



**AAUW Pendleton Branch**  
**March Membership Meeting**

Program: “Adverse Childhood Experience and Social-Emotional Learning in Schools”

Speaker: Dave Williams, IMESD



**Saturday, March 2**

**11:00 a.m.**

**No-host lunch at Prodigal Son**

**April 2024 Membership Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 pm, Vert Club Room**

**Dan Primus, Umatilla County DA**

**“Legal Issues: Both Local and State”**

## Notes & Announcements

### AAUW Pendleton Branch Leadership Team 2023–2024

#### Co-Presidents

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#### AAUW Association website

[aauw.org](http://aauw.org)

#### AAUW of Oregon website

[aauw-or.aauw.net](http://aauw-or.aauw.net)

#### AAUW Pendleton website

[pendleton-or.aauw.net](http://pendleton-or.aauw.net)

**EO Forum:** The next EO Forum will be Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m., at BMCC Science and Technology Building, Room ST-200. The topic will be “Rural Post-Pandemic Mental Health.” 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.

**March Board Meeting:** Wednesday, March 20, 5:00 p.m., at Mary Davis’s house in town, 5 SE 7th Street.

**March Lunch Bunch:** Thursday, March 21, 11:45 a.m., at Momiji.

## StirrUp Hope Therapeutic Riding's Chocolate Derby!

### Pendleton Convention Center Saturday, April 6, 6:00 pm

StirrUp Hope Therapeutic Riding, formerly Dream Catcher Therapeutic Riding Center, is having a “Chocolate Derby!” fundraising event Saturday, April 6, 6:00 pm at the Pendleton Convention Center. Music by Whiskey for Breakfast. \$40 per person.

For tickets, contact:

Sue Petersen, [suepetersen60@gmail.com](mailto:suepetersen60@gmail.com), 541-377-0752, or  
Morgan Matteson, [morgansjourney@yahoo.com](mailto:morgansjourney@yahoo.com), 541-377-0777



*Empowering those with physical, emotional and developmental challenges to improve their lives, discover their abilities, and “StirrUp” hope through equine assisted services.*

**Don't forget to bring donations for the BMCC Student Pantry to the membership meeting on March 4!**

**AAUW PENDLETON  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES  
February 3, 2024, Prodigal Son restaurant**

**Call to Order:** Co- President Mary Davis called the meeting to order @12:25 pm

**Minutes:** approved as distributed

**Officer Reports:**

**Finance VP Accounts and Budget:** Marlene Krout

Savings acct funds: \$4,815.79      Checking acct funds: \$3,895.04      CD balance: \$5,000

March 6 is the BMCC scholarship banquet.

**Finance Dues VP:** Kate Mace, no report.

**Program VP:** Kate Ely/Blanche Hill

Topic change for the March program. The topic will be “Adverse Childhood Experience and Social- Emotional Learning in Schools.”

**Membership VP:** Sue Petersen, no report.

**Communications VP:** Joan Deroko, no report.

**Appointed Positions:**

Northeast Oregon AAUW director position will be vacant starting July 1. Karen King, the present director, is looking for someone to fill the position.

Public policy chair Regina Bracker informed the branch that AAUW is looking to try and connect rural branches with each other. This will help fill an information void that small rural branches may experience.

Mary Davis reported that the Climate Change Coalition is promoting student learning in schools to address this topic.

**Continuing Business:**

Blanche Hill reported on the possibility of plastic recycling for our AAUW group. There is a recycling site called Waste management located in Kennewick WA. There is concern where the plastics goes to be recycled. Mary Davis informed us that she is on a committee with Pendleton Sanitary service and there is a statewide effort to start curbside recycling. This will be an ongoing effort.

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:**

February 21 board meeting @ 5pm via zoom

Lunch bunch will be at Roosters restaurant February 22 at 11:45am

**Meeting adjourned:** @ 12:52 pm

Kathy Ward, Co-Secretary

# Highlights from District Directors State Meeting

*By Karen King*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. The state AAUW annual meeting will be Tuesday, April 30th via ZOOM. The exact time has not been set but will probably be in the evening.

National will once again ask us to vote on bylaws change eliminating the college degree requirement. Voting opens April 3 and closes May 15. Voting online is encouraged.

Whoever is replacing me as Northeast District Director will be invited to a summer board retreat June 1-2 at Oregon Gardens. She must decide if she is going by April 30. (I thoroughly enjoyed the retreat in 2024 but will probably be unable to attend this time.)

## Lunch Bunch Review

*by Jill Heffner*

How lucky Lunch Bunch was last Thursday to have a table reservation at Roosters and to arrive before noon. The place was busy when we arrived and only became more so as the noon hour hit; late customers were put on a waiting list. By one o'clock, though, the dining room and back rooms were clearing out.

