



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
May 2016

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May Membership Meeting

Program: "Wills and Trusts"

Speaker: Karin Dallas Spratling,
Corey, Byler and Rew



May 5 (Thursday)
7:00 p.m.
Vert Clubroom

Hostesses: Susan Doyle and Melissa Woodbury

June Membership Meeting

Saturday, June 11, 11:00 a.m., Pioneer Park Picnic Shelter
Brown Bag Lunch and Installation of Officers

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2015–2016 Pendleton Branch AAUW Leadership Team:

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Co-Presidents

Melissa Woodbury 276-0268

Marlene Krout 276-7596

Communications Vice President

Renée Struthers 377-0504

Membership Vice-President

Jan Bruning 276-1929

Finance Vice-President

Dianne Barnes 276-5547

Co-Program Vice-Presidents

Susan Doyle 966-8854

Karen Allen 276-2943

Recording Secretary

Judy Witte 276-6289

Appointed Leaders:

BMCC Liaison – Diane Drebin

EF/LAF

Kathleen Mace 276-1006

Newsletter & Directory Editor

Susan Doyle 966-8854

Bylaws

Kathy Ward 276-0308

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May Membership Meeting: Our speaker Kari Dalla is an attorney, and one of her focuses is estate planning. Her topic is timely and important.

May Lunch Bunch: The May Lunch Bunch will be an outing to Riverview Grill and Sage Center in Boardman on Thursday, May 19. Meet at the Heritage Station at 11:00 a.m. to carpool.

May Board Meeting: The May board meeting will be Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Melissa Woodbury. As always, all branch members are invited to attend the board meeting.

Slate of Officers for 2016–17

To be voted on at the May Membership Meeting

Co-President: Susan Doyle, two years

Membership VP: Joan Deroko, two years

Co - program VP: Kathryn Chaney, two years



IT'S ANNUAL DUES TIME

The AAUW membership year begins **July 1**, and collection of membership dues drive begins in April each year. The **membership form is on the last page of this newsletter**, and forms will be available at the next three meetings.

Please renew as soon as possible or mail your check, **along with the filled-out membership form, by June 30.** We need the form to fulfill national requirements, and it also provides the information needed for the membership directory that is printed in the fall.

Note: Life members (Kate Mace and Julianne Sawyer) pay only state and branch dues, or \$25.00.

Honorary Life members (Alerita Burns, Hope Fischer, Andrea Timmermann, and June Whitten) pay **no** dues.

President's Corner for May 2016

By Melissa Woodbury & Marlene Krout

"April showers bring May flowers," except that we are already in full bloom. This is such a lovely time of year when we are still green and everything is bursting into color.

State Convention was as interesting and informative as always. Marlene and Jill represented us and will be glad to tell you all about it. There was a special emphasis on Title IX compliance, with a new push to enforce the other part of the law, which is not about athletics. This is for equal protection under the law from assault and bullying. Melissa will be on the Board next year to monitor our local schools and colleges success in enforcing all of IX. I urge you all to attend a state convention in the future. The 2017 convention will be held in late April at Salishan.

At our General meeting in April, we honored four women for their service to AAUW and the community. Selected by last years' honorees, this year's Branch Named Gift Honorees were Dianne Barnes, Kate Mace, Renee Struthers, and Kathy Ward. They each received a beautiful orchid from the branch. We, as a Branch, are so fortunate to have so many exceptional women that it is always hard to chose only a few from among them for this honor.

There are only two meetings left in the 2015–16 season. We have had excellent programs this past year, so please take a moment to thank Karen Allen and Susan Badger Doyle, our co-Program VPs. The May 5th program will be another in our "Finances for Women" series: "Wills and Trusts" with Karin Dallas Spratling. The June meeting will be a picnic in the park on Saturday, June 11, at the picnic shelter at Pioneer Park. YAY!

Equal Pay Day at BMCC April 12

Equal Pay Day at BMCC on April 12 was a successful event. Karen King, Marlene Krout, and the AAUW student affiliates passed out **96 PayDay candy bars** from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The candy bars included a descriptive message about the inequity in pay for women.

AAUW Grapefruit Project Needs Help

In the event the loading dock at PGG would not be available in December, Kathy Ward is looking for an alternative loading dock we might use. Please think about any places you know about and let Kathy know. She needs to be ready with a Plan B for grapefruit delivery and distribution.

AAUW PENDLETON BRANCH GENERAL MEETING April 7, 2016

We met at the Vert. 16 members were present.

Elizabeth Scheeler gave a very informative presentation about Borderline Personality Disorder.

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Melissa Woodbury at 8:12 p.m.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

Dianne Barnes reported there is \$9,130.00 in the savings and \$370.00 in the checking accounts.

Election of new officers: The slate to be voted on at the May meeting is:

Co-President: Susan Badger Doyle

Co-Program Vice President: Kathryn Chaney

Membership Vice President: Joan Deroko

Equal Pay Day April 12: Karen King and the BMCC student affiliates will pass out PayDay candy bars from 10–2 p.m. at the campus.

Fundraising Policies: Dianne Barnes, Kathy Ward and Marlene Krout have condensed the National Fundraising Policies and the paper is available tonight. We can't raise money for another group or give money to another group unless it is in line with our mission. Funds can be given by individuals.

Melissa mentioned that the students going on the Japan exchange would appreciate donations.

The proposed bylaw changes for the April convention is available tonight for anyone who wishes to review it.

Annual dues of \$74.00 are due. Elizabeth drew Dianne Barnes's name for the Shape the Future free dues.

