



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
October 2024

AAUW Pendleton Branch
October Membership Meeting

Program: “AAUW Public Policy”
Claire Berger and Diana Rickes, AAUW of Oregon



Wednesday, October 2
7:00 p.m.
City Hall Community Room,
501 SW Emigrant Ave.
(entrance from Emigrant Ave. parking lot)

November Membership Meeting
Wednesday, November 6, 7:00 pm, Location TBA
Dan Primus, Umatilla County District Attorney

Notes & Announcements

AAUW Pendleton Branch Leadership Team 2023–2024

Co-Presidents

Susan Doyle 969-7660
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Communications Vice President

Delanne Ferguson 278-8131

Co-Finance Vice Presidents

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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:

AAUW Funds

Jill Heffner 278-4791

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Regina Braker 663-6148
Kathleen Mace 215-2530

Grapefruit & Membership List

Karen King 278-2151

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AAUW Association website

aauw.org

AAUW of Oregon website

aauw-or.aauw.net

AAUW Pendleton website

pendleton-or.aauw.net

October Membership Meeting: Wednesday, October 2, 7:00 p.m., City Hall Community Room. The speakers are Claie Berger and Diana Rickes from AAUW of Oregon. See program note below. **Dinner Divas** will meet before the meeting **at Joe's Fiesta** on Main Street at 5:30 pm.

EO Forum: Tuesday, October 8, BMCC, 5:30 p.m., Nick Nash speaking on Civil Discourse. See the article on page 6 in this newsletter.

October Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 5:00 p.m., location to be announced. Branch members are welcome to attend.

October Lunch Bunch: Thursday, October 24, the Sugar Shack, Athena, 11:30 a.m. at Heritage Station to carpool.

October 2 Program Note

Claire Berger, the Oregon AAUW Public Policy Chair, will be the speaker at this month's membership meeting. Claire and her associate, Diana Rickes will discuss AAUW policy and priorities, a new organizational model that will include more branch involvement on state and local levels, and increased collaboration with other like-minded organizations like the League of Women Voters. Some emerging issues for AAUW include age discrimination, the lack of rural women's health clinics, Title IX, and equal pay.

The meeting will be in the City Hall Community Room, 501 SW Emigrant Ave., at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2. The Community Room is behind the public library. The entrance is from the parking lot on Emigrant Ave.

Welcome New Member

Shannon Van Kirk
(c) 775-997-5047
shannonvankirk@gmail.com

**AAUW Pendleton
Branch Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2024 @ Kathy Ward's home**

Call to Order: Mary Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. 19 members were present. Introductions of members took place, including new member, Shannon Van Kirk.

Minutes from June meeting: minutes were approved as distributed.

Officer Reports:

Co-Presidents: Susan and Mary

Mary led the meeting, passed out the agenda and proposed budget.
Kate passed out the new program schedule. Sept. '24– Feb. '25 are covered.
Mar-May TBA. Topics/speakers under consideration are listed on the program handout.

Membership VP: Sue Petersen

New members included Shannon Van Kirk and Sara Neal, Hermiston.
AAUW door duty for OE Symphony dates will be: 2:30 pm, at the Vert on Sunday, 11/10/24, 12/8/24, 3/16/2025, 6/8/2025.

Communications VP: Delanne Ferguson

Delanne will send announcements to the EO, Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, and OPB contact person at BMCC. Also suggested: Coffee Hour (annually).

Finance VP Accounts & Budget: Marlene Krout:

Checking Balance: \$2,038.19, Savings: \$4,816.27.
Kate Mace moved to accept the proposed 2024-25 budget, the motion passed unanimously.

Scholarships/BMCC:

Karen Wagner will invite scholarship recipient, Kelsie Stewart, to a meeting.

Finance VP Dues:

Kate Mace reported that 37 members have paid dues. In the future, notification of dues renewal will come to our emails from national.

Co-Secretary: Beth & Kathy / No report.

Appointed Positions:

AAUW Funds: Jill Heffner / No report

BMCC Liaison: Marie Hall / No report

Bylaws: Kathy Ward / No report

Directory: Susan Doyle

2024-25 Directory is coming in October.

Grapefruit: Karen King

Karen will start the process after Round-Up.

Public Policy: Regina

Mary reported the Claire Berger will present at our October membership meeting.
Topic: Workplace age discrimination.

