



**AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter**  
**November 2017**

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**November Membership Meeting**

Speaker: Christina van der Kamp  
Program: "Schools to Careers"



November 2 (Thursday)  
7:00 p.m.  
Vert Clubroom

Hostesses: Marlene Krout and Melissa Woodbury

**December Membership Meeting**

Thursday, December 7, 7:00 p.m., Great Pacific  
Wine and Beer Tasting with Ken Schulberg

# NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## AAUW Pendleton Branch Leadership Team 2017–2018

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#### Grapefruit

Kathy Ward & Karen King

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### AAUW Association website

[aauw.org](http://aauw.org)

### AAUW of Oregon website

[aauw-or.aauw.net](http://aauw-or.aauw.net)

### AAUW Pendleton website

[pendleton-or.aauw.net](http://pendleton-or.aauw.net)

**November Dinner Divas:** The Dinner Diva's will meet for dinner before the membership meeting at 5:30 p.m., November 2, at Momiji.

**November Lunch Bunch:** The November Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, November 16, at Eden's Kitchen, at 11:45 a.m.

**November Board Meeting:** The November board meeting will be Thursday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Melissa Woodbury. As always, all branch members are invited to attend the board meeting.

**Altrusa Bazaar:** Altrusa Bazaar is Saturday, November 18. The AAUW table will be in the West Wing of the Convention Center this year. If you haven't signed up to work at the table, please do so at the meeting or when Kathy emails a sign-up sheet.

This will be the last day to turn in your grapefruit orders and money!

## November Membership Meeting Notes

Christina van der Kamp will talk about the Schools to Careers program and sent the following information:

The School to Careers program was created in 2016 with the goal of engaging Pendleton's high school students in a variety of meaningful career-related learning experiences while better connecting the school district with partners and resources in the business and industry community. Students gain hands-on, transferable training (in internships, job shadows, etc.) that helps them to explore and prepare for a career. Our partners get the ability to develop a "home-grown" workforce while contributing career inspiration and insight and helping students see themselves as an asset to the community.

The program is the product of a unique private-public partnership between the district and Eastern Oregon Business Source. Susan Bower, president of EOBS, acts in the project manager role and Christina van der Kamp serves as the program coordinator. EOBS is also supporting the Pilot Rock and Milton-Freewater school districts to create similar initiatives in those communities.

In its second year, the program is aiming to expand the list of partners and placement opportunities for students while continuing to align and collaborate with regional and statewide youth workforce development efforts.

# *Co-Presidents Corner for October 2017*

*By Susan Doyle and Elizabeth Scheeler*

The colors in the trees and the crisp fall air reminds us the holidays are almost upon us. And, it's grapefruit calling time again. Some of us have added names on our lists as membership changes. Because of the severe weather in Texas, the company increased the cost of the grapefruit, so our price for box was raised to \$20 this year. Kathy and Karen are doing their usual extraordinary job of organizing, and it's up to us to get our orders in on time. The last date to turn in orders is at Altrusa, November 18. Go Grapefruit!

Elizabeth Scheeler and Karen King attended "Now More Than Ever....Moving Forward Together," the Northeast District Seminar on Saturday, October 7, at La Grande. They will report on the seminar at the next membership meeting.

Thanks to Program VPs Kathy Chaney and Michelle Sitz, we have another year of interesting and informative programs lined up. Vecie Grant's program on the Cambodia Rural School Fund in October was excellent, in spite of the miscommunication with the Parks Department on arrangements at the Vert. November's program on "Schools to Careers" by Christina van der Kamp promises to be timely and engaging.

Enjoy the season, and we hope to see you at on November 2.

## **September 2017 AAUW of OR Public Policy Update**

*From Trish Garner, State Public Policy Chair*

### 1. Getting the word out about the Equal Pay Law

It is up to each and every one of us to get the word out to our respective communities about the rights and responsibilities both employees and employers have regarding equal pay. Everyone should understand that comparable work should be paid the same wage, employers can't ask prospective employees about salary history, and employees can discuss their wages without fear of reprisal from employers.

State Public Policy Committee District Representative for, Northeast District (Baker City, Ontario, Pendleton, Wallowa Co.) is Beth St. John (bethsaintjohn@gmail.com).

### 2. Ballot measures that we should be monitoring

There are a number of disturbing Ballot Measures that are circulating and the publicity surrounding them is not always correct. The following list iterates the highlights of the current roster of Referenda and is not comprehensive.

Referendum 301: Most Ballot Measures won't be considered until November 2018, but if Referendum 301 receives the requisite 58,789 signatures (the percentage of votes cast for all candidates for Governor in the general election preceding the filing of the petition) by October 5, it will be up for state-wide vote in January 2018.

### Some Background – The Substance:

The Referendum seeks to repeal or overturn a bill [House Bill 2391] passed in the last days of the 2017 Legislative Session that provided funding for Medicaid and balanced the state budget. The funds we are talking about come from HB 2391's 1.5% assessment on healthcare insurers and managed care organizations, and increased assessments on large hospitals from 5.3% to 6.0%. The bill required a 3/5th vote in each legislative chamber, and prior to its passage, was worked on by a bipartisan group of legislators, community leaders, medical insurers and health care providers. It passed, albeit with narrow Republican support in the House.