But Regina, Kate Mace, Kate Ely, Sue, Susan, Marlene, and Jill did enjoy good service and yummy food—Monte Cristo sandwich, Reuben sandwiches, Cobb Salads, and Chef's Salad. The portions were more than generous: Reuben half sandwiches went home in boxes as did two-thirds of the Monte Cristo (that sandwich is so large, it is cut in thirds and each third makes a meal). The crunchy home-made potato chips and onion dip sides went home too. The salads were huge but so good they were slicked up. I think we would all go back to Roosters for lunch...just not on a Thursday.

Next month, March 21, Lunch Bunch will meet at Momiji Restaurant, 210 SW 17th Street (by the railroad tracks).



### Seen in BMCC Women's Restroom!

Sign for free emergency feminine hygiene products in the women's restroom in BMCC's Pioneer Hall. The products are provided by BMCC Chapter of American Association of Women in Community Colleges.

It's good to see another organization like AAUW supporting students this way. That's why it's important to donate to the BMCC Student Pantry. Thank you Sue Petersen for coordinating our donations.

# Upcoming Vote on Open Membership in AAUW

*In early April AAUW will ask all members to vote on changing the membership requirement that members be higher education graduates to open membership. Below is a helpful explanation of the proposed bylaws change and its consequences by Claudia Gray, AAUW OR Funds Chair.*

## #4 - AAUW NATIONAL NEWS

AAUW Advancement Committee

January 2024

Here is the latest news from national AAUW:

### **From the AAUW Governance Committee's Open Membership Task Force:**

This spring, AAUW members will vote on the long-standing membership requirement to join AAUW. **Voting will open on April 3rd and will end on May 15th.** All members should visit National Election – AAUW : Empowering Women Since 1881 to view the text of the bylaws change.

### **Open Membership Talking Points**

- There will be a vote in 2024 on the degree requirement for membership.
- In 2021, more than 60% of the voters approved the change. Fewer than 10% of the members voted against it. Fewer than 25% of the members voted.
- As AAUW has changed to adapt to the changing world, its membership requirements have changed many times to become more inclusive.
- This change would allow all who support our mission to stand with us.
- Those without degrees fight for gender equity just as we do. We can be stronger advocates as we learn more about their battles and their alternate paths to success.
- The AAUW Board of Directors and the Inclusion and Equity Committee both support the change and the associated campaign to pass the bylaws amendment to open membership
- Our standing as a national organization that advances gender equity with a value of inclusion is at risk if we do not allow all who support our mission to join us. Please vote.

### **Members May Ask**

#### **1. This change has been rejected several times in the past. Why are we voting on this again?**

- More than 62% of the voters in 2021 approved the change. Fewer than 10% of the members opposed it and prevented it from reaching the two-thirds affirmative vote required for a change to the bylaws.
- Turnout in 2021 was less than 25%, indicating many members had no strong feeling either way.
- Let's finally put this to rest. If you voted "no" or did not vote in 2021, we respectfully ask you to consider the arguments in favor of the change and plan to vote in 2024.

#### **2. What are the reasons to vote in favor of the change?**

- It is an opportunity to understand the breadth of the fight for gender equity in today's world and to strengthen our advocacy efforts by including those directly affected.

- It is an opportunity to honor our stated value of Inclusion. This is important as diverse, particularly younger, folks consider joining us.
- It removes the contradiction introduced in 2009 when we approved an organizational overhaul to better prepare the organization for its future. We dropped “uniting graduates” from our purpose (it had been missing from the “mission” for years) and replaced it with “advancing equity”. However, after a spirited floor debate, we kept the requirement that we all be “graduates”.
- What's more important -- the honor of being a member of AAUW because of your degree, or the work we do to advance equity and the inclusiveness that requires?

### **3. What about serious questions raised in opposition to the change?**

- Does this devalue our support for education? No. We can continue to change without forgetting our roots – our commitment to higher education as a path to success, our support for fellowships and grants, and more. We just will allow those who have taken parallel paths to join us as we work for gender equity.
- Won't we have to change our name? No. We'll be “AAUW”. When asked “What’s AAUW?”, say you are part of a national membership organization that works for gender equity then describe your local projects and events. There’s really no need to use each word from the acronym, just as YMCA doesn’t need an explanation.

### **4. How will this affect my branch if it passes?**

- Each branch will determine its own destiny. Embrace the change, and it may open you up to new opportunities as well as new members. It’s up to you.
- If you have members who believe AAUW is defined by its membership requirement, not by its current mission, vision, and values, you may find that conversations on the issue will sway some of them. Watch for suggestions on how to have those conversations.

