



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
February 2024

AAUW Pendleton Branch
February Membership Meeting

Program: “Life in Pendleton in 1919
as told in the Diary of Audrey Hunter King”

Speaker: Susan Doyle,
with David and Karen King



Saturday, February 3
11:00 a.m.

No-host lunch at Prodigal Son

March 2024 Membership Meeting
Saturday, March 2, 11:00 am, Prodigal Son
Dave Williams, IMESD
“Young Men in Today’s Society”

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President's Corner for February

Our January extreme cold spell and winter storm has passed, and next week promises milder weather as we look forward to the short but eventful month of February.

The January 6 program at Prodigal Son was interesting and informative. Carollyn Robinson spoke about the Vange John Memorial Hospice, and Cathy Muller talked about volunteering with the hospice program.

I am pleased to be the speaker at our upcoming meeting on February 3. I am especially happy to share the program with David King and family, descendants of diarist Audrey King whom I will be talking about.

We will continue our winter meetings on Saturday at Prodigal Son in February and March until returning to evening meetings in April. Zoom has been a welcome way to have our board meetings during winter months. Thank you Dianne Barnes for hosting the Zoom meetings.

—Susan Doyle, Co-President

Notes & Announcements

EO Forum: The next EO Forum will be Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 p.m., at BMCC Science and Technology Building, Room ST-200. The topic will be “AI and Cyber Security.” AAUW Pendleton Branch is one of the sponsors of the EO Forum series of speakers. For non-members, the cost is \$5 at the door, students are free.

February Board Meeting. The February board meeting will be Wednesday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

February Lunch Bunch: February Lunch Bunch will be Thursday, February 22, 11:45 a.m., at Rooster's.

Walla Walla AAUW Book Sale

AAUW Walla Walla would like to invite your AAUW members to attend our 59th Annual Book Sale, February 23 – 25, at the Marcus Whitman Hotel, 6 W. Rose St, Walla Walla. Hours are Friday and Saturday 9 am – 7 pm and Sunday 9 am – 4 pm. We will have approximately 40,000 books organized into 40 categories, including a rare and collectible section (individually priced). Prices for the regular collection range from \$.50 to \$4. Proceeds fund scholarships for local women returning to college and educational projects and events. We accept cash, check, and credit/debit cards. We would love to see you at the Book Sale!

—Kay Raddatz, AAUW Walla Walla Branch

**American Association of University Women
Pendleton Branch
Membership Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 6, 2024 Place: Prodigal Son Time: 11:00 a.m.

Call to Order following program: Susan Doyle, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

Announcement: Sue Peterson announced that AAUW Pendleton Branch would begin a recycling program for plastics. She and Blanche Hill will transport plastics to Tri-Cities to a Waste Management site in Kennewick, WA. Details will be explained in our next meeting.

No December business meeting.

Officer Reports:

Finance VP Accounts & Budget: Marlene Krout reported \$4,815.79 in savings on 12/31/23. Checking has \$9,315.24, with \$5,000 going to a Certificate of Deposit this week. Paid this month: Susan Doyle/ \$13.20 (stamps); River Royal (grapefruit)/ \$10,920; Pendleton Friends of the Library/\$84 (Scientific American magazine).

Marlene moved that American Association of University Women Pendleton Branch purchase a \$5,000 CD from Banner Bank, with the signatories being Marlene Krout, Susan Doyle, and Karen King. Motion passed.

Marlene reported that the Sue Waldman Memorial Special Projects Fund received \$10,000 that the Waldman family originally donated to the Pendleton Senior Center, which is now closed. This is additional to the annual Waldman family donation of \$10,000 to Pendleton Branch for scholarships and STEM projects.

This year's STEM Project was sponsoring 52 students from one school to attend the Science Fair in LaGrande. Marlene has not received the bill for the bus, which will come out of branch STEM funds.

Finance VP Dues: No report.

Program VP: No report.

Membership VP: No report.

