

AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter March 2014

AAUW Pendleton Branch March Membership Meeting

History Documentary Films

The Doolittle Raid and The Whitman Tragedy

Presented by
Willie Wood, Jared Cope, and Anna Goodwin
Griswold High School Students, Helix



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

Hostess: Barbara Lund-Jones

April Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 3, Vert Clubroom, 7:00 p.m. Sarah Woodbury, "Life as an 'Indie' Author"

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NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

March Lunch Bunch: The March Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, March 20, at the Main Street Diner, at 11:45 a.m.

March Board Meeting: The March board meeting will be Thursday, March 20, 7:00 p.m., at Melissa Woodbury's home, 815 N Main.

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." Jill Heffner is organizing the Pendleton Branch members who are going to the convention.

EO Forum: The theme for the 2014 Eastern Oregon Forum lecture series at BMCC is "Regional Issues—UAVs, Coal, & Hanford." AAUW Pendleton Branch is a co-sponsor of the series.

The next program is Ken Niles, "Oregon's Perspective on the Hanford Nuclear Cleanup," on Tuesday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m.

The Hanford Nuclear Site was established in1943 as part of the Manhattan Project and produced plutonium for America's nuclear weapons for more than 40 years. A massive cleanup program has been underway at the site since 1989, which will not be completed for at least 50 more years.

Ken Niles manages Oregon's involvement in cleanup at the Hanford Nuclear Site, the safe transport of radioactive materials through Oregon, and emergency preparedness in the event of a nuclear accident.

Welcome New Member

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President's Corner for March 2014

by Marty King & Karen King

February winds have blown away the snow and extreme cold, and spring seems to be on the verge of showing up. That means that the annual Oregon AAUW convention is just around the corner. Don't miss out on attending the first joint AAUW convention between Oregon and Washington April 25–27, 2014. It's just down the freeway in Portland, and it's not too late to make plans to attend. Several members are driving down. Contact Jill or Renee if you have questions or want to carpool with someone.

As you know, this is our third and final year of support for the OES Youth Strings Program and we want to go out with a high note! We are challenging our members to meet or beat our branch donation of \$1000. Support of this local music educational program is important and lasts a lifetime. Kids have taken their experience with the local symphony and fueled long lasting involvement with music, with some even developing professional musical careers. Only five members have donated so far. Help AAUW support a wonderful educational program that positively impacts our community. Bring a check to the next meeting or send it directly to Michelle Sitz, the OES Executive Director. Please show your support.

Join us for the next meeting at The Prodigal Son on Saturday, March 1. We will be enjoying presentations from the Helix High School film projects. We can't wait to see what the topics are this time. The public is always invited to our meetings, so invite a friend out for lunch and a show!

Our Branch is a sponsor of the EO Forum, which offers programs on lots of important topics. The March 11 speaker will be Ken Niles, and he will present "Hanford-Overview of Clean-Up, and Impact on Economy."

We still have lots of wonderful programs to look forward to this spring. In April, we return to Thursday evening meetings at the Vert. Sarah Woodbury will share her experiences as "Life as an 'Indie' Author" in April; Barbara Clark will present "Human Trafficking in India" in May; and we'll wrap up with "Life on the Trail" in June.

Finally, step up and become an AAUW officer. Contact the Nominating Committee (Kathy Ward, Marlene Krout, Roberta Jones, and Jan Bruning) if you are interested in any of the following positions: President (or co-President), Communications VP, Membership VP, or Program VP. We need your participation!!

We look forward to seeing you soon!!

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN PENDLETON, OR

GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2014

We gathered at Prodigal Son for lunch with 15 members, guests, and our speaker present. Host was Karen King.

Marty King, Co-President, called us to order at 11:20 a.m.

Jill Heffner, Program Co-Vice President, introduced our speaker, Jodie Harnden, who has taught science in the Pendleton Schools for 28 years. She talked about her projects with NASA on air quality, and on the way she involves her students at Sunridge Middle School in data collecting and collating.

Marty called the business meeting to order.

Minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter

Finance report presented by Marty as Dianne Barnes was not present. The balances as of 2-1-14 were: Checking, \$785.00; Savings, \$5,532.04.

Karen told us that Sue Waldman is now living at Suttle Care and is ready for visitors. Jill also passed around a get-well card for Paula Turner who has had a hip replaced.

Pioneer Park Rebuild: As reported in the Newsletter, we have \$45,000 in the budget and will use that money for a handicapped parking place with signage, an asphalt walkway all around the play area, an ADA compliant water fountain to replace the one that is there, and to add more benches.

Oregon East Symphony: We have made our third and final \$1,000 contribution to the Youth Strings program as a Branch and are now asking for this year's matching money from the membership. We, as members, have matched the \$1,000 donation each year so far and hope to do so again! Checks can be mailed to, or dropped off at, the OES office at the Vert.

Equal Pay Day: Jill talked about how we here in Pendleton might increase awareness that it takes until April 8 for women to catch up to what men made in 2013. Women still earn only \$.77 per \$1.00 that men make for doing the same job. Renee will see that something is in the EO. Keith May at MaySon's, and the Buckin' Bean will offer something that is \$.77 for women but \$1.00 for men. Jill is also talking to the Cookie Tree. Jill also reminded us that Lobby Day in Salem is coming up, and we should all contact our representatives, especially on Equal Pay.

Nominating Committee: Jan Bruning, Roberta Jones, Kathy Ward, and Marlene Kraut. We need nominations for President, VP for Membership, VP for Programs (to work with Renee), and VP for Communications.

They will be calling you!

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

The EO Forum is on February 11 at BMCC. It is on Coal.

Next Lunch Bunch is February 20 at Cadillac Jack's at 11:45 a.m.

Next Board Meeting is also February 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Marty King's house.

Next General Meeting will be on Saturday, March 1, at the Prodigal Son at 11:00 a.m. The program will be the History Film Projects from Griswold High students.

March 11 is the AAUW Baker City Women's Dinner. See Jill if you want to join her for that. The Domestic Violence Soup Supper is March 14 at Hamley's Slick Fork Saloon.

AAUW of Oregon and Washington Joint State Convention is April 25–27 in Portland. Please let Jill Heffner know if you are interested in attending.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Melissa T. Woodbury, Recording Secretary

March Program Notes

At the state finals in Portland for the National History Day competition in May 2013, students from Griswold High School in Helix captured all three documentary awards. The students went on to the national finals at the University of Maryland in June.

Griswold junior, Ana Goodwin, won the individual documentary category by tackling the still sensitive subject of the 1847 killings of missionary Marcus Whitman, his wife Narcissa, and eleven others, using a wide variety of sources, including interviews with local tribal elders.

Juniors Jarred Cope and Willie Wood produced a 10-minute video on the Doolittle raid on Tokyo in World War II. They mixed archival film with photos and an interview with Richard Cole, one of the few survivors of the raid.



Willie Wood, Jared Cope, and their teacher Lorin Kubishta at National History Day in Portland in 2013.