



AAUW Pendleton Branch
September Membership Meeting

Annual Branch Fall Potluck ~
Beginning the 2018–19 Year



September 6 (Thursday)
5:30 p.m.
Vert Clubroom

Hostess: Kate Mace

Please bring a main dish or dessert,
Beverages, plates, and utensils will be provided

October Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 11, 7:00 p.m.
Vert Clubroom
Program: To Be Announced

**AAUW Pendleton Branch
Leadership Team 2018–2019**

Co-Presidents

Elizabeth Scheeler 276-2949
Karen Wagner 429-2688

Communications Vice-President

Marlene Krout 276-7596

Finance Vice-President

Karen King 278-2151

Membership Vice-President

Joan Deroko 310-9175

Co-Program Vice-Presidents

Michele Sitz 276-6838
Kate Ely 278-1997

Recording Secretary

Melissa Woodbury 276-0268

Appointed Leaders:

BMCC Liaison

Marie Hall 276-9074

Bylaws

Kathy Ward 276-0308

EF/LAF

Kathleen Mace 276-1006

Grapefruit

Kathy Ward & Karen King

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Public Policy

Elizabeth Scheeler 276-2949

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AAUW Association website

aauw.org

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aauw-or.aauw.net

AAUW Pendleton website

pendleton-or.aauw.net

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Lunch Bunch: The June Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, September 20, Location TBA.

September Board Meeting: The June board meeting will be on Thursday, September 20, 7:00 p.m., at Kate Mace's home. Branch members are welcome to attend the meeting.



Co-Presidents Corner for September 2018

Welcome back everyone!! Another summer has flown by but I, for one, I'm looking forward to the end of hot, smoky weather. As has been our tradition, we'll kick off the year with a potluck at the Vert, during which time we'll get to share a little about our summer adventures (or not, if you prefer), and then we'll hold a brief business meeting to approve the budget and do a little housekeeping. This is a fun meeting to bring potential members, so I hope to see some new faces on September 6th!

—Elizabeth

Guests are Welcome



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
PENDLETON, OR

GENERAL MEETING June 7, 2018

We gathered at Kate Mace's home at 530 PM for a pot luck on a beautiful evening to be sitting on her deck. The food was great, too.

Co-President Elizabeth Scheeler called the business meeting to order at 6:40 PM. There were 9 members present.

1. Finances were reported in the absence of VP Karen King. We have \$7,321.75 in savings and \$806.91 in checking.

We have 32 paid members, seven life members, and two are still unpaid.

2. Programs – Michelle Sitz – we will try to have non-board members as hosts for the meeting this year. We tossed around some program ideas – cybersecurity, career learning center at PHS, state AAUW, drones.

3. Announcements:

June 13 – Tour of the Water Treatment Plant from 5–7 PM with hot dogs to be served.

June 15 – the Agricultural Heritage Tour sponsored by UCHS, \$55 for members and \$60 for non-members. They will visit seven sites and have lunch.

Lunch Bunch – June 21 at 11:45 AM at Sisters on Main Street.

Board Meeting, June 21 at 5:30 PM at Elizabeth Scheeler's home. This will be our planning meeting and a potluck supper.

We then installed the new officers:

Co-President – Karen Wagner

Co-VP for Program – Kate Ely

Membership VP – Joan Deroko

Communications – Marlene Krout

Karen Wagner and Elizabeth Scheeler, Co-Presidents, Karen King, Finance VP, and Kathy Ward, Grapefruit Chair, are to be added to the AAUW Pendleton Branch bank accounts. Susan Doyle is to be removed from the signatures.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa T. Woodbury, Recording Secretary

Meet Shannon Hatley

BMCC 2018–19 Scholarship Recipient

I am a forty-six-year-old first-generation college student pursuing a degree in nursing at BMCC. I graduated from Pilot Rock High School in 1990 and currently live in Pendleton. I have two adult children and two grandchildren. My daughter Taylor Hatley is the mother of my 11-month-old granddaughter Paislee Jayne. Taylor is also attending BMCC to obtain her nursing degree. My son Trevor Hatley is the father of my two-month-old grandson Jackson. Trevor earned an associate degree at BMCC and is now attending OIT to complete his degree in computer programming.

I got married right out of high school and stayed home to raise our two children. My husband and I divorced after 10 years of marriage, and I became a single mom working a fulltime job.

I worked for about 13 years in the medical field as a receptionist and referral coordinator. Most of that time was spent working in a local family medical office. I love working with patients, and I love the medical field, but I do not like working with the ever-changing medical insurances.

My job was to request authorizations and referrals for medical procedures for our patients. With all the strict policies concerning insurance coverages, my job became very stressful. My pay, however, did not increase with the added stress load I was taking on. I found myself doing a very difficult job for a very low salary. Patients didn't understand the referral process and did not accept insurance denials very well. I became the middleman in between patients and their insurance companies, so I got to take the blunt of their frustrations. I found myself becoming very bitter, and I no longer enjoyed my job, so I knew I needed to make some changes.

I worked very closely with the nurses over the years, and I was always envious of the hands-on care that they were able to give our patients. I have wanted to be a nurse for many years, but I worried I was too old to start college and change the life that had built for myself that had become very safe and routine.

Change is hard! It took several months of serious praying and arguing the pros and cons with myself before I finally gave notice at work and enrolled in college. It was the best decision I have ever made.

I have been attending college for over a year straight. I have successfully completed 6 terms now, and I am doing very well academically. I will apply to the nursing program in February of next year and hope to be accepted and begin the program in the fall of 2019.

School takes up most of my time, but when I have free time I enjoy going to the mountains with my kids and their families. I also volunteer in my church toddler room one Sunday a month, which helps me feel like I am still giving something back to society.

My favorite pastime is spending time with my two grandchildren. I also enjoy walking my yellow lab in the field behind our house every morning to help start my days. I hope my children and grandchildren and other single moms will be encouraged by my story and realize that they can do anything if they set their minds to it and step out in faith.

Thank you again for awarding me your scholarship. I currently live off student loans and a work-study grant that allows me to earn \$,1000 a term while working at the college, so funds are always low by the end of the term. I appreciate your staying in contact and I hope to attend one of your meetings in the fall. I also will register on the AAWU website.