



**AAUW Pendleton Branch
April Membership Meeting**

Program: “Civil Discourse”

Speaker: Dr. Nick Nash,
BMCC & Eastern Oregon Business Source

**CIVIL
DISCOURSE**



Wednesday, April 2

7:00 p.m.

Vert Club Room

May Membership Meeting
Wednesday, May 7, 7:00 p.m., Vert Club Room
Roblyn Brown, “Eastern Oregon Wolves”

**AAUW Pendleton Branch
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Co-President's Corner for April

By Susan Doyle

As spring seems to be here at last, it is a time for some annual AAUW activities. We will return to the Vert Club Room for membership meetings in April and May. Four branch members are planning to attend the AAUW of Oregon Conference & Annual Meeting, April 25-26, in Lebanon, OR. The annual election of branch officers will be held at the May membership meeting. The slate of officers is on page 4.

Kate Mace and I recently visited longtime member Roberta Jones at Suttle Care. Roberta is doing as well as can be expected and said to say "hello" to everyone. There will be a memorial service for another longtime member, Paula Turner, on April 5, 11:00 a.m., at the First Presbyterian Church.

April has traditionally been the start of AAUW's annual membership renewal campaign, but this year AAUW transitioned to a renewal schedule based on when a member joined. AAUW will send you an email reminder to renew, and you may renew online. If you don't want to renew online, you may give your check to Kate Mace, dues finance v p. An updated form will be available soon.

Happy spring!

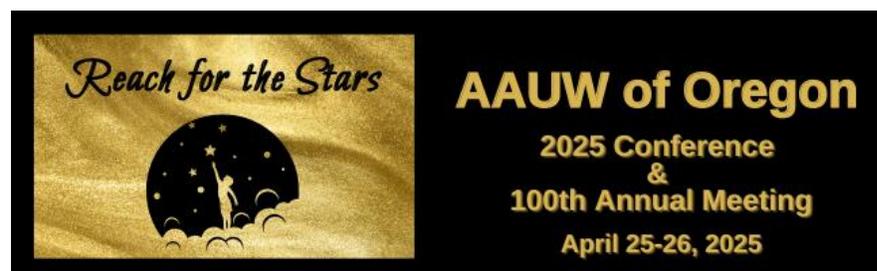
Notes & Announcements

April Membership Meeting: Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. at Vert Club Room. Dinner Divas will meet at 5:30 p.m. before the meeting at OMG.

April EO Forum: Tuesday, April 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the BMCC Library. BMCC President Mark Browning will be the speaker.

April Lunch Bunch: Thursday, April 10, at Hamley Steakhouse & Saloon at 11:45 a.m.

April Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 16, 5:00 p.m. at Kate Mace's home.



AAUW Pendleton Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: March 1, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: Prodigal Son

Call to Order: Susan Doyle, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.
25 members were present.

February meeting minutes printed in the newsletter.

Introductions: Members introduced themselves and shared what they were looking forward to this spring. Sue Petersen introduced new member Jana Mitchell.

Officer Reports:

Co-President: Mary Davis: Susan & Mary are the nominating committee for leadership roles this coming year. Mary asked if anyone else wanted to join them to let her know.

Members will be called to see if they are interested in leading, and nearly all positions are open.

Finance VP, Accounts & Budget: Marlene Krout: Checking = \$4,387.65 Savings = \$4,816.75 Total = \$9,204.40

CD = \$5,117.75. Renewal date: 3/12/25 (4% interest) We will renew the CD.

Finance VP, Dues: Kate Mace: We have 42 paid members. One of our student members, Nicole Amora-Smith, renewed.

Program VP: Kate Ely, Blanche Hill: Mary announced the program for April (Nick Nash, Ph.D.) will speak on Civil Discourse.

May's program will be on Wolves. Kate is contacting the speaker for this program.

Communication VP: Delanne Ferguson: It is difficult to get announcements in the EO.

Suggestions for alternative sources of our scheduled events: Brett's Books will post flyers; also put flyers in the library, at GP, the Art Center, post on Facebook in "What's Happening in Pendleton," and try the GO magazine. Susan can make flyers.

Appointed Positions:

Directory: Susan printed a two-page roster for this year. A 2025-26 Directory booklet will be printed in the fall. Karen King will send an updated membership list soon.

Public Policy: Regina Braker announced the **State AAUW Lobby days are 3/13–3/17 and will include Zoom calls.** Regina is a team leader, and there can be 3-5 members per team on Zoom. Registration is on the state website (Lobby Days Event). **Registration deadline is March 3. Mandatory training for lobbyists is March 13, 7-8 p.m.** (Tools to become an effective lobbyist). Let Regina know if you are interested.

Continuing Business:

Marlene: Sue Waldman Fund has \$26,125.60 as of 12/31/2024, plus interest from the CD. The Sue Waldman fund is non-profit, and donations can be made directly to that fund. (Special Projects fund Treasurer is Susan Gilstrap from Enterprise).

Kate Mace and Regina Braker, Co-NE District Directors, will request that the Sue Waldman Fund buy the "Space, Hope, and Charity" DVD to show at a district meeting and share with other AAUW branches.

New Business:

Sue Petersen announced the **Women's March** on March 8. Regina is one of the speakers. **StirrUp Hope's Chocolate Derby** is on April 5, 6 pm, at the Pendleton Convention Center. Ask Sue for tickets.

Sue read a Thank You note from the BMCC Pantry staff for the donations AAUW has provided.

Karen Wagner announced a Weight Training class on Mondays 9:30-10:30 am, Rec. Center, lower level.

Mary: **The Oregon Interfaith Earth Summit** will be Sunday, March 16, 12:00-2:00 pm at the Community Room. It will be recorded.

