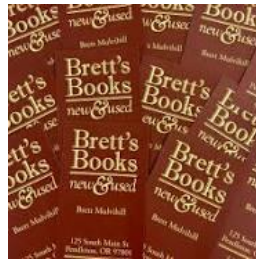




**AAUW Pendleton Branch
March Membership Meeting**

Program: “A New Pendleton Business Adventure:
Brett’s Books”

Speaker: Brett Mulvihill, New Business Owner



Saturday, March 1

11:00 a.m. – no-host lunch

Prodigal Son

April Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m., Vert Club Room

Dr. Nick Nash, “Civil Discourse”

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Co-President's Corner for March

By Susan Doyle

As winter appears to be waning, we can look forward to spring. Our branch activities gear up in March for the annual election of officers in May. Mary Davis and I are the nominating committee, and we will contact members as we work on the slate to be announced in early April.

Yesterday we had another enjoyable Lunch Bunch gathering at Backfire Station. Ten members ate lunch together, along with Sue Petersen's husband Mark who quickly joined a group of men at another table. It was nice to have Sara Neal join us from Hermiston and Barbara Lund-Jones, whom we have not seen for a while.

The AAUW of Oregon 2025 Conference and Annual Meeting will be in Lebanon April 24-26. We hope several branch members will attend.

Notes & Announcements

March Membership Meeting: Saturday, March 1, 11:00 a.m. at Prodigal Son, local business owner Brett Mulvihill will speak about his new bookselling business in Pendleton. See the program notes on page 4.

March Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 5: p.m. on Zoom. Board members will receive the link a day ahead from Bruce Barnes.

March Lunch Bunch: Thursday, March 20, at Mazatlan at 11:45 a.m.

March EO Forum: Tuesday, March 11, at Noon at the BMCC Library. The program is a panel on Unmanned Air Systems (UAS).

Welcome New Member

Sandra Westfprd
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**AAUW PENDLETON
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

Date: February 1, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM

Place: Prodigal Son

Call to Order: Mary Davis called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm. 19 members present.

Minutes from previous meeting: Approved as submitted.

Officer Reports:

Finance VP Accounts & Budget: Marlene Krout announced the tax deduction letter will be coming from Susan Doyle.

Report: Savings has \$4,8145.75 Checking has \$4,402.61 CD has \$5, 117.75 Total assets: \$14,336.11

Discussion: AAUW sponsored magazine at the library. Kate Ely and Mary Davis will meet with Jennifer Johnson at the library regarding why the program is discontinued.

Finance VP Dues: Kate Mace: We have three new members.

Program VP: Blanch Hill and Kate Ely

Upcoming Programs: March: Dave Williams will present challenges to boys' education.

April: Nick Nash, Ph.D. on Civil Discourse.

Membership: Sue Petersen introduced new member Sandra Westford. Sandra shared information about herself and her art. She announced her Open House at Feves Art Gallery. BMCC, on February 22, 4-6 pm.

Communication VP: Delanne Ferguson: No report.

Appointed Positions:

Sue Waldman Fund: Marlene. The Sue Waldman Fund is an AAUW of Oregon Special Projects Fund funded by the Waldman family for scholarships and STEM projects.

This is administrated through the Blue Mountain Community Foundation in Walla Walla, WA. Scholarships are awarded to Umatilla County students who are sophomore, junior, or senior women in college. We also use the fund to cover local STEM projects. We have \$26,152.73 in this fund. Applications for the Sue Waldman Fund scholarships are due in the spring.

New Business:

AAUW Annual Meeting: Mary: Lebanon, OR. April 25 and 26. \$500 budgeted for those who attend the meeting.

NE District meeting: Kate Mace will show the film *Space, Hope & Charity*.

Announcements:

EO Forum:

March 11/ Noon, Panel on Unmanned Air Systems (UAS), BMCC Library.

April 8 / 5:30 pm, "Is North Korea Still a Threat to US," BMCC Library.

Meeting adjourned: 12:45 pm.

Beth Condon, Co-Secretary

Program Notes

March 1 Membership Meeting

Brett Mulvihill

I grew up on the Northern California Coast. My family moved to Pendleton when I graduated HS. I attended Whitman College for two years then transferred to the University of Oregon, graduating in 1982 with a degree in Business Administration.

I spent my adulthood in the Portland area and started a software company in 1993 that I ran until I retired in 2021. I moved to Pendleton in 2021. I spent summers in Pendleton throughout college, have family here, and wanted to get out of the “big city.”

I quickly became bored in retirement and purchased the bookstore in the spring of 2024. I am a self- admitted “book nerd” and prolific reader. Every town needs a bookstore, and this one was in need of a little revamping. The local community has been very supportive. In addition to my purchase of the big store, I was elected to the Pendleton City Council and now serve as a representative of Ward 3.

Brett’s Books

Brett's Books, owned by Brett Mulvihill, is a beloved local bookstore that sells both new and used books. Brett’s Books is open Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. Our store offers recommendations through “Brett's Picks” and has an extensive collection of mystery, western, and romance novels.

Brette’s Books is located at 125 S Main Street in the former Pendleton Book Company building.



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 always needs donations of feminine period products, personal hygiene products, paper towels, toilet paper, and cleaning and laundry supplies.

Please bring donations to the membership meeting on Saturday, February 1 at Prodigal Son. Sue Petersen will collect them and take them to BMCC.

More Useful Tips

Coffee Filters

Facebook post by my friend Jan Hill, Long Island, New York



DID YOU KNOW THIS?

Coffee filters . . . Who knew! And you can buy a 1,000 at the Dollar Tree for almost nothing, even the large ones.

1. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers.
2. Clean windows, mirrors, and chrome. Coffee filters are lint-free, so they'll leave windows sparkling.
3. Protect China by separating your good dishes with a coffee filter between each dish.
4. Filter broken cork from wine. If you break the cork when opening a wine bottle, filter the wine through a coffee filter.
5. Protect a cast-iron skillet. Place a coffee filter in the skillet to absorb moisture and prevent rust.
6. Apply shoe polish. Ball up a lint-free coffee filter.
7. Recycle frying oil. After frying, strain oil through a sieve lined with a coffee filter.
8. Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.
9. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.
10. Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot. Line a plant pot with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes.
11. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping. Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter.
12. Do you think we used expensive strips to wax eyebrows? Use strips of coffee filters.
13. Put a few in a plate and put your fried bacon, French fries, chicken fingers, etc. on them. It soaks out all the grease.
14. Keep in the bathroom. They make great "razor nick fixers."
15. Use as a sewing backing. Use a filter as an easy-to-tear backing for embroidering or appliqueing soft fabrics.
16. Put baking soda into a coffee filter and insert into shoes or a closet to absorb or prevent odors.
17. Use them to strain soup stock and tie fresh herbs in to put in soups and stews.
18. Use a coffee filter to prevent spilling when you add fluids to your car.
19. Use them as a spoon rest while cooking and clean up small counter spills.
20. Use them to hold dry ingredients when baking or when cutting a piece of fruit or veggies. Saves on having extra bowls to wash.
21. Use them to wrap Christmas ornaments for storage.
22. Use them to remove fingernail polish when out of cotton balls.