



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
February 2023

AAUW Pendleton Branch
February Membership Meeting

“Indigenous People and Issues in the Northwest”
Myers Reece, *Underscore News*



Thursday, February 2
7:00 p.m., Zoom

You will receive an email from Bruce Barnes
with the link to join the Zoom meeting.

March Membership Meeting
Saturday, March 2, 11:00 a.m., Prodigal Son
Program: “Helix Students’ Film Projects”

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President's Corner for February

By Susan Doyle

The upcoming meeting in February will continue to be on Zoom, but the meetings for the rest of the year will be in person. In March we will be back at Prodigal Son for the first time in three years. April and May will be at the Vert Clubroom, and June will end our year at a member's home.

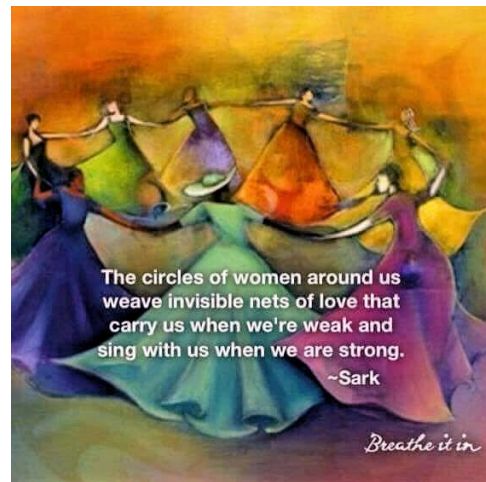
As we get together in person over the next months, I am looking forward to seeing you all again and meeting our new members. I want to encourage you to join us for Lunch Bunch and Dinner Divas before the evening meetings, which are always enjoyable social occasions.

Notes & Announcements

February 2 Membership Meeting Program: The presenter will be Myers Reese, Executive Director of *Underscore News* in Portland. *Underscore News* reports on indigenous people and issues in the Pacific Northwest. It is a partner of *Indian Country Today*, reportedly the largest indigenous news site in the U.S.

February Lunch Bunch: Thursday, February 16, 11:45 a.m., at Buckin' Bean.

February Board Meeting: Thursday, February 16, 7:00 p.m., Zoom. All members are welcome to attend. If you wish to receive the link to the meeting, please notify Dianne Barnes.



AAUW PENDLETON
Membership Business Meeting
January 5, 2023, Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: President Susan Doyle called the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m.

MINUTES: No minutes from December.

OFFICER REPORTS

FINANCE VP ACCOUNTS & BUDGET: Marlene Krout reported \$3,517.86 balance in checking after grapefruit invoice paid.

FINANCE VP DUES: No report.

PROGRAM: Co-VP Barbara Lund-Jones reported she is still working out details for the February meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Co-VP Sue Petersen had questions concerning new members. She was referred to the most current membership roster.

Karen King will send out an updated roster, with the date on the front page in such a way as to more easily distinguish it from all previous ones.

APPOINTED POSITIONS

GRAPEFRUIT: Susan Doyle announced she had presented gift certificates to Virgil's at Cimmiyotti's restaurant to Karen King and Kathy Ward as a thank you for their work with the grapefruit fundraiser.

Karen reported a profit of \$3,740.00, which is more than the branch made last year.

CONTINUING BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OTHER: Sue Petersen asked about AAUW members continuing to serve as ushers at the Eastern Oregon Symphony. Marlene, Sue, Regina Braker, and Jill volunteered for the March 11 performance, 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

January Lunch Bunch—Thursday, January 19, at The Distillery, 11:45 a.m.

January Board Meeting—Thursday, January 19. Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

February Membership Meeting—Thursday, February 2. Zoom, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Jill Heffner Co-Secretary



Greater Oregon (GO) STEM Mission: A Regional Partnership Cultivating a Community That Values STEM Learning, Prepares Youth for Successful STEM Careers, and Builds Pathways and Pipelines to Meet Workforce Needs.

GO STEM's Mobile Maker Lab set to bring accessible STEM learning across Eastern Oregon
East Oregonian, January 24, 2023, p.3

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University in La Grande hosts a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the launch of the Greater Oregon STEM Hub's new Mobile Maker Lab.

