



**AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter**  
**September 2014**

**AAUW Pendleton Branch**  
**September Membership Meeting**

**A Global Evening Potluck**  
**Program: Global Issues for Women**  
**Speaker: Harriet Isom**

**September 4 (Thursday)**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Vert Clubroom**



**Bring your favorite international potluck dish**  
**(beverages, plates, and utensils will be provided)**

**October Meeting**

**Thursday, October 2, Vert Clubroom, 7:00 p.m.**

**Ballot Measures and Candidates for the November Election**  
**with Anne Emmons, League of Women Voters**

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

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**Co-Presidents**

Karen King 278-2151  
Melissa Woodbury 276-0268

**Communications Vice President**

Gwen Fjeld 969-1704

**Membership Vice President**

Jan Bruning 276-1929

**Finance Vice-President**

Dianne Barnes 276-5547

**Co-Program Vice-Presidents**

Renée Struthers 377-0504  
Sharon Vincent 278-1397

**Recording Secretary**

Judy Witte 276-6289

**Appointed Leaders:**

**BMCC Liaison TBD**

**EF/LAF**

Kathleen Mace 276-1006

**Newsletter & Directory Editor**

Susan Doyle 966-8854

**Bylaws**

Kathy Ward 276-0308

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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)  
(password: grapefruit)

## NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Board Meetings:** The August board meeting will be Thursday, **August 28**, 7:00 p.m., at Melissa Woodbury's home, 815 N Main St. The September board meeting will be **September 25**, 7:00 p.m., at Jan Bruning's home, 3003 SW Marshall Ave..

### ***President's Corner for September 2014***

*By Melissa Woodbury and Karen King*

Summer is nearly over, and we are looking forward to fall and another year of outstanding programs and activities. We are starting the year with a potluck on Thursday, September 4, at 5:30 PM at the Vert, and our own Harriet Isom will be discussing "Global Issues for Women and Girls." Bring your favorite dish and enjoy re-connecting with old and new friends. This is also a good time to bring a friend who might be interested in joining AAUW. Remember that new members not only keep us strong but they also bring diversity to our group.

By the September 4 meeting, we hope to have updates on our IRS issues and on the Pioneer Park Project. We also should know the name of our BMCC Scholarship recipient and have information about the upcoming EO Forum series which we sponsor along with BMCC and Umatilla/Morrow ESD. Our Program VPs, Renee Struthers and Sharon Vinson, will share the exciting slate of upcoming programs for this year.

Don't forget that we will soon be selling the delicious ruby red grapefruit again, but with the closing of PGG, we need to find a new location for distribution. This is our one major fundraiser, so we will need everyone's participation to make it a success yet again. More information to follow from our Grapefruit Chair, Kathy Ward.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, and we look forward to seeing you all on September 4.



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN  
PENDLETON, OR  
GENERAL MEETING June 21, 2014

The last meeting this year was held at the home of Mary and Paul Davis. Twelve members were present with guests Susan Gilstrap and Pat Hines from Wallowa County.

Susan Doyle presented the program on "Life on the Oregon Trail," which was very interesting. At the conclusion of the meeting, four of us joined Susan in viewing the wagon ruts off of the Deadman's Pass Rest Area.

Everyone brought a brown bag lunch, and dessert and beverages were provided by Mary Davis, Karen King. and Beth Read.

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by Co-President Marty King.

1. Susan Gilstrap, State Treasurer officiated at the installation of officers: Karen King as Co-President for a one year term, Jan Bruning as Membership VP, Sharon Vincent as Co-Program VP, and Judy Witte as Secretary. Melissa Woodbury as Co-President and Gwen Fjeld as Communications VP weren't able to attend the meeting but were installed in absentia.
2. The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.
3. Dianne Barnes gave the financial report. There is \$5,532.00 in the savings account and approximately \$1,386.00 in the checking account. National and State dues need to be paid from this.
4. It was approved that Melissa Woodbury, Karen King, Dianne Barnes, and Kathy Ward will be signers on the bank account. This was moved by Judy and seconded by Deborah Jones. Karen will take the necessary paperwork to the Credit Union.
5. Susan reported that 31 of the 50 members have paid their dues; 28 paid and 3 life members. All are encouraged to pay their dues by June 30, 2014.
6. Renee Struthers spoke about the leadership retreat to be held at Willamette University July 27–29. Jill Heffner, Renee, and Susan Gilstrap are attending. Sign up forms can be found in the State newsletter if others wish to attend. If anyone wants to provide information to be brought to the meeting, please email Renee.
7. Renee and Sharon have met about meeting ideas for next year and have quite a list from which to choose. Included is the possibility of a STEM presentation. If anyone has ideas, please email Renee or Sharon.
8. The Adopt-a-Park was discussed. The parameters suggested by the City Parks program were listed on the back of the agenda. Several mentioned that it entails a lot of work and wondered if

the group would want to be committed to do this for a year. Sharon suggested we could do a cleanup one day a year. Marty will find out about this possibility

9. Marty will be in charge of the Website. If anyone has suggestions or items of interest, please contact Marty.

10. Karen presented gerbera daisy flowers with thanks for service to the retiring board members: Mary Davis, Susan Doyle, and Marty King. Jill Heffner was not able to attend the meeting.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Marty stated all Pioneer Park playground additions are on hold for now. The site is a historical cemetery, and state organizations have to be consulted as to whether any further paths, benches, etc. can be added. The money for the project is still in the special playground fund and will not be put into the general city funds.

