



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
May 2022

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Harriet Isom's
"Collection of Jewelry and Textiles"



Saturday, May 7
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
at Harriet's Ranch

Meet at Heritage Station at 12:30 p.m. to carpool,
or there are driving directions on the next page.

June 4 In-Person Membership Meeting
Time and Location TBD

Social and Planning Meeting and
Installation of Officers

**AAUW Pendleton Branch
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Dues, Kate Mace 276-1006

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Co-Presidents' Corner for May

We are fast approaching the end of our AAUW year. While public health experts are saying we are out of the pandemic and entering the endemic phase, Covid is still very much with us and still influencing our lives in this time of transition.

That said, on May 7 we are going to have our first in-person meeting in over two years. Harriet Isom will show us her extraordinary collection of jewelry and textiles she acquired in her travels and foreign service worldwide.

Following the program and refreshments, we will have a business meeting to elect officers and approve bylaws changes.

At our membership meeting in June we will install the officers and discuss program ideas for next year. The time and location haven't been determined, but it will be a time to gather and socialize in an outdoor setting for our last membership meeting of the year.

I look forward to seeing you in person again soon!

Susan Doyle, Co-President

Saturday, May 7, at Harriet Isom's

Harriet will be in peacock mode in showing off clothes and jewelry that she has collected during her foreign service life and travels abroad, as well as here at home. She will offer a Mother's Day dessert and drinks in the Safari Room. And Susan plans an ultra-short business meeting.

Directions: Drive west on I-84 to exit 199 (Yoakum Road). Turn left (south) over the freeway, go a quarter of a mile on gravel road to the first crossroad, and turn left on Isom Lane.

Parking: Come up Isom Lane to the oasis compound, and there's room for three or four cars in the parking area west of my house (the first house). There is plenty of extra parking space down the hill in the area of the second house and ranch buildings. Please don't park on the grass (sprinkler heads get broken).

Pendleton #10

CONGRATULATIONS! Your branch was in the top 10 in the state for contributions to the AAUW Funds in 2021. The total contributions for your branch are \$2,460.

Thank you all for your generous contributions!

Claudia Gray, AAUW OR Funds Co-Chair
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AAUW PENDLETON
Membership Meeting via ZOOM
April 14, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Co-President Susan Doyle called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March membership meeting were approved as presented.

FINANCE: Co- Finance VP Marlene Krout reported \$472.07 in checking, \$10,337.49 in savings. Co-Finance VP Kate Mace reported AAUW annual dues have increased to \$92.00. There are three free National memberships available to the branch to be used by those who could use them; one person has already applied.

OFFICER/PROJECTS REPORTS

PROGRAMS: Program Co-VP Barbara Lund-Jones announced the next program will be Saturday, May 7, 1:00 p.m. at the home of Harriet Isom.

Marlene reported she has not been able to connect with Suzie Barhyte of Barhyte Specialty Foods for the June program. She will keep trying.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership Co-VP Sue Petersen reported she has volunteers for the Calling Committee, so Susan said to go ahead. Karen asked that each member be asked if they would like to be called or not. Susan will send the board an updated membership list.

AAUW FUNDS: Jill reported on the 2022 Awards Celebration at the AAUW of OR Annual Meeting held April 9th via ZOOM. Pendleton Branch was #10 in the state for AAUW Funds contributions in 2021. Jill noted the individual members who were listed in the AAUW Funds Donors for 2021 and the memorials given to AAUW Funds in honor of Sue Waldman.

SUE PETERSEN was honored as the **Pendleton Branch Named Gift Honoree**. Congratulations, Sue, and thank you for all your successes with memberships.

Jill also announced a **Title IX 50th Anniversary Challenge**. Donate \$50.00 (50th Anniversary) in May or June, designated to Fund 9110 Greatest Needs Fund. Send your checks to Jill at 3303 SW LaDow Ave, Pendleton, by the end of June.

The honoree for the Breaking Barriers Achievement Award is Lisa Palermo, Director of Tradeswomen of Oregon.

AAUW of OR ANNUAL MEETING: Jill sent her reports of the Zoom meetings to the membership via e-mail. Susan commented on the excellent speaker Neesha Patel, OHSU, who spoke on the subject of Aging Gracefully. Her key words were: Eat your veggies. Be positive. Be kind. And smile.

SUE WALDMAN MEMORIAL FUND: Marlene reported “the second STEM project was completed, and Ken Jacobs, Sunridge Middle School instructor, was reimbursed \$180.79, and Miriam Munk, STEM Chair, was earlier reimbursed \$416.15 for the purchase of materials for a science project for 8th grade students. These STEM expenses were paid from the Sue Waldman Memorial Special Projects Fund.” She reported that the scholarship recipient is close to being chosen.

CONTINUING BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April Lunch Bunch – Thursday, April 21, Joe’s Fiesta, 11:45 a.m.

