



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
May 2015

AAUW Pendleton Branch
May Membership Meeting

Program: “Drone Technology and the
UAV Test Site in Pendleton”

Speaker: Eric Smidt



May 7 (Thursday)
7:00 p.m.
Vert Club Room

Hostesses: Susan Doyle and Melissa Woodbury

June Meeting

Saturday, June 20

Picnic and Installation of Officers, Location TBD

**2014–2015 Pendleton Branch
AAUW Leadership Team:**

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Judy Witte 276-6289

Appointed Leaders:

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AAUW Association website
aauw.org

AAUW of Oregon website
aauw-or.aauw.net

AAUW Pendleton website
pendleton-or.aauw.net

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Membership Meeting: The Dinner Divas will have dinner before the meeting at 5:30 at Rooster's.

May Lunch Bunch: The May Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, May 21, at 11:45 a.m., at Pendleton Coffee Bean on Main Street.

May Board Meeting: The April board meeting will be Thursday, May 28, 7:00 p.m., at Marlene Krout's home.

Two-Minute Activist emails: You will occasionally receive Two-Minute Activist emails from AAUW that will allow you to contact your members of Congress on important issues. Branch members are encouraged to respond to these.

Slate of Officers for 2015–16

To be voted on at the May Membership Meeting

Co-President: Marlene Krout, two years
Finance VP: Dianne Barnes
Secretary: Judy Witte
Co - program VPs: Susan Doyle, one year;
Karen Allen, two years

IT'S ANNUAL DUES TIME

The **membership form** is on the last page of this newsletter, and forms will be available at the meeting.

Please renew as soon as possible or mail your check, **along with the filled-out membership form, by June 30.** The filled-out form is 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, and Andrea Timmermann) pay no dues at all.

Thank you to those who already paid



President's Corner for May 2015

By Melissa Woodbury & Karen King

Spring is definitely here!! One day it is sunny and beautiful, and the next day it's cool, windy and/or rainy. Flowers are blooming, and many of us have started our gardens.

We returned from State Convention rested and re-invigorated. From my perspective (Karen), it was an excellent convention. The entertainment was wonderful, and the field trips and workshops were outstanding. We met and talked with women from around the state and nation, renewed old friendships and made new ones, and returned with new ideas. I urge you all to attend a state convention in the future. The 2016 convention will be held in Grants Pass, April 22-24, 2016.

At Convention, Pendleton Branch was honored as one of the Top 10 Branches for AAUW Funds contributions. In addition, this year's Branch Named Gift Honorees were announced. This year, Pendleton Branch honored some outstanding women who have been our long-time members and supporters: Alerita Burns, Betty Klepper, Harriet Isom, Paula Turner, and June Whitten. Special thanks to them for their commitment to AAUW.

We were reminded to encourage all of our members to vote in the AAUW National election. Information about the election is in the spring/summer 2015 "Outlook" magazine, and you should have all received an E-mail mid-April with your member number and voter pin number that will allow you to vote. The most controversial proposal on the ballot is the proposal to eliminate the degree requirement for membership. If you haven't already, please take the time to review the "Outlook" and cast your ballot electronically. (You can also request a paper ballot.)

Do you want Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act? It's time to utilize the *Two-Minute Activist* to let Congress know how you feel about this and other important issues. It's easy. Go to AAUW national website (www.aauw.org) and sign in. Your membership number is on your Branch Directory and also on your "Outlook" magazine. (or contact Dianne Barnes) Once signed in, you can use SEARCH to go to *Two Minute Activist*. Sign up, and they will E-mail each time there is an issue of importance, and you can let your voice be heard in two minutes or less.

The Pioneer Park Project is moving along, although not as quickly as some of us would like. The shelter has finally been ordered, and Parks Department completed the first concrete pour. More to come as the project continues.

There are only two meetings left in the 2014/2015 season. We have had excellent programs this past year, so please take a moment to thank Renee Struthers and Sharon Vincent, our co-Program VPs. The May 7 program by Eric Smidt, "Drone Technology and the UAV Test Site in Pendleton," is very timely, and we hope you will all attend and bring guests. (I know my husband, David, is interested.) The June meeting will be a picnic in a park and has been moved to Saturday, June 20; location TBD. (Pioneer Park shelter is our first choice, but we are not sure it will be completed by then.)

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather when you can, and we hope to see each of you soon.

AAUW PENDLETON BRANCH
GENERAL MEETING, APRIL 2, 2015

We met at the Vert with 30 members and guests and the two guest speakers present. Hosts were Renee Struthers and Karen King. Lisa Newman from D.A. Davidson introduced Jill McEntee who presented: "Women: Wired to Invest."

Co-President Karen King called the business meeting to order at 8:30 p.m. 14 members were present.

Minutes from the last meeting were accepted as e-mailed.

Dianne Barnes presented the financial report: There is \$884.00 in checking and \$7240 in savings for a total cash on hand of \$8124.00.

Renee Struthers updated us on the June program which will take place 6/20/15 at a place to be designated. The new Pioneer Park shelter may not be completed by then which was the original site.

The May program will be about drone technology presented by Eric Smidt and other members of the National Guard.

The proposed slate of officers was presented for consideration, with the vote occurring at the May meeting.

The slate is as follows:

Co-President – Marlene Krout

Finance VP – Dianne Barnes

Co-Program VPs – Karen Allen

Susan Doyle – who will compete the 2nd year of Sharon Vincent's term

Secretary – Judy Witte

The 2015–16 membership drive begins now. Applications are available for new members.

Announcements:

Equal pay day is April 14, 2015

EO Forum – Tues. April 14 – Rob Bovett: "Medical Marijuana"

CCT presents "Our Town"—Reader's Theatre – April 16 @ 7pm @BMCC

State Convention – April 17–19 @ Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond

Next Lunch Bunch – April 23 @ 11:45 am @ Sisters'

Next Board meeting – April 23 @ 7pm @ Dianne Barnes'

Next Dinner Divas – May 7 @ 5:30 pm @ Roosters

Next General meeting – May 7 @ 7pm @ Vert: Eric Smidt: "Drone Technology & the UAV Test Site in Pendleton"

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Judy Witte, Secretary



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
PENDLETON BRANCH**

Membership Form — July 2015–June 2016

Please check category below:

Renewing Members

Association Dues \$49

State Dues \$16

Branch Dues \$ 9

Full Year = \$74

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New Members

Shape the Future

Association Dues \$49

State Dues \$16

Branch Dues \$ 9

Full Year = \$49.50

Date

New Members only

need to fill this in:

(Add additional degrees below)

College/University _____ Date _____

Degree & Date earned _____

Major _____

Mail form and check made to AAUW to:
Dianne Barnes, 731 NW 5th St., Pendleton, OR 97801