Orchids are being given to four Named Grant Honorees: Dianne Barnes, Kate Mace, Renee Struthers, and Kathy Ward.

Karen King reminded everyone about the hazardous waste collection, which will occur Saturday, April 16, from 9–3p.m. at the Convention Center.

Announcements:

EO Forum: April 12, Daughters of Hanford; April 19, America and World War II

Lunch Bunch: April 28 at St. Anthony's cafeteria

Board Meeting: April 28 at Karen Allen's

Next General meeting: May 5 at the Vert at 7 p.m.: "Wills and Trusts"

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Witte, recording secretary

Named Grant Honorees for 2015–16

The committee composed of the honorees from last year— Alerita Burns, June Whitten, Betty Klepper, Paula Turner, and Harriet Isom—conferred and wanted to "name" the following people to be so honored this year: Kathy Ward, Renee Struthers, Dianne Barnes, and Kate Mace. They felt that these people have jumped in and taken on big jobs for the branch—tirelessly, willingly, and very effectively. Their efforts are truly appreciated. (As for me, I've just hung in.) They were each given a lovely orchid at the April meeting as a "thank you" from the branch.

Between our branch itself and individual members, we donated \$2,345 to AAUW Funds. Some of it was designated to LAF(Legal Advocacy Funds) and balance went to EF(Educational Foundation) funds and projects. Thank you to all who made those contributions.

Kate Mace
AAUW Funds Chair

2016 State Convention

By Jill Heffner

Marlene and I have just returned from the AAUW of OR convention in Medford. We would like to thank the Branch for naming us your delegates to the Convention and for your support.

The theme of this year's convention was "Full STEAM Ahead." "STEAM" is the newest acronym. It is STEM but with an A added for the arts—Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math. With STEAM, students don't have to be scientists or engineers—they can be designers, digital artists, coders, etc. as well as scientists and engineers. That's the theory.

The speakers at this year's convention, held in Medford, were excellent! They focused on the personal safety aspects of Title IX.

- *Carrie Hull, Founder of Southern Oregon Sexual Assault Symposium—"You Have Options: Improving Law Enforcement's Response to Sexual Assault."

- *Kristen Galles, AAUW LAF Attorney—Twenty Years as a Title IX Attorney on Behalf of Discrimination Plaintiffs.

- *Brenda Tracy, Winner of the 2016 Breaking Barriers Achievement Award—Campus Assault: Her Story and what She is Doing About it in the OR State Legislature. (She was flying to Washington D.C. the next day to meet with Vice President Biden.)

- *Marjorie Trueblood-Gamble, SOU Director of Diversity and Inclusion—Title IX Compliance at Southern Oregon University.

- *Catherine Lhamon, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights with U.S. Dept of Education—Requirements of Title IX in Regard to Sexual Harassment and Violence.

- *Trish Garner, AAUW of OR Public Policy Chair—AAUW of OR Public Policy Updates.

These women were the speakers. I could tell you more about the workshops, the business meeting, election of your new AAUW of OR officers, the Enrichment Tours, the Reader's Theater Troupe—"The Unsung Heroes of STEM" (In the late 19th century, it was a woman, Ellen Swallow Richards, who conceived the idea of a sewage treatment plant! In 1913 Tabitha Babbitt developed the circular saw.), and more. Unfortunately, at this time, space is limited. So, stay tuned for more another time . . .

Pioneer Park Rebuild Project Finally Wraps Up

By Karen King

The arson fire in October 2012 destroyed the popular playground that the Pendleton AAUW Branch helped to build years earlier. Following a lot of time, coordination, and fundraising, the Rebuild effort culminated in a very productive and successful week-long community build project in June 2013. Several hundred community volunteers labored, from a couple hours to helping every day, in reconstructing the new and improved playground. Local businesses and foundations generously donated funds towards the project budget, with several already having donated for the original build. A thank-you barbecue followed for all the volunteers and donors, and the playground reopened to much fanfare and applause.

A dedicated small group completed some more work (those damn pickets!) in September and December 2013 (donor board). This was Phase I of the Rebuild. The Committee realized that some items just could not be completed during this initial work, so a Phase II was organized. The main feature of this final round was to build a covered picnic shelter near the playground. This would provide parents and families a place for small gatherings close to the playground area, so that kids could be playing inside the fenced area while parents could be relaxing, barbecuing, and eating away while keeping an eye on the young ones.

Following some unforeseen complications involving the historic cemetery aspect of the park, the picnic shelter was finally purchased and installed. The style mimics other shelters found in parks across the City. The final electrical wiring and the completion of the sidewalk/small retaining wall along the eastside of the playground along 4th Street also took a bit more time than was anticipated. However, things finally got completed by summer 2016!

All of the remaining funds have been used or allocated (some tree plantings and maintenance issues, with the tree house are still pending) but for the Committee members (Karen King, Marty King, and Chuck Wood and David King—community volunteers extraordinaire), the project is DONE!

A Thank You Note

Thank you and the AAUW for the opportunity to bring my students in...anytime they have the chance to make a public presentation, I feel that it benefits them in many ways. We look forward to meeting with your group again next year!

Lorin Kubishta
Griswold High School

If you haven't already renewed, please use the attached form or renew at the May or June membership meeting. Deadline is June 30.



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
PENDLETON BRANCH**

Membership Form — July 2016–June 2017

Please check category below:

Renewing Members

Association Dues \$49

State Dues \$16

Branch Dues \$ 9

Full Year = \$74 _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

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Association Dues \$24.50

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Full Year = \$49.50 _____

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Signature _____ Date _____

New Members only

need to fill this in:

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