



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
November 2013

**AAUW Pendleton Branch
November Membership Meeting**

Kathryn Brown, “Changes in Newspapering”
and Tour of the New EO Press

EAST **O**REGONIAN

**November 14 (Thursday)
7:00 p.m.**

East Oregonian Building

**Enter on SE 3rd Street, on the east side of the building,
opposite the Elks Lodge**

Hostess: Kate Mace

December Membership Meeting

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

Ken Schulberg, Great Pacific, Wine Tasting

**2013–2014 Pendleton Branch
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(password: grapefruit)

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

November Membership Meeting: The general membership meeting will be Thursday, November 14, at the East Oregonian building on SE Byers. As noted several times in this newsletter, please enter on the east side of the building on SE 3rd Street.

Dinner Divas will meet for dinner before the meeting at Kazi Korean Cuisine, 245 N. Main, at 5:30 p.m.

November Lunch Bunch: The November Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, November 21, at the Thai Crystal restaurant, 210 SE 5th Street, at 11:45 a.m.

November Board Meeting: The November board meeting will be Thursday, November 21, at Jill Heffner's home at 7:00 p.m.

Altrusa Bazaar: AAUW Pendleton Branch will have a table at Altrusa Bazaar on Saturday, November 23. This is an important opportunity to sell more grapefruit, so please sign up to help.

Welcome New Members

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President's Corner for November 2013

by Marty King & Karen King

FIELD TRIP:

The November general meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month and will be a tour of the new printing press and the East Oregonian office building on Byers Ave in Pendleton. Please use the side entrance on SE 3rd St (across from Elks Lodge).

GRAPEFRUIT:

It's all about grapefruit for the next couple of months. This is the only fundraiser for the Pendleton Branch and we need to sell many boxes to refill our depleted bank account. Prices went up from the vendor slightly this year (new owner), but we chose not to pass that increase on to the customers. We'll discuss a new price next year.

For now, everything is the same as last season – 20 lb boxes cost \$17.50, and half boxes are \$9. What a bargain! It's important that with our bank balance a bit low this year, to make sure to collect payment at the time of order. We all did super last year on this – we only had a few customers that paid when they picked up their order in December. Remember – we have to make full payment when we place the order in November.

Also, with Julianne and Barbara no longer selling, we need to pick up the slack. Think New Customers! Is there a customer base that we haven't tried yet? Can you post a flyer at your church? Do you belong to another club? Can you post the info at your place of employment? Other ideas?

We also need members to work at our AAUW table during the Altrusa Holiday Bazaar at the Pendleton Convention Center on Saturday November 21. Please contact Kathy Ward if you can spend an hour or two helping out. We will also need help setting up on Friday evening and then taking down on Saturday afternoon. Please sign up to help out. Thanks.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Grapefruit orders will be picked up on Saturday December 7 at Pendleton PGG loading dock. Like years past, we need all hands on deck!!! Fruit boxes need to be sorted BEFORE 10:00 a.m. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. to get set up and finish the sorting by 10:00 a.m. As always, spouses/partners/friends are encouraged to come out and help as well. We can't do it without their help.

VOTE:

Thanks to our speakers at October's general meeting. Dr. Cam Preuss and Susan Plass presented information about the BMCC Measure No: 30-96, a 15-year proposal for facilities at a cost of \$0.31 per \$1,000. Debbie McBee and Jon Peterson then spoke about the Pendleton School District, 16R Measure No: 30-95. This will be at a tax rate of \$2.30 per \$1,000 bond, not to exceed 25 years, and is also for facilities. Both are continuations of current taxes.



NOVEMBER IS GRAPEFRUIT MONTH

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
PENDLETON,OR

GENERAL MEETING October 10, 2013

Twenty members and six guests gathered at the Vert with hosts Mary Johnson and Gwen Fjeld.

At 7:20 p.m., Jill Heffner, Program Co-Vice President, introduced our speaker, Dr. Camille Preus, President of Blue Mountain Community College. She spoke on the need to pass the continuing bond that will be on the ballot on Nov. 5. The bond, which this one will replace, was passed in 1999 and this will be an unchanged tax amount of \$.31 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on our property tax. She showed an eight minute video on how they plan to use the \$25 million that the bond will raise.

At 8:10 p.m. our second speakers were introduced, John Peterson and Deb McBee, who spoke on the upcoming bond issue for the Pendleton Schools. This is also a continuation bond with no additional cost to taxpayers. That bond is for \$2.30 per \$1,000 of assessed value. An outside consultant found that the district could use \$100 million to do everything that is needed, but this bond will raise \$50–55 million. Washington and Sherwood Elementary Schools will be torn down and rebuilt. Lincoln School will become the district offices. West Hills will be the Alternative High School, and Hawthorne School will have both Head Start and the all-day kindergartens. There will be three schools for grades 1–5.

Business Meeting:

1. Jill said that she needed hosts for the April General Meeting. There were no volunteers.
2. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.
3. Finance report presented by Dianne Barnes, Finance VP. She presented a very complete explanation for the budget for 2013–14 and answered questions. The budget was passed by the membership.
4. The phone tree sign-up sheet was passed around for those who want to be called before each meeting.
5. BMCC Scholarships – Margaret Gianotti found two women to each receive a scholarship this year. One of them decided to go to another school, so we have just one recipient this year, Dusty Wadkins. The Board voted to have only one this year and one each of the next two years.
6. Pioneer Park – Marty King reported that 10 people worked 150 hours over three days to get all the rest of the pickets painted and placed, as well as a new section of fence and park sign built. There were over 1,000 pickets sold and installed in the playground; this includes the original pickets that survived the fire. The donor board is in progress. The two elements that were held up in Customs have been installed. The City of Pendleton has applied for the rest of the insurance money but has not heard back yet (maximum of about \$28,000). Once the final project budget gets set, they will write grants for adding the rubberized pathway and benches. The pathway will make the playground more accessible than just the fiber chips. The map of the picket locations has been updated and given to the Parks Department. The new sign should be installed in November.
7. Grapefruit – Kathy Ward said everyone should have her list. The price is the same this year, \$17.50 for a box and \$9.00 for half a box. Pick-up will be on Dec. 7 at PGG.

The next Lunch Bunch is Thursday, Oct. 17. We will meet at the Heritage Station parking lot to carpool to Boardman to the Riverview Restaurant.

The next Board meeting is Oct. 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Melissa Woodbury's house.

The next General Meeting is Thursday, Nov. 14, at the *East Oregonian* building at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa T. Woodbury, Recording Secretary

Pioneer Park Update

By Marty King

During the original 2001 Pioneer Park playground build, one of the arts/crafts project was making ceramic tiles with handprints and names. These tiles were placed onto the cinder block walls along the west-side asphalt path. Apparently most of them fell off due to improper adhesive and sprinklers hitting the walls. Some were broken, but many survived and were collected by the Parks office and photographed.

There is a link to those photos on the Parks & Recreation website:

http://www.pendletonparksandrec.com/2013oct03/pioneer_playground_tiles.

If your family or someone you know had a tile, would you please go onto this page and check to see if your tile is still there? They would like to get them back to the families. Please pass this information on.



**In 2014 AAUW of Oregon and Washington will hold a joint convention
April 25–27 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Portland.**