



## **AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter** **October 2013**

### **AAUW Pendleton Branch October Membership Meeting**

**Speaker: Camille Preus**  
**Blue Mountain Community College President**

**“A New Role in a New Town  
With New Challenges”**



**October 10 (Thursday)**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Vert Clubroom**

**Hostesses: Mary Johnson and Givens Fjeld**

### **November Membership Meeting**

**Thursday, November 14, East Oregonian Building, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Kathryn Brown, “Changes in Newspapering” and Tour of the New Press**

## 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 |
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| Dianne Barnes                 | 276-5547 |
| Co-Program Vice-Presidents    |          |
| Jill Heffner                  | 278-4791 |
| Renée Struthers               | 276-3659 |
| Recording Secretary           |          |
| Melissa Woodbury              | 276-0268 |
| <b>Appointed Leaders:</b>     |          |
| BMCC Liaison TBD              |          |
| EF/LAF                        |          |
| Kathleen Mace                 | 276-1006 |
| Newsletter & Yearbook Editor  |          |
| Susan Doyle                   | 966-8854 |
| Bylaws                        |          |
| Kathy Ward                    | 276-0308 |

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[aauw.org](http://aauw.org)

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**October Membership Meeting:** In addition to our speaker Camille Preuss, a representative from People for Pendleton Schools will make a presentation. A brief business meeting will follow the speakers. Dinner Divas will meet before the meeting at Joe's Diner on Main Street at 5:30 p.m.

**October Lunch Bunch:** The October Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, October 17, at the River Lodge and Grill in Boardman. Meet at the Heritage Station Museum parking lot at 11:00 to carpool to Boardman. This promises to be a fun outing.

**October Board Meeting:** The October board meeting will be Thursday, October 17, at Melissa Woodbury's home at 7:00 p.m.

## BMCC Scholarships for 2013–14

Margaret Gianotti from the BMCC Scholarship Committee reported to Marty that two recipients were awarded AAUW scholarships for the upcoming school year. Extra funds were made available to the college due to the Branch's IRS situation.

Here is a little background on the recipients:

Velen Gonzales lives in Umatilla County and travels to BMCC from Milton Freewater. She is an honor student finishing her pre-requisites for pharmacy and wants to serve in public health. She has done everything from working at Papa Murphy's pizza and to currently assisting at Walgreen's pharmacy. She is very deserving and the type of student that will give back to our region.

Dusyt Wadkins lives in Irrigon and graduated from Alternative High School. She is 33 years old and has two sets of twins for a total of four children. She is an honor student and aspires to be a nurse and will be transferring to OHSU's Bachelor's program when she completes her course work here. She has experience in women's wellness and excels in math. Members of the Committee felt that Dusty was worthy of this investment by AAUW.

The Scholarship Committee and the Foundation Board members are beyond grateful for Pendleton AAUW's investment in these two female students! Classes begin on September 30. Both ladies will be invited to join AAUW for the year, with the Branch covering those expenses.



# ***President's Corner for October 2013***

*by Marty King & Karen King*

What a wild start to fall! Apologies for cancelling at the last minute for the September potluck/meeting, but several members didn't feel comfortable being out in the weather considering the local NOAA warning. Better to be safe than sorry. We'll work to reschedule our guest speaker for another time.

It's a new year for AAUW and we are always looking for members, new and long-standing, to join in and volunteer. Are you interested in helping with STEM presentations? How about working on the new website? Is public policy more your thing? Contact Karen or Marty to sign up for something. Don't leave all the fun to a few members. It's more rewarding to join in and participate.

Fall is here, the nights are getting cooler, and the leaves are starting to turn, which can only mean one thing. It's time to start selling Rio Star Texas Sweet grapefruit! This is the one and only fundraiser for the Pendleton Branch. It is very important that we get members to help with this project: it practically sells itself! We'll provide the names and phone numbers, and you just spend a few minutes catching up with repeat customers who are waiting for your call. We will also need people to staff the table at the Altrusa holiday bazaar in November. Finally, we will need members to help sort the fruit and hand out boxes at the December Saturday event. Please let Kathy, Karen, or Marty know how you can help this year. If you aren't able to participate, you can always buy a box or two or three . . . they make great holiday gifts!!

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A very small but dedicated group of volunteers spent 150 hours over three days in September finishing the Pioneer Park Playground project. There are now 1083 pickets installed, including on a new section of fence along the south parking area. A beautiful new sign greets visitors to the playground on this new fence. The only thing missing is the 2013 donor board; this will go up by the end of the year on the south side of the original donor board.

The next phase will include the rubber surface pathway and some benches in place of those cinder block walls along the western sidewalk. You'll just have to imagine how great that will look. We encourage all AAUW members to go visit the playground that our branch and the community helped build. Twice.