### Impact of Your Vote on Oregon Budget:

If the voters reject the Referendum, i.e. vote “no,” there would not only be at least a \$325 million state budgetary shortfall but significant amounts of federal matching funds (up to \$5 billion) would be lost as well. This reduction would result in cutting the entire Medicaid expansion program (affecting approximately 340,000 individuals), plus an additional \$30 million in cuts. There would also be the potential for at least a 6% increase in individual [not Medicaid] premiums if this money were removed from the budget.

Initiative Petition 1: Amends the state Constitution by prohibiting spending “public funds” for abortion and reduces abortion access.

Initiative Petition 5: Amends the state Constitution by requiring all voters to register in person using specific citizenship documents or to obtain federal verification.

Initiative Petition 22: This Initiative repeals the state “sanctuary” law that limits use of state and local law enforcement resources to enforce federal immigration laws.

Initiative Petition 31: Amends the state Constitution by expanding a requirement that both Houses of the Oregon Legislature achieve a 3/5 majority in order to pass any bill that would raise revenue.

Initiative Petition 32: Amends the state Constitution by limiting state and local spending if the pension shortfall is at least \$1 billion.

### 3. AAUW of OR Public Policy Agenda

The State Public Policy Committee has considered a number of items that AAUW of OR may pursue as part of its ongoing Public Policy Agenda. It is too early in the legislative process to identify this Agenda with specificity, but we have some ideas. Here are the issues we are currently looking into: child care – either a tax credit or other ways to counteract the high cost; paid family and medical leave; and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) – at least to restore the funding that was lost as a result of the 2017 budget process. We are also interested in seeing if there is any legislation that might help enforcement of Title IX-like state laws regarding sexual harassment / bullying. Right now, there is no consistent data collection regarding allegations of this misconduct and the process by which complaints are made is cumbersome. For example, the OR Department of Education only learns of such allegations after an appeal is filed after it has been considered at the principal, Superintendent, and District levels.

4. Save the date: AAUW of OR Lobby Day, Friday February 9, at the State Capitol in Salem.



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
PENDLETON, OR

GENERAL MEETING October 5, 2017

We gathered at the Vert with hosts Susan Badger Doyle and Kathryn Chaney. There were 13 members and 3 guests.

At 7:20 PM, Michelle Sitz, Program Co- Vice President, introduced our speaker Vecie Grant who, with her husband Barry, formed a non-profit fundraising project in support of a small village in Cambodia. They have been working since 2015 and have provided school uniforms and backpacks to 80 students and now are helping to build a school. They have also funded the drilling of two wells, purchased text books, and have taught English to both students and teachers. Any and all donations go directly to their work, and they take no salary for themselves.

**Business Meeting:**

Co-President Susan called the meeting to order at 8:15.

1. Karen King introduced our guests: Ashley Jones, our BMCC scholarship winner and her friend Shelby Taylor. Both are interested in being part of our affiliate at BMCC. Our newest member Sue Peterson was also introduced.
2. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.
3. Finance report presented by Karen King, Finance VP. We have \$704.20 in checking and \$6,970.93 in savings.
4. Kathy Ward, Grapefruit Czar: Everyone should have the lists of calls to make. She passed around a sign-up sheet for the Altrusa bazaar on November 18. Due to severe weather, the price has gone up and we will charge \$20 per box, \$10 for a half. She brought receipt and envelopes for us to pick up. We can start selling now. In case anyone didn't know what this was all about, she explained that this is our one and only fundraiser and that it was "all hands on deck!"
5. Pioneer Park: Karen reported that there have been some loss of pickets and others need paint. We will hold a work party in the Spring to spruce things up.
6. Programs: Michelle Sitz noted that most programs are set:  
November – Schools to Careers  
December – Wine tasting  
January – TBD  
February – TBD  
March – Griswold High School students' film projects  
April – Cascadia  
May – Tribal Director of Natural Resources
7. The Directory will be available at the December General Meeting.

## Announcements

- NE District Seminar, October 7 in La Grande
- The next Lunch Bunch is Thursday, October 18, New York Richie's, 11:45 a.m.
- The next Board meeting is October 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Kate Mace's house.
- The next General Meeting is on Thursday, November 2, at the Vert. Christina van der Kamp, "Schools to Careers."

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa T. Woodbury, Recording Secretary

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## OUR BMCC Scholarship Recipient

My name is Ashley Jones, I grew up in Pendleton Oregon. When I was two years old my mother was murdered, and I was adopted by my grandparents. Both of my grandparents passed away from cancer at a young age, so I was raised by a cousin in a single mother household. I struggled with depression as a teenager, and I dropped out of high school in my senior year. I focused on working hard, and paying my bills, until I rediscovered myself, and started working on my education eleven years later. I received my G.E.D., and got a battery average of 650.



I started college at B.M.C.C. and have become a straight A student. I am now a member of the honor society, and I am an Alumni. After receiving the scholarship from AAUW, I also became a member. I will

complete my AA OT next term. I also have all the requirements to begin the EMT program at BMCC. Once I started getting such high grades, I have decided to further my education.

I am currently deciding what do next. My main thought has been to become a Veterinarian. I am a member of the LGBTQ community, and I have worked hard to fight for our rights. In June I organized a Pendleton against Hate March, and the Mayor came to speak. I am an Ordained Minister, and I have married four beautiful couples, including the first lesbian couple in Pendleton to be married. I am honored to be a part of this organization, I can't wait to see the impact we continue to make.



*Susan Doyle and Ashley Jones at the October membership meeting.*