2. Deborah Jones stated it is still uncertain if the PGG building will be sold this fall. A building with a loading dock and inside storage is needed for the grapefruit. Several members are looking into other options. The Pepsi distribution center had been used in the past.

3. Karen said that the tax situation is still in limbo. The website listed that the IRS is up to cases submitted last August. Ours went in June 2013, but Karen was told not to be concerned unless the case isn't assigned by December 2014. She was told again that no taxes should be paid at this time.

4. Harriet Isom encouraged people to buy season tickets to EOS. The presentations next year will include J. D. Kindle, a Christmas program, a program by the conductor from Texas, and Steve Muller conducting Mozart's Requiem. Cathy Muller is the new executive director, J. D. Kindle the manager, and Christine the grant writer.

5. The Board meeting will be Tuesday July 8, 2014, at 5:30p.m. at Melissa Woodbury's. This will be a potluck, and everyone is welcome to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith E. Witte, Recording Secretary



# AAUW Summer Leadership Retreat

NE District Director's report

July 25–27, 2014

Willamette University

I attended the summer leadership and networking retreat for AAUW Oregon, for the first time as a state officer, at Willamette University July 25–27. It was a small but mighty group this year, and we had a great time listening to some wonderful speakers and reconnecting with friends from around the state.

Sessions included forming relationships with Laurel Gregory, a business and passion coach and member of the Hillsboro-Forest Grove branch; “nailing it” as a board member with co-president Penny Hoodenpyle; a report by the Tillamook branch on their very successful first Tech Trek in June, and their plans for next year; an overview of STEM projects going on in Oregon branches with Jane Lancaster, Oregon STEM director; a great session on student organizations at Oregon colleges and community colleges with Taran Smith of Central Oregon Community College; updates on Start Smart and Elect Her with Jane Lancaster; and information on next spring's state convention, which will be held at Eagle Crest Resort just outside of Redmond.

I also attended the programs meeting and got to share some of the great programs the Pendleton branch has planned for the upcoming program year.

During the board of directors meeting I was able to update the board on activities in the Pendleton branch, including the ongoing Pioneer Park project and the latest delay, and the exciting news that Blue Mountain Community College has signed on as a college/university partner. I am also in discussions with Eastern Oregon University to bring them on as a C/U partner, and possibly reform the La Grande branch of AAUW, two of my goals for my term as NE district director for 2014–16.

A third goal I reported to the state board was my interest in planning a district-wide activity for Equal Pay Day next April – an “unhappy hour” with information on the wage gap and discounted drinks for women – with participation at each branch at a local pub.

I did not receive information from the Baker branch on their activities, and Wallowa County president Susan Gilstrap did not have any activities to report for the board meeting.

I would be happy to expand on any of the sessions if anyone has any questions.

Renee Struthers

AAUW-Pendleton

NE District Director, AAUW of Oregon

## **AAUW Pendleton Branch Programs 2014–15**

**September 4:** Harriet Isom, “Global Issues for Women.” Potluck, Vert Club Room, 5:30 p.m.

**October 2:** A look at the ballot measures and candidates for the November election with Anne Emmons, League of Women Voters of West Umatilla County. Vert Club Room, 7:00 p.m.

**November 6:** Jennifer Coleman of the Oregon Environmental Council will talk about toxics in consumer products. Vert Club Room, 7:00 p.m.

**December 4:** Wine tasting with Ken Schulberg of the GP, possibly with the addition of Alexander's Chocolate Classics. Vert Club Room, 7:00 p.m.

**January 10:** Josh Ego of Umatilla schools and Patricia Dawson of OSU Extension will discuss local STEM programs. Prodigal Son, 11:00 a.m.

**February 7:** Helix School documentary students. Prodigal Son, 11:00 a.m.

**March 7:** Travel in Cuba with Sharon Vincent and Melissa Woodbury (different perspectives and tips for women travelers). Prodigal Son, 11:00 a.m.

**April:** Equal Pay Day event. Hoping to find a bar that will let us do an "Unhappy Hour." TBA.

**May 7:** Eric Smidt and others will discuss drone technology and the new UAV test site in Pendleton. Vert Club Room, 7:00 p.m.

**June 6:** End of the year potluck and installation of officers. TBA.