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## **AAUW Pendleton Branch Programs for Spring 2024**

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Wednesday, April 3, Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm, Vert Club Room, Dan Primus, Umatilla County DA, Legal Issues Both Local and State.

Wednesday, May 1, Membership Meeting, 7:00 pm, Vert Club Room, Morgan Matteson, StirrUp Hope Therapeutic Riding.

Saturday, June 1, Membership Meeting, 11:00 am, Picnic/Potluck Location TBA, Kate Ely, Rocks of the Umatilla River.

# Recycling in Kennewick

Blanche Hill will take your plastic to recycle in Kennewick when she goes there. Contact Blanche if you have plastic to recycle [bthill1946@gmail.com](mailto:bthill1946@gmail.com), 360-649-4337.

Wast Management Transfer Station, Kennewick

<https://www.wmnorthwest.com/transferstation/kennewick.htm>

2627 S Ely St.  
Kennewick, WA 99336  
509-586-7555

Winter Hours - November 1 to March 31  
Monday - Thursday | 8 am - 5 pm  
Friday | 8 am - 4 pm  
Saturday | 9 am - 3 pm

Summer Hours - April 1 to October 31  
Monday - Thursday | 7 am - 5 pm  
Friday | 7 am - 4 pm  
Saturday | 7 am - 3 pm

Accepts Clean Recyclables: Cardboard, Plastic, Tin, Aluminum

Plastic bottles and containers - plastic cups, bottles, jugs and dairy tubs (clean, empty, and flattened – no caps or lids).

No plastic bags! Plastic bags can shut down an entire recycling plant, so don't toss loose plastic bags into a recycling bin and never bag your recyclables. Empty loose recyclable items directly into the bin.

**Paper and Cardboard**  
Mail, envelopes, newspaper, flattened cardboard, magazines, catalogs, phone books, paper boxes (cereal, etc.) **Cardboard must be broken down and bundled into 3'x3' pieces**



**Plastic Bottles and Jugs**  
Plastic bottles (clean, empty and no lids)



**Metal Cans**  
Aluminum & tin cans (no sharp or greasy metal)



**When in doubt, throw it out.**  
**ONLY listed items should go in your recycle bin.**

**No Motor Oil!** **No Plastic Bags!** **No Glass!**



**All these items go into your garbage cart**

**Non-recyclable plastic**



**Glass**

- Window Panes, Mirrors
- Ceramics, Dishware, Broken Glass
- Standard Light Bulbs
- Glass Bottles and jars



**Non-recyclable paper**

- Non-Food Soiled Paper Towels
- Shiny, Coated or Foil Paper
- Hardcover Books (donate to a charity or school)



**Non-recyclable metal**

- Latex Paint Cans (harden paint with kitty litter or paint hardener, then place in garbage)
- Lids and Caps
- Sharp Metal
- Small Appliances (donate to a charity if working)





# Sarah Josepha Hale

By Kate Ely

Sarah Josepha Hale is my new Hero. Read this excerpt from Delancey Place  
([delanceyplace.com](http://delanceyplace.com)).

**Delancey Place:** Miss Fiske is quoted approvingly on her goals for her students:

*We expect woman to be qualified to think with candor -- act with justice -- counsel with kindness -- and direct with wisdom.*

**Today's encore selection -- from *Lady Editor: Sarah Josepha Hale and the Making of the Modern American Woman*, by Melanie Kirkpatrick.** Sarah Josepha Hale was the first female editor of a magazine, a publication called *The Ladies' Magazine*, which was owned by the Rev. John Lauris Blake of Boston. She presided as editor from 1828 to 1836, when it was acquired by Philadelphia's Louis Antoine Godey and merged with the *Lady's Book and Magazine*, better known by its later name, *Godey's Lady's Book*. Hale moved from Boston to Philadelphia to edit the new, combined magazine from 1837 to 1877.



*Sarah Josepha Buell Hale, painted by W.B. Chambers and engraved expressly for Godey's Lady's Book by W. G. Armstrong.*



The *Ladies' Magazine's* first issue was a trumpet fanfare for what was to come. Over the following nine years, Hale never let up. Every issue of the *Ladies' Magazine* had something to say on the subject of women's education. The magazine quickly became the national bulletin board for developments in women's education around the country. It was the go-to place for learning about new schools for women, educational philosophy, teaching techniques, innovative educators, and more.

She urged women to study chemistry, biology, geology, physics, mineralogy, and other sciences -- subjects that tradition-ally were considered too taxing for the female intellect. She published reading lists and self-study advice for readers who wished to extend their knowledge and improve their minds. She cited the benefits of physical activity for girls and women, pooh-poohing prevailing notions that women were too delicate for exercise or that it was improper for girls to behave like boys.

