



## **AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter** **June 2021**

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**June 3, Zoom Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m.**

**Mary Davis**

**“A Report from the UN Commission  
on the Status of Women”**



**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.**

**June 17, 6:30 p.m., on Kate Mace’s deck**

**Special board meeting, all members invited.**

**“Yearend wrap-up and program planning for next year.”**

## 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

Newsletter & Directory Editor  
Susan Doyle 969-7660

Public Policy  
Marlene Krout 276-7596  
Elizabeth Scheeler 276-2949

STEM  
Miriam Munck 278-5805

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AAUW of Oregon website  
[aauw-or.aauw.net](http://aauw-or.aauw.net)

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

## Co-Presidents' Corner for June

We have all faced significant challenges in the last year and a half. The pandemic threw a wrench into our plans, but also opened the door for developing new skills and opportunities. The Pendleton AAUW Branch has successfully carried out business on the virtual platform thanks to our tech wizard, Dianne Barnes. We are so grateful to her for providing the platform for our general and board meetings throughout the pandemic.

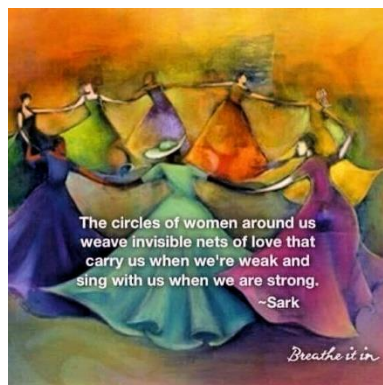
Also In the last year, we have experienced increased awareness of racism in the United States. We are encouraged to take a look into our own biases and endeavor to address them. With the conviction of Derek Chauvin, we can be hopeful that change is coming and that racial disparities will be more effectively addressed in our communities and in the whole country. There is a long way to go to achieve a more equitable and fair society, and I believe that AAUW can be a leader for needed changes.

Great things are coming our way this summer! I was so happy to receive information about the 2021 Summer Skills Camp. I so enjoyed the camp in 2020 and was delighted to have access to the workshops in a virtual format. It will be virtual again this year and therefore accessible to us all. I notice several great topics that are being researched for this summer's camp. The camp is planned for August 16 – 26.

Some ideas being considered:

The impact of COVID on women • branch team building and training • planning for fundraisers • identifying compelling programs • public policy considerations • use of social media to promote AAUW and the local branch.

Kathy Chaney  
Co-President



*Have a glorious summer!*

**AAUW – PENDLETON BRANCH**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
May 6, 2021, 7:00 pm

The General Membership meeting was held via Zoom because of Covid-19 restrictions. Twenty-six people were present including seven candidates.

**PROGRAM - Candidates Fair** – A candidates' fair was conducted for all position on Pendleton School District 16R Board of Directors and for Zone 3 of Blue Mountain Community College Board. Each candidate was given 5 minutes for an opening statement. This was followed by a short question and answer period with each candidate having 2 minutes to respond. At the end, the candidates were given 1 minute for a closing statement. Karen Wagner acted as the moderator and Marlene Krout as the timekeeper. Mary Davis was the 3<sup>rd</sup> member of the committee.

PSD Position 1 – Beth Harrison and Rodney Thompson  
PSD Position 4 - Preston Eagleheart and Joey GrosJacques  
PSD Position 7 – Patrick Gregg and Briana Spencer  
BMCC Zone 3 - Carrie Sampson Samuels

**CALL TO ORDER:** Co-president Kate Mace called the general business meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

**FINANCE:** Karen King reported the checking account had a balance of \$762.12 and the savings account \$10,161.43.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Marlene Krout presented the Slate of Officers. All terms are for two years unless noted otherwise.

Co-President: Susan Doyle  
Co-Program Vice Presidents: Harriet Isom, Barbara Lund-Jones (one year)  
Co-Membership Vice Presidents: Kate Ely, Sue Petersen  
Co-Finance Vice Presidents: Marlene Krout (Branch), Kate Mace (Dues)  
Co-Secretaries: Jiff Heffner, Kathy Ward

Marlene Krout moved to elect the slate of officers as presented. Kathy Ward seconded.  
Approved

**AAUW FUNDS** –Jill Heffner announced that Dianne Barnes (Zoom Coordinator) and Miriam Munck (STEM) were named **GRANT HONOREES**.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Karen King welcomed Ailea Villanueva as a new member. We have 23 members who have renewed their memberships. 16 have not yet renewed. Karen will send out a reminder to send their check to her or renew online.

