



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
December 2024

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December Membership Meeting

Annual Holiday Wine Tasting

“Old World Wines”
with Addison Schulberg, Great Pacific



Wednesday, December 4
5:30 p.m. – no-host dinner
6:30 p.m. – wine tasting event
Great Pacific

Please contribute \$10 toward the cost of the event

January Membership Meeting
Saturday, January 4, 11:00 a.m., Prodigal Son
Kate Ely, “Canadian Adventures”

Notes & Announcements

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December Membership Meeting, December 4, Great Pacific, 6:30 p.m. Addison Schulberg will present another informative and entertaining wine tasting program at Great Pacific. Everyone is invited to a no-host dinner before the meeting **at Great Pacific at 5:03 pm.**

No December Board Meeting

December Lunch Bunch: Thursday, December 19 at Momiji, 210 SW 17th Street, at 11:45 a.m.

Donations to the BMCC Student Need's Pantry

In keeping with our mission of supporting education for girls and women, here is an opportunity to help students at BMCC who sometimes cannot afford basic supplies. BMCC has a supplies pantry that accepts donations for the students.

CAPECO provides food, but the pantry still needs donations of household supplies, feminine period products, personal hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash, baby wipes), paper towels, toilet paper, and cleaning and laundry supplies.

Please bring donations to the membership meeting on Wednesday, December 4. Sue Petersen will collect them and take them to BMCC.

Co-Presidents' Message

Mary Davis and Susan Doyle

AAUW Happy Holidays
Wine Tasting Party at GP December 4
Grapefruit Distribution December 14
Lunch Bunch at Momiji December 19



**AAUW PENDLETON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
November 6, 2024
City Hall Community Room**

Call to Order: Co-President Mary Davis call the meeting to order at 8:17 pm.

Number of members present: 17 members and Paul Davis, guest

Minutes approved as distributed.

Officer Reports:

Finance VP Accounts and budget: Marlene Krout

Savings account funds: \$4,816.51 Checking account funds: \$4,806.41 CD: \$5,117.75

Checking account balance includes two general fund deposits, paid insurance, badges, and lunch for state officials.

Finance VP: Kate Mace

38 members have renewed membership dues, either by renewing online or with check and form to Kate.

Program VP: Kate Ely/Blanche Hill

Kate announced December's program will be on Old European Wines at GP on December 4 at 6:30 pm. Contribute \$10 to the cost of the program. Dinner is at 5:30 pm.

January at Prodigal Son at 11 am. Topic: Bike journey through Alaska. May's topic is Wolves.

Membership VP: Sue Petersen purchased two more badges.

Communication VP: Delanne Ferguson sent an announcement to the EO for the grapefruit sale, which is ongoing.

Appointed Positions:

AAUW Funds: Jill Heffner

Contributions to AAUW Funds are due by December 15, 2024, if paying with a check. All are tax-deductible. Online contributions can be made until 12/31/24.

Contributions to the national organizations are important as they support programs which help thousands of women.

These include Elect Her, Smart Start, and NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders).

Grapefruit Karen King:

Get money for grapefruit orders to Karen before November 18. Karen appeared on the Coffee Hour radio program to promote the annual fundraiser.

Newsletter and Directory: Susan Doyle, co-President, is editor

Public Policy: Regina Braker

Regina reported on a survey by the state which covered Education, Health Care, Children, Economic well-being.

AARP letters to legislators regarding age discrimination were filled out and returned to Regina.

Website: Marty King, no report.

Announcements:

EO Forum: November 12, 2024

5:30pm BMCC Library: The Complex Issue of Homelessness in our community.

Speakers: Pendleton Chief of Police, CAPO Director, Paula Hall, Carole Innes and Marcus Luke.
November Board Meeting: 11/21/2024 Kate Ely's home, at 5:00 pm. Open to all members.
November Lunch Bunch: 11:45 am Thursday, November 21 at The Distillery.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Beth Condon, Co-Secretary.

