



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
September 2023

AAUW Pendleton Branch
September Membership Meeting

Fall Membership Potluck



Wednesday, September 6

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

Wednesday, October 4, 7:00 pm

Vert Clubroom

Bruce Barnes on Landscaping

AAUW Pendleton Branch Leadership Team 2023–2024

Co-Presidents

Susan Doyle 969-7660
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Joan Deroko 310-9175

Co-Finance Vice Presidents

Marlene Krout 276-7596
Dues, Kate Mace 276-1006

Membership Vice President

Sue Petersen 276-4569

Co-Program Vice-Presidents

Kate Ely 278-1997
Blanche Hill 360-649-4337

Co-Recording Secretaries

Kathy Ward 276-0308
Beth Condon 276-7187

Appointed Leaders:

BMCC Liaison

Marie Hall 379-5250

AAUW Funds

Jill Heffner 278-4791

Grapefruit

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President's Corner for September

By Susan Doyle

Welcome back to another year of AAUW Pendleton Branch activities. Our program chairs Kate Ely and Blanche Hill are working on an excellent year of programs that we will announce in late September.

This year our meeting nights will change. Membership meetings will be on the first Wednesday of the month, and Board meetings will be on the third Wednesday. Lunch Bunch will remain the third Thursday. All our membership programs will be in person this year at the Vert, Prodigal Son, and other locations. Board meetings will be at 5:00 p.m. at members' homes or Zoom.

We will begin our year with our annual fall membership potluck at Kathy Ward's home on Wednesday, September 6, 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, we encourage you to carpool. Please RSVP if you plan to attend (reply to this email or call or email Kathy Ward at 541-276-0308, up2utoo@q.com).

I look forward to seeing you this year at our gatherings.

Notes & Announcements

September Membership Meeting Wednesday, September 6,

5:30 p.m.: Our fall potluck gathering will be at Kathy Ward's again this year. Weather permitting, we'll enjoy our time on her deck. Please reply to this email if you plan to attend, or call or email Kathy at 541-276-0308, up2utoo@q.com.

September Board Meeting: The September board meeting will be on Wednesday, September 20, 5:00 p.m., at Marlene Krout's home. Branch members are welcome to attend the meeting.

September Lunch Bunch: The September Lunch Bunch will be on Thursday, September 21, 11:45 a.m., at Sarah's Sweet & Savory (former Eden's Kitchen).

Program on Banned Books at the Pendleton Public Library:

Freedom to Read, a program on banned books, will be held at the Pendleton Public Library on Saturday, September 23, at 2:00 p.m. There will be three speakers on Book Burning in Germany, 1st Amendment, and Education.

AAUW PENDLETON
Membership Meeting
June 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Co-President Susan Doyle called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

MINUTES: May meeting minutes accepted as presented via email.

OFFICER REPORTS

FINANCE VP ACCOUNTS & BUDGET: Marlene Krout distributed the budget page July 2022-May 2023. \$1,266.86 checkbook balance. \$10,339.56 savings account balance, including \$63.76 left of the \$250.00 Andrea Timmerman Memorial Books, \$100.00 left in Alerita Burns memorial, \$1,017.65 in Amy Bedford Fund.

FINANCE VP DUES: Kate Mace reported that at this very moment there are 16 paid members. Several members later turned in their dues.

PROGRAM: this topic addressed later in the meeting.

SUE WALDMAN FUND: Marlene Krout reported there were 3 applicants and all three were awarded scholarships. \$8,285.58 Fund balance.

CONTINUING BUSINESS: Installation of new officers by Karen King, Northeast District Director.

Co-President—Mary Davis (two- year term), Susan Doyle (one year)

Co-Program VP—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

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion re: future programs.

-  ZOOM meetings as well as in-person meetings.
-  Change of meeting times—Membership to be the 1st Wednesday of the month, BOD meetings to be the 3rd Wednesdays. Lunch Bunch remains the 3rd Thursday of the month.
-  Phone Tree to be created and used.
-  “Ride Share” to be created and implemented.
-  Discussion re: Wednesday night meetings vs Saturday morning meetings.
-  All in-person meetings will be open to the public.
-  Several program ideas were discussed.

