



AAUW Pendleton Branch Newsletter
June 2025

AAUW Pendleton Branch
June Membership Meeting

Year End Social Picnic



Saturday, June 7
11:00 a.m.

Community Park Picnic Shelter
(SW 37th Street, between SW Kirk and SW Ladow)

Bring your own lunch and beverage

Have a great Summer - See you Next September

AAUW Pendleton Branch Leadership Team 2025–2026

Co-Presidents

Susan Doyle 969-7660
Mary Davis 969-9669

Communications Vice President

Delanne Ferguson 278-8131

Co-Finance Vice Presidents

Marlene Krout 276-7596
Dues, Kate Mace 276-1006

Membership Vice President

Sue Petersen 377-0752

Co-Program Vice-Presidents

Kate Ely 278-1997

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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Co-Presidents Corner for June

On a recent regional Zoom meeting with 36 AAUW members from California, Oregon, and Washington, I learned that people join and commit to organizations for a variety of reasons. Understanding these motivations encourages each of us as individuals and as a Branch members. The presenters focused upon taking time to determine our reasons for belonging to AAUW, whether it is for altruistic purposes, social reasons, or an opportunity to learn new ideas. Whatever we find as we mull over these behaviors, it is important to realize that self-growth and actualization is an important part of life and being in an organization such as AAUW can influence this growth.

With this brief introduction in mind, the author of the book *Engaging the Head, Heart, and Hands of a Volunteer* paved the way for the 90-minute opportunity to talk about leadership. Barry Altland, the author, has worked with AAUW in California and in Salem, Oregon to revitalize their Branches.

This year we will be taking on some of these ideas and asking for your input as we delve into leadership development in our own AAUW Branch. Please stay tuned!

—Mary Davis, Co-President

With great sadness we learned of the recent passing of Wally Waldman. Wally and his children Alan and Deb created the Sue Waldman Memorial Special Projects Fund to provide scholarships to women in STEM fields in memory of Sue, longtime member of AAUW Pendleton Branch. With the passing of both their parents, Alan and Deb will continue the Sue Waldman Memorial Fund for scholarships and STEM projects.

—Susan Doyle, Co-President

Notes & Announcements

June Membership Meeting: June 7, 11:00 a.m., Community Park Shelter, off SW 37th Street. There will be no program or business meeting. This will be a social gathering to end the year.

June Lunch Bunch: Thursday, June 19, at Wildhorse Golf Club. Meet at Heritage Station at 11:30 to carpool.

August Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 20, 5:00 p.m. Place TBD.

September Membership Meeting: Wednesday, September 3, time and place TBD.

AAUW PENDLETON
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Vert Club Room, May 7, 2025

Call to Order: Co- President Susan Doyle called the meeting to order @ 8:05pm

Number of members present: Nine

Minutes: April minutes approved as distributed

Officer Reports:

Finance VP Accounts: Susan Doyle for Marlene Krout

Savings acct funds: \$4815.99 Checking acct funds: \$2804.19.

Finance VP: Kate Mace, no report.

Program VP: Kate Ely

Next year's programs are tentatively lined up.

Membership VP: Sue Petersen, no report.

Communications VP: Delanne Ferguson, no report.

Appointed Positions:

Sue Waldman Memorial Special Projects Fund: Seven \$3,000 scholarships have been awarded. Recipients have not been announced yet.

Continuing business:

Jill Heffner, Marlene Krout, Kate Mace, and Regina Bracker attended the State convention.

Jill presented several awards to the branch one was that Pendleton's donations were 7th highest in the state, also our branch named honorees were Regina Bracker and Susan Doyle.

Election of officers the slate was:

Co-presidents Susan Doyle and Mary Davis

Program vice president for 1 year: Kate Ely

Membership vice president: Sue Petersen

Co-Finance vice presidents: Marlene Krout (branch) and Kate Mace (dues).

Co-Secretaries: Kathy Ward and Beth Condon

Passed unanimously.

New business:

Susan Doyle reported that she attended the scholarship luncheon at BMCC.

Announcements:

Lunch bunch: May 15 @ Moe Pho, 11:45 am

Board meeting: May 21 @ 5:00pm, Kate Mace's home.

Membership meeting: June 7 @ 11:00am, Community Park, no program.

Meeting adjourned: @ 8:21 pm

Kathy Ward, Co-Secretary

Wilmer “Wally” Waldman

April 17, 1938 - May 8, 2025

Longview, Washington - Wilmer “Wally” Leo Waldman passed away peacefully on May 8th at 87, closing a chapter marked by education and service.

Wally was born on a farm outside of Grainfield, Kansas, on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1938. He graduated from Quinter High School and earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. He went on to earn a master’s degree in computer science from the University of Oregon after earning his master’s in mathematics from Oregon State University, where he met his future wife, Sue. The two married and shared 56 years together.



Wally began his teaching career at Southern Oregon State College in Ashland before moving with Sue and their two young children, Alan and Deb, to Pendleton, Oregon in 1971. There, he taught mathematics and computer science at Blue Mountain Community College and was involved in shaping the academic community through his participation on numerous committees. He also served as president of the Northwest Council of Computer Educators, helping to support the early integration of technology in education.

Outside the classroom, Wally volunteered his time with several organizations over the years, including the Boy Scouts of America, Pendleton Swim Association, the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary’s Catholic Church, St. Andrew’s Mission, and the Pendleton Senior Center. He took a particular interest in gardening and tracking the stock market.

After Sue’s passing in 2021, Wally and his children established the AAUW Sue Waldman Memorial Special Projects Fund honoring her commitment to supporting women from Eastern Oregon seeking careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) aimed to provide scholarships to young women annually.

Wally is survived by his two children, Alan (Milexa) Waldman and Deb Starkey, and five grandchildren: Sam and Sydney Starkey, and Sara, Paul, and Adam Waldman.

A Memorial Mass was held at noon on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at St. Andrew’s Mission. A gathering was held afterward in Pendleton.

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In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to AAUW Sue Waldman Memorial Special Projects Fund, c/o M. Krout, 1214 NW Johns Ave. Pendleton OR 97801 or via Venmo @SueWaldman-MemorialScholarship.