



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
June 2014

AAUW Pendleton Branch
June Membership Meeting

Year End Wrap-Up
at the mountain home of Mary Davis
Installation of Officers
Special Guest Susan Gilstrap, Wallowa
Susan Doyle will talk about life on the Oregon Trail



June 21 (Saturday)
11:00 a.m.
Bring Your Own Sack Lunch
Meet at Heritage Station Museum at 10:30 a.m.
To carpool to Mary's

Next Membership Meeting will be in September
Have a great summer!

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

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Co-Presidents

Karen King 278-2151

Marty King 276-8210

Communications Vice President

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Membership Vice President

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Dianne Barnes 276-5547

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Renée Struthers 377-0504

Recording Secretary

Melissa Woodbury 276-0268

Appointed Leaders:

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aauw.org

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aauw-or.aauw.net

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pendleton-or.aauw.net

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NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be Tuesday, July 8, at 5:30 p.m., at Melissa Woodbury's home. It will be potluck. All members are invited to come and help plan the programs for next year. We need your ideas!



ANNUAL DUES RENEWALS LAST CHANCE

The AAUW membership year begins July 1, so if you haven't renewed yet, please do so as soon as possible. Forms will be available at the June meeting.

A form is also on the last page. So far about two-thirds of our members have renewed. Please renew now if you haven't already.

President's Corner for June, 2014

by Marty King & Karen King

Well, here we are in June and it's hard to believe that we're finishing up another AAUW season already. The 2013–14 season was another busy year for our branch. As always, we had a great assortment of programs to enjoy. We started the season off with some local politics and getting to know a bit more about the new President of BMCC, Camille Preus. The Helix High School film projects were a big hit again; what a great program they have out there. We were entertained and educated about travels to other countries, working with NASA and junior high students, being a successful novelist in today's online market, and reminded of human trafficking in our own backyard. This year also marked the first joint Oregon-Washington State AAUW conference. It was a major success and could happen again in the future.

Our branch continued its work rebuilding the Pioneer Park playground. The main event was a huge success at the end of June 2013. A much smaller but just as dedicated group of volunteers spent a few more days in September finishing up painting and installing pickets, building a new section of fence, and installing a great sign welcoming folks to the playground (off the south end parking lot). What a great addition to Pendleton!! We also installed the donor board on the back of the original wooden board at the north side of the playground. Take a look at all the folks who made donations to this project; this does not include all the volunteers who came out and actually participated in the rebuild effort itself.

And – we are still working with the City Parks to complete the final phase of work at Pioneer Park. With the final insurance payment received by the City in December 2013, a small group continues to meet with the Parks staff to plan out how best to utilize the remaining funds. Plans include improved ADA parking and signage, extending the asphalt path around the playground, more benches, and a covered picnic shelter that the public can use for free and reserve for parties and such. We hope that the timing works out so that these final projects can be completed by the end of 2014 – fingers crossed! (Big shout-out to Marty King, David King, and Chuck Wood for their continued involvement!!)

We had another successful grapefruit fundraiser December 2013. This is great news since you'll recall our accounts were drawn down pretty low due to our IRS issues. We will continue to build back these funds so that we can continue to support local scholarships and projects, as well as supporting State and national AAUW programs. Another big round of applause to Karen King, Dianne Barnes, and Susan Gilstrap who have spent many hours working on correcting our tax problems and re-filing for our tax-exempt status. (Yes – we are still waiting to hear back from the IRS, but are very hopeful that it is all completed.)

Locally, the news about PGG closing hit us on many fronts. We are again concerned about the loss of jobs and another business closing in our community, but we are also particularly anxious about a location for the 2014 and future grapefruit sale. PGG has been so supportive of the Saturday pick-up event by providing us a place to unload and store the boxes of fruit for the past several years. Please be thinking of another business/location that could accommodate

our needs: a loading dock, space inside to prevent freezing temperatures, and the space for sorting and distribution in the winter.

In June, a new crop of officers will be sworn in for the next couple of years along with some returning officers. We have a great group of women who have chosen to volunteer for these elected (and appointed) positions, and we thank all of them for participating. The board will be meeting in July for the planning meeting for the upcoming 2014–15 season, and all members are invited to come to the potluck meeting and help us with ideas for next year's program topics. Or just email Renee Struthers or Sharon Vincent, our Program Co-Chairs, with your ideas. What would you like to see at meetings?

ADOPT A PARK (thru City Parks program): The Board would like input from members on this topic. Should Pendleton AAUW take on 'adopting' Pioneer Park as an ongoing, year-round project? If you vote yes, are you willing to participate in this work? We would need the commitment of many members to actually come out and help do the work.

As requested, here's the list for Pioneer Park, provided from the City Parks office. For guidance, they say monthly for several tasks, but during winter months when the park isn't as heavily used these may not all be necessary. Parks office provides supplies and tools.

