



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
October 2018

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October Membership Meeting

Speaker: Randy Bradbury,
Washington Department of Ecology
Program: “Hanford: Myth v. Reality”



October 11 (Thursday)
7:00 p.m.
Vert Clubroom

Hostesses: Jane Hill

November Membership Meeting

Thursday, November 1, 7:00 p.m.
Vert Clubroom

Theresa Ulrich, “Cybersecurity: Staying Safe in an Online World”

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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October Membership Meeting: The membership meeting on October 11 will feature Randy Bradbury speaking on the Hanford nuclear site. A special guest that evening will be Georgia Applegate, AAUW Oregon state president. She and her husband are on a tour of northeastern Oregon, and she is looking forward to attending our meeting and getting to know us.

October Dinner Divas: Dinner Divas will meet before the meeting on Thursday, October 11, at 5:30 p.m., at Joe's Fiesta on Main Street. Georgia Applegate will be joining us for dinner.

October Lunch Bunch: Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, October 18, at the Long Branch in Weston. We will meet at 11:15 a.m. at the Heritage Station Museum to carpool.

October Board Meeting: The October board meeting will be on Thursday, October 18, 7:00 p.m., at Elizabeth Scheeler's home. Branch members are welcome to attend the meeting.



Walla Walla AAUW Upcoming Events

16th Annual AAUW Kitchen Tour

Sunday, October 7, 2018, Noon – 5 pm

8 Kitchens, \$20

New Kick-Off Location:

Marcus Whitman Hotel – Ballrooms Lobby – Noon to 2 pm
6 W Rose Street, Walla Walla

Big Idea Talks – 2018

Co-sponsored by AAUW Walla Walla
and Walla Walla Public Library at the
Walla Walla Public Library, 238 E. Alder

October 25, 7 pm

“Climate Change 102: What We Can Do.”
Prof. Kirsten Nicolaysen, Whitman College

November 29, 7 pm

“What the Wine Industry Means to Walla Walla.”
Ashley Riggs, Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance;
and Ron Williams, Visit Walla Walla.

Co-Presidents Corner for October 2018

Greetings and Happy Autumn! I am happy to begin my co-chairing duties with this note to you. This time of year brings feelings of both familiarity and freshness, of change and sweet stability, wrought by years attending school. Admittedly, this annual occurrence wasn't always welcome and may have been downright scary for many of us. But now, as then, I enter into the seasonal cycle of gathering and planning with a sense of purpose and pleasure.

This year the AAUW Pendleton Branch leadership team joins hands with members, friends, and colleagues to bring forth a new focus for growth and meaning through your input and ideas in the Member Survey you will soon receive. We are interested in your thoughts and ideas for AAUW in the coming years from a national, state, and local perspective. How shall we distinguish ourselves as a local organization advancing the cause of women and girls in our communities?

In the Survey we've summarized our Branch's past and current issues and actions—a wide array of activities and services that AAUW has invested time and resources in. Individually, we may not always agree on specific issues, but we seek alignment and creative ways to meet critical challenges and opportunities that support the AAUW mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

To better meet our branch ideals and enrich our experience as an AAUW member, please help us, the leadership, to focus our efforts by completing the survey. The survey will be emailed to you as an attached document to print, fill out, and return via mail or at the next meeting, or to answer via electronic link as a Google Survey. Your answers are confidential, unless you choose to include your name. Thank you!

—*Karen Wagner*



Co-Presidents Karen Wagner (right) and Elizabeth Scheeler (left) and BMCC scholarship recipient Shannon Hatley (in the middle).

2018–19 Pendleton Branch Membership Meeting Schedule

September 6 – Vert Club Room, potluck, 5:30 pm; Meet and Greet.

October 11 – Vert Club Room, 7 pm; Randy Bradbury, Washington Department of Ecology, “Hanford: Myth V. Reality.” Hostesses: Jane Hill and TBD.