Waldman Special Projects Fund: Marlene, Kate, Mary

Marlene: Roberta Lavadour requested STEAM project materials that can be accessed at the art center by parents and children on a drop-in basis: Metropolis Building Tiles and kaleidoscope kits. The Waldman Family approved the funds being spent for these materials.

STEM: Marlene and Karen: Trip to EOU for STEM Day will be funded again.

NE District Co-Directors: Kate and Regina

Announcements:

Mary: Presbyterian Church will host International Peacemaker, Dr. June Lorenzo, September 29, 4:30 pm

EO Forum: October 8, Civil Discourse; November 12, Panel on Homelessness.

Exhibit: Oregon Black Pioneers with Taylor Stewart / Program at BMCC and display at Pendleton Library.

Next board meeting: September 18th @ Kate Ely's

Lunch Bunch September 19th @ the Sugar Shack in Athena.

Next Membership meeting: October 2, Community Room / City Hall.

Meeting adjourned: 7:48 pm

Beth Condon, Co-Secretary

AAUW Pendleton Branch Meeting

Photos by Beth Condon



Sue Petersen and June Whitten.



Kate Mace, Karen Wagner, Harriet Isom, and Kate Ely.



Shannon Van Kirk and Kate Mace.



Delanne Ferguson, Kathy Ward, Jill Heffner, Kate Mace, Harriet Isom, and Susan Doyle.

Oregon East Symphony Ushers Needed

Sue Petersen is organizing AAUW ushers for the 2024-25 season of Oregon East Symphony. Concert dates are:

Sunday, November 10, 2024, 2:30 pm

Sunday, December 8, 2024, 2:30 pm

Sunday, March 16, 2025, 2:30 pm

Sunday, June 8, 2025, 2:30 pm

Please call, text, or email Sue if you can usher at some or all of these dates at:

541-377-0752

suepetersen60@gmail.com

AAUW Gathering During Round-Up

During Round-Up, AAUW of Oregon President, Catherine Lutes, was in Pendleton with Susan Plass, former Pendleton Branch member. Catherine and Susan joined Mary Davis, Susan Doyle, Kate Mace, and Regina Braker for a delightful lunch on Kate's deck. Catherine welcomed Kate and Regina to the state board as NE District Directors.



Susan Doyle, Catherine Lutes, Mary Davis, Regina Braker, Kate Mace, and Susan Plass.

Eastern Oregon Forum (EO Forum) Tuesday, October 8, 5:30 p.m.

Program: Civil Discourse
Speaker: Nick Nash

In these divided political times, building consensus and broad support is crucial for our system to function effectively. Engaging in conversations across divides helps us find common ground and build a stronger democracy. But how do we have constructive conversations with people we disagree with? Civil discourse is constructive communication characterized by mutual respect, openness, and attentive listening.

Dr. Nick Nash will lead us in a conversation exploring civic engagement and the importance of civil discourse. Nick Nash is a Philosophy and Writing instructor at Blue Mountain Community College. He also owns a small consulting company called Eastern Oregon Business Source that helps local organizations with fundraising and professional development.

Outside of work, Nick is a board member for the Umatilla County Special Library District and a Conversation Leader for the Oregon Humanities Conversation Project. He received his BA from Portland State University (2011), his MA from The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2013), and his PhD from the University of Western Ontario (2017)—all in Philosophy. Nick is grateful for the opportunity to live in, and give back to, the place where he was born and raised.

No charge, light hors d'oeuvres will be served
AAUW Pendleton and Harriet Isom are sponsors of the EO Forum

—This Weekend— 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 the 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.

AAUW FUNDS

Jill Heffner, AAUW Funds Pendleton Branch

Oh my. Here it is—October already. And while Karen is priming us for our annual Grapefruit Fundraiser, it is also time for me to talk to you about an AAUW national program. Most of you know what I am about to tell you, but there are 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.

Thank you to the Pendleton Branch for your continued annual financial support of AAUW Funds.

Besides being supported by The Branch, AAUW Funds is also generously supported by individual members. Thank you, those of you, who have made contributions throughout the year. AAUW Funds fiscal year is January 1-December 31. If you are planning to contribute, remember the deadline for getting your checks to me is December 15. You may also make your contributions online.

Throughout the year contributions may be made to any of the above-listed funds. A minimum donation of \$25.00 allows you to honor someone either “in memorial” or as a “tribute”. 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 on-line at www.aauw.org/contribute.**

When sending a check and the designated form (found on 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.

Thank you All.

Please use the donation form on the next page

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. This fund is where donation is needed most.

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, \$tart \$mart).



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***