Wine Tasting at the GP with Addison Schulberg December 4, 6:30 p.m.

“Old World Wines from the Eastern European country of Georgia”

Wine holds immense cultural and historical significance in the Republic of Georgia, which is considered one of the oldest wine-producing regions in the world. Georgia is widely recognized as the birthplace of wine, with a winemaking tradition dating back over 8,000 years.

The traditional Georgian method of making wine in clay vessels called *qvevri* is recognized by UNESCO as part of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Georgian wine production uses unique indigenous grape varieties, with over 500 varieties native to the region.

Wine is deeply integrated into Georgian social culture, traditions, and hospitality customs. The wine industry represents a significant part of Georgia's economy and national identity, with wine tourism becoming increasingly important.

We will be tasting three Georgian wines, two reds and one white, following the ancient wine-making tradition. We will discuss the terroir, geography, and history of Georgian wine their production methods. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available as well.

Join us at GP for dinner before the program at 5:30!

November Lunch Bunch Review

by Jill Heffner

November saw the Lunch Bunch at The Distillery on Court Street. There were nine of us; we were seated at a long table in the back, away from the rest of the seating area. Here Karen, Kathy, Sue and her friend Meg Read, Louise, Susan, Marlene, Shannon, and I could enjoy privacy and chat away. The menu was limited but there were plenty of burgers, pasta. and salad options for everyone. We all ordered pasta or salad. The portions were humungous, but the Nacho Tower that Louise treated us to was unbelievable! Oh my, that was fun and could've been lunch for all of us! As it was, everyone took home at least half their lunch...except Louise who didn't have any nachos left to take home.

We all agreed that next month we must do Momiji. Hope to see you there, Thursday the 19th.

AAUW Funds

Jill Heffner, AAUW Funds

Today you have the opportunity to affect the lives of hundreds, even thousands, of girls and women. When you contribute to AAUW Funds you are helping bring programs such as Tech Trek (summer camps for STEM activities) to teen-agers, NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) to college women, and Start Smart (how to interview and negotiate salaries “like a man” to graduating college students. These are but a few programs available to girls and young women thanks to the contributions that YOU make to AAUW Funds.

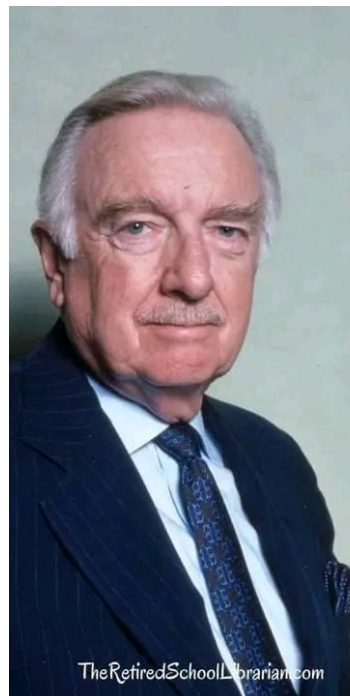
When you contribute to the Greatest Needs Fund (part of AAUW Funds) you are contributing to a fund that uses its resources where the need is greatest. Say, for example, that Start Smart is doing well, but NCCWSL needs financial aid or there is an immediate need to create a new program, then Greatest Needs can give support to that program. By supporting Greatest Needs Funds (#9110) you are enabling AAUW to remain flexible in supporting established programs while also addressing emerging issues that affect women.

If you have already contributed to AAUW Funds, thank you. Your contributions are absolutely appreciated. If you have not yet contributed, please look to the future of women on the national level and contribute now.

December 31 is the end of the AAUW Funds fiscal year. I will be mailing in contributions as late as December 27. You can mail your contribution to me (3303 SW LaDow Ave) or bring it to the December meeting.

Thank you all. Happy Holidays.

