



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
September 2023

AAUW Pendleton Branch
September Membership Meeting

Fall Membership Potluck



Thursday, September 8

5:30 p.m.

Kathy Ward's Deck

43578 SW McKay Dr.

Please bring a main dish or dessert,
Beverages, cups plates, and utensils will be provided

October Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 6, 7:00 pm

Vert Clubroom

County Commissioners Forum

**AAUW Pendleton Branch
Leadership Team 2021–2022**

President
Susan Doyle 969-7660

Communications Vice President
Joan Deroko 310-9175

Co-Finance Vice Presidents
Marlene Krout 276-7596
Dues, Kate Mace 276-1006

Co-Membership Vice Presidents
Kate Ely 278-1997
Sue Petersen 276-4569

Co-Program Vice-Presidents
Barbara Lund-Jones 969-9123
Harriet Isom 278-8046

Co-Recording Secretaries
Kathy Ward 276-0308
Jill Heffner 278-4791

Appointed Leaders:

BMCC Liaison
Marie Hall 379-5250

AAUW Funds
Jill Heffner 278-4791

Grapefruit
Karen King 278-2151

Newsletter & Directory Editor
Susan Doyle 969-7660

Public Policy
Regina Braker 663-6148

STEM
Miriam Munck 278-5805

Website
Marty King 276-8210

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aauw-or.aauw.net

AAUW Pendleton website
pendleton-or.aauw.net

President's Corner for September

By Susan Doyle

Welcome back to a new year of AAUW Pendleton Branch activities. Our program chairs Harriet Isom and Barbara Lund-Jones are working on another excellent year of programs that we will announce in late September. Some will be in person and others on Zoom as we navigate our post-pandemic world.

We will start with our annual fall membership potluck at Kathy Ward's home on Thursday, September 8, at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a main dish or dessert. Beverages and dinnerware will be provided. To get to Kathy's, go south on US 395 and turn left on SW McKay Drive. Her house is 43578, on the right. If you can, it would be a good idea to carpool. Please RSVP if you plan to attend (reply to email or call Kathy Ward at 541-429-0936).

I am saddened by the loss of past co-president Kathy Chaney this summer to cancer. She had recently retired from a distinguished career in social services and had been a strong and supportive leader of our branch for the past two years. The branch will donate books to the Pendleton Public Library this fall in memory of Kathy and longtime member Andrea Timmermann.

With fall virtually upon us, I hope cooler weather will begin soon. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

AAUW Pendleton Branch BMCC Scholarship Recipient for 2022–23

Katrina “Joy” Holmes

Katrina “Joy” Holmes is entering her second year at Blue Mountain Community College where she is studying administrative professional science. She is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and has earned a place on the President's List every term she has attended. Joy is a budding entrepreneur and intends to launch her own freelance business geared towards authors and bloggers, offering proofreading and editing services as well as literary administrative support. When she is not studying, Joy can be found spending time with her two children and her cat or curled up with a fantasy novel and a cup of coffee.



AAUW Pendleton Membership Meeting June 2, 2022, via ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER: Co-President Susan Doyle called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Eleven members were present, including one new member introduced by Sue Petersen.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May membership meeting were accepted as presented.

FINANCE: Co- Finance VP Marlene Krout reported \$1,387.07 in checking, \$10,337.49 in savings.

In the absence of Co-Finance VP Kate Mace, Susan reminded members to send in their dues before the end of this month. It is advised the dues be sent via checks to Kate at 1040-C NW 12th St., Pendleton, instead of trying to pay dues online; the National website seems to still be a challenge.

OFFICER/PROJECTS REPORTS

PROGRAMS: No report at this time as the “program” following this meeting will be a discussion of possible programs for 2022–23.

AAUW FUNDS and TITLE IX: Because it is the 50th Anniversary of Title IX, Jill Heffner gave a brief explanation of Title IX and how AAUW Funds of Oregon is honoring that anniversary with a challenge to contribute to AAUW Funds before the end of June. Jill reported three members have already contributed. Make out the check to AAUW Funds, write Title IX/Greatest Needs Fund on the note line of the check and mail to Jill at 3303 SW LaDow Ave., Pendleton.

Karen King reported she and Marlene are writing an article about Title IX/ AAUW to submit to the *East Oregonian*.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Susan installed Joan Deroko as incoming Communication Vice-President and Barbara Lund-Jones as Program Co-Vice President.

NOTE: “The following officers are to be signatories for AAUW bank accounts for July 2022 through June 2023: Susan B. Doyle, President; Marlene Krout, Co-Finance VP; Kathleen Mace, Co-Finance VP; and Karen King, Grapefruit Fundraiser Chair.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

June Lunch Bunch—Thursday, June 16, Wildhorse Golf Course Clubhouse. Meet at Heritage Station at 11:30 to carpool

June Board Meeting—Thursday, June 16th, (probably but maybe not) ZOOM, 7:00 p.m.

EOS Symphony—Saturday, June 11. One volunteer from Branch needed to help take tickets.

Talk to Sue Petersen at 541-377- 0752

Meeting Adjourned 7:21 p.m.

Jill Heffner, Co-Secretary

Published in the *East Oregonian*, June 25, 2022:

Title IX's impact on equity in education

By Karen King



Title IX of the Education Amendments of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was signed into law on June 23, 1972, by President Richard M. Nixon. Title IX states: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” As we reach the 50th anniversary of this landmark legislation, it is important to review its impact on educational equity.

