



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
April 2023

AAUW Pendleton Branch
April Membership Meeting

Program: Bill Aney, “Birds and Trees
in the Pendleton Urban Landscape”



Thursday, April 6
7:00 p.m.
Vert Club Room

You are invited to bring guests to the program.

May Membership Meeting
Thursday, May 4, 7:00 p.m., Vert Club Room
Mark Mulvihill, “Pandemic Education Effects and
School library Censorship ”

AAUW Pendleton Branch Leadership Team 2022–2023

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Appointed Leaders:

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President's Corner for April

By Susan Doyle

The early signs of spring are appearing, despite the snow still in the Blues. Our April 6 program on birds and trees in Pendleton is timely and welcome for early springtime.

April is also the time we begin collecting AAUW renewal dues for the 2023-24 membership year. The period for renewing is April through June, since the AAUW fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. A form is attached to the email with this newsletter, and Sue Petersen will have printed forms at the meeting.

AAUW dues have gone up again this year, which is a good time to remind you that the majority of your dues go to National AAUW to support equity, education, and advocacy programs for women and girls. AAUW was founded in 1881, and Pendleton Branch has been part of AAUW's vital and influential history since 1930.

Notes & Announcements

Dinner Divas: Dinner Divas will have dinner together before the meeting Thursday, April 6, at 5:30 at Thai Crystal. All branch members are welcome.

April Lunch Bunch: Thursday, April 20, 11:45 a.m., at Eden's Kitchen at BMCC Pioneer Hall/Student Union.

April Board Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 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.

Slate of Officers for 2023-24 To be voted on at May Branch Meeting

Co-Presidents:

Susan Doyle (one year)

Mary Davis

Co-Program Vice Presidents:

Kate Ely

Blanche Hill

Membership Vice President:

Sue Petersen

Co-Finance Vice Presidents:

Marlene Krout (Branch)

Kate Mace (Dues)

Co-Secretaries:

Kathy Ward

Beth Condon

**AAUW PENDLETON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2023, at Prodigal Son**

Call to Order: Co- President Susan Doyle called the meeting to order @12:10 pm

Minutes: February branch minutes approved as distributed

Reports:

Finance VP Accounts and budget: Marlene Krout

Savings acct funds: \$10,339.05

Checking acct funds: \$2,963.86

Finance VP:

Susan reported that dues will go up to \$97.00 on April 1. Our branch receives \$9.00 of this amount.

Program VP: Barbara Lund-Jones/Harriet Isom

Bill Aney will be our featured speaker for our April meeting.

Membership VP: Sue Peterson/Kate Ely

No report

Communications VP: Joan Deroko

No report

Appointed positions:

Continuing business:

The nominating committee is working on filling the slate of officers. They are still looking to fill the positions of co-program chair. They have commitments for co-secretary and co-president.

New business:

Sue Petersen is asking the membership to help with items that the BMCC pantry needs. She will be bringing a box to the meetings for people to put donated items in.

Announcements:

Lunch bunch: March 16 @11:45 am at Chilaquiles

Board meeting: March 16 @ 7:00 pm, zoom

Membership meeting: April 6 @ 7:00 pm in the Vert club room

Meeting adjourned: 12:30 pm

Kathy Ward, Co-Secretary

Speaker for AAUW Branch Meeting April 6

William C. (Bill) Aney, Pendleton OR

Bill Aney is a native Oregonian and has lived in Pendleton since 2005 when his career with the Forest Service brought him and Kathy here. He is both a Beaver and a Grizzly, with degrees in wildlife science and forestry. His career with the Forest Service included positions as a wildlife biologist and habitat ecologist, a fire manager, District Ranger, and forest restoration planner. He and Kathy have been married for 44 years and have two grown children and 3 grandchildren. Kathy is a retired writer and still-active photographer for the *East Oregonian*.

In his retirement, Bill enjoys pursuits of his choosing: travelling, hunting and fishing, backpacking, writing, singing, church leadership, grandparenting, and is now in his 24th year coaching high school track and field. He is also active with the Pendleton City Tree Commission and the Eastern Oregon Climate Change Coalition.



Helix Students' Documentary Films

At the March 4 AAUW branch meeting, Helix student MayaBella Texidor presented her history film project on the Executive Committee of the National Security Council meetings that occurred during the tense Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962. She focused on the diplomatic work of the EXCOMM council that led to the peaceful resolution of the crisis. MayaBella's documentary earned the Outstanding Affiliate Award at National History Day competitions in June 2022.

To view past films, see Lorin Kubishta's webpage for Student Films

<https://mrkspages.weebly.com/documentary-archive.html>



BMCC Students' Needs Pantry

In keeping with our mission of supporting education for girls and women, here is an opportunity to help students at BMCC who sometimes cannot afford basic supplies. BMCC has a supplies pantry that accepts donations for the students.

CAPECO provides food, but the pantry still needs donations of household supplies, feminine period products, personal hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, baby wipes), paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning and laundry supplies.

Please bring donations to the next meeting at the Vert on April 6. We will take them to BMCC. Or, if you have donations you would like to take directly to BMCC, you can contact Miya Frank at 541-278-5963. She will come out to meet you with a cart.

Recycling Options Challenge

Recycle, Reuse, Reduce, and Repurpose

By Mary Davis

You may be evaluating ways you and your family affect the environment. I know that is true for my husband and me. Over the past month, for example, the news was filled with, “Is it time to replace your gas stove with a new induction stove?” As I followed this news feed, I called around to find that there wasn’t any business in Pendleton at that time that had an induction stove to sell. Friends are purchasing induction stoves out of the area and are determining how much they may save through the Inflation Reduction Act by using the IRA Savings Calculator at [RewiringAmerican.org](https://www.rewiringamerica.org).

In the *East Oregonian* on March 16, another thought provoking article affecting our health appeared regarding Oregon House Bill 3123 which will allow for the study of PFAS, perflouroalkyl and polyflouroalkyl, chemicals used in non-stick and water-proof products. We can keep an eye on this bill to see what will result.

Recently a younger friend asked me about how we should recycle used batteries. I reached out to Mike McHenry from Pendleton Sanitary Service who is serving on a Statewide Committee to look at just these issues and gave this response:

On batteries – the only type we recycle here in Pendleton are lead acid batteries (auto/vehicle/rv batteries, computer backup batteries, etc.). Alkaline, ni-cad, lithium, etc. are all still considered household hazardous waste and are fine to put in the trash.

If you have you been making changes to meet the goal of “Recycle, Reuse, Reduce and Repurpose,” please consider contacting Mary Davis (541-969-9669; mlemmdavis@gmail.com) to share your ideas in the next AAUW newsletter.



Four Pendleton Branch members will attend the AAUW of Oregon conference April 14-16 in Ashland. We look forward to reporting back on the conference to the branch in May.