The Funds Donation Form is attached separately to the newsletter email



**“Whatever
the cost of
our libraries,
the price is
cheap
compared to
that of an
ignorant
nation.”**

--Walter Cronkite

Anna van Schurman

Posted on Facebook page *Beautiful Things You Must See*

The most learned woman of the 17th century was undoubtedly Anna van Schurman, a polymath who spent her life arguing that women should receive an education as long as it did not interfere with their domestic duties. Other scholars called her the “Star of Utrecht,” the “Dutch Minerva,” the “Tenth Muse,” “a miracle of the gentler sex,” the “Incomparable Virgin,” the “Oracle of Utrecht,” and the “Jewel of Learned Women,” all of which sounds pretty outstanding for a time when the vast majority of women were thought to be intellectually inferior to men.

But then she was different, a prodigy whose brain could not be contained. A Dutch Calvinist, she was born in Cologne in 1607. Her family was wealthy, pious, educated, well-connected, and modern, as her father broke the conventions of the time by teaching her along with his sons.

He may have had no choice, for Anna was so curious and clever that she could read by the age of three. By the age of eleven she had read Seneca in Latin and was fluent in German, English, Italian, Spanish, and French, as well as being proficient in mathematics, astronomy, and geography.

She was also artistic, creating intricate lace-like paper cut-outs at the age of six, detailed embroidery at ten, and a wax self-portrait at eleven so lifelike that her friend pricked one of the jewels to see if it was real. During this period, she also taught herself calligraphy and glass engraving, all of which merged into a passion for wood engraving that she later developed by studying with the daughter of a renowned engraver and publisher. Her work was so good that she became an honorary member of the Painter's Guild.

The family settled in Utrecht when she was nineteen, following the death of her father. Her neighbour was a professor of theology and Eastern languages at the city's main university, and he was soon taken with her linguistic and intellectual abilities. He introduced her to two other professors, who in turn introduced her to the city's poets and philosophers.

Her living room became a meeting place where intellectuals discussed all sorts of issues. Some fell in love and proposed to her, writing poems to convince her, but she could afford to be celibate and chose to remain independent.

She would have liked to further her academic interests by studying at university, but women were excluded on the basis of three fundamental beliefs: that they lacked the natural ability to study, that it was unseemly for a Christian woman to do so, and that it would be a waste of time as women could not hold public office.

So, when she was asked to write a Latin poem in honour of the University of Utrecht, she decided to use the opportunity to complain about the exclusion of women. The university authorities listened and allowed her to attend lectures behind a curtain so as not to distract the male students.

She became the first Dutch woman to enter such a prestigious institution and used it to gain a law degree, while also learning Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic, Arabic, Syriac, Samaritan Hebrew, Persian and Ethiopian, which enabled her to read the ancient texts in the original language, including the Bible and the commentaries of the Fathers of the Church.

Emboldened, she wrote a dissertation in Latin arguing for the education of women. It was printed and distributed throughout Europe, and soon she was receiving letters from all the learned women of her time as well as from important cultural figures such as René Descartes, Marin Mersenne, and Constantin Huygens.

Towards the end of her life, she became involved with a contemplative religious sect founded by the Jesuit Jean de Labadie. Labadism was a mystical offshoot of Catholicism that preached

the importance of communal property, an austere lifestyle, and daily communal Bible study, which allowed her to pursue her theosophical interests. Crucially, Labadie also believed in the equality of all believers, including women, who were allowed to hold leadership positions within the movement and were encouraged to participate in all religious activities.

Her intellectual peers were shocked and opposed her, but she stood by her new faith and eventually renounced the Reformed Church through a public pamphlet arguing for another reformation. She gave up all her possessions and became co-leader of the group. They eventually founded a Labadist community on the outskirts of Amsterdam, where she continued to correspond with a variety of people on theosophical subjects until her death.

Through her radical ideas and linguistic skills, she successfully challenged the prescribed roles of women in 17th century Europe and planted the seeds for our equality, access, and inclusion.

—*Simonnetta Gatto*



Anna van Schurman self-portrait, 1633, Museum Martena, Netherlands.