Title IX is best known for its impact on female athletics. It requires the equal treatment of female and male student-athletes in everything from equipment and supplies to scheduling of games and practice times to recruitment to coaching. Thus it has created a more equal playing field for male and female athletes, and the number of female athletes has climbed more than ten times since the law was passed. Furthermore, Title IX has allowed women to gain the recognition and remuneration in sports they have long deserved.

Not only has Title IX had significant impact on athletics, but it has also had far-reaching effects in other areas. Title IX protects students as well as staff in elementary schools, secondary schools, colleges and universities, for-profit schools, career and technical education programs, libraries and museums receiving federal funding. The law affects all areas of education, including in the areas of career and technical education; science, technology, engineering and math (STEM); sexual harassment and assault; harassment based on gender identity; recruitment, admissions and housing; pregnant, parenting and/ or married students; comparable facilities and access to course offerings; financial assistance; and student health services and insurance benefits.

Despite the progress toward gender equity realized by the passing of Title IX, there is still room for improvement. Sexual harassment continues to be a significant problem for female students, creating barriers to an equal education. In some schools, girls still do not have equal opportunity to play sports that boys have. In schools where students are predominantly racial and ethnic minorities, progress for girls in sports and academics still lags far behind that of boys. Boys and men still dominate STEM and other fields that lead to the highest paying jobs. Full implementation of Title IX will require stronger enforcement as well as more resources, training and technical assistance for schools.

All girls have the equal right to an education and associated activities free from sex-based discrimination and harassment. Each institution or organization that receives federal funding must designate at least one employee as the Title IX coordinator.

If you have questions or concerns about Title IX implementation in your school or college, contact the school or school district and ask to speak with the Title IX coordinator.

Note: Karen King is retired and is a member of American Association of University Women, whose mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. Karen enjoys reading, gardening, camping and Tai Chi.

AAUW FUNDS—ANOTHER YEAR

By Jill Heffner, AAUW Funds Chair, Pendleton Branch

Welcome back to another year with AAUW Pendleton. And to another year of me talking about AAUW Funds.

Most of you know what I am about to tell you, but we have new members who may not know what AAUW Funds is all about.

AAUW Funds is a term used by AAUW National to encompass several individual funds. There are four major funds. **Greatest Needs Fund (9110)** allows AAUW the flexibility to utilize contributions where they are needed most at that time; these donations are used to support new programs and are not used for administration costs. Formerly the Education Foundation, the **Education and Training Fund (4450)** champions equal access to education and works to ensure that education at every level is free from sex discrimination. Formerly Legal Advocacy Fund, the **Economic Security Fund (4449)** works to see that women achieve pay equity and also provides training in salary negotiations which in turn deepens retirement security. **Leadership Fund (4452)** supports the effort to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities.

Within each of the latter three funds there are more specific funds. (See on a following page in this newsletter.) The Economic Security Fund (formerly the Legal Advocacy Fund is now completely funded and does not need any more contributions. The Greatest Needs Fund assures that struggling funds will have support as needed.

Throughout the year contributions may be made to any of these funds. A minimum donation of \$25.00 allows you to honor someone, either as a “memorial” for someone who has passed or as a “tribute” to someone living. An acknowledgement is sent to whomever you designate, such as family member (memorial) or the person herself (tribute). Contributions to AAUW Funds are fully tax-deductible and can be sent to your branch’s current AAUW Fund chair or made on-line at www.aauw.org/contribute. When sending a check and the designated form (found on a following page in this newsletter) to your AAUW Funds branch chair, include the fund number in the memo line and a note indicating your honoree. Currently, Pendleton’s AAUW Funds chair is Jill Heffner, 3303 SW LaDow Avenue, Pendleton.

One reason for this gentle reminder is that I have received questions about donating to AAUW Funds in memory of our recent past co-president, Kathryn Chaney. I hope this answers your questions and thank you for thinking of such a special way to honor Kathy.

AAUW Program Names and Fund Numbers

9110—The AAUW Greatest Needs Fund, formerly called the AAUW Fund, gives AAUW the mobility to rapidly respond to new and emerging challenges or opportunities facing women and girls.

4449—Economic Security Fund ensures livelihoods for women through achieving pay equity for women, providing training in salary negotiations, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life (includes but not limited to Pay Equity).

4450—Education and Training Fund addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder advancement of women (includes but not limited to STEM and Title IX)

4451—Governance and Sustainability Fund ensures the strength, relevance and viability of AAUW into the future.

4452—Leadership Fund supports the effort to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities by increasing the number of girls and women in leadership roles (includes but not limited to NCCWSL, Elect Her, \$tart \$mart).

3999—The Legal Advocacy Fund supports the protection of the legal rights of those who are facing sex discrimination, including:

3072—Travel and Education Grant informs AAUW members through educational programs delivered by LF plaintiffs and lawyers.

- **3500—Campus Outreach Projects** protects college students from discrimination, harassment, and assault through on-campus programs
- **9310—Case Support** protects LAF plaintiffs by supporting workplace sex discrimination cases.



AAUW Funds Donation Form

Name _____ Branch _____

Address _____ City _____

Gift Amount _____ Fund Number _____

Gifts of \$100.00 or more confer membership in the Oregon Century Club, AAUW of Oregon.

Gifts of \$25.00 or more may be designated to honor a friend or a loved one:

Memorial to _____

Honor/Tribute (living) to _____

AAUW Funds will send acknowledgment to (name) _____

(address) _____

***Make checks payable to AAUW FUNDS. Indicate Fund Number on the memo line.
Mail or give to Jill Heffner, AAUW Funds Chair, 3303 SW La Dow, Pendleton***