April Board Meeting – Thursday, April 21, ZOOM, 7:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting – Saturday, May 7, 1:00 p.m. at Harriet’s. Meet at Heritage Station at 12:30 to carpool.

Meeting Adjourned 8:20

Jill Heffner, Co-Secretary

Note: May Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, May 19, at the Golf Course at Birch Creek (the former Pendleton Country Club). Meet at Heritage Station at 11:30 to carpool.

IT’S ANNUAL DUES TIME

The AAUW membership year begins July 1, and collection of membership dues has begun. The membership form is on the last page of this newsletter.

Please renew as soon as possible and mail your check to Kate Mace, along with the filled-out membership form, by June 30. We need the form to fulfill national requirements, and it also provides the information needed for the membership directory that is printed in the fall.

Note: Life members (Kate Mace and Julianne Sawyer) pay only state and branch dues. Honorary Life members (Alerita Burns, Hope Fischer, and June Whitten) pay **no** dues.

A Special Offer this Year

Thanks to the great effort on Sue Peterson's part, the branch is receiving three “free” association memberships. The Board made the decision to ask if there would be anyone who would like to take advantage of one of these memberships. We realize that we have members on fixed incomes and with the present economy, money can be tight. This way we won't lose any of our dear members. We have one taker thus far so that leaves two more for the asking.

Call or email me, as dues treasurer, to let me know if you would like to take advantage of this boon. This is for ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP ONLY, and the member will still pay state and branch dues of \$16 and \$9 respectively. The deadline to contact me is May 15. All arrangements are confidential between me and the recipient.

Thanks, Kate Mace
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541-276-1006 (h)

May Membership Business Meeting

The May 7 membership business meeting will be very brief. The only business will be the election of officers and approval of bylaw changes.

The officers to be elected at the meeting are:

Communications VP: Joan Deroko (two years)
Program VP: Barbara Lund-Jones (one year)

The bylaws amendments to be approved are below (new language is **red bold**, deleted language is ~~crossed out~~). The changes are primarily redefining the two finance vice president positions, one for accounts and budget and the other for dues management.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

Section 1. Purpose. ~~The purpose of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. The purpose of the Affiliate is to further AAUW purposes and policies.~~ **Mission statement: AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.**

ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS

Section 1. Officer

- a. The elected officers for the branch shall be president, ~~(finance vice president,)~~ **finance vice presidents: finance vice president accounts & budget/finance vice president dues**, membership vice president, program vice president, communications vice president, and secretary.
- d. The following officers shall be elected in odd years: ~~finance vice president~~ **finance vice president accounts & budget/finance vice president dues** and secretary.

Section 3. Vacancies

- a. A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by the following procedures:
 1. In the event of a temporary absence or short-term vacancy the co-president will assume the duties of the presidency. If there is no co-president the ~~four~~ vice-presidents (communications, ~~finance~~ **finance vice president accounts & budget/finance vice president dues**, membership, and program) will select one of themselves to assume the duties of the presidency.
- b. A vacancy in the office of communications, ~~finance~~ **finance vice president accounts & budget/finance vice president dues**, membership or program vice presidents or the secretary of one year or longer will require the executive committee (~~board~~) to direct a nominating committee to initiate a process for receiving nominations and presenting nominees to the executive committee.

Section 4. Duties

- d. The ~~finance officer~~ **finance vice president accounts & budget** shall be responsible for collecting, distributing and accounting for the funds of the branch and for meeting specific deadlines. **The finance vice president for dues shall be responsible for collecting, distributing, and accounting for dues of the branch.**

Sue Waldman Memorial Funds

Marlene Krout

Now that most of the preliminary work has been completed to set up accounts/funds and the process for using the monies in the way the Waldman family hoped could be achieved, as the branch Fund Contact person, I want to inform the membership of what is now in place to honor Sue, fund STEM projects, and award annually at least two \$2,500 scholarships.

Initially, it was determined an overarching fund that was a (501)(c)(3) was needed to be able to accomplish the variety of choices Sue and her family were passionate about supporting. AAUW of Oregon has set up just such a fund for branches like Pendleton that do not have the (501)(c)(3) status that the monies from the Waldman family investments could transfer into, without losing monies to taxes. This fund is titled AAUW of Oregon Special Projects Fund, and the Sue Waldman Memorial Special Projects Fund is set up under that umbrella and into which the annual required minimum distribution from the Waldman investments is transferred and out of which the Pendleton Branch STEM projects and scholarships are paid. This year two STEM projects at Sunridge Middle School were funded; one which both boys and girls in science classes benefited and which our STEM Chair, Miriam Munk, assisted with by purchasing and organizing the supplies for each student's experiment. The second project selected by Miriam was put together by Ken Jacobs, woodshop teacher at Sunridge Middle School. This project taught physics concepts by building trebuchets.

