



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
October 2015

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October Membership Meeting

Program: “Local Fuel Tax Ballot Measure:
Where Your Tax Dollars Actually Go”

Bob Patterson, Pendleton Public Works Director



October 1 (Thursday)

7:00 p.m.

Vert Clubroom

Hostess: Judy Witte

November Membership Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 7:00 p.m.

Vert Clubroom

Karin Dallas Spratling, “Wills and Trusts”

Hostesses: Mary Davis, Elizabeth Scheeler

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NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Board Meeting: The October board meeting will be Thursday, October 22, 7:00 p.m., at Melissa Woodbury's.

President's Corner for October 2015

By Melissa Woodbury & Marlene Krout

As I write this, there seems to be no real sign that Fall is upon us. It is still Round-Up and the days, though a little cooler, do not yet have that hint of a new season. But, whatever the temperatures, it is almost October and our AAUW year is in full swing.

Our opening meeting at the Vert was well attended and, I think, enjoyed by all who came. We shared stories of our summer's events and travels and got caught up with each others' lives. We had a guest who we hope will become a member, and we honored one of our longest participating members. Paula Turner was one of our Named Grant Honorees at the State Convention last April and we presented her with an AAUW mug. Our other honorees will be receiving a gift as well.

We are all well-educated and well-read women, so I assume that we are all aware that there will be a local election in November. To help us with deciding the pros and cons of one of the ballot issues, Bob Patterson will be our speaker on Thursday, October 1. He will be speaking on "Local Fuel Tax Ballot Measure: Where Your Local Tax Dollars Actually Go" at the Vert at 7:00 p.m.

And, most of you should have received your Grapefruit list by email from Kathy Ward. It is time to start making those calls and collecting that money. Delivery day will be on December 5 at PGG. A box sells for \$18.00, a half box for \$9.00. This is our only fund-raiser, and we need all of you to help.

See you all on the 1st.

AAUW PENDLETON BRANCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2015, VERT CLUBROOM

We met at the Vert at 5:30 for a delicious potluck. Fourteen members and one guest were present. As an informal program, everyone shared "What I did this summer."

Co-President Melissa Woodbury opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Finances: Dianne Barnes presented the balanced budget for approval. Kate moved it be accepted and Karen Allen seconded.

Cash on hand is a little over \$7000.00.

Melissa presented an AAUW mug to Paula Turner for longtime membership in AAUW.

Program: Karen Allen presented the program schedule for 2015–16, which is printed on page 4

Mary Davis discussed the Mother/Daughter series being planned for January and February 2016. She and Kate Ely will work on updating the curriculum. Six topics are being discussed, including budgeting, career choices, choosing spouses, and sex. Ideas to start a Father/Son series in 2017 are in early stages of thought. Mary hopes that as many members as possible volunteer to assist with the programs.

Mary also shared that Sue Waldman is at Suttle Care and husband Wally is at Willowbrook.. Their daughter Debbie is visiting.

Kathy Ward discussed the upcoming grapefruit sale. She has lists from people who have moved or discontinued their membership in AAUW. Several volunteered to have their lists expanded. Expanding our territory of sales is being pursued with group delivery to a specific site in a town.

Anyone who wants to attend the district meeting on October 10, should email Renee by September 15.

A reminder was given to write general donations to AAUW as "Unrestricted Funds" so they can be used for otherwise unfunded projects. Donations to LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund) or EF (Education Fund) should be designated to that particular fund.

Jane Hill briefly discussed the Motor/Voter law that has been signed. Jill Heffner will testify at the Rule Making Hearing that is to take place 9/8 from 6 to 7:30p.m. at the Oxford Suites conference room. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. There are 4 sites for the hearings and the ones in Medford and Portland were well attended.

Lunch Bunch: September 21. [*This has been cancelled due to the memorial service for Duane Whitten.*]

Board meeting: September 21 at 7 p.m. at Marlene's.

General meeting: October 1 at the Vert.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Witte, recording secretary

AAUW Pendleton Branch Programs 2015–16

Thursday, September 3: Potluck, Vert Clubroom, 5:30 p.m.

Informal Program: Share “What Did You Do This Summer?”

Thursday, October 1: Vert Clubroom, 7:00 p.m.

Program: Bob Patterson, Pendleton Public Works Director, “Local Fuel Tax Ballot Measure: Where Your Tax Dollars Actually Go”

Thursday, November 5: Vert Clubroom, 7:00 p.m.

Program: Karin Dallas Spratling, Corey, Byler and Rew, “Wills and Trusts”

Thursday, December 3: Great Pacific, 7:00 p.m.

Program: Wine tasting with Ken Schulberg at the GP, followed by a trip to Alexander's Chocolate Classics

Saturday, January 9: Prodigal Son, 11:00 a.m.

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Saturday, February 6: Prodigal Son, 11:00 a.m.

Program: Steve Chrisman, Economic Development and Airport Manager, “Economic Development Update for Pendleton, the Airport, and UAS Range”

Saturday, March 5: Prodigal Son, 11:00 a.m.

Program: Helix High Scholl Students, Documentary Films

Thursday, April 7: Visit to the Early Childhood Learning Center.

Thursday, May 5: Vert Clubroom, 7:00 p.m.

Program: Elizabeth Scheeler, “Borderline Personality Disorder: Dispelling the Myths.”

Saturday, June 11: Pioneer Park, 11:00 a.m.

End of the year potluck and installation of officers.

DVS Soup Bowl Supper and Silent Auction

October 2, Convention Center

5:30 8:00 p.m.

Tickets \$25

Reservations, call 541-276-3322

Or visit www.domesticviolenceservices-or.org

Eat the soup, keep the bowl!

McDowell Endowment Completed in Record Time

An endowment to honor Betsy McDowell of the Salem Branch was begun in the spring of 2011. The goal was to reach \$75,000 in 10 years to establish a Research and Projects Grant.

Thanks to generous donations at the July AAUW of Oregon leadership retreat, that goal was reached – in only 4 years!

Betsy is a past AAUW of Oregon President, and an immediate past member of the national AAUW Board of Directors, having served two terms.

Donations in Betsy's honor were received from branches and individuals all over Oregon, and from her many friends in other states. We are all so proud of her, and happy that we could honor her in this way!

*Claudia Gray
Legacy Circle Team*