Communication VP: Joan reported that an announcement for today's membership meeting was not included in the EO newspaper last week, even though she called in to request posting the information in the paper. Susan questioned if it appeared in the electronic version of the paper.

Appointed positions (as appropriate): Karen King reported \$4,967 from grapefruit sales this year (December 2023). We sold a similar number of boxes last year, but this year brought more money.

Continuing Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements:

Board Meeting: January 17, 5:00 p.m., Zoom.

Lunch Bunch: January 18, 11:45 a.m., Mo Pho on Main Street.

Susan reported that her email account was "spoofed" and members received emails from her address that were not from her. One member clicked on the link and was asked to purchase gift cards. This was a scam, and she warned about this happening to others. Use Bcc (blind copy) when sending emails to multiple people.

Susan also mentioned that Pendleton Toastmasters Club is looking for new members, and she will send the email on this to members.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted:

Beth Condon, Co-Secretary

February Program Notes

More than a record of personal experiences and observations, a person's diary provides an unequalled portrayal of life in a particular location at the time it was written. This is the story of life in Pendleton in the year 1919 as recorded in the diary of Audrey Hunter King (1886-1974).

In 1919 Audrey was married to Lewis Earl "Lew" King and living in Pendleton on the North Hill. Lew was employed as a mailman, while Audrey was a homemaker but worked for a few months as a milliner.

As a personal record, Audrey wrote about the people, places, and activities in her life. She was actively involved with the Methodist Church and Camp Fire Girls. She noted frequent visits to Pendleton's restaurants, department stores, millinery stores, and movie theaters.

As a historical document, she wrote about activities and events that reveal Pendleton was a typical American town. She recorded the 1918 Flu Pandemic, a fire at The People's Warehouse, World War I heroes and troop trains, music and dances at Happy Canyon, a traveling circus, many parades, William Jennings Bryan at a Chautauqua tent, exhibitions and passenger rides by the first biplanes to land at Pendleton, and the "largest crowd that was ever here" at Round-up.

Come and hear Audrey's words telling what it was like to live in Pendleton in 1919.

AAUW Funds Thanks

By Jill Heffner

On behalf of AAUW Funds, thank you to all of you who contributed to AAUW Funds in 2023. Your money allows AAUW to help women and girls at all levels, from Tech Trek camps for middle school students to NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) and Start Smart (how to negotiate salaries "like a man") to lobbying and advocating for fair-pay laws and other equity legislation to grants and fellowships such as Career Development Grants, Community Action Grants and Research Publication Grants in engineering and medicine . . . it's YOUR contributions coming together to make these things happen.

A big THANK YOU for supporting AAUW Funds!

501(c)3 and 501(c)4 and SPF as I Know Them

By Jill Heffner

Non-profits can be either 501(c)3 or 501(c)4. Or both.

So, what's the difference? It can be difficult to explain, or it can be simple. Simple is "charitable" vs "political" 501 (c)3 is charitable, 501(c)4 is political.

Other differences are, but not limited to:

- 501(c)3 is a "charity" established to serve public interests; contributions to it are tax deductible; it is not political, it does not lobby; it is eligible for grants that are given only to tax exempt entities. Think Red Cross, United Way.
- 501(c)4 is a political organization whose contributions to it are not tax exempt; it promotes social welfare through political activity such as lobbying. Think League of Women Voters, NRA, Sierra Club, AAUW.

AAUW of OR is a 501(c)4 and so are all its branches. AAUW of OR is not a 501(c)3, but some of its branches are because non-profit organizations can be both. Having a 501(c)3 designation was really important when contributions were tax deductible. But there are still other advantages. Remember what was said earlier about grants? When AAUW Pendleton was asking for grants to rebuild Pioneer Park, Mardy King was working on a grant that needed a (501(c)3 designation, which the branch did not have but Wildhorse Foundation did, and so the branch was able to use the Foundation as a conduit for the grant. (Thank you, Wildhorse Foundation.) That's when I learned about the importance of being a 501(c)3.

