



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
March 2016

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March Membership Meeting

Program: Griswold High School Film Projects
“Walter W. Waters and the Post-WWI Bonus Army”
&
“Clarence Darrow and the Monkey Trial: The Evolution
of Education”



March 5 (Saturday)
11:00 a.m.
No-Host Lunch at Prodigal Son
Hostesses: Paula Turner, Melissa Woodbury

April Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 7, 7:00 p.m., Vert Clubroom
Program: Elizabeth Scheeler, “Borderline Personality Disorder”

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2015–2016 Pendleton Branch AAUW Leadership Team:

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Co-Presidents

Melissa Woodbury 276-0268
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Renée Struthers 377-0504

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Co-Program Vice-Presidents

Susan Doyle 966-8854
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Appointed Leaders:

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March Membership Meeting: Griswold High School students will present their history film projects and answer questions.

Bradey Cope and Paden Flerchinger

“Walter W. Waters and the Bonus Army: A Soldier’s Legacy”

In the midst of the Great Depression, unemployed WWI veteran Walter W. Waters led a march on Washington DC seeking immediate payment of a veteran’s bonus. Although unsuccessful, his efforts led directly to the passage of the G.I. Bill and created a legacy that changed the U.S socially, economically, and politically.

Connar Westfall and Tucker Wilson

“Clarence Darrow and the Monkey Trial: The Evolution of Education”

Attorney Clarence Darrow was a leader in the fight for separation of church and state in the Scopes Monkey Trial in 1925. Despite losing the case, the controversy he helped create set the stage for a century of conflict over how to best teach science education to the nation’s students.

Eastern Oregon Forum: The EO Forum will be Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 p.m., at BMCC Science & Technology Building. Gordon Smith will speak on “Living with the Challenges of Mental Health.” AAUW Pendleton Branch is one of the sponsors of the forum. Admission for non-members is \$6 at the door.

March Lunch Bunch: The March Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, March 24, 11:45 a.m., at Sisters.

March Board Meeting: The March board meeting will be March 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dianne Barnes. As always, all branch members are invited to attend the board meeting.

**Welcome
New Member**

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President's Corner for March 2016

By Melissa Woodbury & Marlene Kraut

If the wind keeps howling the way it has been, March will definitely come in like a lion. But March will also bring us to the last of our Saturday meetings at the Prodigal Son before we move back to the Vert in April and May. The meeting will be on March 5th at 11:00 a.m. when we will welcome the students from Griswold High School to present two award winning short historical documentaries. This is always a highlight of our program year, and I hope that everyone will make an effort to attend.

We are quite excited about two of our projects that are up and running. Thank you to Karen King for finding the all-girl robotics team at PHS which we are helping to fund through our STEM line item. And Mary Davis and Kate Ely are already meeting with four sets of participants for Mother-Daughter Choices. Well done!

The Oregon AAUW State Convention is coming up at the end of April in Medford, and Marlene will be attending. She will be one of our delegates and we need to elect another voting delegate. If anyone would like to attend and represent to Pendleton Branch, please let us know.

Speaking of things that we hope the membership will want to do: it is election time. We are looking for a co-President for a two-year term to work with Marlene next year, and a co-VP for programs to work with Karen Allen. Please consider saying yes when a member of the Nominations Committee calls. With the jobs being shared, it really makes them quite doable and enjoyable.

We look forward to seeing you all on March 5th. Why not bring a friend and help us spread the word that AAUW is a place for friendship and life-long learning.

Kathryn Youngman Appeared on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*



AAUW Pendleton Branch member Kathryn Youngman, fighting cancer for the third time, appeared on The Ellen DeGeneres Show on February 22. Her appearance was brief but heartening as she spoke of her positive attitude and message of kindness.

AAUW PENDLETON BRANCH GENERAL MEETING PRODIGAL SON, February 6, 2016

We met at 11:00 a.m. at the Prodigal Son with twelve members present. Steve Chrisman, Airport Manager and Economic Development Coordinator for the City of Pendleton, presented the program: "Economic Development Update." Chrisman spoke with great enthusiasm about Pendleton and the many opportunities for the city in the near future.

