



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
May 2023

AAUW Pendleton Branch
May Membership Meeting

Mark Mulvihill, “Hot Topics in Public Education at the National, State, and Local Level”



Thursday, May 4
7:00 p.m.
Zoom

Zoom is a program change.

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

June Membership Meeting
Saturday, June 10, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Year-end Potluck at the home of Mary Davis

AAUW Pendleton Branch Leadership Team 2022-2023

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Appointed Leaders:

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President's Corner for May

By Susan Doyle

Spring is here at last! Our last program of the year on May 4 promises to be a timely and lively discussion of current educational topics that Mark Mulvihill is especially qualified to address. Note that the meeting has been changed from an in-person meeting at the Vert to Zoom.

By now you should have received a yellow card in the mail from AAUW about the data verification and oral history project. This is totally voluntary participation and up to you if you want to participate.

The Named Honorees for each branch were announced at the recent AAUW Oregon Annual Meeting and Conference in Asland. Congratulations to Pendleton Branch Honorees Harriet Isom and Barbara Lund-Jones for organizing superb programs.

Notes & Announcements

May 4 Program Notes: Mark Mulvihill, Superintendent, Intermountain Educational Service District, will discuss hot topic subjects like book bans, the effects of remote learning, why Americans are fleeing public schools, Oregon achievement in test results falling further during the pandemic than in many other states, disputes on the correct way to teach reading, funding inadequacies, and more.

May Lunch Bunch: Thursday, May 18, 11:45 a.m., at the Grill at Birch Creek (the former Pendleton Country Club) on Hwy 395 South. We'll meet at Heritage Station at 11:30 to carpool.

No May Board Meeting: Instead, the 2023-24 board will meet Thursday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kate Ely.

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
Membership Meeting
April 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Following the program, Mary Davis, in lieu of President Susan Doyle who was out of town, called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. There were eight members present and one guest.

MINUTES: Minutes were accepted as presented in the newsletter.

FINANCE: Finance VP Accounts & Budget Marlene Krout.

Savings \$10,339.05 Checking \$1130.51

Sue Waldman Memorial Fund (separate from the Branch funds): Marlene reported the committee is considering three applications for scholarship(s).

On behalf of Finance VP Dues Kate Mace, Marlene will accept dues payments this evening or members can pay another time or mail to Kate @ 1040-C NW 12th St. **DO NOT PAY ONLINE TO NATIONAL AT THIS TIME.**

PROGRAM: Thank you, Harriet, for arranging such an interesting, informative, fun program—Bill Aney, about the birds and the trees.

Next program is May 4 at The Vert--Dr. Mark Mulvihill, Intermountain ESD Superintendent, will be with us to discuss and answer questions on the state of education in Oregon.

MEMBERSHIP: Sue reported she has recruited two new members.

Mary asked us all to introduce ourselves to Blanche Hill, new member.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marlene and Jill were elected to serve as branch delegates at the AAUW of Oregon Conference in Ashland next week. Susan, as branch president, is automatically a delegate; Karen, as NE District Director, is automatically a state delegate.

There will be a discussion at the Conference re: doing away with an assigned number of delegates per branch; instead, in the future, it could be “one member, one vote.”

The slate of officers for AAUW Pendleton 2023-2024

Co-President- Mary Davis (two years) & Susan Doyle (one year)

Co-Program VPs-Kate Ely & Blanche Hill

Membership VP-Sue Peterson

Finance VP Accounts & Budget-Marlene Krout

Finance VP Dues-Kate Mace

Co-Secretary- Kathy Ward & Beth Condon

There were no nominations from the floor. Harriet moved to accept the slate as presented. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lunch Bunch- Thursday, April 20, 11:45, Eden's Kitchen at BMCC.

Board Meeting-Thursday, April 20, 7:00 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned. 8:29 p.m.

Jill Heffner, Secretary

AAUW dues renewal period is now through June 30

NE District Representatives AAUW of Oregon 2023 Annual Meeting



Group photo left to right: Jill Heffner (Pendleton), Karen King (Pendleton), Heather Rudolph (Baker), Susan Gilstrap (Wallowa), Susan Doyle (Pendleton), Pat Hines (Wallowa), Marlene Krout (Pendleton).

EOC3 May Program

EOC3 Program for May 16, 2023, at 7 p.m.: “Positive Environmental Impacts of Autonomous Aerial Technology.”

Steve Chrisman has served as the City of Pendleton’s Economic Development Director and Airport Manager since July 2013. He will discuss the start of the Pendleton UAS Range in 2014, why it was created, and how it has evolved. He’ll discuss the wide variety of UAS (drones) and other technologies that have been testing in and around Pendleton, and what kind of ecological impacts those technologies might have on the environment in the coming years.

Please contact Mary Davis (541-969-9669; mlemmdavis@gmail.com) for a Zoom link and/or to be placed on the EOC3 email list. See the EOC3 website at *EOC3.org* for more information.

Pilot Rock Middle School STEM Project

By Miriam Munck

Here are photos from Pilot Rock Middle School STEM project. The students designed, built, tested, redesigned, and raced pinewood cars. The teacher, Lela Thieme, promised to report on student outcomes and share 'what I learned' statements from the students.

