

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2014–2015 Pendleton Branch AAUW Leadership Team:

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aauw-or.aauw.net

AAUW Pendleton website
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EO Forum: The next EO Forum is Tuesday, March 10, at BMCC at 7:00 p.m. The topic is Climate Change, Part II.

March Lunch Bunch: The March Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, March 19, at 11:45 a.m., at Govinda's Garden (former Stetson's).

March Board Meeting: The February board meeting will be Thursday, March 19, 7:00 p.m., at Judy Witte's home.

Funding Factory Update: Karen King reported that our one-year project to recycle printer cartridges through Funding Factory has ended. We sent in 31 boxes of cartridges totaling 797 pounds and earned \$163.95 for the Branch.



SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS

AAUW of Oregon State Convention

April 17–19, 2015

Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond

\$ Coming Up \$

Equal Pay Day

Tuesday, April 14

President's Corner for March 2015

Karen King and Melissa Woodbury

One of the main reasons I (Karen) joined AAUW and one of the great benefits of being a member of Pendleton Branch is the wonderfully entertaining and informative programs that we enjoy every year. At the February meeting, we learned a great deal from the film projects presented by the Griswold High School students. We are looking forward to our March 7 program when Branch members Melissa Woodbury and Sharon Vincent will present different perspectives on "Travel in Cuba" and to our April 2 program on "Women's Finances."

Coming up April 17–19 is the Oregon state AAUW convention in Redmond, Oregon. If you have never been to a state convention, this is your opportunity. I (Karen) attended convention last year, and I thoroughly enjoyed the programs and learned a great deal; I especially enjoyed meeting and visiting with other women from throughout the state. We have a great group from Pendleton attending this year's convention, and there is still time to join us!! The Branch has some funds to help defer your costs.

It's that time of year when we are looking for officers to fill positions on the Board for the next two years. This is another great opportunity to get more involved in the Branch and to become part of a great team of women who keep this Branch so vibrant. Currently, we are looking for one person to serve as Co-President with Melissa Woodbury and one person to serve as Co-Program VP with Sharon Vincent. In both cases, you will work with a seasoned officer (Melissa or Sharon) who has already served in the office for a year. Please contact Karen or Melissa if you are interested. (Or, we will be contacting you!)

We are forging ahead with the Pioneer Park Project. After obtaining City Council approval to site a picnic shelter on the west side of the playground entrance, the Steering Committee, headed by Marty King, is moving ahead with the plans. We have chosen alternate engineering plans that will allow the excavation to be shallower (2–2.5 feet) but will require more concrete for structural integrity. With any luck, excavation of the shelter may begin in March. We will keep you posted. We are already making plans to hold our June meeting at this shelter!!

We look forward to seeing you at the March meeting, and we encourage you to bring a friend who might be interested in joining our Branch.

AAUW Pendleton Branch February Membership Meeting Minutes
Prodigal Son
February 7, 2015

The program included two excellent short film documentaries by Griswold High School Students: "Discrimination Faced by Japanese Americans in Hood River" by Braden Sprenger and Jason Bushman and "Hardships by Soldiers Returning from Viet Nam" by Morgan Warner and Alexis Keene.

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by co-president Melissa Woodbury. There were 15 members in attendance.

Minutes from the January 2015 meeting were approved as presented electronically. The finance report sent by Dianne Barnes, Finance VP, listed \$785.67 in checking and \$7,240.11 in savings, for a total cash on hand of \$8025.78.

Renee Struthers, co-Program VP, said the March 7 general meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Prodigal Son with the program presented by members Melissa Woodbury and Sharon Vincent about their experiences travelling in Cuba. The April meeting will be held Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the Vert; the topic will be Investing for Women. The May program will be on drones.

Renee also reported that she is working on a STEM project with Patricia Dawson, OSU Extension in charge of 4-H program, to sponsor girls to a Marine Science Camp in March.

The next EO Forum will be next Tuesday, February 10, at 7 p.m. at BMCC. The topic will be "Climate Change," and Jeff Blackwood will be moderating. AAUW is a co-sponsor of the EO Forum.

The state AAUW convention will be April 17–19 at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond. To date, 4 members have committed to attending. Melissa has registration forms available, and they are also available in the latest *Oregon Newsletter* that was recently sent to members. Contact Melissa if you are interested in attending. Renee, who is NE Oregon district representative, said the state is looking for a location for the 2016 convention; local members did not feel ready to host a state convention again.

Melissa stated that it is once again time to appoint an Officer Nominating Committee. Volunteers are needed to serve on the committee, as are individuals interested in serving as an officer next year. Positions open include co-president, co-program VP, Finance VP, and Secretary. It was noted that Dianne Barnes has agreed to serve as Finance VP for another 2-year term, and Judy Witte should be asked to serve as Secretary for a 2-year term.

The next Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, February 19 at 11:45 at Eden's Kitchen. The next board meeting will be Thursday, February 19, at 7 p.m. at Melissa's with Renee hosting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Karen King (for Judy Witte)



Diane Drebin, BMCC's Liaison with AAUW Pendleton Branch Received Award

East Oregonian, January 31, 2015:

The Oregon chapter of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges recently honored Diane Drebin with the 2014 Campus Excellence Award.

Drebin, who came to BMCC in January 2014, is the vice president of student affairs. Nominated by her colleagues, she is the first person at BMCC to win the award.

The award is presented annually to individuals who demonstrate heartfelt caring and dedication toward their college community, and whose accomplishments make a difference for women in their community college.

Honored by the recognition, Drebin said she's grateful to be able to do the work she enjoys and to work side-by-side with quality people.

"The work we do in community colleges is at the heart of who I am and being nominated for this award by my BMCC women colleagues is sincerely affirming," Drebin said.

Cam Preus, BMCC president, also was excited to hear of Drebin's honor.

"We are so proud to see Diane receive this award as she well exemplifies the mission of AAWCC 'to inspire, champion, and celebrate the talents within each of us,'" Preus said.