thank you in advance for your help in making DVS's Soup Bowl Supper a success. If you have ideas or questions please contact us. We have an office in Hermiston at 541-567-0424 and in Pendleton at 541-276-3322.

*Domestic Violence Services is a registered non-profit organization and is exempt from Federal Income Tax under 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The registration number is 93-0749483. All donations are tax deductible, as allowed by the IRS regulations.*

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Chaney  
Executive Director



## SOUP BOWL SUPPER SILENT AUCTION DONATION FORM

*The Soup Bowl Supper is a benefit for victims of domestic and sexual violence. Domestic Violence Services is a charitable organization recognized as tax exempt under IRS Section Code 501 (c) 3. Proceeds from this event will support crisis services, emergency shelter, education, food and advocacy for victims and their children. We hope that you will join us and donate an item to this event that will take place on March 15, 2014 at Hamley's Slickfork Saloon in Pendleton.*

Domestic Violence Services  
501 3 (C) tax ID number is 93-0749483  
P.O. Box 152, Pendleton, OR 97801-0152  
541.276.3322  
Fax: 541.276.8958

Company / Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Item(s) to be donated: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Value \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date of Gift Certificate \_\_\_\_\_

If item is to be picked up -

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_