Next the scholarships, which the Memorial Committee (Kate Mace, Mary Davis, and Marlene Krout) soon realized that to be comprehensive, with the correct process and outcome, required much more than we realized. So, with the endorsement of the Board the committee researched several foundations known in this area for scholarship programs. All these entities were very helpful; however, most either required larger amounts of money, only awarded scholarships to students graduating high school, or only awarded scholarships to students attending their institutions.

Only one foundation met our needs for women in sophomore, junior, or senior years in college, completed all the advertising and application process, allowed interested family members or AAUW members to assist with the selection process, allowed the student to attend any college of their choice, and allowed "pass-through funds" (a certain amount is deposited in the foundation and the same amount deposited is awarded, with the exception of a minimal fee for their efforts). Again, with the endorsement of the Board, the Blue Mountain Community Foundation (BMCF), a 501(c)(3) with offices in Walla Walla and which covers several counties in Washington and Umatilla County in Oregon, met all our criteria and was selected to provide the structure for the Sue Waldman Memorial Scholarship Fund. An agreement establishing the Sue Waldman Memorial Scholarship Fund was signed by the AAUW Pendleton Branch and BMCF, and \$5,300.00 has been transferred from the Sue Waldman Special Projects Fund to BMCF for the Sue Waldman Memorial Scholarship Fund. Hence, we are now ready to evaluate applications, select the recipients, and award two \$2,500.00 scholarships.

The Pendleton Branch has been so honored to work with the Waldman family to complete the structure for both STEM and scholarship funds. It seems like this should be a fairly simple process to give away money; however, to meet the 501(c)(3) requirements and to assure all legalities were put in place to do so made us aware this structure was necessary, especially given the family intends to provide these funds annually for many years. And now we are really, really excited to see these efforts come to fruition and award the first round of scholarships!

AAUW Pendleton STEM Projects

By Miriam Munck

This academic year, AAUW funded three projects:

1. Girls in Science.

Again this year, Girls in Science was an on-line event, sponsored by Eastern Oregon University and Northeast Oregon Area Health Education Center. Nine girls from Sunridge Middle School participated. Materials for the daylong session were mailed to the participants.

The girls were divided into teams to solve a COVID related STEM problem. All of the aspects of STEM, science, technology, engineering and math, were included. Participants worked with an EOU mentor via Zoom and reported their findings to the whole Girls in Science group. Nichole Erwin, sixth grade science teacher, recruited the girls and followed up with discussions and comments. The cost was \$10/girl, \$90 total.

2. Polymer Chemistry, Stephanie Kwolek, and Kevlar.

This activity was a whole class project lead by Sunridge Middle School Teachers Nichole Erwin and Matt Baty. Boys and girls participated as there is value in boys learning about a woman chemist who greatly contributed to our lives. Also, running this project during regular school days requires all students, boys and girls, be involved. Total of 227 students participated. AAUW supplied the materials for the 6 activities, cost was approximately \$419.

Stephanie Kwolek, a woman chemist, invented Kevlar, a polymer, in 1964. Students explored polymer chemistry, much like Stephanie Kwolek did, investigating physical properties of a gelatin polymer, and how the properties changed with the addition of other chemicals, borax, alum, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt.

Comments from Nichole Erwin:

Baty's class: 95 students, 57 boys, 38 girls

Erwin's class: 132 students, 66 boys, 66 girls

Total students 227

We started with a personal reflection: What identities or roles do you have? Which is most significant to you? Why? Which is most significant to others? Why?

This segued into Kwolek's journey as a woman and a scientist. The next objective was to generate awareness of polymers and monomers and what kind of things are made with this science. As the students conducted lab tests, they kept data on color, smell, material responses to stretch, bounce, strength. Once all data was collected, they had to analyze their data and had to create a plan for the challenge to create either the longest stretch polymer or the biggest bounce using the data they had collected.

3. Trebuchet Building and Testing.

This project was part of the woodshop curriculum, Ken Jacobs, teacher. Ken reports:

I had 44 kids involved, 28 boys 16 girls. The winning team was two boys one girl. The largest machine was created by an all-girls team. AAUW funded materials costs, approximately \$180.

Buried in engineering and testing Trebuchets were science concepts, force, motion, simple machines, Newton's Laws, math, and technology-using tools. Mostly it was just good fun and competition!

Thanks again for the continued support.



**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
PENDLETON BRANCH**

Membership Form — July 2022–June 2023

Please check category below:

Renewing Members

Association Dues \$67

State Dues \$16

Branch Dues \$ 9

Full Year = \$92

New Members

Shape the Future

Association Dues \$33.50

State Dues \$16.00

Branch Dues \$ 9.00

Full Year = \$58.50

**ONLY New Members
need to fill this in
unless you have a
new degree**

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