There are 20 branches in Oregon. All are 501(c)4s, but only 4 are 501(c)3s. Eleven of the twenty are not 501(c)3s but are using the AAUW of OR Special Projects Fund (SPF) for at least one project. The other five branches are eligible to use SPF but do not need to at this time.

Why doesn't every branch have a 501(c)3 designation? Because it is an arduous, lengthy, involved, costly process which needs to be maintained and paid for annually. The bookkeeping needs to meet IRS standards. It involves a lot of time and money for any branch.

So that is where AAUW of OR SPF (Special Projects Fund) with its 501(c)3 status comes in.

SPF was created by a group of former state officers who saw a need to create a 501(c)3 entity for branches to use in their fundraising endeavors for special projects. But SPF is separate from AAUW of OR. SPF is a separate but equal organization. It is autonomous.

Three former state officers serve on the SPF Board: chair Penney Hoodenpyle/Hillsboro-Forest Grove; finance officer Susan Gilstrap/Wallowa County (Susan is a CPA who donates her professional time, and her bookkeeping and her accounting knowledge are invaluable to SPF); and secretary Jill Heffner/Pendleton. These offices have no term limits.

There are five other board members who each can serve two two-year terms. Each of these five board members represent an AAUW of OR district—North, Northeast, North Central, Central, and South. Pendleton is in the NE District and was represented for six years by Wanda Raffety/Baker City (before the term limits were in place) and now by Mickey Edwards/Baker City.

The Board meets quarterly. It reviews the funds and accepts applications from branches for their special projects, such as scholarships, Tech Trek camps, NCCWLS (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) travel money, and STEM. The Board reviews the funds, maintains its own website, and meets annually with the branch contacts. Susan Gilstrap takes care of all the accounting for each fund.

Some branches have more than one fund, but each branch has only ONE branch contact. It is essential that the branch contact is the ONLY person to be in contact with the SPF Board, specifically the Finance Officer.

Marlene Krout, who serves as chair of the Sue Waldman Memorial Fund Committee, is the branch contact for Pendleton. (Thank you, Marlene, for all you do on behalf of Sue Waldman Memorial Fund.)

As a 501(c)3, the Special Projects Fund provides an invaluable service for AAUW branches. I am proud to be a member of the SPF Board.

Special Projects Fund as I Know It

by Marlene Krout

As Jill detailed the "why" and "how" of the need for the Special Projects Fund (SPF) statewide, the Pendleton AAUW Branch's involvement with the fund was due to the generosity of the Waldman family. They wished to memorialize their wife and mother Sue, a longtime active branch member, by establishing a scholarship and STEM fund, two areas which were of special interest to Sue.

As the family was using money earned from prior investments, a 501(c)3 would allow all monies (none to taxes) to be used for those two designated areas when required distributions from those investments annually were made. Hence, the SPF was an ideal holding or receiving entity to which funds could be deposited and from which funds are disbursed to scholarship and STEM awardees.

For the scholarship portion of the funds, the Pendleton Branch contracted with Blue Mountain Community Foundation to assist with collecting applications that meet branch specific qualifications. Subsequently, a Branch committee plus Waldman family representatives review applications and select those awardees. The STEM projects are sought by the STEM Committee, chaired by Miriam Munk, from local school districts needing additional funds to complete. Checks from the Sue Waldman Memorial Special Projects Fund are sent directly to the school district.

The Special Project Fund requires one branch member to act as the local contact person. The SPF requirements are the person must be: an AAUW member; a branch member; a signatory on the SPF branch application; designated by the branch board as the contact person; involved in the fund raising for project; attend SPF branch contact person orientation; work with SPF finance officer in all aspects of project account; provide information to SPF regarding number of women/girls served by the projects; receive SPF information from SPF board and share information with the branch; notify SPF board if leaving the contact position and identify a new contact person.