



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
February 2018

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February Membership Meeting

“A Short and Incomplete History of Wales”

Speaker: Melissa Woodbury



February 3 (Saturday)

11:00 a.m.

Prodigal Son

Hostess: Carolyn Featherston

March Membership Meeting

Saturday, March 3, 11:00 a.m., Prodigal Son
Griswold High School Students History Films

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NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Lunch Bunch: The February Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, February 15, 11:45 a.m., at Moe Pho, the new restaurant on Main Street in the St. George building.

February Board Meeting: The February board meeting will be Thursday, February 15, 7:00 p.m., at Melissa Woodbury's home. John Deroko will be the hostess. All members are invited to attend.

EO Forum: The February EO Forum will be Tuesday, February 20, 7:00 p.m., at BMCC's Science and Technology Building, Room ST-200. The program will be a panel arranged by an AAUW committee chaired by Mary Davis. The title is "Food from the Ground Up—Farm to Table." This promises to be an interesting and informative program. Forum membership is \$15 per individual, \$25 per couple, or \$5 at the door for non-members.

Co-Presidents Corner for February 2018

By Susan Doyle and Elizabeth Scheeler

What a difference a year makes in terms of the weather. Last year, the snow just kept coming, while this year we have already had at least one spring-like day. Of course, winter still has more than a few weeks left, so enjoy the snow-free streets and sidewalks while they last.

Those you who were unable to attend the January meeting and would like to learn more about the wonderful work that Cason's Place is doing can check out their webpage: www.casonspplace.org.

This month, Melissa Woodbury will present a slide show on her trip to Wales. If you have had the fortune of attending one of her other travel presentations, you know that you are in for a treat. Like last month, this is a Saturday meeting. Since the Prodigal Son doesn't open till a little later, you'll need to come in the side door on SE 3rd street.

Hope to see you all on February 3!

—Elizabeth

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
PENDLETON, OR
GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 6, 2018

We gathered at the Prodigal Son for lunch with 13 members and 2 guests.

Michelle Sitz, Co-Program VP, called us together and introduced our speakers: Debbie McBee and Matt Turjesen reporting on about Cason's Place: what it is, where it is, and how it is operating. It is a 501c3 charity and all donations are willingly received. The building was donated by St. Anthony Hospital, and there is no paid staff. At the moment, there are 20 kids with 12 facilitators. They need more volunteers, and there will be training here in Pendleton.

Co-President Susan Doyle called the business meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter

Finance report presented by Karen King, Financial VP. The balances as of 1/6/18 were:

Checking: \$1,542.12

Savings: \$9,371.29

We netted \$4,936.52 on the grapefruit this year. Thank you, Kathy!

Officer Reports:

1. EO Forum – Susan Doyle – 1/6/18. Mary Davis and Judy Witte will help.
2. Mary Davis and Kate Ely will be starting Mother-Daughter Choices, and they already have three pairs signed up. Debbie McBee suggested that we put an announcement on the school district website. We will also send an email to all our members.
3. Programs – Michelle Sitz – February is Melissa Woodbury, “A Short and Incomplete History of Wales.” March are the Helix film project students, and April will be on the possible Cascadia Earthquake.

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Martin Luther King Day will be celebrated on 1/15/18 at the Great Pacific from 6–8 p.m. It will be a celebration in song.

Kick it up after 5:00, 1/11/18, 5:30-7:00, arranged by the Chamber of Commerce.

The Women's March is 1/20/18 at 1:00 p.m., starting at the flagpole by the Vert.

Next Lunch Bunch is 1/18/18 at The Saddle at 11:45 a.m.

Next Board Meeting is also 1/18/18 at 7:00 p.m. at Karen King's house.

Next General Meeting will be on Saturday, 2/3/18, at the Prodigal Son at 11:00 a.m. Melissa Woodbury on Wales (not whales!)

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa T. Woodbury, Recording Secretary

AAUW Oregon State Convention

“Now More Than Ever”

April 20–22, 2018

The 2018 Oregon AAUW Convention April 20–22 in at the Embassy Suites in Hillsboro features top quality speakers and topics. The keynote speaker is Dr. Melody Rose, President of CU partner campus Marylhurst University. She is a nationally recognized authority on elections, campaigns, and women candidates. A sampling of programs includes topics on sexual assault in schools; mentoring the next generations to run for public office; a speaker on women in the armed services; two outstanding women who have received AAUW fellowships speaking on their related topics; equity and inclusion and millennials; and a legislator’s panel. There will also be good opportunities for interaction with counterparts and other branches.

Silent Auction: The silent auction will be similar to last year, with a limit of two items (or baskets) per branch. The form and further instructions will be in the Oregon News, coming out in early February.

Slide Show of Success: This new idea will share branch successes through pictures that will feature photos of branches in action – it will replace the traditional Showcase of Success tri-folds. The slide show will be shown on the big screen! Each branch will select 10–15 branch activity photos from the past year or two, and list the branch name and a caption (if any) for each photo file. Digital photos in .jpg format are preferred, and 600 dpi is good. Further details will be in Oregon News.



Memorial Books for Irma Gedney

Two paperback books were purchased as memorial books for Irma Gedney. Joan Deroko helped select the books that honor her mother Irma's love of gardening and orchids. Both books will be available at the Pendleton Public Library.

Growing Orchids: Successful Gardening Indoors and Out: An Illustrated Encyclopedia and Practical Gardening Guide (Southwater Publishing, 2018). Everything you need to know to grow orchids successfully with an easy-to-use directory of 200 orchids.

Growing Windowsill Orchids (Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, 2016). Orchid expert Philip Seaton provides Step-by-step instructions for choosing the best plant, looking after plants that have finished flowering, and encouraging plants to flower year after year. For those who wish to know more about the science behind orchids, this sumptuous book covers the basics of orchid biology and conservation. *Growing Windowsill Orchids* is the perfect primer on everything the orchid novice needs to know to cultivate these perennial favorites in the home.

National Membership Dues Increase

All members voted on national dues increase June 2017. Voting was done online, making everyone's vote count; one person – one vote. Voters passed the increase effective July 1, 2018. State dues remain at \$16. Be aware as you renew returning members for next year (starting March 16) national dues have moved from \$49 to \$59 a year, with \$56 tax deductible. The online membership payment process will be geared up for use to make dues collection as easy as possible. If you have used this system before AND are raising your branch dues, notify national of your new branch dues. If you have not used this online system, contact national; it makes the renewal easier and efficient! Your treasurer or finance person will appreciate this system!

AAUW Walla Walla Book Sale

AAUW Walla Walla would like to invite your AAUW members to attend our 43rd Annual Book Sale, February 16-18, at the Marcus Whitman Hotel, 6 W. Rose St, Walla Walla. Hours are Friday and Saturday 9 am – 7 pm and Sunday 9 am – 4 pm. We will have approximately 40,000 books organized into 40 categories, including a rare and collectible section, which is individually priced. Prices for the regular collection range from .50¢ to \$4. Proceeds fund scholarships for local women returning to college, and educational projects and events. We accept cash, check and credit/debit cards. Walla Walla is a wonderful place to visit. Enjoy a great lunch in town and do a little wine tasting at one of our over 150 wineries. We would love to see you at the Book Sale!

—Kay Raddatz
AAUW Walla Walla Branch