



**AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter**  
**March 2020**

**AAUW Pendleton Branch**  
**March Membership Meeting**

“Documentary Films”  
Griswold High School Students, Helix



March 7 (Saturday)  
11:00 a.m.  
No-Host Lunch at Prodigal Son

Hosts: Hero Gollany and Sue Peterson

**April Membership Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m., Vert Clubroom**  
**Gwendolyn Trice, “My Voice: Building Space in Rural Oregon”**

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[pendleton-or.aauw.net](http://pendleton-or.aauw.net)

## NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**March Lunch Bunch:** The March Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, March 19, at St. Anthony Hospital Cafeteria at 11:45 a.m.

**March Board Meeting:** The March board meeting will be Thursday, March 19, 7:00 p.m., at Jill Heffner's home.

**EO Forum:** The March Forum will be Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. at BMCC Science and Technology Building, Room St-200. The program is "Climate Change from our Youths' Perspective," with panelists Hunter Houck, Ashlynn Madril, and Ivan Salgado.

If you are not a member, the cost is \$5 per forum at the door. AAUW Pendleton Branch is a sponsor of the EO Forum series.



## MOVIES with MUNCHIES You're Invited

What are you doing on **Thursday, March 26, 7:00–9:00 p.m.?** Would you like to come to Kate Mace's home to watch *Iron Jawed Angels: Lead, Follow, or Get Out of the Way*, starring Hilary Swank, Frances O'Connor, Julia Ormond, and Angelica Houston.? It's the true story of Alice Paul and Lucy Burns who led the suffrage movement, risking their lives so women could win the right to vote in the United States.

Kate will share her living room, Jill has the movie, and you can bring some munchies and/or libations. Come enjoy an informal evening with your AAUW friends.

*This is a great way to start the yearlong celebration of the passage one hundred years ago of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote in the U.S. We hope you can join us.*

# Co-Presidents' Corner for March

*By Karen Wagner*

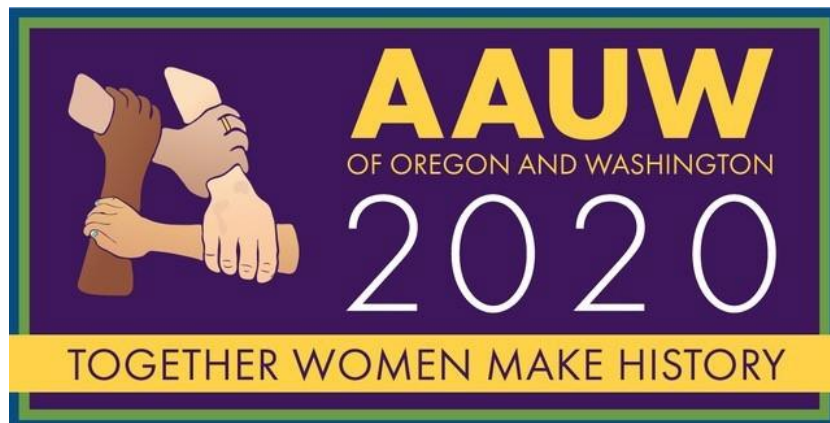
Happy March, a month of greening good luck and emergence—spring roots and shoots and summer planning! I'll just recap our report sent to our State association, and note this year's Convention theme and focus coming to us from above: *"Together Women Make History"* (think 19th Amendment then, now, and into the future), as the contemporaneous need to recognize early childhood education and child care as economic issues.

As you'll have heard multiple times, our Branch is focusing on both our successful ongoing programming and fundraising (as outlined in other arenas); and on the results of a member survey conducted in 2019. The impetus for the survey was the realization that our Branch is not growing and faces challenges meeting our mission and goals without increased participation and internal strength.

Member responses indicate clear value for AAUW's mission and the opportunities it presents for improving quality of life in our community. We identified needs, gaps, and ideas for expanding our ability to serve. The top priorities for our Branch going forward are to:

- Increase the financial means to implement our ongoing projects (STEM, University/College scholarships, Mother-Daughter Choices, and inspiring Branch meetings).
- Find compelling local activities and projects to implement state and national AAUW goals.
- Expand our membership to more broadly represent our community's socio-economic, ethnic, and/or cultural groups.
- Build on our community involvement, partnerships, and collaborations to expand AAUW capacity and visibility.

We have begun dreaming and scheming on these priorities and hope that members new and long-term will be inspired to jump in to fill the many roles and opportunities ahead. Please let the Board know of your interest or questions.



**April 17–19, Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, WA**

**AAUW -- Pendleton Branch**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
February 1, 2020, at the Prodigal Son Theater Room

**Program:** Barbara Lund-Jones, program co-chair, introduced AAUW member Kathryn Quaempts Burke who spoke about “Cultural Sustainability.” Kathryn shared how her family conserved their cultural heritage using different art forms and patterns that were passed from generation to generation. This kept alive not only memories of relatives, but also preserved the cultural context and significance of what the work inferred. Kathryn showed examples of her own and family’s art, notably bead work incorporated into ceremonial gloves and bags. Also, she included paintings and carvings of her late father, Peter Quaempts.