November 1 – Vert Club Room, 7 pm; Theresa Ulrich, “Cybersecurity: Staying Safe in an Online World.” Hostesses: Karen Allen and Carolyn Featherston.

December 6 – 7 pm; Ken Schulberg, Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Company, Wine Tasting. Hostesses: Jan Bruning and Velda Arnaud.

January 5 – Prodigal Son, 11 am; Sascha McKeon, PhD, “Mosquitos in a Changing Landscape.” Hostesses: Kathryn Chaney and Pamela Chatley.

February 2 – Prodigal Son, 11 am; Mary Davis, “Global Exchange to Indonesia: A Perspective on Women and Children in Southeast Asia.” Hostesses: Harriet Isom and Hero Gollany.

March 2 – Prodigal Son, 11 am; Lorin Kubishta, Griswold High School student Historical Film Project. Hostesses: Mary Davis and Kathryn Youngman.

April 4 – Vert Club Room, 7 pm; Mike McHenry, Pendleton Sanitary Service, Inc., “Recycling and the Ban on Plastics.” Hostesses: Beth Read and TBD.

May 2 – Vert Club Room, 7 pm; Robert Bartlett, PhD, “Triple Nickles: Jumping into Fire.” Miriam Munck and Rebecca Hiers.

General/Board June 13 – 5:30 pm; Kathy Ward, potluck; City Council Member, “Look to the Future in Pendleton.”

October 11 Program Notes

Speaker: Randy Bradbury, Communication Manager
Washington State Department of Ecology Nuclear Waste Program

Title: “Hanford: Myth V. Reality”

The Hanford nuclear reservation in southeastern Washington – called the most contaminated site in North America – presents a paradox of massive contamination next to a river preserved in its natural state. The site borders the Hanford Reach of the Columbia River – made a National Monument because of the Reach’s pristine beauty. Understanding Hanford requires more knowledge than recent headlines about leaking radioactive waste tanks and missed cleanup deadlines. Speakers will cover some Hanford history, provide an update on the progress and challenges of the cleanup efforts, and explain the importance of citizen involvement in cleanup decisions.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
PENDLETON, OR

GENERAL MEETING September 6 2018

We met at the Vert Clubroom at 5:30 p.m. for a potluck. Sixteen members and one guest, Colleen Sanders, were present. After eating, Karen King introduced Shannon Hatley, our BMCC scholarship recipient. Shannon is 46 and a returning student in nursing. Then each one around the room shared the "Highlight of My Summer."

We moved from the tables to sitting on chairs and Co-President Elizabeth Scheeler called the business meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Karen King presented the finance report. Kate Mace reviewed the books, which are in order. Karen passed out the proposed 2018–19 budget. Betty Klepper made a motion to approve the 2018–19 budget. Kate Mace seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Karen presented the bank balances: \$761.91 in checking, \$7,372.14 in savings.

2. Kate Ely and Michelle Sitz talked about upcoming programs:

October 11 – Hanford: Myth V. Reality

November 8 – Cybersecurity: Staying Safe in an Online World

December 6 – Wine Tasting, GP

January 5 – Mosquitos in a Changing Landscape

February 2 – Mary Davis, Global Exchange to Indonesia

March 2 – Griswold High Film Projects

April 4 – Recycling and the Ban on Plastics

May 2 – Triple Nickles: Jumping into Fire

June 13 – Potluck, 5:30, Kathy Ward; City Council Member, Look to the Future in Pendleton

Members were encouraged to sign up to be membership meeting hostesses.

Kate announced a survey that will ask members to comment on branch programs.

3. Joan Deroko announced there will be no debate between Congressional candidates, since Greg Walden did not respond to the invitation.
4. Grapefruit: Kathy Ward said she is getting ready to pass out lists and materials for the October meeting, and she may call members to take more names.
5. EF/LAF: Kate Mace will have a newsletter article about EF/LAF contributions. She explained Education Fund and Legal Advocacy Fund.
6. Elizabeth said there is no one at present in the Public Policy position and would like for someone to volunteer. No one did.
7. Communications: Marlene Krout asked to let her know to put notices in the newspaper.
8. New Business: NW District Meeting will be October 6 in La Grande.

