



AAUW Pendleton Branch
September Membership Meeting

Fall Membership Gathering



Wednesday, September 4

Potluck, 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 2, 7:00 pm
Location and Program TBA

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Co-President's Corner for September

By Susan Doyle

Welcome back to another year of AAUW Pendleton Branch activities. Program vice presidents Kate Ely and Blanche Hill are working on the year's schedule. We will continue holding membership meetings on the first Wednesday of the month, except in January, February, and March, when they will be on the first Saturday at Prodigal Son. Lunch Bunch will be on the third Thursday of the month.

We will begin our year with our annual fall membership gathering and potluck at Kathy Ward's home on Wednesday, September 4, 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 at AAUW activities this year.

Notes & Announcements

September Membership Meeting, Wednesday, September 4, 5:30 p.m.: Our fall potluck gathering will be at Kathy Ward's again this year. **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: Wednesday, September 18, 5:00 p.m., at Kate Ely's home. Branch members are welcome to attend.

September Lunch Bunch: Thursday, September 19, the Sugar Shack, Athena, 11:30 a.m. at Heritage Station to carpool.

Welcome New Member

Sara Neal
Hermiston
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**AAUW PENDLETON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JUNE 1, 2024**

Program Planning Meeting at Community Park
Mary Davis called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.
Members present: 13. Introductions followed.

Presentation: Kate Ely gave a talk—with photos, maps, graphs, and rocks—on hydrogeology and the Columbia River Basalt Group. She also brought references, books, and online sources of information.**

Mary presented the planning questionnaire for members to discuss.

We discussed the first seven questions.

Ideas generated:

Programs with local focus

Anthropological studies, including tribal members

Social histories of local neighbors

Boys' academic progress

Teen suicide prevention

Soils (referenced Stewart West, presenter)

STEM programs in local schools

Natural history, Oregon Wolf Plan

Tamastlikt Cultural Institute: 25th Year

Anniversary

Notify speakers when there are 10 minutes left to speak.



Kate Ely. Jill Heffner photo.

Interest group for special studies next year:

Book study

Western Swing Dancing

Line Dancing

Walking field trips

Learning to play Bridge

Agricultural Research Service (ARS) / wheat varieties/ tour on OSU van

Birding

We agreed to a combination of Zoom and in-person meetings next year.

Regarding membership meetings held at the Vert Club Room, we will include light refreshments as was done in the past. Volunteer hosts will bring food, drinks, and other items as needed.

***In Search of Ancient Oregon*, by Ellen Morris Bishop, and online programs by Nick Zentner, Central Washington University.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Beth Condon, Co-Secretary

The Blue Mountain Community College Foundation awarded the Pendleton Branch scholarship of \$1,500 for 2024-25 to Kelsie Stewart. Kelsie sent Pendleton Branch a thank you letter:

AAUW Pendleton Branch Scholarship Thank You

Kelsie Stewart

06/19/2024

Dear AAUW Pendleton Branch,

I'm honored to be the recipient of the AAUW Pendleton Branch Scholarship of \$1,500. Your generous contribution has allowed me to further pursue my degree, and I am incredibly grateful.

I'm currently enrolled through BMCC and just recently got notification of my acceptance into the nursing program. I am set to start nursing school in Fall of 2024. I am overly ecstatic to begin this second half of my journey furthering my education and getting closer to my career goals.

I have been completing my prerequisites through BMCC for nursing school and preparing for this next chapter. I am a mother of three children and currently work two jobs while completing my prerequisites.

The AAUW Pendleton Branch Scholarship will help me to pay for my tuition expenses. Being awarded this scholarship helps me to further focus on my academic pursuits and decreases the financial stress that accompanies being a college student. Thank you so much for this opportunity and for choosing me as the recipient of this scholarship. Thank you for all of your support!

Sincerely,

Kelsie Stewart

Eastern Oregon Forum

AAUW Pendleton Branch is a longtime sponsor of the Eastern Oregon Forum speaker series. Mary Davis, Kate Mace, Susan Dole, and Harriet Isom are on the EO Forum planning committee. For many years, the forum has charged membership fees or a fee at the door, but beginning this year all programs will be free of charge. The programs will be on the second Tuesday of October, November, March, and April at a new time, 5:30 p.m. An interesting series is being planned for the year and will be announced soon.