Kate Mace called the business meeting to order at 12:22 p.m. The minutes of the January 4 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

**Finance Vice President Report:** Karen King informed the group about our financial position as of February 1. Savings totaled \$8,159.32 and checking \$1,549.16

**Officer/Project Reports:**

- **Program:** Barbara Lund-Jones/Kate Ely co-chairs: March 7, AAUW will host Griswold High School students who will be presenting short films about historical subjects.
- **Membership:** Joan Deroko said two new members are in the wings, waiting to join in March when membership renewal begins. One of them is Diana Romero who works for OSU Extension Services.
- **Mother/Daughter Choices:** Kate Ely and Mary Davis explained that as the meetings continue during the spring, some of their participants’ attendance becomes spotty because of other obligations. One possible work around they are considering is meeting only once a month on Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., lunch, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. for March through July. Consistency of attendance is very important because a goal of the program is to open up communications between mothers and daughters, especially now when lifelong decisions will be made. Fifth through seventh graders are the targeted age groups to participate in the program.

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Westward Ho! Parade for 2020:** The parade is the Friday before Round-Up. Susan Doyle reported on ideas the Suffrage committee has been discussing to celebrate a century of women’s right to vote. AAUW members on the float will be wearing period garments (white dresses and, also, hats) along with signs and/or banners including AAUW and ERA logos.

Branch members voiced additional ideas: contrast women’s rights ‘back then’ to where they are now, have young people involved in the parade, invite AAUW groups from

Baker City and Wallowa to participate as well as state wide members who have taken part in similar events.

- **Joint Book Group:** AAUW & EOC3 (local climate change coalition). The discussion with EOC3 is ongoing. Mary Davis reported that the concept of a group gathered to only read and discuss books has been expanded to include a learning group (that focuses on an agreed upon topic), reading and discussing a specific document or journal article, watching films or other media, etc. The two groups are still working out the details.
- **Public Policy Board Position:** The position remains open.

#### **New Business:**

- **Karen King**, Finance V.P., led a discussion about branch revenue issues. (See attached handout that accompanied her presentation.) Generally, Grapefruit sale revenue has decreased over the past three years. Our current expenditures exceed the annual income. If this trend continues, and we wish to fund the budget at the current level and not eliminate or reduce programs, Karen suggested five ideas on how we may tackle the problem (please see handout).

A discussion ensued and branch members added other ideas: set a financial goal for sales, advertise using various media (this has not been done recently), increase local dues, and reach out to outlying communities for more sales. This conversation will continue during the year.

- **Movie Night:** Many were interested in watching a movie on the suffrage movement together. The board will decide the ‘where’ and ‘when’.
- **Sponsor Candidates Forum for fall:** The gathered members agreed this was important. Kate Ely, Mary Davis, and Elizabeth Scheeler volunteered to organize it.
- **BMCC Scholarship Recipient:** The board recommended Terri Johnson to receive the scholarship again this year.

#### **Announcements for Upcoming Events:**

1. Next branch meeting March 7 at Prodigal Son, 11 a.m.: Documentary films projects by Griswold High School students.
2. Lunch Bunch: El Charrito, 11:45 a.m., February 20.
3. Board meeting: Karen King’s, 7 p.m., February 20.
4. EO Forum Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at BMCC: “Mental Health of Our Youth” panel.

The meeting concluded at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne Barnes, Co-Secretary

# AAUW Funds — Pendleton

*By Jill Heffner*

The Pendleton Branch of AAUW recently received the AAUW Fund contributions report for 2019. (Although AAUW branches operate on 2018-2019, or 2019-2020 year, the AAUW Funds financial year is from January-December.) The Pendleton branch total contributions from individual members as well as the branch itself totaled \$2320.00. The Pendleton branch has frequently, almost always, been in the top ten contributions per capita in Oregon.

Kendra Davis, AAUW Senior Vice President for Advancement and Partnerships, commended Pendleton on its contributions that

will help create a future where all women have access to bias-free education, fair pay, and careers of their dreams. In the past year alone AAUW has trained more than 102,000 women to negotiate for salaries they deserve, helped pass fair-pay laws, and expanded Empowered leadership workshops. We will continue pushing for stronger equity laws and fight to protect women through Title IX from harassment and unequal educations. We will act to get more women into high-paying STEM jobs...and we will train millions more women to be their own strongest advocates at the negotiating table. Thank you, AAUW Pendleton Branch members.

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## AAUW Funds Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Fund Number \_\_\_\_\_

*Gifts of \$100.00 or more confer membership in the Oregon Century Club, AAUW of Oregon.*

*Gifts of \$25.00 or more may be designated to honor a friend or a loved one:*

Memorial to \_\_\_\_\_

Honor/Tribute (living) to \_\_\_\_\_

AAUW Funds will send acknowledgment to \_\_\_\_\_

(name) \_\_\_\_\_

(address) \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to AAUW FUNDS. Mail or give to Jill Heffner, AAUW Funds Chair. 3302 SW LaDow, Pendleton*