**PUBLIC POLICY** – Marlene Krout reminded people to vote on open membership. A certain % of membership needs to vote for the election.

**OTHER** – Susan Doyle mentioned that her email wasn't being picked up by everyone. Let her know if you aren't getting the newsletter. Also make sure you check your spam folder.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Allen, Co-Recording Secretary

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

May 20, 2021 – Board Meeting 7:00:pm

May 20, 2021 – Lunch Bunch – McKay Community Park, 11:45 am

*You're Invited to a*  
**Zoomless Wrap-Up Meeting June 17 (YAY!!)**

*By Kate Mace*

We will be having a “live” wrap-up meeting on our deck on Thursday, June 17. at 6:30 . We will be starting to plan for next year's programs that may be a mix of live and Zoom formats. Our Program VPs Barbara Lund-Jones and Harriet Isom would really appreciate your ideas and input. Do join us or send your ideas directly to them.

You may bring an appetizer, wine, or other beverage if you would like, and I will also serve wine and cheese. Please **RSVP by Wednesday, June 16** to [macekathleen@yahoo.com](mailto:macekathleen@yahoo.com). Or you may leave a message at 541-276-1006. Sorry, but I must insist—Covid vaccinated members only, please. I want everyone to be safe.

The address is 1040-C NW 12th Street, on the upper level. Plenty of parking is available.

**New Member**

Ailea Villanueva  
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Pendleton, OR 97801

261-210-2329  
[aileaj@gmail.com](mailto:aileaj@gmail.com)

## Member's Corner

At our AAUW year's end, here is another of Karen King's thought-provoking posts on Facebook:

Rant & Rave: Day 22. Have you heard of the "Tragedy of the Commons?" The term was first used by Garrett Hardin. Basically, it means a situation when individual users who have access to a common resource act in their own self-interest and contrary to the common good of all users, causing a depletion of the resource. Some examples are overfishing of streams or the ocean, overgrazing of public lands, overuse of National Parks, or overuse of water from an aquifer.

Consider a rural area where a family builds a home and drills a well, say 300 feet deep, for personal use. Neighbors move in and also drill wells about 300 feet deep. They are all using water from the same aquifer (a common resource). Now a neighbor moves in, drills a well 600 feet deep and waters a large alfalfa field. Soon the wells that are only 300 feet deep go dry, and the resource (groundwater from the aquifer) is depleted. Their only choice is to drill deeper wells, so they have to drill to 600 feet deep or more. Before long, it becomes "a race to the bottom" of the aquifer, and those with the most money who can afford to drill the deepest wells win.

Are there solutions? Yes, but they often involve regulating consumption of use of the natural resource. It's an interesting ethical issue. To learn more, just google "The Tragedy of the Commons."

### Another Member's View on Tragedy of the Commons

Susan Doyle

Garrett Hardin described this concept in 1968 to understand the world population problem. But it explains so much more. When I was in an American Studies doctoral program in the late 1980s, Tragedy of the Commons was a core concept in culture studies, and it is now central to my world view.

Tragedy of the Commons explains that when a resource is held in common, with many people and entities having access to it, some users will act in self-interest and exploit it for their benefit, while the costs and damages are spread among all the other users.

We can see this effect in both cultural and physical environments. The first example I learned was the situation in colonial times when the cattle owned by all the villagers grazed in areas everyone had access to, or "the commons." Eventually the area was depleted, and new areas had to be found for the cattle. In this situation, the resource was unlimited, but when the resource is limited, either by availability or ownership, the consequences are profound.

In Karen's example above, the resource is water used by individuals. Expand that to an industrial level of use of natural resources where regulation is necessary to control overuse and damage to the environment. Companies exploit natural resources and make billions, leaving the consequences or "costs" to the public. Oil spills, strip mine pits, whole mountainsides gone, and polluted waterways are the costs of exploiting resources.

In the business world, companies exploit their employees by treating and paying them poorly to increase profits. On a larger scale, immense profits are made by a few individuals and corporations exploiting business and financial worlds. The human costs of this concentration of wealth is staggering, resulting in the inequities we have today.

Tragedy of the Commons has been expressed in a simple equation, **PP = CC**, where Private Profit equals Common Cost. It expresses aspects of human behavior that society has yet to adequately address. Understanding that greed and disregard of others in the public domain can have drastic consequences for all of us brings us back to Karen's question, are there solutions? My simplistic answer is also yes, and it is why we need all agencies, parts, and levels of government. I leave you with much to think about.