Announcements:

September Lunch Bunch – September 20, TBD
September Board Meeting – September 20, Kate Mace’s
Friends of the Library Book Sale – October 5-7, Convention Center
October General Meeting – October 11, Vert Clubroom
AAUW Walla Walla Climate Change presentation – October 25

Meeting adjourned, 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Doyle, acting secretary



AAUW FUNDS

Do you have an AAUW friend to whom you would like to say thank you for being my friend? Or perhaps some-one in your branch or in the state leadership whom you would like to recognize for going above and beyond? Maybe someone has passed away whom you would like to honor. Or how about that AAUW “sister” to whom you would like to say you’re special?

AAUW has a way for you to honor that special AAUW member. For every \$25.00 donated to AAUW Funds, you may designate a Tribute for someone living or a Memorial for someone who is not. She or her family will receive a handwritten note from AAUW Funds of Oregon if you remember to include her name and address; her name will also be recognized at the Funds Banquet at AAUW of OR convention.

You can donate several ways:

- Write a check to AAUW Funds and give it to your branch Funds chair (Kate Mace);
- Or send that check to Ilga Ross, AAUW of OR Funds Chair, 8275 SW Seneca St., Tualatin, OR 97062;
- Or go to the National Website aauw.org, click on donate, and use your credit card.

Is there a better way to honor that wonderful AAUW member who is or was a part of your life?

—Jill Heffner and Ilga Ross, AAUW Funds Co-Chairs

Visiting Our Branch Meeting October 11: Georgia Applegate, President, AAUW of Oregon

Degrees:

BA in Mathematics from Rockford College, Rockford, IL 1967

MS in Education from Cal State, Hayward, CA; specializing in Educational Admin 1986

Career:

Teacher of Mathematics to students in grades 7 - 12 for 19 years. Also was Yearbook Advisor, 2 years; Student Activity Director, 2 years

Taught mathematics courses from basic arithmetic through calculus

Public School Administration:

Assistant Principal in senior high school, 8 years

Comprehensive Guidance Specialist, District level 2 years

Charter School Director, middle school 2 years

Retired from Vallejo City Unified School District, Vallejo, CA, in 2001.

Moved to Williams, OR, outside Grants Pass in 2006.

AAUW:

Danville-Alamo Branch, CA 1 year – in the 1980s

Grants Pass Branch, OR 9 ½ years, since January 2009

Branch Offices held:

Membership VP, Communications VP, Co-President

State Offices held:

Dues Treasurer, President-Elect

Zonta Club of Grants Pass: member for 5 years

Offices held: Director, 1st Vice President, Foundation President, Club President

Family: Married to Dave Applegate for 48 years. Dave is a leader in the American Legion. He joined Zonta when I was President and is currently our Club Events/Fundraising Chair. He is on the Board of District 8 of Zonta. District 8 covers 15 Clubs in 4 states and British Columbia. He is a 20+ year veteran of the US Navy and retired as an E9, a Master Chief.

We have one son, Jesse, (43) who has a B.S. EE from OSU. He climbs mountains and frozen waterfalls, does mountain rescues. He runs marathons and ultra-marathons. He has a private pilot's license and belongs to the Hillsboro Flying Club. He lives in Portland. He also is a US Navy veteran having served in the Gulf War.

I take care of my aunt who is 95 from a distance. She is in assisted living in Lake Barrington, IL.

Interests:

Politics, reading, technology, knitting/crochet, learning new things or new aspects of things I already know. Helping people, helping people grow.

We enjoy travelling. We have been to countries in the former Yugoslavia, Spain, Mexico, and Switzerland. We have just been introduced to "cruising", having been on a cruise to Nassau, Roatan, Cozumel, and Costa Maya last July. We plan an Alaskan cruise for next September.