



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
April 2019

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April Membership Meeting

“Recycling and the Ban on Plastics”
Kathy Aney, EO, and Mike McHenry, PSSI



April 4 (Thursday)
7:00 p.m.
Vert Clubroom

Hostesses: Susan Doyle and Beth Read

May Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 2, 7:00 p.m., Vert Clubroom
Robert Bartlett, “Triple Nickles: Jumping into Fire”

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NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Dinner Divas: The Dinner Divas will meet for dinner before the April 4 meeting at OMG Burgers on Main Street at 5:30 p.m.

April Lunch Bunch: April Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, April 18, at the Upper Crust Weston, the new bakery & bistro in Weston. We will meet at Heritage Station at 11:15 and carpool.

April Board Meeting: The April board meeting will be Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m. at Michelle Sitz's home. All AAUW Pendleton Branch members are welcome to attend the board meeting.

EO Forum: The last EO Forum of 2019 will be Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m., at BMCC as part of BMCC Arts & Culture Festival Week/No Cost. AAUW Pendleton Branch is one of the sponsors of the EO Forum, which offers timely and informative programs.

April 4 Meeting Notes

Kathy Aney, Reporter for the East Oregonian, will begin the program by telling us about her personal quest to eliminate plastic from her life for one week. After finding that plastics are no longer recyclable at PSSI, Kathy decided to live without plastic in a world surrounded by, implanted with, and dependent on plastic. Imagine that, what would you use for a toothbrush? Kathy will share how difficult life would be without plastic.

Then Mike Henry, President of PSSI, will follow with a presentation on the real world of plastic recycling, disposal, and packaging. Mike will discuss the change in China's recovered materials ban on plastic contamination, which resulted in plastic recycling no longer being accepted at PSSI and across the country. This 2018 change in China's importation policy has affected waste management and recycling around the world. Mike will speak about the cause and effect of the ban both locally and globally as well as composting and recycling in general, with a test on new rules.

Slate of Officers for 2019–20

To be voted on at the May General Meeting

Co-President: Kate Mace, two years

Co-Program Vice President: Barbara Lund-Jones, two years

Finance Vice President: Karen King, two years

Recording Secretary: Melissa Woodbury, two years

Co-Presidents Corner for April 2019

By Karen Wagner

April, the month of potential and contrast—the month of 'opening' of showers for May flowers; of Arab American Heritage Month and Confederate History Month; of Eostre, the goddess of the returning light of dawn, rabbits, and eggs and/or Paschal and the rising of Jesus; of Jazz Appreciation Month and Mathematics Month and Statistics Awareness Month! And a potentially controversial AAUW issue of women's Equal Pay Day on April 2. While there may be other equally important issues to focus on, this one feels very close to home. On April 2, three months into the new year, the average woman will have earned as much as our male counterparts did in just 12 months the previous year. Minority women must work many more days and months to achieve male income parity. Some contradict this, noting disagreement that women should earn equal amounts as men for the same work performed, citing the expense that employers assume when hiring women who choose to bear children while in their employ. This contradiction often fails to note that women are heads of households with children to support and without equal pay, or adequate social supports, the entire family is subject to inequities in self-sufficiency, healthcare, childcare, education, and more. AAUW members will be increasing awareness of this situation by doing public outreach at both BMCC and the Great Pacific on April 2.

In Oregon, women earn 79–83% of what a man is paid (and we are ranked 20th in the nation), according to state and national AAUW. In 2017 women of OR congressional district 2 received 83% of a man's salary for equal work, ranking us second best in the state.

How does it look internationally? Gender-inequality issues extend beyond wages. When you add in other factors, like educational attainment, opportunities, and health, the rankings look a bit different. For that context, check out the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Index, which ranked 144 United Nations member countries on gender equality using wage data, level of education, economic participation and opportunity, health, and political empowerment. Of the countries on that list, not one broke the 0.9 mark (out of the highest possible score of 1), and only five countries scored 0.8 or higher, based on OECD's findings. The highest ranked country, Iceland, scored 0.874 in 2016, while the US (0.722) ranked 45th.

If nothing else, it's a reminder that the wage gap is just one aspect of gender-based inequality, and there's still a lot of work to be done!

2019 Pendleton Branch Membership Meeting Schedule

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.”

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
PENDLETON, OR

GENERAL MEETING March 2, 2019

We gathered at the Prodigal Son for lunch with 15 members, 2 guests, and history teacher Lorin Kubishta and four Helix High School students on a snowy Saturday.

