



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
November 2020

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**November 5, Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Rebecca Hiers, Sunrise Mediation,
“Finding Common Ground in these Polarized Times”**

November Program Notes

With so much conflict in the air, it seems a lot more difficult these days to have good conversations about important issues. People feel very strongly that we need change yet disagree vehemently about what that means. Family members, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and so on find themselves getting lost in unproductive arguments that only further entrench their differences. So are there ways that we can converse with others that, instead, can start to build bridges? Fortunately, yes! Rebecca Hiers, a dispute resolution professional, will talk about some helpful techniques for improving communication when we find ourselves caught up in conflict.



**You will receive an email from Dianne and Bruce Barnes
with the link to join the Zoom meeting.
Please sign in at 6:45 so the meeting can start at 7:00**

December 3, Zoom Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Gwen Trice
“My Voice: Building Space in Rural Oregon”**

AAUW Pendleton Branch Leadership Team 2020–2021

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Co-Presidents' Corner for November

We are about to experience a very important election. We have watched the conventions and debates, and I am sure that all of us are anxious and concerned. The COVID-19 pandemic rages on, leaving us on edge about our economy and health.

I am grateful for our AAUW Pendleton chapter as we continue course by maintaining a meeting schedule and planning for future activities and stable funding. It is a comfort to participate alongside such a dedicated and inspiring group.

We have some great programs in the offing, and our grapefruit sale is on schedule. The people on my grapefruit list are enthusiastic and looking forward to grapefruit day. Remember to turn in grapefruit deposits right away to make the accounting easier. A big thank you to the leaders in our group for managing this (our only) fundraiser for AAUW.

Take care and stay well!

Kathryn Chaney



Membership and board meetings will be virtual each month according to the following schedule:

**Membership meetings, first Thursday, 7 p.m.
Board meetings, third Thursday, 7 p.m.**

AAUW Pendleton Branch Programs 2020-2021

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| November 5 | Rebecca Hiers – “Finding Common Ground in these Polarized Times” |
| December 3 | Gwen Trice – “My Voice: Building Space in Rural Oregon” |
| January 7 | Collen Sanders – “Indigenous food systems as Inherent Climate Resilience” |
| February 4 | Kimberly Jenson – “Oregon Women as Non-Citizen ‘Enemies’ During World War I” |
| March 4 | Sarah Gardner – “Pollinators of First Foods Plants in the Blue Mountains” |
| April 1 | Ellen Morris Bishop – “Confluence of Tribal Culture and Geology” |
| May 6 | Mary Davis – “A Report from the UN Commission on the Status of Women” |
| June 3 | TBD |

AAUW – PENDLETON BRANCH
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
October 1, 2020

The General Membership meeting was held via Zoom because of Covid-19 restrictions. Members logged on at 6:45 with the guest speaker being introduced at 7:00 pm. Seventeen members were present plus the guest speaker.

For the Program, Barbara Lund-Jones introduced George Murdock, Umatilla County Commissioner. Commissioner Murdock spoke on “Governing in Uncertain Times.” He shared concerns with governing in the current day and added some personal experiences. e presented a very interesting and informative program followed by a question and answer session. First Zoom branch meeting was a success.

Call to Order: Co-president Kate Mace called the general business meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Grapefruit: Kathy Ward brought us up to date with our fundraiser. We are being charged \$3 more a box, so we will be increasing the cost of the grapefruit to \$23 a box or \$12 a half box. She emailed the list of customers to each member this past week. Receipts will be coming soon. All orders and money must be in by November 20. The order will not be made until that date. No extra boxes of grapefruit will be ordered this year. Deliver/Pick Up will probably be the first Saturday of December. Signup sheet will be available in November.

Finance: Karen King reported that the checking account had a balance of \$317.16 and \$8,160.14 in the savings account.

Karen also presented the Proposed Budget for 2020–21. After explaining the anticipated income was reduced because of expected decrease in grapefruit sales and reduction in Membership. We were able to reduce our expenses mainly because of funding for the scholarship. BMCC reported that we had \$666 balance in the scholarship account (someone hadn’t used all their money) and \$190 in Amy Bedford GED account (which isn’t being used). All balances were rolled into the scholarship account and only an addition \$350 would have to be added this year to meet the \$1,200 scholarship amount.

Kate Ely moved to adopt the budget as presented. Velda Arnaud seconded. Passed unanimously

Wildhorse Gift Certificate: Jill Heffner will be in charge of an online auction for the \$100 gift certificate to Plateau. The proceeds of the auction will go to the AAUW Funds (the original designation for the certificate.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Allen, Co-Recording Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Oct. 15, 2020 – AAUW Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom

Oct 18-Nov. 4, 2020 – Domestic Violence Services, Inc. Virtual Silent Auction.

Nov. 5, 2020 – AAUW Branch Meeting – Rebecca Hiers, Sunrise Mediation, “Finding Common Ground in these Polarized Times,” 6:45 pm Log On, 7:00 pm Guest Speaker, Zoom

Nov. 19, 2020 – AAUW Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom.

Grapefruit Sales Are On

Grapefruit Plan for COVID-19 Times

The AAUW Board decided to go ahead with the grapefruit sale this year. This is the plan to keep our members and customers safe during the coronavirus pandemic.

- **All grapefruit must be paid for in advance!** We will order only boxes that have been paid for. Cash or checks made out to AAUW are accepted.
- **There will be no sorting of grapefruit this year.** Upon pickup of boxes, we will give customers a hand-out explaining who to call if they have bad fruit, and we will replace it. They will have ONE week to call for replacement fruit.
- **All orders and money must be in to Kathy Ward by November 20.** NO EXCEPTIONS! There is no Altrusa Bazaar this year, so you will need to collect money and send money and orders directly to Kathy.
- **No extra boxes of fruit will be ordered this year.** Inform your customers that they need to order all that they want before November 21.
- **Delivery day is tentatively December 5, 9:00 to 2:00** (note new starting time)
- **On delivery day, customers will stay in their cars!** Cars will drive up in lines and one AAUW member will go ask their name and order info. You will bring that info back and check off on the master list. Then, boxes will be taken out and loaded into the customer's car.
- **We will not be taking money on delivery day!** Remind your customers that if they don't pay in advance, they will not get grapefruit.
- **Masks will be required of all members who are working,** and we will need members to help in order for this to go smoothly.
- **If you are paying for a customer or are picking up for them, please make sure that you contact them and let them know. This has been a source of confusion in past years.**

The Board is encouraging all members to continue to sell grapefruit. We think our plan will keep everyone safe. However, if you are hesitant to sell, please contact Kathy Ward or Karen King as soon as possible so we can give your list to someone else. Feel free to add customers but remember: **ALL ORDERS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE!!**