EO FORUM: AAUW Pendleton is responsible for the November forum re: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Lunch Bunch, Thursday, June 15, Wildhorse Golf Course Clubhouse. Meet at Heritage Station 11:30 to carpool.

Board Meeting: Thurs, June 15th, 7:00, Kate Ely’s home, 612 NW Carden.

Submitted by Jill Heffner, Secretary

2023 SUE WALDMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Delraj Kaur graduated in 2022 from MacLoughlin High School in Milton-Freewater. She attends Walla Walla University and will be a sophomore in the fall of 2023. Dilraj is majoring in computer science with a minor in business administration. As well as being a full-time student, she is employed by the university up to 20 hours per week as a Front Desk Student Worker. Dilraj's career goals following securing a Bachelor of Science degree include an initial position as a computer programmer and eventually completing her master's degree to attain a position as a software developer.

Keri Lynn Kunz graduated from Pendleton High School in 2022. Keri previously attended Blue Mountain Community College while in high school. She will be a sophomore in the fall of 2023 at Central Washington University. Kari is working on a double major in secondary mathematics and STEM teaching with a chemistry endorsement. Keri also works up to 20 hours per week as a photographer for the CWU Publicity Center. She, as well, is a member of the Teach STEM Club which, as one project, ran a STEM night at a local elementary school. Keri's career goals include teaching high school math and chemistry. She states "I have loved math since middle school. I want to share my love for math and chemistry with the next generation and hopefully they will love math as much as me, or at least be interested in learning about it everyday when they come into my class."

Makya Theis graduated from Pendleton High School in 2015. Following high school Makya traveled to Australia to be a full-time volunteer with YWAM Medical Ships, a nonprofit organization that delivers free health care to remote villages of Papua, New Guinea. What she intended to be a six-month program became a "life changing three-year experience" which eventually resulted in her being the only person under the age of 30 (at 19 years old) tasked with leading and managing the dental clinics for her last year with the program. This spurred her interest in becoming a dental hygienist, which she knew would require a four-year degree, hence her return to the Northwest to obtain such. In spite of Covid interrupting her educational path, Makya obtained an A.A. degree in science and an A.A. degree in general studies in health professions from Mount Hood Community College. She plans to begin her dental hygiene major as a junior in the fall of 2023 at MHCC. At her age, Makya is financially independent. Consequently, in addition to Pell grants and scholarship funding she works up to ten hours per week as an office assistant for a local business. Makya's career goals have been impacted by her experience with her previous volunteer work related to dentistry, and she states, "I want to become a dental hygienist to help those in remote villages of developing nations or for those who are in America. I believe that preventive medicine and oral health education can save many from further oral health problems which can lead to pain and disease."



NE District Fall Meeting

By Karen King

SAVE THE DATE!! I am planning a NE OR District meeting for **Saturday, October 21, from 11 AM to 1 PM at the Cook Public Library in La Grande**. Our guest speaker will be **Professor Miriam Munck**, and her talk will be on, *"Travels to Prague & the Czech Republic."*

It will be the **FIRST** fall district meeting since I became NE OR District Director—thanks to COVID and ongoing restrictions—so I hope we have good attendance. As it gets closer, I will ask you to confirm attendance and lunch orders. I plan to order bag lunches from somewhere in La Grande (suggestions welcome)--or you can bring your own--but those details are yet to be worked out.

I urge you all to SAVE THE DATE!!



Moms' Equal Pay Day

August 15, 2023

Moms working full-time, year-round are paid 74 cents and all earners (including part-time and seasonal) are paid 62 cents for every dollar paid to dads.

Debby Trapp-Roehm
Baker Branch Pay Equity

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 the 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 online at www.aauw.org/contribute. When sending a check and the designated form (found on the 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 often receive questions about donating to AAUW Funds in memory of AAUW friends who have passed. I hope this answers your questions and thank you for thinking of such a special way to honor our AAUW friends.

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, \$start \$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***