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m. by co-president, Marlene Krout.

Kathy Ward moved and Dianne Barnes seconded approving the minutes of the January 9, 2016 meeting as printed in the February newsletter.

Dianne Barnes reported that there is \$220 in the Branch checking account and \$9,130 in the savings account.

Marlene Krout stated that the Amy Bedford funds designated for GED testing at BMCC are being returned to the Branch since the funds can no longer be used by the college for the intended purpose. The Board is researching other options, such as pre-paid credit cards, to be used to assist GED students with the cost of taking their GED tests. She also noted there is still \$1,400 in the Amy Bedford fund, and we should be looking for projects on which to spend these monies.

Marlene, Dianne Barnes, and Kathy Ward have been reviewing national fund-raising and spending policies to ensure that Pendleton Branch is following proper procedures with our funds. Kathy is developing a user-friendly policy to be added to our Branch policies.

Officer/Project Reports:

Susan Doyle stated that the next branch meeting will be Saturday, March 5, at 11:00 a.m.. at the Prodigal Son with the Helix students presenting their history film projects. For the April meeting, we will return to the Vert.

Karen King updated the group on the PHS Girls' Robotics Team. We received a nice thank-you note from the girls and from Matthew Campbell, the coach. Campbell noted that the team is advancing. They did well at the January 30th event, earning several awards; they will be advancing to the League Super Qualifiers in Hillsboro on February 13.

Karen and Marlene have been working with the student affiliate AAUW club at BMCC. The girls had a table promoting their club on January 26 when high school students visited BMCC. Emily Sexton, the young lady who has been organizing the student affiliate group, has been appointed president of the group.

Karen also reported that work on completing the sidewalk all the way around the playground at Pioneer Park has begun and, hopefully, will be completed this spring.

Kate Ely reported on the Mother/Daughter Choices project that she and Mary Davis have been working on. They are kicking off the program beginning Monday, February 8, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the United Way offices. They have four pairs of mothers and daughters signed up. As they proceed through the six sessions, they will continue to update the materials. They would like to expand in the future to include Father/Son Challenges, a similar program for young men.

Susan Doyle reminded everyone that the next EO Forum is Tuesday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m. at BMCC. The topic will be, "Agriculture in Oregon Today."

New Business:

Marlene encouraged everyone to recruit new members.

Kathy Ward is chairing the nominating committee for officers for next year. The following officers will be needed: one Co-President; one Co-Program VP; and Membership VP. Contact Kathy if you are interested in filling any of these positions.

The state convention will be April 22–24 in Medford, OR. Let Marlene know if you are interested in attending.

Marlene reported on some information she recently received from the Women's Foundation of Oregon, a group that is currently organizing. Their purpose is to create the first comprehensive research report on the status of women and girls in Oregon. They plan to conduct statewide listening tours, and one stop will be in Pendleton. These will be town-hall type meetings; they will also meet with community leaders. More information will follow.

Announcements:

Lunch Bunch will meet at Thai Crystal on February 18.

The February Board meeting will also be on the 18th at Jan Bruning's home.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted
Karen King, acting Secretary



Marlene Krout, AAUW Co-President, and Emily Sexton, BMCC AAUW Affiliate President, prepare for an outreach event on January 26, 2016, at BMCC. High school students from the area were scheduled to tour BMCC that day, and BMCC clubs participated to show prospective students some of the activities available on campus.

EASTERN OREGON FORUM *Presents*

TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

LIVING WITH THE CHALLENGES OF MENTAL HEALTH FEATURING: GORDON SMITH



A Pendleton native, **Gordon H. Smith** is president and CEO of the National Association of Broadcasters. He served as a two-term U.S. senator from Oregon and later as senior advisor in the Washington offices of Covington & Burling, LLP.

Gordon directed the family-owned Smith Frozen Foods business in Weston, Ore.

Gordon and his wife Sharon live in Bethesda, Md., and are the parents of three children and two grandchildren.

For more information about the EO Forum, please contact: Karen Parker at 541-966-3177.

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. This EO Forum program is offered as part of Blue Mountain Community College's annual Arts and Culture Festival. For more information on the festival go to www.bluecc.edu.