



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter **January 2021**

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January 7, Zoom Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Colleen Sanders,
Climate Adaptation Planner at CTUIR,
“Indigenous Food Systems as Inherent Climate Change”**



**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.**

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

**Kimberly Jensen
“Oregon Women as Non-Citizen ‘Enemies’ During WWI”**

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Co-Presidents' Corner for January

By Kathryn Chaney

I hope everyone had a holiday filled with family and fun, putting a nice bow on a difficult year. Our grapefruit sale was a success! Congratulations and thanks are in order for the great crew that planned and pulled off this year's modified event.

We finally made it past 2020! There is hope for ending the pandemic due to two new vaccines. Even with that breakthrough, we realize that all will not be completely back to normal for many months.

Fortunately, we have learned to communicate effectively on virtual platforms so we can continue to conduct interesting and educational programs and plan events and activities within the AAUW mission.

Our Program Committee has excellent programs planned for the coming year, starting with general meeting on January 7 with Colleen Sanders. You will receive the link from Dianne Barnes so that you can join on Zoom by 6:45, in plenty of time for the program.

Happy New Year! See you in 2021, a new year with new adventures and opportunities!



**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

January 7	Colleen Sanders – “Indigenous food systems as Inherent Climate Resilience”
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
Virtual General Membership Meeting on Zoom
7:00 PM December 3, 2020**

The meeting was held virtually on Zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Program Co-Vice-President Barbara Lund-Jones introduced **Gwen Trice**, founder of the Maxville Interpretive Center located in Joseph, Oregon. Her talk was titled: My Voice: Building Space in Rural Oregon. Gwen shared a video she produced that portrayed what it was like for a Black person to have lived and work in Maxville, Oregon. She then continued with her experiences of growing up Black in Eastern Oregon and beyond and invited us as women to stand together and support each other.

The business meeting was called to order at 8:19 p.m., and the November membership minutes were approved as printed with no corrections or additions. Two guests were introduced: Pat Hines and Ailea Villanueva.

Finance Vice President Report: Karen King said the savings account balance was \$8,160.55, and the check account had \$15,541.16. She indicated that the grapefruit bill had not been paid yet but would total around \$12,000.

Officer/Project Reports:

1. AAUW (National) Funds—Jill Heffner gave a brief overview of the detailed fund purposes that comprise the AAUW Funds. She encouraged members to send their donations to her by December 15, so they would be counted in 2020.

2. Programs—Barbara Lund-Jones and Kate Ely: January 7, Collen Sanders' talk is titled: "Indigenous food systems as Inherent Climate Resilience."

3. Grapefruit—Karen King reminded everyone of the plan that has been put together due to Covid-19 for safeguarding customers and AAUW workers.

Unfinished Business:

Proposed STEM Project with local 6th graders: **Miriam Munck**, STEM coordinator will be asked to write an article for the newsletter explaining the project.

Announcements:

Grapefruit Delivery Day Saturday, December 5, 9–2 p.m.

January Branch Meeting Thursday – January 7, at 7:00 p.m.

January Board Meeting – January 15, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Barnes, Co-Recording Secretary

*Thank you Kathy and Karen for another successful
grapefruit year?*

AAUW Pendleton Branch STEM Projects

AAUW STEM has two projects for this year. In November, twenty Sunridge Middle School girls were able to take part in Girls in Science. Kits were supplied by NEOAHEC (North East Oregon Area Health Education Center), and girls connected to Eastern Oregon University professors via Zoom. The topic was Covid.

The second project also connects with Sunridge Middle School students. Sixth grade girls and boys will learn about chemist Stephanie Kwolek and her work to develop Kevlar (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1pepaAdkWA>). Exploration kits will be provided to the students; their teachers will guide them through five activities learning about polymers and how polymer properties can be modified through chemical reactions, similar to Stephanie Kwolek's work. The polymer is gelatin, and the chemical additives are baking soda, cream of tartar, and alum. The curriculum was developed as part of the "Thinking Like the Great Inventors" program by EOU professors/science educators Dr. Michael Jaeger and Dr. Miriam Munck (<https://sites.google.com/a/eou.edu/stem-stories/stephanie-kwolek-1>).

Greater Oregon STEM Hub (GO STEM) at EOU provided safety glasses and calibrated measuring cups toward the project. AAUW will provide materials and construct the kits. Depending on how Pendleton School District implements Oregon governor's latest decision on opening schools, the materials will be provided as classroom sets or individual student kits. We plan to have this ready to go late January and to be implemented in January/February.

Miriam Munck, Ed.D.
Professor Emeritus
Eastern Oregon University



January Program Notes

Colleen Sanders, First Foods Policy Climate Adaptation Planner at CTUIR, is the planner on the CTUIR's Climate Adaptation Plan: Planning for the Uncertain Future.

The climate crisis is changing the way the People and First Foods live together; the Climate Adaptation Plan will help prepare CTUIR for these changes. This Climate Adaptation Plan has been created to prepare current and future generations to be prepared, and to take action to reduce the harm to tribal communities that the climate crisis will bring. Efficient and creative preparation for change is the most effective way of reducing harm, and this document represents one step in a long line of tribal adaptation methods in the face of global change.