In an 1830 letter to Catherine Fiske, head of the school Frances Ann and Josepha attended in Keene, New Hampshire, Hale showed that she practiced what she preached when it came to her own family. "I have written to my daughters many directions respecting their exercises," she told Miss Fiske, "and I wish you would use particular care that they do exercise .... Children will play if it is allowed them, but young misses who are studiously inclined need some stimulus to active exercises."

Hale vigorously defended learned women who were derided as "bluestockings," a derogatory term for women with intellectual or literary interests. She found the word repulsive -- re-reflecting prejudices that should be stamped out. She rejected it, too, as injurious to the cause of higher education for women in that it demeaned their intellectual accomplishments, discourag-ing others from pursuing academic learning. She spoke bluntly about the "evil" to which educated women are subjected. "It is to have cultivated minds, and yet be confined to a society that does not understand and cannot appreciate their talents and intelligence. This frequently occurs."

She pushed for public funding of institutions of higher education for women. Of the 131 American colleges that received public support, she noted despairingly in 1835, the number that admitted women was zero. She urged private donations to women's schools, excoriating Mrs. Christopher Gore of Boston -- widow of a former governor of Massachusetts -- for leaving a bequest of \$50,000 to Harvard University rather than for the purpose of founding an institution that educated women. She asked, "When will women learn that the most effectual way in which they can promote the great interests of literature, morality and piety, is to provide for the instruction of their own sex?" She pressed this cause for the rest of her life, including in connection with her work on the founding of Vassar College in the late 1860s.

As for female employment, she advanced the idea of vocational training for women that would lead to remunerative work, and she published articles advocating that women be trained for jobs as nurses and cooks -- occupations traditionally filled by men. She railed against schools for women that emphasized such traditional feminine pursuits as singing, drawing, fancy needlework, and playing the piano while neglecting academic excellence. Students at such schools might master fashionable accomplishments, in her opinion, but they didn't receive an education.

Starting in 1829, the *Ladies' Magazine's* second year of publication, Hale began to publish profiles of the best schools for young ladies around the country, delineating their educational philosophy, curriculum, staff, and rates. One example will suffice to show Hale's method. In December 1833, she devoted four and half pages to a description of Miss Fiske's Young Ladies Seminary in Keene, New Hampshire -- a school she knew well since her two daughters attended it. Miss Fiske's school offered a four-year curriculum that included astronomy, geology, chemistry, botany, algebra, geometry, and other subjects not usually considered suitable for women. Miss Fiske is quoted approvingly on her goals for her students: "We expect woman to be qualified to think with candor -- act with justice -- counsel with kindness -- and direct with wisdom." This is a magnificent mission statement for any school -- then or now, for women or for men. The cost of attending Miss Fiske's school was one hundred dollars for forty-eight weeks of tuition and board plus six dollars for fuel. There were extra charges for languages, music, and art.

Hale gave similar treatment to numerous other schools for girls, including Catholic schools, whose academic rigor she admired but which she saw as in competition with schools run by Protestants, the country's dominant faith. Her aim was twofold: to provide information to parents considering schools for their daughters and to share information with teachers and administrators who could learn from the examples of others. In addition to profiling schools, she also published articles by or about the prominent female educators of the day, including Emma Willard of Troy, New York; Catharine Beecher of Hartford and later Cincinnati; and Sarah Pierce of Litchfield, Connecticut. Willard, whom Hale met when their sons were cadets at West Point, became a close friend. Hale wrote admiringly of Willard's work in the *Ladies' Magazine* and published several of Willard's essays. Their friendship foundered when Hale appeared to favor Willard's estranged second husband, who proved to be a reprobate.

By 1835, Hale began to write optimistically about the pace of change regarding attitudes on educating women in a new column bearing the headline, "Progress of Society." Using the editorial "we," she commented:

Seven years ago when our Magazine was first commenced but very little public attention was paid to this subject. We would not be understood as boasting that our labors alone have wrought this change, but we may claim that we have pursued a systematic and persevering course in endeavoring to do this -- and now we scarcely open a newspaper, a periodical or a new book that does not contain sentiments respecting the capacities and powers of women.

By June 1835 she was ecstatic to report about the progress made toward the establishment of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary in South Hadley, Massachusetts. Reporting that \$10,000 had been raised for that project, she enthused that "the great work of beginning is accomplished .... Soon, very soon, a permanent system of Female Education will be established in our land." Mount Holyoke received its charter as a teaching seminary in 1836 and opened its doors in 1837.

Hale's introduction in the first issue of the *Ladies' Magazine* also promised that the new magazine would be thoroughly American. It would contain "well written communications, whether poems, letters, sketches, tales, or essays, descriptive of American scenery, character, and manners."