Lorin Kubishta began the program by telling us about the history film projects that began in 2000. Each film project is first entered in the state competition at Oregon Historical Society, and many go to National History Day in Washington, DC. This year the theme was "Conflict and Compromise."

The first film was "Admired but Illegal: The Closing of the Cozy Rooms," by Hannah Christman and Arianna Krol. The second was "West is Sending an Army: The Copperfield Affair," by Drew Nelson and Colton Reynolds. These and past films can be viewed at the website: <https://mrkspages.weebly.com/documentary-archive.html>

Elizabeth Scheeler, co-President, called us together at 12:15.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as distributed in the newsletter.

Finance report presented was by Karen King. The balances are Checking, \$2,535.29, and Savings, \$7,572.87.

Mother-Daughter Choices will be held this spring or early fall. Volunteers are needed.

Karen King reported that the STEM Club at Sunridge Middle School will meet Wednesdays after school. The two teachers will each receive a \$100 honorarium.

Elizabeth said that the Nominations Committee still needs nominations for Co-President and Co-Program.

Kate Mace reported that Pendleton Branch is one of three that will bring fundraiser baskets to state convention. Kate and Marlene Krout are collecting items for the basket.

Mary Davis announced she would like input to take to the 63rd UN Commission on the Status of Women.

Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Next EO Forum is March 19, 7:00 p.m., on the effect of the government shutdown.

Next Lunch Bunch is March 21, 12:00 p.m., at the OGG Distillery

Next Board Meeting is also March 21, 7:00 p.m., hosted by Joan Deroko at Melissa Woodbury's house.

Next General Meeting will be Thursday, April 4, at the Vert Clubroom at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Doyle,
Acting Secretary

Equal Pay Day

By Karen King

This year, Equal Pay Day is set for April 2, 2019. Equal Pay Day is the extra time that it takes women, on average, to work to make the same amount as white men did in 2018. Actually, Equal Pay Day varies by race and ethnicity. For Asian women, Equal Pay Day is March 5, 2019; for white, non-Hispanic women, it is April 19; for black or African-American women, it is August 22; for Native Indian women, it is September 23; and for Hispanic and Latina women, it is November 20. Think about that!! It takes Hispanic and Latina women almost one full year to catch up to white men in wages.

Pendleton Branch will support two Equal Pay Day events this year on April 2. BMCC will host an event from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. at the college. Branch members Velda Arnaud and Kathryn Burke will assist student associate members at the table. Our branch will also have a table at Great Pacific from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. to hand out PAYDAY candy bars and information. Karen King will take the lead on that event, so please contact her if you would like to assist.



April 2019 Policy Updates

By Karen Wagner

Here are several links to pertinent, informative websites (and encouragement for any member with this interest to consider being our policy lead) on policy priorities for AAUW in Oregon and the US:

Oregon public policy priorities: https://aauw-or.aauw.net/files/2018/07/AAUW-OR-Public-Policy-2018_19.pdf;

February update: <https://aauw-or.aauw.net/files/2019/02/AAUW-of-OR-State-Public-Policy-Update-February-2019.pdf>

AAUW national public policy priorities:

https://www.aauw.org/aauw_check/pdf_download/show_pdf.php?file=2017-2019-PPP.

National Paycheck Fairness Act was voted on by our representatives the last week of March. Where will it end up? And of course, don't forget the AAUW Convention and Lobby Day/weekend in Salem, April 11–14: the theme this year is Student Success; featuring an education panel, as well as a presentation by Shilpi Banerji, AAUW Public Policy director. A number of Pendleton Branch women are attending. Let us know if you are interested. We look forward to their reports in May.

Stem Report

Science Club at Sunridge Middle School

By Miriam Munck

We have an AAUW-sponsored STEM club at Sunridge Middle School!! Teachers Nichole Erwin and Jodie Harnden are leading the group of 12 (and growing) middle school girls. They meet Wednesdays after school and are learning about wind energy. Jodie and Nichole attended a KidWind workshop at EOU and received training in KidWind curriculum along with several KidWind hands-on kits. The curriculum topics include Energy, Wind, and Wind to Produce Electricity. Wind turbines with generators are part of the curriculum kits. Students design inquiries to investigate turbine blade size, shape, and angle for best electrical production. Here is a link to KidWind website: <https://www.kidwind.org/windwise-1>.