Community Gathering

Building Peace in a Complex World

- WHO:** Peacemaker Dr. June L. Lorenzo — An attorney, consultant and human rights advocate, Dr. Lorenzo is Laguna Pueblo and Diné (Navajo Nation). Holding a JD and PhD, she currently practices law in New Mexico and advocates for the rights of indigenous peoples before United Nations and Organization of American States bodies.
- WHAT:** A community gathering to discuss cooperative peacemaking efforts with indigenous peoples in the United States and the world.
- WHERE:** First Presbyterian Church, 201 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton, OR.
- WHEN:** Sunday, September 29, at 4:30 p.m. Light snacks will be provided.
- WHY:** Building peace with neighbors requires a deep understanding of the historical and current contexts surrounding relationships with indigenous peoples. Dr. Lorenzo is uniquely qualified to lead a conversation about these relationships and explain current, complicated issues. Together, we will learn and exchange ideas.

Election Workers Needed

By Sue Petersen

Good afternoon everyone,

I just visited the elections office to pick up more voter registrations and during the course of conversation Debbie, Elections clerk, asked me if I would know of anyone interested in being an election worker during the week of October 29th to November 5th (leading up to and during the ballot returns).

She is looking for around 10-12 people, both Democrats and Republicans. The duties would be class training, signature verification, and opening the ballot returns.

The workday would be 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. every day except the weekends. On election day, the hours would be from 9:00 a.m. to possibly midnight.

The job pays minimum wage (\$13.70).

If you are interested, go online to the Umatilla County Courthouse > Jobs, scroll down to Elections Worker and click apply now.

After you reach this site, look to the right of your screen. It says Apply Now...Continue filling out the information. This is electronically sent to HR (Carmen) for approval. If you have any questions while filling out the form, feel free to call Carmen in Human Resources at 541-278-6205 or Debbie in the elections office at 541-278-6282 for further assistance.

Have fun with your new experience. This is how DEMOCRACY WORKS!

Sybil Ludington's Historic Ride

Posted on Facebook by Jan Hill (friend of Susan Doyle in New York), April 28, 2024

In U.S. history, we remember that famous ride that warned the colonies that the British were coming. The Colonel needed someone he could trust, someone brave enough, someone who could ride a long distance, through the darkness, from 9 p.m. to dawn, someone who could fight off enemy combatants, to alert the colonial militia to the approach of British forces.

So, the Colonel chose the "best man for the job." He chose Sybil Ludington, his 16-year-old daughter. Sybil Ludington was born on April 5, 1761. On April 26, 1777, her father asked his young daughter to take the dangerous ride.

On the night of April 18, 1775, Revere made his famous ride, and history remembers him well because of the famous poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, who would tell the tale, saying:

Listen my children and you shall hear,
Of the midnight ride of Paul Revere . . .

But, many people do not know about the four other riders, who warned their communities of the approach and movement of the British forces. The five heroes (including Paul Revere) were Samuel Prescott, Israel Bissell, William Dawes, and the one who I am dedicating this post to, Sybil Ludington, who at that time was only 16 years old.

On the night of April 26, 1777, Colonel Henry Ludington chose his daughter to take that famous ride in history. Sybil set out at 9 p.m. that night in the rain to warn the colonists at Danbury, Connecticut, of the approach of the British. She would make a journey double to that of Revere (totaling 40 miles), riding through Kent to Farmers Mills and then returning back home again.

During her famous ride, she gathered her father's troops, knocked on doors, and warned the countryside of the British troops' incoming attack—and she fought off a highwayman with a long stick.

By dawn, she was exhausted, damp from the rain, but had accomplished her mission warning the colonists and bringing together 400 soldiers ready to march and drive the enemy troops from the area.

She was later commended by George Washington for her heroism. Each April since 1979, the Sybil Ludington 50-kilometer footrace has been held in Carmel, New York. The course of this hilly road race approximates Sybil's historic ride and finishes near the statue which was erected in her honor on the shore of Lake Gleneida, Carmel, New York.

So, when you hear the tale of Paul Revere, remember the other riders, one of which was the courageous Sybil Ludington.



—Jon S. Randal Page