OES concert is 1:30, March 16. Ushers needed for this event. Contact Sue if interested.

Announcements:

EO Forum: Tuesday, March 11, Noon, BMCC Library. Program: Panel on Unmanned Air Systems (UAS).

Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 5:00 pm, Zoom.

Lunch Bunch: Thursday, March 20, Mazatlan, 11:45 am.

Next Membership Meeting: Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 pm, Vert Club Room.

Program: Dr. Nick Nash, BMCC, "Civil Discourse."

Meeting adjourned: 1:09 pm.

Beth Condon, Co-Secretary



Slate of Officers for 2025-27
To be voted on at the May Branch Meeting

Co-Presidents:

Susan Doyle

Mary Davis

Program Vice President:

Kate Ely (one year)

Membership Vice President:

Sue Petersen

Co-Finance Vice Presidents:

Marlene Krout (Branch)

Kate Mace (Dues)

Co-Secretaries:

Kathy Ward

Beth Condon

AAUW Dues Increase

The AAUW Board approved a dues adjustment of \$2 per year over the next two years.
New national dues: \$74 starting April 1, 2025, and \$76 starting April 1, 2026.

Why it matters: Member dues are an important funding source for AAUW. While costs for member support increase annually, dues have not kept pace. During the feedback process, we heard from more than 750 members. The Board’s decision to increase dues by \$2 reflects an adjustment to the original proposal to lessen the burden of a dues increase on members while keeping pace with inflation.

Your member dues help fund member services such as:

Administrative Support: Assist with dues processing, Community Hub management, 990N filings, branding materials, and toolkits.

Website Support: Update and manage ~500 branch and state websites and provide ongoing Site Resources support.

Member Trainings: Hold regular virtual member gatherings and training programs.

Member Engagement: Organize member-led groups and committees like Archives Corps, Lobby Corps, and national committees.

Speaker Engagement: Offer National speakers for branch meetings and state conventions.

Real-Time Support: Connect Team provides daily assistance and semi-weekly “Office Hours” for member leaders.

And more!

The bottom line: We heard you. The dues increase balances AAUW’s financial sustainability with the member feedback we received. Thank you for being an engaged leader!

With gratitude,

Shannon Wolfe
Managing Director & Chief of Staff

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 Wednesday, April 2 at the Vert Club Room. Sue Petersen will take them to BMCC.

Amy Bedford Fund

Amy Bedford, a longtime Pendleton resident who with several family members owned the *East Oregonian*, was a very active member of the Pendleton community and of AAUW. Amy died in 2006 and with the settlement of her estate, Pendleton Branch of AAUW received \$2,500 in April 2007 to be used to memorialize Amy in ways that would be lasting and maintain an awareness of her support for and impact on AAUW, Pendleton, and education. In 2022 another \$100 donation was added to this account, making the total in the Amy Bedford Fund \$2,600.

The branch has completed spending this donation. Below is a final accounting of the Amy Bedford Fund.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount Expended</u>
May, 2007	AAUW information signs on the highway Welcome signs at each end of Pendleton	\$600
2010-2014	GED Scholarships at BMCC	\$250
Spring 2016	Scholarships for GED testing (\$228 - \$190 = \$38)*	\$38
2017-present	Name badges for all members	\$625
March 2020	BMCC Scholarships	\$190
March 2023	BMCC Scholarship	\$345
March 2024	BMCC Scholarship	\$370
March 2025	BMCC Scholarship	<u>\$182</u>
		\$2,600

*BMCC did not use the funds for scholarship vouchers (\$228) as planned, and they returned \$190 in unused funds to AAUW in 2020 that was used toward the BMCC scholarship.

Marlene Krout
Finance Vice President



7th Annual Chocolate Derby
StirrUp Hope Therapeutic Riding Center
Saturday, April 5, 6:00 p.m.
Pendleton Convention Center

Tickets can be purchased on Facebook, or contact Sue Petersen,
suepetersen60@gmail.com.

Harvard’s “Human Computers”

By Kate Mace

I recently read *The Glass Universe: How the Ladies of the Harvard Observatory Took the Measure of the Stars*, by Dava Sobel (2016).

These amazing women were employed (for very little money, of course) to interpret the observations that their male counterparts made on the telescopes each night. They eventually turned from computing to studying the images that were photographed on these glass plates. The book is a history of a group of women whose “breakthroughs changed our understanding of the stars and our place in the universe” forever.

Miss Cecelia Payne was one of these women who went on to become astronomers themselves. She received Harvard’s first doctoral degree in astronomy—male or female. As she worked on this degree, she didn’t know where she would find the money to continue at one point.

Luckily, she met the qualifications to receive the “Rose Sidgwick Memorial Fellowship” from the American Association of University Women. The \$1,000.00 that she was granted allowed her to complete her second year, and she was able to continue the work to finish her dissertation in 1924. It was declared by one prominent astronomer to be “the best doctoral dissertation he had ever read.”



AAUW’s Educational Foundation has been and continues to fund scholars as they pursue their higher degrees. It is one of the largest scholarship programs for women in the world. This is why we support “AAUW Funds”(as it is now known) as individuals, as a branch, and as a state. We should rightly be proud.

All Women’s Equal Pay Day March 25, 2025

Each year this symbolic day raises awareness around the impact of pay inequities. Equal Pay Day marks the current gender pay gap for women: earning 83 cents for every dollar paid to white men for full-time, year-round workers and 75 cents for all workers, including part-time and seasonal. Equal Pay Day was started by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996 with the goal to raise awareness about the ongoing gender pay gap and how the pay gap varies significantly among different communities, particularly for women of color.

—Debby Trapp-Roehm, Baker Branch Pay Equity