The school is hosting a community open house to tour the Mobile Maker Lab from 1-3 p.m., followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony from 3-4 p.m., and will finish with a celebratory mixer at 4 p.m. This three-part event takes place Wednesday, Jan. 25, in the lobby of Loso Hall.

"Our goal for this effort is to support our communities through STEM resources and learning as well as to strengthen our wider Eastern Oregon community," GO STEM Project Manager Stefanie Holloway said.

The lab is a classroom on wheels, featuring hands-on STEM learning activities, a career-connected learning curriculum, and an open concept of tinkering with STEM-related tools and materials. The Mobile Maker Lab was created with the mission of making STEM education accessible to all students across Eastern Oregon.

Beginning in 2023, the Mobile Maker Lab will be traveling to deliver in-person STEM lessons and hands-on activities to schools across the GO STEM region, encompassing seven rural counties of Eastern Oregon — Harney, Umatilla, Grant, Morrow, Baker, Union, and Wallowa. It is outfitted with career-connected and STEM learning resources, including tools and materials for a variety of programs and curricula.

The K-12 and community-focused curriculum will include concepts such as renewable energy, robotics and coding, place-based science, hands-on building and crafting, as well as other career-focused projects that can accommodate different grade levels' learning and diverse schools' interests and needs.

"The Mobile Maker Lab will be a game changer for the way that Eastern Oregon students receive STEM education. Nothing else like this project exists in Oregon," GO STEM Executive Director David Melville said.

The interior of the Mobile Maker Lab has been designed and painted by students, is ADA accessible, and equipped with shelving to hold curricular materials and supplies. A major focus of the mobile lab build was to ensure that learning can happen anywhere, so a solar array, battery bank, and energy-saving devices have been installed to make the classroom completely off-grid.

Additionally, the mobile lab will also have a built-in electric car charging port to power the GO STEM support electric vehicle and satellite internet. The Mobile Maker Lab trailer will be pulled by a van that has been outfitted with STEM materials, learning supplies, and all of the tools that K-12 learners will need to travel across the vast rural GO STEM region.

AAUW of Oregon Conference & Annual Meeting

Come meet some amazing women and reconnect with friends. Our first post-pandemic in-person AAUW of OR Conference and Annual Meeting is April 14-16 at the Ashland Hills Hotel & Suites in Ashland, a cool retro-vibe resort with plenty of room to spread out. We have some wonderful things and amazing speakers scheduled for you!

- Join us Friday, April 14 for some fun and interesting enrichment activities! Ashland has so much to offer, and here are some highlights: A winery tour and tasting; a guided walk in beautiful Lithia Park, a yoga/Pilates session with member Dina Press, a self-guided downtown shopping tour; a Cosmic Muffin Cooking Class, and a tasting/tour and lunch at Caldera Brewing. Other options to come!
- Our Friday evening keynote speaker is Jeanne Stallman, founder of the Women's Leadership Conference, which promotes women in leadership positions. She is associate vice president for government relations and outreach at Southern Oregon University.
- Saturday's plenary session will feature Amber Ferguson, co-founder and executive director of Rogue Food Unites, an incredible non-profit coordinating food for victims of the Southern Oregon fires and other people in need. She will have two colleagues with her to describe their journey.
- The annual meeting will feature a conversation with Malinda Gaul, AAUW national board vice chair, followed by the general meeting
- Saturday's lunch will feature the presentation of the Breaking Barriers Award and remarks by the recipient.
- Saturday afternoon break-out sessions will feature some training and other sessions, including:
 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging: Models for Action, Trish Garner, convener
 - Successful Mission-related Programs and Projects, Pat Squire, convener
 - Road Map for Developing Leadership, Joyce Zook, moderator
 - More to come!
- Sunday morning will feature a free breakfast for ALL attendees, and a surprise guest to call us to action!

★ **Registration and hotel reservation information coming soon.** ★

Plan your calendar and your road trips with friends and look forward to being together again!



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