

AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter February 2021

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February 4, Zoom Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Kimberly Jensen,

Professor of History and Gender Studies at WOU, "Oregon Women as Non-Citizen 'Enemies' During WWI"



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.

March 4, Zoom Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Sarah Gardner
"Pollinators of First Foods Plants in the Blue Mountains"

AAUW Pendleton Branch Leadership Team 2020–2021

Co-Presidents

Kathryn Chaney 379-9997 Kate Mace 276-1006

Communications Vice President Michelle Sitz 276-6838

Finance Vice President

Karen King 278-2151

Co-Membership Vice Presidents Mary Davis 983-2481 Joan Deroko 310-9175

Co-Program Vice-Presidents Kate Ely 278-1997 Barbara Lund-Jones 969-9123

Co-Recording Secretaries

Karen Allen 276-2943 Dianne Barnes 969-0660

Appointed Leaders:

BMCC Liaison

Marie Hall 379-5250

Bylaws

Kathy Ward 276-0308

AAUW Funds

Jill Heffner 278-4791

Grapefruit

Kathy Ward & Karen King

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Marlene Krout 276-7596 Elizabeth Scheeler 276-2949

STEM

Miriam Munck 278-5805

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aauw.org

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aauw-or.aauw.net

AAUW Pendleton website

pendleton-or.aauw.net

Co-Presidents' Corner for February

Here we are in 2021 finding ourselves with a female Vice President of the United States!

The AAUW Pendleton Branch has ideas and energy for the new year. We have creative members, and we are planning to try some new strategies for sharing the important duties of the group.

Kathy Ward is stepping away from the grapefruit fundraiser after many years of great leadership and success. Others will step in to lead that effort.

I enjoyed participating in the state president's group that met on Sunday, January 24. We discussed different strategies for energizing and building membership. The focus was on promoting participation among members toward leadership roles.

AAUW can play a role in promoting stability in our somewhat frightening world. Our mission of promoting equity and educational opportunities for young women is a positive step in developing a better environment for everyone.

Mask up and stay well!

Kathryn Chaney, Co-President



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

February 4	Kimberly Jensen – "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

7:00 pm, January 7, 2021

The General Membership meeting was held via Zoom because of Covid-19 restrictions. Nineteen people were present, including four guests and the guest speaker.

For the Program: Co Vice-President of Programs Kate Ely introduced Colleen Sanders, who is the Climate Adaptation Planner at CTUIR. Her topic was on "Indigenous Food Systems for Climate Resilience." She discussed how climate change is affecting indigenous or native foods in the area. She highlighted the problems and possible solutions along with discussing programs the tribe has introduced to deal with the problems.

Call to Order: Co-president Cathy Chaney called the general business meeting to order at 7:56 p.m.

Finance: Karen King reported that the checking account had a balance of \$3,897.16, and the savings account had a balance of \$8,160.96. She also reported on our successful **Grapefruit Sales.** We took in \$3,935 in sales and \$591 in donations from eight members and one nonmember. There was some reported concern that the grapefruit were smaller this year, and one person asked to have her name removed from the call list. Members reported the grapefruit were smaller, but they were still delicious.

Officer/Project Reports:

Program: Barbara Lund-Jones reported that Kimberly Jensen would be our speaker in February discussing "Oregon Women as Non-Citizen 'Enemies' during WWI."

Membership: Joan Deroko reported no new information. Mary Davis also called in with no report.

Directory/Newsletter: No report.

AAUW Funds: No report

Unfinished Business:

STEM: No report

High School Oranges Sale: Kate Mace reported they did not get back to her.

Potential Project: No report

Letter to Pat Beard: Kate Mace reported he had not responded.

New Business:

Wanda Raffety from the Baker County Branch asked if anyone had job descriptions for the officer positions. Karen King indicated she had them and would send a copy of each to her.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Allen, Co-Recording Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

January 21, 2021 – AAUW Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom. February 4, 2021 – AAUW Branch Meeting, 6:45 pm, Zoom. February 21, 2021– AAUW Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Zoom.



Election of Officers in May

Each year, candidates for branch officers are announced in April and elected in May. The nominating committee this year is composed of **Mary Davis**, **Jill Heffner**, **and Marlene Krout**. One of them may be calling you in the next few weeks about serving in one of the open positions. Most of the officers are now co-officers, which makes serving easier and more flexible as it is a shared position.

As with most groups, the same people end up serving in various positions over their years of participation. Newer members are especially needed to step up and take part in leadership. If you have any questions about job descriptions, please contact any one of the nominating committee. All of the offices below are for a term of two years.

Co-President
Co-Program Vice President
Co-Membership Vice President
Finance Vice President
Secretary (or two Co-Secretaries)



Pendleton Branch Funds Chair Report

By Jill Heffner

Thank you, Pendleton Branch and individuals, for your contributions to AAUW Funds. As with most things, change is inevitable in the quest to streamline and improve; ergo, the funds as we used to know them have been restructured. None of the existing funds were erased, but they were just grouped under four major fund titles, enabling AAUW to better carry out its vision for the future. The four main funds are:

Fund #9110 — Greatest Needs Fund allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize your gift where it is needed most.

Fund #4449 — Economic Security Fund combines three Funds: Start Smart, Work Smart, and Legal Advocacy Fund.

Fund #4450 — Education and Training combines STEM, Title IX, Public Policy and Research (Eleanor Roosevelt Fund).

Fund # 4452 — Leadership Fund funds NCCWSL and Campus Action Projects.

Contributions to AAUW Funds are fully tax-deductible and can be sent to the branch's AAUW Funds Chair or made directly online at www.aauw.org/contribute.

Program Notes for February 4 Zoom Meeting Kimberly Jensen on Non-Citizen Enemies in WWI

During the First World War, the United States, along with other combatant nations and some neutral nations and colonies, registered, policed, and interned residents who were citizens of enemy nations. The complexities of this wartime registration were compounded by the Expatriation Act of 1907, federal legislation mandating that U.S.-born women who married non-citizen men lost their own citizenship and took the citizenship of their husband.

In Oregon, over a quarter of the 1,567 women who registered as non-citizen enemies were born in the United States and had been U.S. citizens before marriage. The case of non-citizen "enemy" registration suggests some important historical foundations for surveillance, citizenship, and civil liberties in subsequent decades and in our own current day.

For information about Kimberly Jensen's books, articles, and upcoming presentations, please visit www.kimberlyjensen.net.

Stephanie Kwolek Polymer STEM Project

On a recent Sunday, Miriam Munck, Kathy Ward, and Karen King got together and put 234 polymer kits together for the Stephanie Kwolek Polymer Project. Parents then picked up the kits at Sunridge Middle School, and the 6th grade teachers at the school will do five experiments with the students sometime in the near future. We hope they will be able to do screen shots of the students doing the work, so we have photos.



Kit supplies.



The box with the supplies.



Miriam Munck assembling kit boxes.



Karen King and Kathy Ward Assembling boxes.