



**AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter**  
**February 2016**

**AAUW Pendleton Branch**  
**February Membership Meeting**

Program: “Economic Development Update”  
Speaker: Steve Chrisman



**PENDLETON**  
*Working every day to be the premier city in Eastern Oregon*

February 6 (Saturday)  
11:00 a.m.

No-Host Lunch at Prodigal Son

Hostesses: Jill Heffner, Renée Struthers

**March Membership Meeting**

Saturday, March 5, 11:00 a.m., Prodigal Son  
Program: Helix Students, History Film Projects

Hostesses: Paula Turner, Melissa Woodbury

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**AAUW Pendleton website**  
[pendleton-or.aauw.net](http://pendleton-or.aauw.net)

## NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**February Membership Meeting:** Steve Chrisman will present a slide program on economic development in Pendleton.

**Eastern Oregon Forum:** The EO Forum will be Tuesday, February 9, 7:00 p.m., at BMCC Science & Technology Building. AAUW Pendleton Branch is one of the sponsors of the forum.

**February Lunch Bunch:** The February Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, February 18, 11:45 a.m., at Thai Crystal.

**February Board Meeting:** The February board meeting will be at Jan Bruning's home at 7:00 p.m. As always, all branch members are invited to attend the board meeting.

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Eastern Oregon Forum  
BMCC  
Science and Technology Building,  
Tuesday, February 9  
7:00 p.m.

Program: "Agriculture in Oregon Today"  
Speakers: Gary Neal and Greg Juul

Forum membership is \$20.00 for the season.  
Nonmember admission is \$6.00 at the door each program

**AAUW OR CONVENTION 2016**  
**April 22–24, 2016**  
**Inn at the Commons**  
**200 N. Riverside Ave., Medford**

# ***President's Corner for February 2016***

*By Melissa Woodbury & Marlene Krout*

Happy February and Happy Valentine's Day to Pendleton Branch members. Amazingly we are well into 2016, and with this we also begin to think of planning for next year 2016–2017. While a person can miss the present by worrying too much about the future, we also know a much smoother transition from one AAUW year to the next will be the case if we are being more proactive/visionary than not. And speaking of the present, do not miss next Saturday's meeting at Prodigal Son with a very informative program, "Economic Development Update" by Steve Chrisman.

Regarding planning for next year, at the January Board meeting Kathy Ward volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee and will soon add a couple more members to serve with her to select potential officers to fill the open positions for 2016–2017. When she contacts you to assist her, please say "yes." Hence, my request that if there is any member who would be willing to serve as co-president with me (Marlene, as Melissa is completing her two year commitment with this year), please contact Kathy. We also need to fill the positions of Membership Vice-President, and Program Co-Vice-President to serve with Karen Allen, as Susan Doyle completes her 2nd year as Program Co-VP.

It truly is enjoyable to serve on the Board and become better acquainted with fellow branch board members. With our practice of several of the positions sharing the work between two members, it really is manageable without one person having to assume the total responsibilities. So please consider these opportunities to share your time and talent. I might also mention that as many of us travel or have family obligations that occasionally take us out of the area, either your co-chair or other Board members are able and willing to fill in or assist when a conflict arises. Candidates must be announced in April, elected in May, installed in June, and begin to serve July 1.

Those members who might be interested and want more information about these positions, do not hesitate to contact current board members with your questions. Please step right up and volunteer or say yes when asked to serve your Pendleton Branch of AAUW.

A BIG thanks to all the members who sold grapefruit, helped at Altrusa Bazaar, and helped at PGG on December 5.

## **Coming Soon! Mother-Daughter Choices**

Watch for the announcement of Mother-Daughter Choices scheduled to begin in February. Six weeks of classes will be held at the Vert Clubroom. Coordinators Mary Davis and Kate Ely need volunteers to help with one or more of the classes. Please contact Mary or Kate if you can help.

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**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
PENDLETON, OR  
GENERAL MEETING    JANUARY 9, 2016**

We gathered at the Prodigal Son for lunch with 20 members and 7 guests. Our hosts were Kathy Ward and Mary Davis

Susan Doyle, Co-Program VP, called us together and introduced the first of two speakers: Emily Sexton. Emily had been a delegate to NCCWSL, an AAUW sponsored event for young college women who are student leaders. She was very impressed with the workshops and is planning to attend again this year. She is the President of the Student Government at BMCC.

Susan then introduced our speaker, Harriet Isom, longtime member of AAUW and a retired US Ambassador. She gave a very interesting talk on her visit to Iran, especially what she learned about women in Iran. At the end of her talk, Co-President Melissa Woodbury presented her with a gift as one of our honorary named gift recipients. Betty Klepper, another honoree, also received a gift.

Melissa called the business meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter

Finance report presented by Dianne Barnes.

The balances as of 1-9-16 were: Checking, \$213.00; Savings, \$9,130.00.

Kathy Ward gave a recap of the grapefruit sale: she ordered 670 boxes and only 648 were delivered. We were reimbursed for the difference and we netted \$4,212.20 this year. Thank you Kathy! Marty King won the award for most boxes sold – 70!

Jill Heffner, our Public Policy Chair, spoke about the Art Center and all the wonderful classes that are available. She brought brochures and urged people to take one and take a class. She stressed how lucky we are to have this facility here in Pendleton. Jill also spoke about becoming a “Two-minute Activist” and responding whenever National sends an alert that AAUW wants us to voice an opinion on a bill before Congress. She also told us that there is a lot of new energy in the State’s Public Policy personnel and we could look forward to our lobbyists speaking to our legislators about our concerns

Renée Struthers, our District Representative, reported on “One member, One Vote,” which is not going to be presented at April’s State Convention for action. There are issues that need to be worked on.

Mary Davis announced that Mother-Daughter Choices will be starting in February, and she urged the members to get involved. This is a program that has been in abeyance for a number of years, but one that she and Kate Ely feel very strongly should be re-started.

**Announcements and Upcoming Events:**

Martin Luther King Day Celebration in Song 1/18/16 at the Great Pacific, 6–8 p.m.

Next Lunch Bunch is 1/21/16 at Sundown Grill at 11:45 a.m.

Next Board Meeting is also 1/21/16 at 7:00 p.m. at Karen King’s house.

Next General Meeting will be on Saturday, 2/6/16 at the Prodigal Son at 11:00 a.m. The program will be presented by Steve Chrisman on Economic Development in Pendleton

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa T. Woodbury, Recording Secretary *pro tem*

## PHS Girls' Robotics Team



*Aerial photo of the PHS Girls' Robotics Team*

AAUW Pendleton Branch is a sponsor of the PHS Girls' Robotics Team this year as our STEM project. Team members are Mollee Allen, Chyenne Bronson, Yurendi Magana, Esmeralda Morelos, Makenzie Noggle, Kimberly Pradia, and Alissa Smith. They have had a great season so far and expect to do even better now that they have found a programmer.