Monthly

Sweep picnic pads and/or shelter pad
Pick up ground litter, branches/limbs, and large debris
Rake playground chips level around equipment
Weed/mulch flower beds (once they're installed)

May & August

Clean drinking fountain
Clean BBQ
Pressure wash picnic pad/shelter pad

As needed

Paint picnic tables to cover graffiti
Report graffiti, hazards, and vandalism as needed

Possible additional tasks by mutual agreement are:

Planting flowers
Graffiti removal
Painting projects

The following was obtained at a luncheon for Wildhorse Foundation recipients on May 14, 2014. Marty King attended on behalf of the playground rebuild project. The Foundation donated \$10,000 towards the Pioneer Park Project.

How does the Wildhorse Foundation make a difference?

Every dollar has a significant impact on someone's life. Here's what we accomplished:

Wildhorse Foundation Statistics in 2013:

*Helped 156
Organizations*

Numbers by County served:

- \$123,435 to Umatilla County
- \$125,999 to Union County
- \$68,811 to Wallowa County
- \$64,669 to Morrow County
- \$44,860 to CTUIR
- \$39,000 to National Indian Organizations
- \$37,428 to Walla Walla County
- \$37,275 to the Four County Area
- \$7,500 to Benton County

*Issued 139
Grants*

*Received
\$1,604,009
in requests*

*Presented to
23 groups*

*Offered \$848,977
in support:*

- \$312,437 to education
- \$247,876 to public safety
- \$111,505 to public health
- \$22,450 to the arts
- \$101,660 to cultural preservation
- \$42,559 to environmental protection
- \$57,790 to historical preservation

*Issued 17 Rapid
Response Grants*

*Since we began
in 2001:*

*Given
\$7,532,692*

*Issued 1083
Grants*

*Helped 1,319
Organizations*

*Issued 236
Rapid
Response
Grants*

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
PENDLETON, OR

GENERAL MEETING May 15, 2014

We gathered at the Vert with hosts Marlene Krout, Beth Read, and Karen King, with 18 members and 4 guests plus our speaker present.

Program Vice-President Renee Struthers called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. She introduced our speaker, Barbara Clark, who spoke on the terrible practice of trafficking girls, and boys, for the sex trade. It is occurring in every country wherever young people are vulnerable. She recommended several books for us to read to get a better understanding, especially *Girls Like Us* and *Somebody's Daughter*. It was a gripping and disturbing presentation.

Business Meeting called to order at 8:15 by co-President Marty King

1. The minutes were accepted as printed in the Newsletter.
2. Finance report presented by Dianne Barnes, Finance VP. The balances as of 5/15/14 were: checking, \$1,684 and savings, \$5,532. A lot of that money will be passed on to State and National for dues. We have 19 renewals so far.
3. Convention Report: there was a write-up in the last newsletter. Marlene spoke about how well it went and how interesting the presentations – especially that by Lilly Ledbetter on equal pay.
4. Grapefruit – Kathy Ward just gave us a “heads up” that we might not have PGG as a delivery site come December. We need a loading dock and a heated space to store the fruit over night. Please be thinking of possible locations.
5. Membership – Susan Doyle – PLEASE get your membership dues in!
6. Adopt-A-Park: Marty said that AAUW had received a letter from the Parks Dept. asking if we, as a group, would adopt a park. There is quite a long list of responsibilities so, before we agree, we would like to see that list. Marty will get it. The logical park for us would be Pioneer Park.
7. Election of Officers: The slate was presented as follows:

Co-Presidents	Karen King (1 year) and Melissa Woodbury (2 years)
Program Co-Vice President	Sharon Vincent (to join Renee Struthers)
Membership Vice President	Jan Bruning
Communications Vice President	Gwen Fjeld

The Board will appoint the Secretary to replace Melissa Woodbury. Judy Witte agreed to accept the position. All were elected by acclamation.
8. Programs: Please get your suggestions to Renee, Sharon, or any Board Member.

Announcements:

The next **General Meeting** is on Saturday, June 21, at Mary Davis's home. Meet at the Heritage Station at 10:30 a.m. to carpool. This is a BYO Brown Bag Lunch.

The next **Board Meeting** is July 8 at Melissa Woodbury's home, 5:30 p.m. for a pot luck and planning.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa T. Woodbury, Recording Secretary



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
PENDLETON BRANCH**

Membership Form — July 2014–June 2015

Please check category below:

Renewing Members

Association Dues \$49

State Dues \$16

Branch Dues \$ 9

Full Year = \$74 _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Cell _____

New Members

Shape the Future

Association Dues \$49

State Dues \$16

Branch Dues \$ 9

Full Year = \$49.50 _____

Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

New Members only

need to fill this in:

(Add additional degrees below)

College/University _____ Date _____

Degree & Date earned _____

Major _____

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