



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
December 2014

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December Membership Meeting

Program: **Wine** at Great Pacific and
Chocolate at Alexander's Chocolate Classics



December 4 (Thursday)

7:00 p.m.

Great Pacific

After Ken's presentation we will walk to Alexander's

Hostesses: Marlene Krout and Paula Turner

January Meeting

Saturday, January 10, 11:00 a.m., Prodigal Son

"STEM Programs" by Josh Ego and Patricia Dawson

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NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

December Membership Meeting: The December meeting will continue the tradition of the past several years of wine tasting in a new venue and with the addition of chocolate tasting.

We will begin at Great Pacific at 7:00 with Ken Schulberg's presentation on wines. Following his presentation, we will walk the short distance to Alexander's Chocolate Classics in the next block.

Please join us for dinner at GP before the meeting. Jill will send an email soon to get a count and reserve a space for us.

No Board Meeting in December



FundingFactory

Cartridge Recycling Project

The Recycling Project will end December 31. Please take any used printer cartridges, phones, or other electronics to Karen King before that date, and she will send the cartridges to Funding Factory.

To date, we have shipped 27 boxes of cartridges, a total of 706 pounds, and made \$143.95 for our Branch. Most of the cartridges have come from CTUIR via Marty King; we have also received cartridges from the Pendleton Library as well as from some of our members.

If anyone is interested in taking over the project, Karen would be glad to help you get started.

President's Corner for December 2014

By Melissa Woodbury & Karen King

The holidays are upon us, which means it's time to turn our attention to our families and friends. But first, we have a wonderful program on wine and chocolate to look forward to on Thursday, December 4, and, of course, **GRAPEFRUIT DELIVERY DAY** is on Saturday, December 6. We need all hands on deck on delivery day, so please come help us sort grapefruit (from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.), and hand out grapefruit boxes (10 a.m.–NOON and NOON–2 p.m.).

There is good news and not-so-good news regarding GRAPEFRUIT. The good news is we added another 15 new customers at the Altrusa Bazaar, and most of our members have turned in their orders and money so we have enough money to pay for the grapefruit we order. The not-so-good news is that Kathy has ordered 630 boxes, almost 100 boxes fewer than last year. That means grapefruit sales are down, and we will have less money in the budget to work with this year.

Nonetheless, we are forging ahead with several projects. Renee is working toward a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) project to benefit local students, and we continue to work on completion of the Pioneer Park Project. We just received approval from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to proceed with the shelter to be located just west of the entrance to the playground at Pioneer Park, but we still have some hurdles to jump over before we can actually build the shelter. (More to come on this issue.)

We also have some wonderful programs coming up in 2015, including a presentation on STEM programs on January 10; the wonderful Helix High School students history film projects on February 7; and our own Sharon Vincent and Melissa Woodbury giving their perspectives on travel in Cuba on March 7.

Here's wishing you, your family, and your friends HAPPY HOLIDAYS!! We hope you have time to relax, reflect, and spend time with family and friends during this holiday season.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN **PENDLETON, OR**

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES — November 6, 2014

We met at the Vert with 20 members, 2 guests and our guest speaker present. Hosts were Susan Doyle and Jill Heffner.

Jennifer Coleman from the Oregon Environmental Council gave a very interesting presentation about toxins in consumer products. She focused on toxins in the home. Five ways to reduce chemical toxins are to take ones shoes off at the front door, ensure good circulation with fans and windows, have a regular dusting routine, use green cleaning products, and never put food in plastic containers in the microwave.

Co-President Karen King called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m. Two visitors were introduced.

Minutes from the last meeting were accepted as presented.

Dianne Barnes gave the financial report. There is \$447.34 in the checking account and \$5032.84 in the savings account. All bills are paid as of tonight.

Renee Struthers discussed the December meeting. It will be at Great Pacific. There will be wine tasting.

Renee will notify the hostesses if they need to bring food. The chocolatiers will come to Great Pacific or we will go to their shoppe. Those details will be confirmed by Sharon Vincent.

Kathy Ward brought the sign-up sheet for working at the Altrusa Bazaar on November 22. Our booth will be in aisle 1 booth #5 in the main hall. All grapefruit orders and money should be turned in by the end of the bazaar. Also the orders and/or money can be left at Safeway pharmacy with Kate Mace.

Grapefruit sorting will begin at 8 a.m. at the PGG loading dock on 12/6/14. The grapefruit should be picked up between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come and help in whatever way they are able. Everyone is encouraged to give the people on their lists a reminder call the week of delivery.

Karen and Dianne gave us the IRS update. 8/14/14 our request for tax exempt status was granted. The change with the IRS was to be in two months. The 990N form was filed on 10/15/14 and it was NOT accepted. The form will be re-filed on Monday. Since there is no local IRS office, Dianne and Karen may go to the Tri-Cities to get this matter completed. This process has been very time consuming and frustrating. Please thank Karen and Dianne for their perseverance.

There is nothing to report about Pioneer Park as there has been no word from the SHPO.

New AAUW brochures have been placed in the Chamber of Commerce, library, BMCC, and other places. There are more brochures available for anyone who wants to place them in different areas.

Christine Ogilvie stated that Zimmerman's carries Meyers "green" products.

This Friday at 8p.m. *Dateline* on NBC will feature the Chang story.

Announcements:

Next lunch brunch: Thursday, November 20, at 11:45 a.m. at the Kinship Café

Next board meeting: Thursday, November 20, at 7 p.m. at Sharon Vincent's

Altrusa Bazaar: Saturday, November 22, at the Convention Center

Next general meeting: Thursday, December 4, at 7 p.m. at Great Pacific

Grapefruit distribution day: Saturday, December 6, at PGG

CCT production of Christmas Belles: November 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, and 23 at BMCC

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Witte, Recording Secretary